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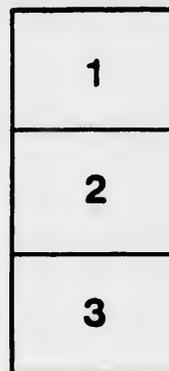
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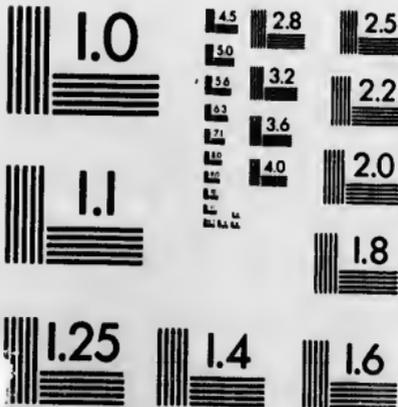
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OF THE

SIMCOE DISTRICT

Municipal Council.

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1843 TO 1847,

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## PRELIMINARY.

**B**y the Act, 4 and 5 Vict., chap. 10, provision was made for the establishment of Municipal Councils in every District of Upper Canada, beginning in 1842, and sitting four times in each year.

As in that year the County of Simcoe formed part of the Home District, representatives from that County were obliged to attend the sittings of the Home District Council, held in the City of Toronto.

At the first sittings on the 8th of February, 1842, the following members from this County took the required oaths, and their seats :—

Adam, James .....	<i>Oro.</i>
Armson, William .....	<i>West Gwillimbury.</i>
Campeign, William .....	<i>Mulmur and Tossoroutio.</i>
Carswell, John .....	<i>Tecumseh (sic).</i>
Dallas, James .....	<i>North and South Orillia.</i>
Duff, Thomas .....	<i>Essa.</i>
Garbutt, John .....	<i>West Gwillimbury.</i>
Hammill, Wm .....	<i>Tecumseh.</i>
Keenan, James .....	<i>Adjala.</i>
McCullough, Henry .....	"
Ross, Robert .....	<i>Barrie.</i>
Simpson, William .....	<i>Tina (sic) and Tay.</i>
Snell, George .....	<i>Mono.</i>
Wilson, George .....	<i>Medonte and Flos.</i>
Warnica, George .....	<i>Innisfil.</i>

It would appear, however, that Mr. Keenan, elected to represent Adjala, having died shortly afterwards, Mr. McCullough was, in May, 1842, elected in his stead.

Among the other members of this Council was Benjamin Walker Smith, representing the Township of Whitechurch, who vacated his seat in February, 1843, on being appointed Sheriff of the new District of Simcoe.

On the 11th January, 1843, Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of the Province, issued (under the authority of the Act 7 Wm. 4th, chap. 32) declaring the County of Simcoe to be thereafter a separate and distinct District by the name of the District of Simcoe.

By the provisions of the Act 4 and 5 Vict., chap. 10, one-third of the members of every District Council were obliged to vacate their seats after the expiration of one year, and another third at the expiration of two years. The retiring members were, however, eligible for re-election.

Of the above mentioned members from this County, Messrs. Adam, Campeign, Duff, Hammill, Simpson, and Warnica were those chosen to retire at the end of the first year, and Messrs. Armson, Carswell, McCullough and Ross at the end of the second year.

Among the names of those present at the first meeting of the Council for the new District, appears that of James Adam, from which it would appear that he was re-elected in January, 1843. At the same meeting were present some of those who had been elected to the Home District Council and had not been obliged to retire by rotation. These, after the opinion of

counsel was taken, assumed to sit for the new District, without going back for re-election.

As a proof of the impecuniosity of our County in those early days, we find the then Treasurer, Samuel Richardson, concluding a letter to Mr. Billings, Treasurer for the Home District (written on the 18th Dec., 1842) in these words: "Want of public and private funds prevents me paying the postage at present."

The postage, at that time, on an ordinary letter, between Toronto and Barrie was 4d., and 11d. to Kingston.

Amongst the reports of committees at the first session appears the following:—

Report of the Select Committee on Road from Orillia to Barrie.  
To the Home District Council:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the motion of Mr. Adam, for a survey of a road leading from Barrie to Orillia, beg to report, that they are of opinion that the line of road adverted to is one of very great importance to a section of country rapidly increasing in population and importance, extending to a distance of about 28 miles; that as soon as the funds of the District authorize the Council to incur the expense of surveying important lines of road in the District, this be one of the first undertaken.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ADAM,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room,  
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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

First Quarterly Meeting.

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 14th February.

1843.

The Council met at 1 o'clock p.m. and adjourned till 3 o'clock p.m. for want of a quorum.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. The following members were present:—Messrs. James Adam, Wm. Armson, John Carswell, James Dallas, Robert Jells, Robert Ross, Alfred Wilson, George Wilson, E. A. Walker.

The acting Clerk of the Council (John McWatt), read the Commission appointing Jacob Amelius Irving, Esquire, Warden of the Simcoe District.

The Warden addressed the Council. (Appendix A.)

Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. G. Wilson, moves

That the consideration of the address of the Warden be referred to a committee, and such committee shall consist of Messrs. Armson and Ross. — Carried.

The committee to whom was referred the Warden's address, brought in the following reply, which was read.

Barrie, 14th February, 1843.

Mr. Warden

Sir,—We, the members composing the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, beg to return our cordial thanks for the able and comprehensive address delivered by you as our Warden, which embraces many important suggestions, which, if carried into effect, will confer lasting benefits on the newly created District.

We congratulate ourselves and the District at large on the appointment to the office of Warden of a gentleman of an ancient and honorable family, of fortune sufficient to show that he can be actuated by no other motive than a wish to serve the community, of the talents requisite for guiding our councils, of tried loyalty, and a firm supporter of British connexion, of influence which will give weight to his advice, and increase the respectability of our body.

We will take great pleasure in furthering the measures referred to, believing that in doing so we support the best interests of our District on an enlarged and liberal scale.

Trusting that you may long preside over our Councils is our earnest wish.

Signed, JAS. ADAM,  
Chairman.

Adopted.

To which the Warden made the following reply :

Gentlemen,—Persons have often felt unable to give utterance to their

feelings, that is precisely my case at this moment. I sincerely trust your kind and flattering expressions towards me personally will be fully realized. It is particularly gratifying to me to find my appointment as Warden by the Government so handsomely received by you, and I fervently hope those lasting benefits that you anticipate to your new District may be fulfilled.

The Warden laid on the table a copy of the journals of the House of Assembly for 1841, a present from Captain Steele, M. P. P.

Mr. George Wilson moves, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

That a vote of thanks be presented to Captain Steele for his present to the Council of the journals of the House of Assembly for 1841, and that the Clerk be instructed to convey to him the same.—Carried.

Mr. Dallas moves, seconded by Mr. George Wilson,

That it be referred to a committee to consider the By-Laws and Rules necessary to be observed by the Council, and that such committee consist of Messrs. Arnson and Adam.—Carried.

The Council adjourned till 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow

Sgd. J. ÆMILIUS IRVING,  
WARDEN.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 1843.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. John Garbutt took his seat.

The acting Clerk read the minutes of yesterday.

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Arnson,

That the Council do hereby form themselves into a committee of the whole on the report of the Committee on By-Laws and Regulations.—Carried.

Mr. Dallas, the Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the By-Laws and Rules necessary for the governance of the Council, reported.

The acting Clerk read the same at the table.

Mr. Dallas moved, seconded by Mr. G. Wilson,

That the Rules and Regulations now read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ross,

That the Rules and Regulations now adopted, be called the Standing Rules and Regulations of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Arnson,

That the Warden be instructed to order the Clerk to make application to the Home District Council for all papers and petitions belonging to the District of Simcoe.—Carried.

Mr. Adam gives notice that to-morrow he will move for the nomination of three fit and proper persons whose names may be sent to the Governor-General, that he may appoint one of them to be Clerk of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe.

Moved by Mr. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson,

That a committee be appointed to devise a common seal for the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, and that Mr. Dallas and Adam do compose said committee.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Arnson,

That a Standing Committee upon Roads and Bridges be appointed, and that said Committee consist of Messrs. Jeffs and Walker.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

That a Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment be appointed, and that Messrs. Ross and G. Wilson do constitute the same.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

That a Standing Committee on Education be appointed, and that Messrs. Garbutt and Carswell do compose the same.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

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That a Committee on Contingencies be appointed, and that said Commit-  
tee be composed of Messrs. Armson and Garbutt.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson,

That the Clerk be instructed to put up in a conspicuous place in the  
Council Hall, a list of the several Committees that have been appointed with  
the names of the members thereof.—Carried.

Mr. Armson presented the petition of Thomas West and others, praying  
for a division of School District No. 4 West Gwillimbury.

Moved by Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

That the petition of Thomas West and others, praying for a division of  
School District No. 4 West Gwillimbury, be referred to the Committee on  
Education.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. G. Wilson,

That in taking into consideration that the grant for the purpose of Educa-  
tion was made by the Legislature long since, and that notwithstanding this,  
no part of the same has yet been paid over to the valuable and meritorious  
body of men for whose use it was granted, the Warden be respectfully requested  
to address the Warden of the Home District, soliciting information on this  
point, and urging the immediate distribution of it in the District of Simcoe.—  
Carried.

Mr. Armson gives notice that to-morrow he will bring in a Bill to con-  
fer certain powers vested in the Council when acting in their respective town-  
ships.

Mr. Garbutt presented the petition of Robert Johnston and others, pray-  
ing for a division of School District No. 11 in West Gwillimbury.

Moved by Mr. Garbutt, seconded by Mr. Armson,

That the petition of Robert Johnston and others requesting a division of  
the 11th School District in the Township of West Gwillimbury, be referred to  
Committee on Education.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. G. Wilson,

That a committee be appointed to frame an address to the Legislature on  
the alterations necessary in the Municipal Council and Common School Acts,  
and that said committee consist of Messrs. Armson and Adam.—Carried.

Council adjourned till 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Sgd. J. EMILIUS IRVING,  
WARDEN.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 1843.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Henry Morris took his seat.

The acting Clerk read the minutes of yesterday.

Moved by Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. G. Wilson,

That the name of Mr. John McWatt be submitted to the Governor-Gen-  
eral as a fit and proper person to fill the office of Clerk of this Council.—  
Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

That the name of Mr. John F. Davies be submitted to the Governor-  
General as a fit and proper person to fill the situation of District Clerk for  
this District.

Upon which the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Armson, Carswell, Garbutt, Ross, Walker, A. Wilson.—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Adam, Dallas, Jeffs, Morris, G. Wilson.—5.

Carried in the affirmative by a majority of 1.

Mr. Dallas, Chairman of Committee on Finance, presented report, which  
was received, read and adopted.

Mr. Adam, Chairman of Committee on Roads and Bridges, presented re-  
port, which was received, read and adopted.

Mr. Armonson presented petition of James Hill and others, praying for a union of Townships for school purposes.

Mr. Armonson moved, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

That the petition of James Hill and others be referred to the Committee on Education.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

That Mr. Brawley, of Tecumseth, is a fit and proper person to fill the office of Road Surveyor in this District, and be now appointed.

Mr. Armonson, seconded by Mr. Dallas, moves in amendment,

That the appointment of Road Surveyor be deferred until next session.

Upon which the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Armonson, Dallas, Garbutt, Ross, A. Wilson, G. Wilson.—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Adam, Carswell, Jeffs, Morris, Walker.—5.

Majority for the amendment 1

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

That the District Council of Simcoe respectfully submits to the consideration of the Honorable the Executive Council the propriety of recommending to the Legislature the completion to the Holland Landing of the Yonge street road, by which the junction will be formed between that place and the contemplated Provincial road to Penetanguishene.—Carried.

Mr. Armonson moved, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

For leave to bring in a bill conferring certain duties on District Councillors in their respective Townships.—Carried.

The bill brought in by Mr. Armonson was read a first and second time.

Moved by Mr. Armonson, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson,

That the bill conferring certain powers on District Councillors be referred to a committee of the whole this afternoon.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Morris,

That John Atkinson is a fit and proper person to act as Auditor of this District, and that he be appointed as such.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Armonson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

That the name of Mr. Francis Hewson be transmitted to the Governor-General as a fit and proper person to fill the office of District Clerk.

Upon which the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Armonson, Carswell, Dallas, Garbutt, Ross.—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Adam, Jeffs, Morris, Walker, A. Wilson, G. Wilson.—6.

Decided in the negative by a majority of 1.

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

That the Warden be requested to apply for twenty copies of the Statutes of the two last sessions of Parliament for the use of the Councillors.—Carried.

The Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill presented by Mr. Armonson.

Bill reported without amendment.

Report of committee adopted.

Bill ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Adam presented petition of William Simpson and others, praying for aid to complete a road through the Township of Oro, between lots 15 and 16.—Received.

Moved by Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Armonson,

That the petition of William Simpson and others be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.—Carried.

Mr. Ross presented the petition of William Dunsmore, praying that a certain road may not pass through his land, or if it do, claiming compensation.

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson,

That the petition of William Dunsmore be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.—Carried.

Council adjourned till 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Sgd. J. ÆMILIUS IRVING,

WARDEN.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 1843.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. McCullough took his seat.

The acting Clerk read the minutes of yesterday.

Mr. G. Wilson presented the petition of Thomas McCausland, mail carrier, praying for advice and aid as to how he is to act, the inhabitants of Medonte, Orillia and Oro having refused to break the roads, or to render him any assistance in forwarding the mail. Received, and read by the acting Clerk.

Moved by Mr. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

That the Clerk of this Council be instructed to write to the Clerks of the Townships of Medonte, Orillia and Oro, desiring that the different Overseers of Highways do order the roads travelled by the Mail Carrier to be sufficiently broken forthwith and at all times during the year.

Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, moves in amendment,

That all the words, Medonte, Orillia and Oro, be expunged, and the words "each township" be inserted.

Upon which the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Adam, Morris, McCullough, A. Wilson.—4.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnson, Carswell, Dallas, Garbutt, Jeffs, Ross, Walker, Wilson.—8.

Decided in the negative by a majority of 4.

The original motion was then put and carried.

Moved by Mr. A. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Walker,

That the name of John Harrison be submitted to the Governor-General as a fit and proper person to fill the office of Clerk to this Council.

Upon which the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Adam, Carswell, Jeffs, Morris, McCulloch, Walker, A. Wilson, G. Wilson.—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnson, Dallas, Garbutt, Ross.—4.

Carried in the affirmative by a majority of 4.

Bill presented by Mr. Arnson was read a third time, passed and signed by the Warden.

Mr. Arnson moved, seconded by Mr. Ross,

That the Bill now passed be entitled "an Act to confer certain powers vested in the Council upon Councillors when acting in their respective Townships."—Carried.

Mr. Dallas, Chairman of Committee appointed to frame address to the Legislature, reported. Received and read.

Mr. Dallas moved, seconded by Mr. Ross,

That the 31th clause of the By-Laws be dispensed with, and the address be forthwith read a second time.—Carried.

Address read a second time.

Moved by Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ross,

That the address to the Legislature on the alterations of the Municipal Council and Common Schools Acts be referred to a Committee of the whole Council.—Carried.

Mr. Arnson, Chairman of the Committee of whole on address to Legislature, reported without amendment. Report received.

Moved by Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Adam,

That the address to the Legislature be engrossed, signed by the Warden and transmitted to the three branches of the Legislature.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

That when men of scientific or mathematical attainments can be obtained, it is preferable that such be employed as Road Surveyors. Resolved therefore that persons wishing to be appointed Road Surveyors in and for the District, transmit to the Clerk of this Council written applications, stating their residence and professional acquirements, previous to the next meeting of the Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

That the Clerk be directed to inform the Justices of the Peace, Surveyors of Roads and Highways, and the Building Committee, that on the second day of next Quarterly Meeting, this Council will be prepared to receive all records, books, reports, orders, plans, documents, instruments and writings in their possession or power, appertaining or relating to the roads, highways, bridges, buildings and other public property.—Carried.

Mr. Armson, Chairman of Standing Committee on Education, gave in report. Report received.

Moved by Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

That the report of the Standing Committee on Education be adopted.—Adopted.

Mr. G. Wilson, Chairman of Committee on Contingencies, presented report. Received and read.

Moved by Mr. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

That the report of the Committee on Contingencies be referred to a Committee of the whole Council.—Carried.

Committee of the whole on Contingencies reported without amendment. Report received.

Moved by Mr. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

That the report of the Committee on Contingencies be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

That when this Council adjourns it stands adjourned until its next session in May.—Carried.

Adjourned.

Sgd. J. EMILIUS IRVING,

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# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the February Session,

A.D., 1843.

J. ÆMILIUS IRVING, ESQ., WARDEN.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS AND RULES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee to whom it was referred to consider the By-Laws and Rules necessary to be observed by the Council, beg leave to report :

That they have attentively gone over the "Standing Rules and Regulations of the Municipal Council of the Home District," and are of opinion that, with certain alterations in clauses 42nd, 43rd and 50th, the whole may be properly adopted by the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, and declared to be their "Standing Rules and Regulations."

The alterations are as follows :

In the last line of clause 42nd, the word "one" should be changed into "two."

In clause 43rd, seventh line, the whole words after "unless" should be expunged, and the following inserted :—"Intimation of such application shall have been given by posting up notices of the same in at least four conspicuous places in each Township to which such petition may apply, of which places the house in which the last Township meeting of such Township was held, shall be one, and unless also a like intimation be transmitted to the Clerk of the District Council, who shall post it up in a conspicuous place in the Public Buildings at Barrie ; and all this at least one month previous to any such petition being presented."

In the fifth line of clause 50th, the word "five" should be changed into "three."

With these alterations the Committee beg to recommend the adoption of the said Standing Rules and Regulations.

All which is humbly submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Adopted,

J. MCWATT, Acting Clerk.

Committee Room, Barrie, 15th Feb., 1843.

### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Education beg leave to report that they have examined the several petitions and applications referred for their consideration, viz.—From the several inhabitants of the Township of West Gwillimbury for a sub-division of the several School Districts and Union of Townships, to all

which they have given due attention, and they are of opinion that it would not be advisable at present to make or recommend any alteration in the divisions already made.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Adopted.

J. McWATT, Acting Clerk.  
15th Feb., 1843.

WM. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, etc., beg leave to recommend the appointment of a suitable number of persons (not exceeding six) as Road Surveyors.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Adopted.

J. McWATT, Acting Clerk.  
15th Feb., 1843.

IAS. ADAM,  
CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit to the Council, that although the duties incumbent on them may be looked upon as very important, yet they are placed in a situation at present which precludes them from offering to the Council any satisfactory statement or detail relative to the finances of the District, more especially as the Treasurer for this new District (as far as they know) has not been appointed, or entered upon the duties of his office, from whom much information may be expected.

Under such circumstances, the Committee consider they shall best discharge their duty to the Council by recommending that such measures as are relative to Finance should be delayed until the next session of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Adopted.

J. McWATT, Acting Clerk.  
Committee Room, Barrie, 16th Feb., 1843.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Contingencies have examined the various accounts submitted to them, and have found the same all correct, viz:

To John McWatt, for stationery .....	£ 1 8 0
" " " for fitting up the Council room .....	1 2 5
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" Finlay McLeod, " " .....	0 15 0
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" Alex. Silbald, for one cord of wood .....	0 5 0
" Francis Martin, four days as Constable at 7/6 .....	1 10 0
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Although the above accounts appear to be large, it will be seen that nearly the whole of the amount is for furniture, and was indispensably necessary for the fitting up of the Court House, for the accommodation of the Council, and also for the reception of prisoners in the Gaol. The Committee would recommend that the Warden do issue his warrant for the payment of the above sum, as soon as funds are at his disposal.

The whole of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. WILSON,  
CHAIRMAN

Adopted.  
J. McWATT, Acting Clerk.  
17th Feb., 1843.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the various documents belonging to, and connected with, the public buildings of the District, transferred by the Magistrates to the Council, beg leave to report.

That they have examined all the documents committed to their charge, and have carefully gone over those that appeared to be of any value or consequence, or tended to throw any light upon the important subject to which they belong. They have also had the advantage of receiving information from Mr. Carney, clerk to the Building Committee and to the Magistrates, upon certain points on which they wished for further explanation.

Your Committee deeply regret that the expense of erecting the gaol and court house has been so very heavy ; and they have considered it to be their duty to examine carefully the minutes of the meetings of Magistrates and of those of the Building Committee, in order to discover, if possible, the cause of so great an outlay, whether considered with reference to the original estimate, or to the finances of the District.

In examining the minutes of the meetings of Magistrates, your Committee have met with several irregularities, which they consider it to be their duty to notice. The minutes of meeting of 11th August, 1837, are not signed—the minutes of meeting of 31st August, 1837 are not signed—an additional minute on 11th June, 1840, is not signed. On the 2nd Sept., 1841, the Magistrates authorized the Building Committee to proceed with the erection of the court house, and approved of Mr. Keating's plans for the same, ordering that the amount expended should not exceed £1870, while the Act for raising the necessary sum for this purpose was passed only on the 18th of Sept., 1841. By Act 7th, Wm. 4th, chap. 32, sec. 14, it is enacted that good and sufficient securities, to be approved of by the Justices, be taken from the contractor for gaol and court house ; while no security was taken from Mr. Charles Thompson as contractor for the court house.

In inspecting the minutes of the Building Committee, your Committee observe that Mr. Carney, clerk to the Building Committee, wrote to Mr. Young, architect, desiring to know on what terms he would superintend the erection of the gaol. Mr. Young declined stating his terms, until he should do so verbally. Mr. Carney states that, to the best of his memory, the terms agreed upon were 5 per cent. on the amount of estimate, with an understanding that he was to attend twice a month ; which he certainly did not do. In Feb'y, 1840, Mr. Keating was appointed clerk of the works, the architect having concurred in the same—but no salary stated. Your Committee, from a document, (account against Mr. Thompson for reductions) are led to believe that Mr. Keating was allowed £15 per month.

Your Committee observe that Mr. Richard Carney was appointed clerk to the Building Committee on 31st August, 1837. On 19th May, 1838, Mr. Carney, heretofore clerk to the Building Committee, was appointed clerk to the Magistrates instead—and allowed a salary of £5 per quarter. On 15th

Jan., 1839, he was allowed by Building Committee a salary of £10 per annum, to commence on 5th March, 1838.

It having been deemed necessary to consult the Attorney-General, relative to the drawing out of the bond with the contractor, it is stated in that learned gentleman's opinion—"provides for the appointment of a clerk to the *Magistrates of the County of Simcoe*, not clerk to the *Building Committee*, although his duty will be to record their proceedings." Notwithstanding this it appears that Mr. Carney has continued to be paid a salary as such.

The Building Committee on 23 June, 1841, deputed their chairman, Mr. O'Brien, to attend at Kingston to carry through resolutions adopted at same meeting. The purpose was to obtain the carrying through a Bill for a further loan. The Building Committee agree to defray his necessary expenses. £20 was afterwards paid for this purpose. By Act 1 Victoria, chap. 39—"The money raised was "to be applied in the erection of the said gaol and "court house, and not otherwise." By Act 4 and 5 Vic., chap. 78—the money raised was "to be applied in defraying the expense of completing the "said District Buildings." It appears to your Committee that this payment of £20 was not in accordance with these Acts.

On the 25th Sept., 1841, the Building Committee adopt specification, conditions and contract for court house, submitted by Clerk of Works—there appearing to have been no opportunity afforded for competition; for which your Committee understand that he claims 5 per cent. on the estimate of £1870.

On 26th Nov., 1841, Mr Charles Partridge was allowed £65.7.2½ for cut stone, over and above the measurement of the architect, and which had not received the approval of Mr. Young. This payment may have been correct, but ought to have had Mr. Young's concurrence.

On 22nd Oct., 1842, the Building Committee ordered that the contractor be notified that all expenses incurred by the new District in consequence of the delay in finishing the building will be charged to him from the 1st Oct.; and further, that should the building not be fully completed before the meeting of the Magistrates called for 4th Nov. next, the Committee will feel bound to deduct from the amount of the contract the whole amount of forfeiture to which the contractor may be liable in the terms of his agreement. It is to be remarked that no forfeiture was introduced into the contract, and that the contractor had given no bonds of security, though it is declared in the contract that the Committee shall require the person whom they contract with, to furnish them with good and sufficient securities for performing the work. There is found, however, in the conditions of specification, that the contractor become liable to a penalty of £10 per week for any week that should intervene between 1st August (the word *August* being only in pencilling) 1842, and the completion of the building.

With respect to the contract entered into between the Building Committee and Mr. Thompson for erecting court house, your Committee have to observe—that several erasures or alterations are found in it—that it is signed by the parties without witnesses—that the specification, being one of the documents alluded to in the contract as signed by Charles Thompson and Horace Keating, is not signed at all—that six plans described in contract as signed by Horace Keating and Charles Thompson, are signed only by Mr. Keating.

After the signing of the contract, an agreement is made by the Building Committee to pay the contractor £27 in addition, contrary to the minute of Magistrates 2nd Sept., 1841.

Your Committee have to remark that on the 22nd October, 1842, a debenture for £200 was signed for the purpose of meeting the payment of one of like amount due on the 1st July, 1843; and a receipt is stated to have been given by Mr. Thompson for this debenture.

Mr. Keating having returned the specification and plans of court house by post to the clerk of the Building Committee, postage amounting to 15/10½, your Committee recommend that this sum be deducted from that gentleman's account against the District.

The contract for erecting the gaol, signed 9th May, 1840, allows the contractor £4000. In this document extra work is to be charged for additional—or work not performed deducted. It seems remarkable that while the Act strictly limits the funds to be raised by the Magistrates to a sum not exceeding £4000, any extra work should be contemplated. In the contract, the plans of the gaol, as well as the specification and estimate, are stated to be signed by Thomas Young and Charles Thompson. The specification, estimate, and plan No. six, have never been signed.

The plan of a court house, alluded to as No. 7 in the report of Building Committee, 2nd Sept., 1841, is not forthcoming.

The report of the Building Committee of 8th Sept. 1838, is not signed.

It seems to your Committee as worthy of remark that a report of the Building Committee, signed by Mr. O'Brien as chairman, is approved of by Mr. O'Brien as chairman at a meeting of Magistrates.

In an abstract statement of cut stone, &c., for the gaol, measured by Messrs. K. Carney and Horace Keating, date 25th Nov., 1841, several small errors occur. There ought to be a small sum, amounting to 17/6, due to the District on this.

## APPENDIX "A."

*Gentlemen of the District Council of Simcoe :*

In addressing you in the capacity in which I have the honor of appearing before you and where I have been placed by His Excellency the Governor-General, unsolicited on my part, I beg to assure you that had I consulted my own feelings or studied my domestic comfort, I certainly would never have accepted, having ever been desirous of enjoying in private the innumerable blessings it has pleased Divine Providence to surround me with, without being intruded on by the cares of office, its attendant anxiety, the monotony andirksomness of business to one of my habits and previous life. For I may say in the language of a celebrated poet—

"I have known

The luscious sweets of plenty every night,  
Have slept with soft content about my head  
And never wak'd but to a joyful morning."

save when afflicted, and that severely, as I have been, by the loss of affectionately loved relations or highly esteemed friends.

Many who hear me are aware that I have declined every overture that has been made me by this and a neighboring constituency to allow myself to be named for a seat in Parliament at the next general election as well as on past occasions. Had the appointment of Warden been one of profit or emolument I could never have accepted it, having frequently declared that no such motives ever influenced my support of men or measures. But as it is not, I waived all personal considerations and objections, considering the subject bound imperatively to obey the call of his Government in any capacity he is deemed worthy, whether it be in the "tented field," the councils of his country, or any more subordinate station.

The earnest solicitation of many respected friends and neighbors has also had its weight with me in accepting the office of Warden, and will, I trust, remove from the minds of those who conceived my not doing so would evince my indifference as to the prosperity and welfare of a District in which I reside and have so much reason to be satisfied. The probability that I believe exists of an amendment being made to the District Council Act, by which the choice of the Warden will be in the members of the Council themselves, will ere long afford you the opportunity of selecting one more qualified for the office than I fear you will find me, when I look forward to being released from an appointment I do but temporarily fill. In the discharge of my duty as Warden, so long as I have the honor of retaining it, I trust it will be characterized by

my earnest and jealous desire to co-operate with you in such measures as it may be deemed advisable to bring forward, not obtruding my opinion on you, but attentively receiving and considering those you may express—honestly and impartially deciding on any that may be referred to me—affording you any aid that may be in my power and compatible with my office. You must be sensible that nothing can be more desirable or stamp with a high character the District Council of this new District than harmony and attention to the proceedings of this its first meeting.

Though my first coming to this County is nine years since, I have lived but little more than three in this District, and that at one extremity of it, my communication and acquaintance, therefore, has not been so extended and general with its inhabitants as I have desired. But from the experience I have had, those I have met, and the favorable impression I have of them generally, I am led to the gratifying conclusion of expecting to find in the members of the District Council men of character, intelligence and probity, from whose deliberations and general deportment the most favorable results may fairly be anticipated. To achieve this nothing will tend so infallibly to insure as a determination on your part to approach every question, thoroughly divested of any party prejudice, feelings towards individuals or political bias, bearing always in mind that no political matter ought ever to have reference to your deliberations as a municipal body, and that you are assembled for no other purpose than, to use a homely phrase, settle your "parish business." By adhering to this, men of perhaps different political views will find they have but one common interest, in the pursuit of which it will soon be found wise to lay aside all others, the happy influence of which would spread and prove the greatest benefit to your District. In my private character I am alike free and independent of all or any party, but whatever my politics might be they never would bias my judgment on local questions, or make me swerve in my duty to Her Majesty's Colonies, in which I hold a very considerable stake, or the country of my birth in which I glory, "our Reverend Parent Land," in whose service I was actively engaged at the early age of seventeen years, and fondly cherish all those happy recollections of home that I believe to be particularly strong in the breast of every True Briton.

That District and other public works in this Province have been too frequently marked as sad failures cannot be more strongly portrayed than in the lamentable instance we unfortunately have in the court house in which we are now assembled, and is more glaringly discreditable from the proof that at once presents itself, and the talent we see displayed in the jail which might also have been employed for the court house.

The defects in the latter and damage already sustained in consequence, should it fall on the District, will add a considerable sum to the debt already contracted for the jail and court house. The responsibility must rest somewhere, it will therefore be thought worthy your consideration and become your duty to ascertain who are the parties liable, and in the meantime make such arrangements for the preservation of the building as are absolutely necessary, and place it in condition to receive the public officers and courts of justice.

I cannot also refrain from impressing on you in the strongest terms, your taking into consideration the benefit that would result to your District, and more particularly the thinly settled parts of it where the evil is most felt, than by imposing to the utmost limit the tax on wild land you are empowered to do by act of Parliament.

The revenue thus derived would fall nearly all on absentees or speculators who have been the chief source of the impoverished condition of the back settlers, holding up their lands at enormous prices, laying out nothing in improvements or roads, all of which are compelled to be made by the sweat of the poor man's brow, while it enhances in value the land of the rich. This abuse I believe exists in this District to a considerable extent—you are, therefore, called upon the more imperatively to apply the remedy in your power.

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By such a tax a fund would be at your disposal from which roads could be made, rendering available to the distant townships the contemplated Provincial Road from the Holland Landing to Penetanguishene, without which to them it will be as nothing. The tax on wild land will also tend to add to your numbers, for the money expended on roads and improvements would be alluring to laborers and mechanics, many of whom would doubtless become settlers in your own District and on those very lands that have been the greatest drawbacks to its advancement and a bane to all improvements. The complaint that did prevail in England and Ireland under the old Tithe System (happily altered) by which a tenth of all improvements in the soil passed from those who actually made them to others who lent no aid, is surpassed in an increased ratio to an incalculable degree between the poor settler in the back woods and the speculator, without so justifiable a reason. From your experience as members of the Home District Municipal Council, as most of you have been, it would be superfluous my entering into your duties or making any further reference to the acts of Parliament by which these councils were created, I must, however, urge your frequent resort to Committees, by which your labors will be curtailed and matter submitted to your consideration easier than by at once entering on discussion, when it might not have been sufficiently matured or so fully understood as by so simple and precautionary a course.

I also recommend the necessity of immediately adopting such rules and regulations as you desire for your guide and convenience in the course of business, without which, with whatever good intentions, regularity and order can scarcely be secured. My appointment of Warden is of so recent a date that I am not prepared to meet you as I might otherwise have been, and must express my diligence and fears in the discharge of my duty in those respects, where one of business habits would have had a decided advantage, but which I hope will not be so much felt by gentlemen of your experience on whose consideration I must rely. I have appointed a temporary clerk, and as doubts were entertained whether you could legally meet from this District having been proclaimed since the last election of District Councillors, I made application in the proper quarter for an opinion, and received the following answer:—"That it is my opinion the District Council of the new District of "Simcoe consists of the Councillors elected for the different townships now "constituting that District, and that the Council may legally meet for the "despatch of business on the day fixed by the Act of Parliament without any "new election of Councillors."

#### BY-LAW No. 1.

*By-Law conferring certain powers vested in the Council upon Councillors when acting in their respective Townships.*

WHEREAS, by a certain Act of the Legislature of the province of Canada, passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, entitled an Act to provide for the better internal government of that part of this Province, which formerly constituted the Province of Upper Canada, by the establishment of local or municipal authorities therein, it is among other things enacted that all and every, the power and authority which by any Act or Acts in force within that part of this Province, which formerly constituted the Province of Upper Canada, are now vested in the Justices of the Peace for the several Districts with regard to the Highways and Bridges, or work connected therewith, shall after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, be and be vested in and may be exercised in the District Council for such District respectively within the limits thereof. And whereas it is necessary for the due execution of the powers therein granted, and for the better protection and management of the local Districts of Her Majesty's subjects, that the powers hitherto vested in and exercised by the Justices of the Peace, acting within any division of

their District so far as the same has been vested in the District Council shall be exercised by the Councillors within their several Townships respectively.

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the Simcoe District, that from and after the passing of this Act, that all and every the power and authority which by any Act or Acts in force within that part of the Province, which formerly constituted the Province of Upper Canada, previous to the passing of the before recited Act was vested in the Justices of the Peace acting within any division of the District, so far as the same has been conferred upon the District Council, shall be exercised by the Councillors of this District, acting within the Township or Townships for which they have been elected respectively.

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Passed 17th February, 1843.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

Second Quarterly Meeting,

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 9th May.

1843.

The Council met at 3 o'clock p.m.

The Warden in the chair.

Present—Messrs. Adam, Arnson, Carswell, Dallas, Garbutt, Jeffs, Ross,  
George Snell, Walker, A. Wilson, G. Wilson.

The Warden addressed the Council and laid the following communications  
on the table :—

1st—From the Provincial Secretary, Hon. S. B. Harrison, announcing the  
appointment of Mr. John McWatt to be Clerk to the Municipal Council of the  
District of Simcoe,

2nd—From the same, on the subject of recommending a continuation of  
the Yonge Street Road to Holland Landing.

3rd—From the same, accompanying 20 copies of the statutes of the two  
last Sessions of Parliament for the use of the Councillors of the Simcoe District.

4th—From the same, on the subject of a By-Law of the Simcoe District  
Municipal Council, recommending certain alterations in the Municipal Councils  
and Common Schools Acts.

5th—From the same, announcing the appointment of Mr. Henry Cres-  
wickie, surveyor of the District of Simcoe.

6th—From the Clerk of the Home District Municipal Council, announc-  
ing that the Home District Council had ordered the share of the apportion-  
ment of the common schools money falling to the Simcoe District to be paid  
into the hands of the Treasurer.

Treasurer's report laid on the table and read.

District Surveyor's report on the public buildings in Barrie, laid on the  
table and read.

Moved by Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ross,

That all documents in the hands of the Clerk relative to the subject of  
education be referred to the Committee on Education, in order that they may  
forthwith proceed to apportion the share of the Government Grant among the  
several Townships.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

That the report of a survey made by Neill McLean, Road Surveyor,  
through the Township of Oro, between lots No. 15 and 16, which has been  
transferred to the Clerk of this Council from the Municipal Council of the  
Home District, be now referred to the Committee of this Council on Roads  
and Bridges.—Carried.

The following petitions were presented :—

Of the School Commissioners West Gwillimbury, praying to be assessed to build a school house in No. 6 District, presented by Mr. Arnson.

Of the School Commissioners West Gwillimbury, praying to be assessed to build a school house in No. 8 District, presented by Mr. Garbutt.

On the motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the petition of the School Commissioners of the 6th District West Gwillimbury, be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Garbutt, seconded by Mr. Arnson,

Ordered—That the petition of the School Commissioners of West Gwillimbury, praying for the inhabitants of School District No. 8 being assessed, be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Alfred Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the Warden be respectfully requested to represent to His Excellency the Governor-General, that it is requisite for the Treasurer of the District of Simcoe to be furnished with a schedule of all located and granted lands of the said District, and that the Surveyor-General be directed to furnish the same.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Arnson,

Ordered—That the report of the District Surveyor be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Ross and George Wilson.

On motion of Mr. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That as it will be some time before a District Seal can be prepared, the Warden be authorized to affix, for the present, his own seal to all District papers requiring the same, until such time as the District Seal is received.

Adjourned.

Sgd. J. EMILIUS IRVING,

WARDEN.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH MAY, 1843.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The following petitions were presented :—

Of Edward Ryall, of Oro, praying that statute labor be appropriated on concession line between 11 and 12 from cross road between 15 and 16 in the Township of Oro, by Mr. Dallas.

Of Richard Hodges and others, praying for assistance to rebuild a bridge between 11th and 12th concessions of Oro, entirely destroyed by the late floods, by Mr. Adam.

Of William Simpson and others, praying to be assessed for the erection of a school house in District No. 6 in the Township of Oro, by Mr. Adam.

Of Edward Ryall, Chairman of a meeting held in Oro, on the subject of a school, by Mr. Prillas.

Of Henry Bingham, of Barrie, praying for permission to erect shambles on the market square, by Mr. Dallas.

Of George Cathey and others, praying for assistance to repair the Sun-dale road leading from Barrie to Lake Huron, by Mr. Ross.

On the motion of Mr. George Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That a Committee be appointed to draft addresses to their Excellencies the Governor-General, Sir Charles Bagot and Sir Charles Metcalf, the said Committee to consist of Messrs. Jeffs and Walker.

On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Arnson,

Ordered—That the petition of Mr. Hodges be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Arnson,

Ordered—That the petition of William Simpson and others be referred to the Committee on Education.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ross,

Ordered—That the petition of Edward Ryall, a chairman of a meeting held in Oro, be referred to the Committee on Education.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. G. Wilson,

Ordered—That the petition of Henry Bingham be referred to the Committee on the District Surveyor's report.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the petition of George Cathey and others, praying for assistance for the improvement of the Sunnidale Road, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Armon, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That a Select Committee be appointed to report upon the allowance of the different Township Officers, to consist of Messrs. Dallas and Carswell.

On the motion of Mr. Armon, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

Ordered—That the Council be now prepared to receive all documents from the Court of Quarter Sessions, respecting the Public Buildings of this District.

On the motion of Mr. Armon, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

Ordered—That the Clerk do communicate to the Clerk of the Peace that the Council are now ready to receive the documents relating to the Public Buildings.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the Clerk do now read over the memorandum produced with the various documents by the Clerk of the Peace, relative to the Public Buildings, and give a receipt for the same.

On the motion of Mr. Armon, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

Ordered—That a Select Committee be appointed to examine and report upon the documents of the Public Buildings of this District, and that each member of this Council do write the name of five members and hand them to the Clerk, and the five members having the majority shall compose said Committee, who are as follows:—Messrs. Armon, Dallas, Garbutt, Ross, G. Wilson.

Adjourned.

Sg'd. J. EMILIUS IRVING,  
WARDEN.

THURSDAY, 11TH MAY, 1843.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

On the motion of Mr. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That a Committee be appointed to draft addresses to His Excellency the Governor-General, and both Houses of the Legislature, praying for authority to impose a tax upon all Absentee Lands, particularly all Canada Company's Lands, to the extent of what is paid at present by actual settlers, the said Committee to consist of Messrs. Dallas and J. O.

On the motion of Mr. A. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Adam,

Ordered—That the Committee on Roads and Bridges do consider and report to the Council the best mode of establishing a permanent Road Fund, applicable to the general and progressive improvement of the Highways through the District, and report especially on the probability of obtaining from the Legislature assistance towards so desirable and necessary an object, either by some specific proportion of money or the relinquishment on the part of the Government of the local taxes, on marriage licenses, and of all fines and penalties levied and recovered within the District of Simcoe, to and for the erection of bridges and for no other purpose.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up a report, No. 1, in reference to petition of Richard Hodges and others.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges, relative to the petition of Richard Hodges and others, be referred back to the said Committee.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up a report, No. 2, referring to petition of George Cathey and others.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. G. Wilson,

Ordered—That the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges, relative to the petition of George Cathey and others, be referred back to said Committee.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report, No. 3, referring to petition of William Simpson and others. Also, report No. 4 referring to a survey of a road through the Township of Oro, made by Mr. Neill McLean.

Both of which were adopted.

Mr. Armonson gives notice that to-morrow he will move for the appointment of Road Surveyor.

Committee on District Surveyor's Report brought up report No. 1.

Received, read and adopted.

Adjourned.

J. EMILIUS IRVING,  
WARDEN.

FRIDAY, 12TH MAY, 1843.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up a report No. 2 on the petition of Richard Hodges, George Cathey and others, which was received.

On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

That the report read be adopted. It was decided in the negative by the casting vote of the Warden.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up a report, No. 5, on the motion of Mr. A. Wilson.

Received and adopted.

The Committee appointed to draft addresses to their Excellencies the Governor-General, Sir Charles Bagot and Sir Charles T. Metcalf, presented addresses, which were ordered to be engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Warden and transmitted to their Excellencies.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the addresses on the Road Funds be engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Warden and forwarded to the County Member for presentation to the Legislature.

On the motion of Mr. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the Warden be authorized to appoint a Committee on Contingencies. The Warden nominated Messrs. Carswell, A. Wilson and Walker to compose said Committee.

The Standing Committee on Education reported by By-Law.

Read 1st and 2nd time.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on By-Law brought up by Committee on Education. Mr. Jeffs in the chair.

The Committee of the Whole on By-Law reported without amendment.

Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor be ordered to examine the road lately surveyed by Neill McLean, throughout the Township of Oro, and also through part of Orillia, and report to this Council at its next session in August. The said road is of great importance and manifest public utility.

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12TH MAY, 1843.

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On the motion of Mr. Jeffs, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
Ordered—That a Committee be appointed to frame Directions for the use of Overseers of Highways, and that the same do consist of Messrs. Morris and Snell.

Adjourned.

Sgd. J. ÆMILIUS IRVING,  
WARDEN.

SATURDAY, 13TH MAY, 1843.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

Pursuant to the order of the day the By-Law brought in by Mr. Arnson, imposing a tax upon the inhabitants of certain school districts in several townships, was read a third time.

On the motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and the Warden do sign the same.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the allowance of township officers reported by By-Law.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

Ordered—That the By-Law on allowances to township officers be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule be suspended as far as relates to this case.

The Council went into committee thereon.

Mr. George Wilson in the chair.

Committee rose and reported without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read do pass, that the clerk do engross the same, and that it be signed by the Warden.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the various documents belonging to, and connected with, the public buildings of the District, transferred by the Magistrates to the Council, brought up a report.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the Order of this Council directing the District Surveyor to examine the road lately surveyed by Neill McLean be rescinded.

Mr. Adam moved, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson,

That Mr. Henry Creswicke, of Oro, is a fit and proper person to be appointed a Road Surveyor in the District of Simcoe, and he be now appointed such.

Decided in the negative.

Mr. Adam moved, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

That all applications for Road Surveyors to the District be referred to the consideration of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, and that the said Committee do report to the Council the names of such persons as to them may seem most to the advantage of the District.

Decided in the negative.

The Warden presented letter from District Surveyor.

Received and read at the table.

On the motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

Ordered—That the letter of the District Surveyor to the Warden be referred to the Committee on the Surveyor's Report, forthwith.

Committee on District Surveyor's Report brought up a report, No. 2.

Report received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. G. Wilson,  
Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Education brought a report.  
Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Arnison, seconded by Mr. Carswell,  
Ordered—That the report of the Committee on Education be adopted.

The Committee on District Surveyor's Report brought up a report, No. 3.  
Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ross,  
Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. G. Wilson,

Ordered—That a copy of the Committee on District Surveyor's Report of 10th May, as well as of that now adopted, be transmitted to the Surveyor with powers to act accordingly.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Bingham, brought up a report.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ross,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Committee on Finance reported by By-Law for raising the sum of three hundred pounds for the use of this District, upon the security of the general funds of the same.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. G. Wilson,

Ordered—That the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended, and that the Bill be now read a second time.

The Council went into Committee thereon. Mr. A. Wilson in the chair.

Committee rose and reported without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ross,

Ordered—That the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended, and that the Bill be read a third time forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ross,

Ordered—That the Bill do now pass, be engrossed and signed by the Warden.

On the motion of Mr. Arnison, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

Ordered—That the Warden be requested to enter into communication with the proper authorities to ascertain whether the District has any claim upon the Market Square in the Town of Barrie, or upon any other landed property in this District.

Mr. Ross presented petition of Richard Carney.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded Mr. A. Wilson,

Ordered—That the petition of Mr. Carney be referred to a Committee of the whole.

Committee of the whole rose and reported with amendment in as far as granting the payment of the sum of twenty-five pounds currency, being an accepted order on the Treasurer.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson,

Resolved—That the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, feel deeply impressed with the necessity for, and importance of having a third Post in the week, from the Holland Landing to the District Town of Barrie, and from thence to the Military Station at Pentanguishene, so as to obviate the great delay in replying to letters, which have to remain unanswered, (be the case ever so urgent) from Tuesday morning until Friday following, while letters dispatched from Barrie to Toronto on Monday cannot be replied to before the following Saturday. That by a simple arrangement this might be remedied, if a carrier from Barrie were to meet the southern mails at the Holland Landing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays—and

that the Warden be requested to communicate with the Deputy Post Matser General on the subject of this resolution.

Committee on Contingencies brought a report

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Carswell, seconded by Mr. Armon,

Ordered—That the report on Contingencies be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Armon,

Ordered—That the Council now form itself into Committee of the whole.

Mr. Dallas in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson,

It was Resolved—That we, the Council of the District of Simcoe in Committee of the whole, sensitively feeling an impulse which (though not under the precedency of custom) warmly animates us to the anxious desire of addressing our esteemed and worthy Warden with expression of the highest sense and satisfaction of the assistance he has so courteously and untiringly rendered our body in the present arduous management of our affairs and in promoting the welfare and prosperity of our infant District, unanimously impressed with a lively admiration of his conduct as Warden and Chairman of our Assembly, we return him our most sincere thanks for his exertions and the patience, urbanity and dignity which he has displayed in all our debates, and we trust he will accept our best acknowledgments for the gentlemanly and affable demeanour with which he has effectively strengthened the bonds of kindly feeling amongst us, and which in no small degree must assure him that his enjoying the blessing of health to enable him long to preside over and direct our Council is our most heartfelt desire

Mr. Armon moved, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

That the Council adjourn.

Before putting the motion the Warden expressed himself in the following words:—

GENTLEMEN.—Before putting the motion to adjourn, I cannot refrain, in which I am sure I shall be joined by the unanimous feeling of the Council, from expressing the highest approbation at the indefatigable exertions and untiring attention that have been evinced by the committee of five gentlemen appointed to investigate and report on the accounts submitted to them on the public buildings of the District. Nearly three days in succession, and till midnight, have they exclusively devoted to their arduous task, and I am happy to bear testimony of so convincing a proof that on a question of so much difficulty, and that occupies so much public attention, the interest of the District has not been neglected, and that the confidence reposed in this Council has not been unworthily bestowed.

The Council then adjourned till 8th August, next.

J. EMILIUS IRVING,

WARDEN.

# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the May Session,

A.D., 1843.

J. ÆMILIUS IRVING, ESQ., WARDEN.

### REPORT No. 1 OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on the District Surveyor's Report beg leave to represent to the Council, that it is absolutely necessary to have the court house fitted up for the reception of the Judge, who will hold a court next month.

That from the short time that intervenes, and the difficulty of procuring seasoned lumber, your Committee recommend that whatever is now done should be altogether as a temporary erection.

Your Committee are of opinion that the District Surveyor should be authorized to procure the construction of such a temporary erection as may be sufficient for the purpose of this first court being held. It may be enough, at this time, to have an elevated platform for the Judge, with seat and desk—a box for witnesses—a dock—a good table for the use of the Attorney, with a sufficient rail for the separation of the Court from the space occupied by the public.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th May, 1843.

### REPORT No. 2 OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the report made by the District Surveyor, beg leave to report.

That, with respect to the alteration recommended to be made upon the roof, your Committee consider that their very limited time prevents them from doing justice to the subject (which they much regret) but as they conceive no harm can arise from some delay, they suggest that nothing should be done in the matter until next meeting of Council.

Your Committee concur in what the Surveyor has stated relative to the stair, but, in the present state of the finances of the District, cannot recommend anything being done.

Your Committee are in favor of delaying, for the present, the proposed drain in the rear of the buildings.

Your Committee recommend that the chimney of the gaol be altered, as proposed, but are of opinion that four feet would be quite sufficient height to

which to raise them. Your Committee recommend that they be plastered and coloured, so as to correspond with the appearance of the building.

Your Committee propose that nothing now be done relative to the well. Your Committee at present do not recommend any further action in the report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th May, 1843.

REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report on the petition of Richard Hodges, relative to the bridge over the creek on the concession line between the 11th and 12th concession, Township of Oro.

Your Committee having examined persons acquainted with the situation of the said bridge, are of opinion that the said bridge will require repairs with as little delay as possible, and may probably be done for a sum not exceeding £2, with the assistance of the statute labor in said division. Your Committee therefore recommend that the Councillor for said Township give the necessary instruction and apply the amount of £2 for said purpose out of any money that may be unappropriated in the Township Clerk's hands.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. ADAM,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th May, 1843.

REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report on the petition of George Cathay and others, relative to the public highway leading from Barrie to the mouth of the Nottawasaga River, being almost impassable, owing to the crossing being taken away by the late flood.

Your Committee having duly considered the same, beg leave to recommend that the Councillors of said Townships be authorized to expend £20 for the repair of said road out of the money in the Township Clerk's hands, or which may come into his hands for Township purposes, and that Mr. Ress will be pleased to apportion the same.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ADAM,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th May, 1843.

REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. Simpson and others, which was transferred from the Home District Council to the Council of the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report that this Council has not the means at present to render the relief prayed for.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ADAM,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th May, 1843.

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 REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.
 

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*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom the report of a survey and diagram, made by Mr. Neil McLean, Road Surveyor, through the Township of Oro, between lots No. 15 and 16, have been referred, beg leave to report that your Committee having attentively considered and examined the said report and diagram, find them to be so obscure and conflicting that your Committee cannot recommend any further action on such documents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ADAM,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th May, 1843.

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 REPORT NO. 5 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.
 

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*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee on Roads and Bridges having considered the subject referred to them, relating to the establishing of a permanent fund applicable to the improvement of the highways throughout the District, recommend that an address be presented to the Commons House of Assembly, setting forth the necessity of the Government relinquishing in favor of the District of Simcoe, that part of the Provincial revenue arising from shop, tavern and still licenses, fees on marriage licenses, and the Provincial share of all fines and penalties levied and recovered within said District, for the purpose of creating a fund for the making and improving the roads and bridges in the same. A draft of which address accompanies this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted

JAMES, ADAM,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th May, 1843.

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 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.
 

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*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Education beg to report, that having examined the census rolls laid before them, and they find that there are no rolls for the Townships of Tossorontio, Sunnidale, Nottawasaga and Matchedash. They have therefore no data for apportioning the government grant for this District, having no other document except a list furnished by the Treasurer, which he received from the Treasurer of the Home District, purporting to be an apportionment of the Provincial grant to the different townships of this District, but which on examination they found to be imperfect, there being no appropriation for the Townships of North and South Orillia, Matchedash or Tossorontio, and it therefore can be no guide to your Committee. The sum in that list is stated to be £506.10s.7d. as the share for this District, which sum and the sum apportioned by the Home District Council as their share does not correspond with the government grant. Your Committee is not aware by whom or by what authority said apportionment was made, and know of no other except the District Council of Simcoe.

Your Committee having ascertained from the Treasurer that the fore-mentioned sum of £506.10.7 is at his disposal, and taking into consideration the great hardships the school teachers have labored under in having their

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West Gwillimbury . . . . .	£76 4 11½
Tecumseth . . . . .	78 0 5
Adjala . . . . .	27 11 ½
Mono . . . . .	29 3 ½
Mulmur . . . . .	6 0 9
Essa . . . . .	13 8 9½
Innisfil . . . . .	20 8 6
Sunnidale . . . . .	5 3 8
Vespra . . . . .	12 9 5
Oro . . . . .	32 17 2
Medonte and Flos . . . . .	19 12 11
Tiny and Tay . . . . .	6 0 9
Nottawasaga . . . . .	11 5 6
Orillia . . . . .	6 4 8

Your Committee would recommend that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Clerk of the Home District Council for the census rolls and all documents bearing on this subject in his possession, not yet transmitted, also to require the Treasurer to enter into communication with the Treasurer of the Home District, desiring him to forward an authenticated statement of the apportionment for this District, in order that a final apportionment may be made : any other subdivision of the money paid on account your Committee recommend being left to the school commissioners in their respective townships with the direction that they apply the money only in the liquidation of the teachers' salaries.

The Council having addressed the Legislature for alterations in the common school act, your Committee declined offering any opinion on the petition of Edward Ryall.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

13th May, 1843.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON H. BINGHAM'S PETITION

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of H. Bingham, beg to report :—

That it appears very doubtful whether the Council have any control over the Market Square, and, at all events, your Committee would not recommend the granting of the prayer of the petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th May, 1843.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Standing Committee on Finance beg to report to the Council :

That, having taken into consideration the present state of the District, with regard to finances, they consider it to be desirable that several small claims against the District should be discharged, and others likely to be incurred provided for.

Your Committee regret to state that there are no funds in the hands of the Treasurer available for such purposes.

Your Committee, therefore, in order to attain so desirable an end, recom-

mend that a sum of money be raised to the extent of three hundred pounds currency, and they beg to report by By-Law.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th May, 1843.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Contingencies having examined the various accounts and allowances necessary to be granted for services, would recommend that the Warden do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums as soon as funds are at his disposal :

To Mr. John McWatt, to sundries.....	£ 1 2 5½
"    "    "    letter account for self and Warden	0 19 6
"    John Creaser, 5 days attendance as constable.....	1 5 0
"    John Atkinson, 5 days attendance as constable....	1 5 0
"    Hugh Scobie, Esq., sundries to the Clerk of Council	1 7 0
"    Nancy McShane, 24½ days attending and cleaning	
Court House.....	1 14 6
"    Alex. Sibbald, building privy, &c., &c.....	6 10 0
Amount in all.....	£14 3 5½

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CARSWELL,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th May, 1843.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE THE ALLOWANCE OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the allowance to Township Officers, beg leave to report by By-Law.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Barrie, 9th May, 1843.

MR. WARDEN,—

Sir,—I beg leave to announce to you, for the information of the Council, that I have received from J. S. Howard, Esq., Treasurer of the Home District, the amount of £506.10s.7d for common school purposes. I am also in the receipt of £290.11s.8d. assessed taxes. Also the amount of £220.3s.5d. road money for the several townships in the District of Simcoe.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JAS. ADAM,  
Treasurer.

To

J. E. IRVING, Esqr.,  
Warden of the District of Simcoe, &c.,  
Barrie.

[May, 1843.]

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CASH ACCOUNT—APRIL, 1843.

To Road Taxes, received account .....	£	220	3	5
" Assessed Taxes, " " .....		290	11	8
" Government School Grant .....		506	10	7
		£1017	5	8

JAS. ADAM,

Treasurer for the District of Simcoe.

Amount of Fees and Salaries of the several District Officers of the District of Simcoe, paid during the year 1843 :

W. B. McVity, Clerk of the Peace, for services .....	£	36	18	1½
W. B. McVity, in matters connected with the Administration of Justice and Disbursements .....		65	2	6
B. W. Smith, Sheriff, for services .....		44	17	6
" " for Court House keeper .....		7	10	0
Moses Hayter, salary as Gaoler .....		70	0	0
John Atkinson, half year's salary as Hig <sup>l</sup> Constable .....		3	10	0
John Atkinson, salary as Auditor .....		1	5	0
R. J. Williams, " " " .....		1	5	0
John McWatt, salary as Municipal Council Clerk .....		37	10	0
Henry Creswicke, salary as District Surveyor .....		25	0	0
Thrift Meldrum, half year's salary as Crier of the Court .....		3	0	0
James Adam, for services as Treasurer from 15th April to 31st December .....		100	0	0

JAS. ADAM,

Treasurer.

\*REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

(Continued from Page 15.)

An account due to Charles Thompson is certified by him on the 3rd April, 1843, from this is deducted an account bearing date the 25th of April, 1843. Here is an obvious irregularity in the dates.

In the inventory are stated to be 21 blank debentures—there are 31 of them; but it is understood they are of no use.

As a proof of the loose manner in which business was transacted between the parties engaged in the matter, your Committee may advert to a letter signed Charles Thompson, addressed to Mr. O'Brien, requesting that debentures may be made up and delivered to Mr. Carney, the signature to which letter is not in Mr. Thompson's hand-writing.

Your Committee will now proceed to bring before the Council the present state of the engagements of the District in respect to the public buildings, and will also make a few observations on the cause of the large amount of debt.

The Building Committee having obtained plans and specifications for a gaol from a respectable architect, Mr. Young, the amount of whose estimate for work was £2697.3.4½, advertised for contracts. As the greater part of the price was to be paid for in debentures, no offer was made. One, however, from Mr. Chas. Thompson was subsequently given in, with an agreement to take debentures for the principal part of the amount, and also agreeing to relieve the Committee from several contracts for material formerly entered into by them. Mr. Thompson's offer was £4000, and it was accepted. It

\*When the former part of this report was printed, the conclusion was missing. It has since turned up amongst some later records, and is given above.

will be perceived that in the end the gaol was charged at a very large sum compared with this.

The report of the Building Committee of 2nd Sept., 1841, states the expense of the building, exclusive of contingent account, and subject to a dispute for stone cutting of £60. to £70., at £5672.6s.0½d.; contingent expenses, £906.6s.6d. Total expense, £6278.13s.0½d. The contingent expenses were clerks' salaries, architect's fees, &c.

One great cause for this enormous overplus of expense arises from the quantity of cut stone used, which the Building Committee state at no less than £594. To explain the view taken by the Building Committee of the subject, the following extract from their report is given:—"The Committee must now draw the attention of the Bench to the large amount of extra expense, and the extraordinary discrepancy between the architect's estimate and the actual measurement, a discrepancy totally unaccountable, except under the idea of great carelessness—One item, the Committee would state, being for stone for cut work, £594., totally omitted."

On examining the plans, it seems doubtful whether the architect intended so much cut stone should be used—in which case there must have existed an unfortunate misapprehension on the subject on the part of the Building Committee.

By statement of measurement marked No. 4, accompanying this report, it appears that the following was the amount of measurement and estimate:—

	<i>Measurement.</i>	<i>Estimate.</i>
Digging.....	£ 20 16 9½	£ 31 0 0
Stone.....	985 14 8	355 16 10½
Stone Work.....	436 2 10	474 9 3½
Cut Stone Work.....	583 18 2	410 0 2½
Brick Work.....	639 0 0	261 0 0
Plastering.....	122 15 0	49 4 3½
	£2788 7 5½	£1581 10 8
Measurement.....		£2788 7 5½
Estimate.....		1581 10 8

Excess over the estimate..... £1206 16 9½

One reason to account for the difference between Mr. Young's estimate and this result, arises from the architect having taken the price of materials at the Toronto charges. Your Committee cannot advert to this state of the expenses inenred, without expressing deep regret that the Building Committee, knowing the very limited finances of the District, did not more strongly endeavor to have the object required obtained on a decidedly more economical scale.

In order to convey to the Council information as to the present liabilities of the District, your Committee now submit Mr. Charles Thompson's account as at 3rd April last:

To balance due 1st Sept., 1842.....	£423 15 8
" acct. paid Mr. Scobie for Printing Debentures.....	1 0 0
" " " Mr. Jakeway for 4 large heads and conductor pipe for the Court House.....	1 17 0
" paid note at the Commercial Bank, due 1st September, 1842.....	300 0 0
	£726 12 8
By amount of Debentures received.....	363 0 0
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The above sum of £34,14s.4½d. consists chiefly of an allowance to Mr. Keating from 1st Oct. to 27th Nov., at £15 per month—amount £28,10s. and £5 to Mr. Carney for superintending work from 28th Nov., 1842, to 24th April, 1843.

Your Committee are enabled to state that the various charges incurred on both buildings amount to the sum of £5189,16s.2½d.

Your Committee have now to lay before the Council a document signed by the Chairman of the Building Committee, purporting to be the “Liabilities” of the District of Simcoe and to whom due, unprovided for.

To balance due to contractor, Mr. C. Thompson.....	£328 18 3½
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“ salary due to the Clerk of the Magistrates and Building Committee.....	68 5 10
“ salary due to the Architect and Clerk of Works for the year 1842, superintending District Buildings.....	195 0 0

Signed) EDWARD G. O'BRIEN,  
Chairman Building Committee.

In allusion to the large sum claimed by Mr. Keating, your Committee have no data for ascertaining the terms on which Mr. Keating was employed, saving the item of deduction from Mr. Thompson’s account already noticed.

It being quite obvious that the plan recommended and followed by the architect in finishing the roof of the court house is wholly unsuited to the climate of Canada, as the state of the ceilings now show, your Committee doubt whether it would be right in the Council to settle with Mr. Keating without reference to this fact.

Your Committee doubt how far Mr. Carney is entitled to be paid up to the 9th of this month, seeing that he can have had scarce anything to do for the last six months.

The Council will, of course, bear in mind that the accounts above alluded to, not approved of by the Magistrates, must come before the District Auditors.

As the whole amount of money raised, according to Act of Parliament, has been expended, your Committee are at a loss what measure to recommend in order to effect the liquidation of such part of this debt as may be considered justly due.

In consequence of the vouchers not having accompanied the Treasurer’s accounts, your Committee decline reporting upon them.

Your Committee have been unanimous, with the exception of Mr. Wilson’s desire to decline giving any opinion regarding the proceedings of the Building Committee prior to the 12th June, 1840.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th May, 1843.

[NOTE.—By the Act setting apart this District, 7 Wm. 4th, chap. 32, authority was given to raise the sum of £1000 (\$16,000) for the erection of a gaol and court house. The year following, by 1 Vict., c. 39, authority was given to levy an additional tax, not exceeding 1d. on the pound, until the £1000 should be paid.

That amount proving insufficient, another Act was passed in 1841, (4 and 5 Vict., c. 78) authorizing the raising of a further sum of £3000 for the same purpose.]

## ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR CHARLES BAGOT.

*To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Charles Bagot, &c., &c., &c.*

May it please your Excellency—

We, the District Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, beg to approach your Excellency in the most unfeigned sincerity, with the assurance that we are impressed with a desire which this Province has so unanimously felt in addressing your Excellency with the painful but sympathizing sentiments, which we cannot but feel towards your Excellency, as long as it shall please the great Disposer of events to protract the melancholy cause—your Excellency's indisposition.

In unity with the feeling of regret, which all Her Majesty's loyal subjects in this Province have so ardently evinced, for the unhappy cause of your departure from amongst us, may it please your Excellency to accept our most anxious desire and fervent prayer that you may not only be conducted in safety by the special hand of Providence to your native land, but that withal you may enjoy renewed health and the social enjoyment of your beloved family.

Signed in the name and by order of the District Council of the District of Simcoe, this — day of May, 1843.

## ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR CHAS. T. METCALF.

*To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Charles T. Metcalf, Governor-General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

May it please your Excellency—

We, the District Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, beg to offer to your Excellency, the representative of our revired and beloved Queen, our respected and sincere congratulations on your safe arrival in Canada, at so unpropitious a period of the year, and in a season of unprecedented severity.

We beg further to assure your Excellency of our devoted and unqualified attachment to British connection and British institutions, which we are determined to uphold with our lives and properties, and to render every assistance in our power to your Excellency (without regard to parties or politics) in preserving that peace and tranquility throughout the Province, which at present so happily prevails, and particularly in promoting the prosperity of this our newly erected District, in all of which we feel confidently assured of your Excellency's co-operation and protection.

From your Excellency's experience and wisdom and the high character you have already acquired, we anticipate much good for united Canada; and while we deeply deplore the unhappy cause which led to the departure of your Excellency's predecessor from this Province, we cannot but anticipate the most happy results from your Excellency having been selected to succeed him in the arduous and trying duties which he had to perform.

That your Excellency may long enjoy you exalted station, in health, peace and happiness, is our fervent prayer.

Signed in the name and by order of the District Council of the District of Simcoe, this — day of May, 1843.

## ADDRESS TO THE COMMONS HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT ROAD FUND. •

*To the Commons House of Assembly of Canada, in Parliament Assembled:*

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the roads and bridges throughout the District, and that the present situation of the District is unable to bear further burdens in the shape of taxes for that purpose, and being lately created into a new District with exhausted funds in consequence of the unavoidable expenditure to complete the gaol and court house, and without any available resource for local purposes, will, we trust, be a sufficient apology for seeking relief, besides begging that so much of the Provincial Revenue as arises from shops, tavern and still licenses, fees on marriage licenses and the Provincial share of all fines and penalties levied and recovered in the District of Simcoe, be relinquished in favor of the said District for the purpose of creating a permanent fund for making and improv- ing the roads and bridges in the said District.

District of Simcoe, Municipal Council Hall, 12th May, 1843.

## BY-LAW No. 2.

*A By-Law imposing a Tax upon the Inhabitants of certain School Districts in several School Townships therein named, to be applied to the Building of School Houses.*

WHEREAS, by an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Queen Victoria, chap. 13, entitled an Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make further provision for the establishment and maintenance of Common Schools throughout the Province, it is among other things enacted that it shall be the duty of the School Commissioners in those Townships where there is a want of school houses, or where those hitherto used are inconveniently situated, to acquire fresh sites and erect new school houses, and for that purpose to furnish estimates of the probable costs of the same, together with estimates for fuel, repairs, furniture and other necessary expenses attendant upon keeping the school house in the townships in a proper condition for occupation; and whereas the School Commissioners for the Township of W. Gwillimbury and inhabitants of Oro have furnished such estimates and petitioned the Council to have the amount of the same raised by assessment upon the inhabitants of the several School Districts respectively, pursuant to the provision of the before recited Act.

1st.—Be it therefore enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the Simcoe District, that in order to raise the money required for the above mentioned purpose and to defray the expense of raising, levying and collecting the same, the Assessors in each and every Township aforesaid in this District, for the present year, shall and they are hereby required to furnish the Clerk of the District Council, within one calendar month from and after the passing of this Act, a certified copy of the assessment roll of these respective townships, so far as regards the limits of the several School Districts herein mentioned in said Townships, distinguishing the ratable property in each School District separately with the valuation of such property extended, upon delivery of which said copy of roll to the said Clerk, every Assessor shall be entitled to demand and receive from the Treasurer of the District, upon production of the Clerk's receipt, for said copy of roll, the sum of two shillings and sixpence for every hundred names therein contained. And it shall be the duty of the said Clerk of the District Council, for the time being, to make out a fair copy of such roll and to assess the following sums equally upon all ratable property in each of the following School Districts respectively, that is to say, upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of W. Gwillimbury, residing in School District number six, the sum of fifty pounds, in School District number eight the sum of thirty pounds: upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Oro, residing in School District number six the sum of forty pounds.

And it shall be the duty of the said District Council Clerk, as soon as said rolls shall have been completed, to cause the same to be delivered to the Collectors of the several before named townships respectively.

2nd—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Collectors of said Townships shall and they are hereby authorized and required to ask, demand and receive from all persons named in the said rolls, the sums therein stated as their proportion of said assessment, and to raise, levy and collect the same in the manner as the other assessed taxes are now raised, levied and collected, and shall pay the same over to the Treasurer of the District, for which service the said Collectors shall each be paid by the said Treasurer at the rate of five per cent. on the amount so levied, collected and paid.

3rd.—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Treasurer of the District shall keep and cause to be kept a book containing an account for each School District in every Township, and enter the sums paid into his hands by said Collectors on the credit side of such account, and the expenses of collecting on the debit side thereof, and shall pay over any balance due to the School Districts respectively, upon receipt of the warrant to School Commissioners for the Township in which such School District shall be situated, pursuant to the provisions of the before recited Act.

Passed 13th May, 1843.

J. EMILIUS IRVING,

WARDEN, S. D.

J. McWATT, Clerk S.D.M.C.

BY-LAW No. 3.

*A By-Law to raise the sum of Three Hundred Pounds on the Security of the General Funds of the District.*

WHEREAS, it is expedient and necessary to raise the sum of Three Hundred Pounds for the use of this District upon the security of the general funds of the same, therefore, be it enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer of this District to treat with any person or persons for the raising, by loan, on the credit of the general funds of this District, so many and such sums not less than Five Pounds each, as shall not exceed in the whole the said sum of Three Hundred Pounds, at interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and on condition that the principal shall be redeemed at the expiration of three years, and

Be it further enacted that it shall be lawful for the Treasurer of this District to issue Debentures for the money so borrowed in sums of not less than Five Pounds each, and which Debentures shall be signed by the said Treasurer, and that each Debenture shall express upon the face of it the principal sum of money and the rate of interest payable thereon, and the time at which the said Debentures respectively shall be redeemable, and

Be it further enacted, that all such Debentures and the interest thereon, and all charges incident to and attending the same, shall be and are hereby charged and chargeable upon, and shall be repaid and borne out of the moneys which shall come into the hands of the Treasurer of this District for the time being, to and for the use of the same, and the interest upon such Debentures respectively shall and may be demandable in half yearly periods, computing from the date hereof.

Passed 13th May, 1843.

Sgd. J. EMILIUS IRVING,

WARDEN, S. D.

J. McWATT, Clerk S.D.M.C.

BY-LAW No. 4.

*A By-Law to Determine the Allowance of Township Officers.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Council of the District of Simcoe, as-

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to receive any allowance or per centage for assessing in order to collect, or for  
collecting the additional tax of one penny in the pound to defray the expense  
of gaol and court house within the District of Simcoe.

Passed 13th May, 1843.

Sgd. J. ÆMILIUS IRVING,  
WARDEN, S. D.

J. McWATT, Clerk S.D.M.C.

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

Third Quarterly Meeting,

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 8th August,

1843.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Present—Messrs. Adam, Armson, Garbutt, Morris, McCulloch, Ross, Suell, Walker

The Warden addressed the Council and laid several communications on the table.

District Surveyor's report laid on the table and read.

Petitions of the following persons were presented :—

Of the School Commissioners of West Gwillimbury, praying for aid for certain school districts in said Township, by Mr. Armson.

Of Richard Drury and others, praying that the unoccupied lands not on the Assessment Roll, may be equally taxed with those lands that are on the Assessment Roll, by Mr. Armson.

Of the Trustees of the Common School in the Township of Nottawasaga, established by virtue of the eleventh clause of the Common School Act, praying for their share of the Government School Grant, by Mr. Garbutt.

Of the School Commissioners of Adjala, praying that the inhabitants residing in School District No. 3 be assessed for school purposes, by Mr. McCulloch.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the petition of Richard Drury and others be referred to the Committee of Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the petition of School Commissioners of the Township of West Gwillimbury, praying for aid for certain school districts in that Township, be referred to the Committee on Education.

On the motion of Mr. Garbutt seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of the Common School, established by virtue of the eleventh clause of the Common School Act, for Nottawasaga, be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. McCulloch, seconded by Mr. Adam,

Ordered—That the petition of the School Commissioners of Adjala be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the Treasurer having received a letter from the Superin-

tendent of Education, stating the amount appropriated for the District of Simcoe, beg leave that the same be now read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Arnson,

Ordered—That the letter now read be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the Treasurer be requested to place all papers on Education and all other purposes that require action by the Council this session, and now in his possession, in the hands of the Clerk with as little delay as possible.

The Warden presented several documents received from the Treasurer, which were read by the Clerk.

On the motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the papers on Educational purposes, now read, be referred to the Committee on Education.

Adjourned.

Sgl. J. EMILIUS IRVING,

WARDEN.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1843.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

Clerk of the Peace presented report, accompanying Assessment Rolls, which was read and laid on the table.

The following petitions were presented:—

Of James Magee, praying the District Council to interfere in his behalf with the School Commissioners of the Township of Adjala, for not paying him his share of the Government Grant for teaching six months in school on lot No. 5 on 3rd con., presented by Mr. Garbutt.

Of Richard Carney, praying that the Council will order his account to be audited and paid, by Mr. Ross.

On the motion of Mr. Garbutt, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of James Magee be referred to the Committee on Education.

On the motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the Committee on Finance and Assessment be instructed to report to this Council, with as little delay as possible, the probable amount of revenue for the current year, and the amount of the assessed property of the District, as far as practicable, and also the estimated amount of the expenditure for the same period, including a list of District and Township officers, whose salaries have to be provided for by this Council.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Arnson,

Ordered—That Mr. Snell be appointed a member of the Committee on Finance, instead of Mr. Geo. Wilson, resigned.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Snell,

Ordered—That the addresses to the Legislature on the subject of the improvement of the District Council and Common School Act, be referred to a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Arnson and Adam, for the purpose of reconsideration.

On the motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Ross,

Ordered—That the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment be instructed to report a By-Law imposing a tax on the District generally for Common School purposes.

On the motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the Warden be requested to appoint a Select Committee of three to take into consideration and report upon the presentment of the

Grand Jury and District Surveyor's Report. The Warden nominated Messrs. Snell, Morris and McCulloch to compose such committee.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Adam,

Ordered—That the letter from the Surveyor-General to the Attorney-General, upon the District property, be referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Armson and Ross.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Snell,

Ordered—That the letter from the Secretary of the Province in regard to the report on Public Buildings be referred to a committee of the whole forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Dallas in the chair.

Committee of the whole rose and gave in the following report, which was adopted

Report of the Committee of the whole on the letter from the Secretary of the Province in regard to the report on Public Buildings. The Committee recommend that the advice of a respectable legal adviser be taken on the whole accounts relating to the Public Buildings.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Adam,

Ordered. That the appointment of a legal adviser on the subject of the accounts relating to the Public Buildings, be referred to the Warden.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the Warden issue his warrant for the payment of the sum of twenty-five pounds due to Richard Carney, the same sum having been ordered at the last sitting of the Council, and not paid through the oversight of not instructing the Warden to issue his warrant.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the Clerk be desired to write Mr. Keating, acknowledging the receipt of his letter, to say that nothing can be done in the matter until next meeting of Council, as the accounts are to be laid before Council.

Various documents belonging to the late Treasurer, Mr. Richardson, were presented by Mr. Dallas, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That certain papers delivered by Mr. Richardson be referred to a Committee of the whole, forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Armson in the chair.

Committee of the whole rose and reported, that they have received the necessary explanation with regard to the various document delivered by Mr. Richardson.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the papers made over to the Council by Mr. Richardson, be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Armson, Garbutt, Ross and Walker.

The committee to whom was referred the letter of the Surveyor-General to the Attorney-General on the subject of the market reservation, brought in a report, which was received, read and adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Adam,

Ordered—That the address to the Governor-General on the subject of the market reservation, be engrossed, signed by the Warden and transmitted to the Secretary, to be laid before the Governor in Council.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the large room in the lower story of the east wing of the court house be set apart as a school room for the use of the Grammar School, and that the Trustees of the said school be allowed to occupy the same.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the Treasurer be requested to apply to the Surveyor-General for a schedule of all located and granted land in this District, the

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Adjourned.

Sg'd. J. ÆMILIUS IRVING,

WARDEN.

THURSDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1843.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

Warden presented a letter from Mr. George Wilson, Councillor for Me-  
donte and Flos, resigning the office of District Councillor for the above Town-  
ships, read and laid on the table.

The following petitions were presented:—

Of James Morrison and forty-seven others of Medonte, praying that the  
unoccupied lands, not on the Assessment Rolls, may be equally taxed as those  
lands that are on the Assessment Rolls, by Mr. Adam.

Of Neil McLean, Road Surveyor, praying for a re-perusal of his plan  
and a report of a road through Oro, which he has altered, by Mr. Adam.

Of Henry McCullough, concerning the Tossorontio Wild Land Road Tax,  
by Mr. Arnsen.

Of John Atkinson, praying that he may be paid an allowed account for  
services rendered the Building Committee—and if the whole cannot be paid,  
that a part thereof be paid, by Mr. Ross.

The Standing Committee on Education reported a By-Law imposing a  
tax on the inhabitants of certain School Districts for school purposes.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Arnsen, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the report of the Standing Committee on Education be  
adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the presentment of the Grand Jury  
and Surveyor's report, brought up a report.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the petition of James Morrison and others be referred to  
the Committee of Finance and Assessment.

On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the petition of Neil McLean be referred to the Committee  
on Roads, Wharves and Bridges.

On the motion of Mr. Arnsen, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the petition of Henry McCullough be referred to the Com-  
mittee on Roads and Bridges.

Warden presented account from Charles Thompson, claiming the sum of  
four hundred and nine pounds, six shillings and 7½d. currency, for work done  
for the District.

Received and laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. Arnsen, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the By-Law imposing a tax on the inhabitants of a certain  
School District in the Township of West Gwillimbury and Adjala, be read a  
second time forthwith, and the 34th clause be suspended as far as relates  
thereto.

On the motion of Mr. Arnsen, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the Council resolve itself into Committee of the whole on  
the By-Law now read. Mr. Ross in the chair.

Committee of the whole on the By-Law imposing a tax on certain School

Districts in the Townships of West Gwillimbury and Adjala rose and reported without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the By-Law imposing a tax on certain School Districts in the Townships of West Gwillimbury and Adjala, be read a third time forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,  
Ordered—That the By-Law now read do pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the account of Charles Thompson, claiming a further sum from the District, on account of the Public Buildings, be referred to a Select Committee to consist of Messrs. Dallas and Armstrong.

On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the motion made by Mr. Ross and ordered by the Council on the 9th inst., allowing the Trustees of the Grammar School to occupy the large room in this building be rescinded and the following adopted:—That the large room in the lower story of the east wing of the court house be set apart as a school room for the use of a Grammar School, and that the trustees of the said school be allowed to occupy the same until suitable buildings be provided for said Grammar School.

Committee on Finance brought up a report, No. 1.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Snell,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Adam,

Ordered—That a letter from the Clerk of the Home District Council to the Clerk of the Council of the District of Simcoe, of date 2nd August, 1843, be now read.

Mr. Ross presented reports of Miles Kenny, Road Surveyor.

Received and laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the reports of Miles Kenny, Road Surveyor, received, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Ross,

Ordered—That the Warden be requested to name a Committee on Contingencies.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Morris, McCulloch and Snell to compose said Committee.

Several papers and accounts presented by the Clerk.

Ordered—That the papers now produced by the Clerk be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the Clerk be instructed to procure a suitable desk and press with compartments therein, for the use of the Council Office.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up a report.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the report be not adopted, but that it be referred back for reconsideration.

The Committee on Finance brought up report No. 2.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Snell,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Committee on Finance brought up a report, No. 3.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Snell,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Committee on Finance brought up a report, No. 4.

Received and read.

- On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Snell,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.
- On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armonson,  
 Ordered—That the petition of John Atkinson be referred to a Committee of the whole.
- Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Adam in the chair.
- Committee of the whole rose and reported with amendment.
- On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armonson,  
 Ordered—That the sum of twenty five pounds (as recommended by a committee of the whole) be paid to John Atkinson on account, and that the Warden do issue his warrant for the payment of the same.
- The Committee on Finance brought up a report, No. 5.  
 Received and read.
- On the motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Snell,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.
- On the motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
 Ordered—That when this Council do adjourn it stands adjourned until the 14th day of next November.
- The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges reported by By-Law.  
 Received and read.
- On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.
- On the motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
 Ordered—That the District Surveyor be allowed access to the plans of the Court House or Gaol, or papers relating to the plans of either.
- On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armonson,  
 Ordered—That the Treasurer be instructed to procure a seal for this District, to be of an oval form, about one inch by one inch and a quarter, with a crown placed therein, surmounted by a lion and bearing the motto: "District of Sincce Municipal Council."
- A By-Law to confirm a centre road through the Township of Oro, was read a first time and laid on the table.
- On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
 Ordered—That the By-Law now read be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule be suspended.
- On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Walker in the chair.
- Committee of the whole rose and reported without amendment.  
 Bill read a third time.
- On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Dallas,  
 Ordered—That the Bill do now pass, be engrossed and signed by the Warden.
- Mr. Armonson presented a By-Law on the report of Miles Kenny, Road Surveyor.  
 Received and read.
- On the motion of Mr. Armonson, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the By-Law now read, be read a second time forthwith, and the 34th Rule be suspended for that purpose.
- On the motion of Mr. Armonson, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the Council do resolve itself into Committee of the whole on the By-Law now read. Mr. Morris in the chair.
- Committee of the whole rose and reported without amendment.
- On the motion of Mr. Armonson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,  
 Ordered—That the Bill be now read a third time.
- On the motion of Mr. Armonson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt  
 Ordered—That the Bill do now pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

Mr. Ross presented a By-Law on the report of Miles Kenny, Road Surveyor.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read be read a second time forthwith, and so much of the 34th Rule, as relates thereto, be suspended.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read a second time, be referred to a Committee of the whole. Mr. Snell in the chair.

Committee of the whole rose and reported without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the By-Law be read a third time forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the Bill do now pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

Committee on Contingencies brought up a report

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Adjourned.

Sgd. JAMES DALLAS,  
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# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the August Session,

A.D., 1843.

J. ÆMILIUS IRVING, ESQ., WARDEN.

### REPORT No. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance beg respectfully to report to the Council: That by the 32nd clause of the Municipal Council Act, it is enacted that the Treasurer's accounts, with all vouchers and papers relating thereto, shall, four times in every year, that is to say within one month after every quarterly meeting, be submitted, together with an abstract of such accounts, for the last year, by the Treasurer to the District Auditors, for the purpose of being by them audited.

Your Committee therefore consider it to be their duty to decline reporting upon the Treasurer's accounts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th August, 1843.

### REPORT No. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report to the Council: That they have examined carefully the whole accounts remitted to them by the Council as per list furnished by the Clerk; and are of opinion that, though in some instances the charges are somewhat high, authority might be given to pay them, and the Warden empowered to issue his warrant for this purpose, provided they be submitted to the auditors according to Act of Parliament. And would recommend that for the future no furniture be ordered or work executed, or articles provided, without the previous sanction of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th August, 1843.

## REPORT No. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report to the Council :  
That in consideration of the resolution of the Council, by which all the accounts relating to the Public Buildings should be submitted to a legal adviser, your Committee consider it expedient that the account of Mr. Charles Thompson lie over until the opinion of Counsel be furnished.  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th August, 1843.

## REPORT No. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE :

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report to the Council :  
That the Council having, at a previous session, addressed the Legislature on the subject of an alteration in the mode of imposing taxes, the Committee consider it would not be proper at the present period to offer any opinion upon the petitions of Richard Drury and others, and of James Morrison and others, hoping that an alteration will be effected in the Act.  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th August, 1843.

## REPORT No. 5 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance beg to report to the Council :  
The aggregate sum assessed on the District (with the exception of the Townships of Tossorontio and Nottawasaga) is £142,020. That one penny in the pound on this sum amounts to £591.15/-—a sum, in the opinion of your Committee, inadequate to meet the expenditure of the District. Your Committee recommend that a tax of one penny one farthing per pound be levied on all ratable property within the district, for District purposes—also a tax of three farthings per pound for the support of common schools.  
Your Committee regret that want of time prevents them submitting to the Council a detailed statement of the probable expenditure.  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th August, 1843.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE LETTER OF THE  
SURVEYOR-GENERAL TO THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL REGARDING  
THE MARKET RESERVATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of the Surveyor-General to the Attorney-General on the subject of the Market Reservation, beg leave to report :

That in the opinion of the Committee an application should now be made by the Council for the Market Block, to be held by them, for the purpose of

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Your Committee are led to believe that the grant of land for the gaol  
and court house consisted of eight lots instead of six, as stated in Mr. Paskie's  
letter. They are of opinion that an immediate application ought to be made  
for a deed of the lots appropriated for the above purposes.

Your Committee beg respectfully to submit a draft of an application to  
Government for the above.

*To his Excellency the Right Hon. Sir C. T. Metcalf, Governor-General, &c.,  
in Council:*

The Memorial of the Municipal District of Simcoe, in Council assembled,  
respectfully sheweth :

That in the original survey for the Town of Barrie, there was reserved a  
block of land situated at the intersection of Mulcaster and Collier streets for  
such public purpose as should appear desirable to the government. That  
your Memorialists consider it would be extremely desirable that this block of  
land should be appropriated as a Market Square, and conveyed to the District  
Council for that purpose, it being apparent that by so doing the District  
would derive some benefit, and a more uniform plan of improvement be  
secured.

Your Memorialists beg further to state, that by an order in Council of  
20th April, 1837, a block of land was set apart for District purposes, the gaol  
and court house being now erected thereon.

Your Memorialists beg that the patent issue for the same.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th August, 1843.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE PEACE.

Clerk of the Peace's Office, Barrie,  
9th August, 1843.

In submitting the Assessment Rolls for the District of Simcoe to the  
Municipal Council for their consideration, and instructions as to the amount  
to be charged in the pound on ratable property, and for local purposes, such  
as lunatic asylum, for school purposes, or other matters for the guidance  
of the Clerk of the Peace in preparing the Assessment Rolls for the Collector,  
I beg to report that there has not been any return made from the Townships  
of Tosorontio or Nottawasaga. For the latter Township, Richard Stepney  
was confirmed in the office of Assessor and Collector, by the Court of General  
Quarter Sessions, holden at Barrie, on Tuesday the 11th day of July last,  
and a blank Assessment Roll and a letter requiring him to make the Assess-  
ment forthwith, forwarded to him at same time by John Currie, Township  
Clerk, but he has not yet made any return.

WM. B. MOVITY,  
Clerk of the Peace,  
District of Simcoe.

To the Municipal Council for the District }  
of Simcoe, in Council assembled. }

NOTE.—The Township of Matchedash is attached to MeLontie, and has  
only one settler.

## TOTAL VALUATIONS.

W. Gwillimbury.....	£34585	N. and S. Orillia.....	£ 4843
Tecumaseth.....	25175	Tiny.....	3633
Vespra.....	7455	Tay.....	1461
Essa.....	5246	Flos.....	2343
Oro.....	17676	Sunnidale.....	1399
Adjala.....	5768	Mulmur.....	2302
Medoute and Matchedash ..	7633		
Innisfil.....	11568		£142020
Mono.....	10923		

Tossorontio and Nottawasaga not returned.

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Report on various petitions referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, &c., beg leave to report that they do not consider it expedient to recommend the petition of Henry McCullough, or the subject of receiving the Road money for the Township of Tossorontio.

Also they recommend the petition of Patrick Smith and others, for the road as shown on the diagram produced by Miles Kenny, Road Surveyor, and that the petitioners requiring the survey of the road shall pay to the Surveyor the expenses of surveying and reporting on the said line of road.

Also the petition of Richard Williams and others, occupies exactly the same position as that of Patrick Smith and others.

Your Committee have also examined the report and diagram of Neil McLean, Road Surveyor, and find it correct, and beg the Council to confirm it.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ADAM,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th Aug., 1843.

## THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY AND SURVEYOR.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee to whom was referred the presentment from the Grand Jury of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace, holden in Barrie for the District of Simcoe, on Tuesday, the 11th day of July, 1843, representing the state of the court house,

Beg leave to report that we are of opinion that if the parapet walls were taken off and an eave to extend, at least two feet, over the wall, that it would be sufficient at present, and that the Surveyor have the same done without delay.

We are also of opinion that the earth on the back side of the court house requires to be dug all along the same as low as that part that is already dug, and to be at least one foot lower next the bank, and the District Surveyor do let the same by public contract, by putting up three public notices in Barrie. Also the repairing of the roof, to be disposed in like manner to a fit and proper person.

We are also of opinion that it would be necessary for the Surveyor to let the digging of the well in the gaol yard to the well digger in the manner that he has proposed.

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We are also of opinion that it is unnecessary to go to any expense in causing any further air in the lower cells at prison, as there are sufficient cells above to contain all the prisoners that may be there for some time.

Your Committee are also of opinion that as there are but few fires, it is not necessary to go to farther expense in building wood houses.

Your Committee recommend that the Surveyor do employ a few men to level or slope the ground around the gaol yard wall, where he may see the water is injuring the same.

Your Committee are also of opinion that as it would incur a considerable expense in digging and arching a proper sewer through the gaol yard and wall; we consider it too expensive at present, as there is no great necessity for it. We have considered the repairing of the chimneys a high charge. We are also of opinion that it would not be necessary for the Surveyor to lose any time in getting the lumber, as the season for seasoning is fast passing.

Your Committee forbear troubling the Council with any further remarks. All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY MORRIS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th August, 1843.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe.

The Standing Committee on Education beg leave to report that they have examined the several petitions and applications referred for their consideration, viz.:—From the School Commissioners of the Township of West Gwillimbury, praying for Assessment for school purposes in certain School Districts in that Township, and from School Commissioners of the Township of Adjala, for the same purpose, to all which they recommend your concurrence, and have prepared the accompanying draft of a By-Law for that purpose;

And also the petition of the Trustees of the common school, established in the Township of Nottawasaga, by virtue of the eleventh clause of the Common School Act.

Your Committee cannot recommend your adoption of the prayer of this petition, having no proof that the requirements of said clause have been complied with on their part, until such proof have been produced;

And also the petition of James Magee, complaining of not having received any remuneration for teaching a common school in the Township of Adjala, for the space of six months.

Your Committee would recommend that the Clerk be directed to write to the Chairman of the School Commissioner of the said Township, requesting him to call a meeting of the School Commissioners to investigate the merits of the said case, and transmit the same for the information of the Council.

Your Committee would further recommend that the said Commissioners make no further payments from the school appropriation of the school grant for said Township, until the merits of this case are decided.

Your Committee have been unable to obtain any further information respecting the Government Grant for school purposes for the year 1842, and having no hope of obtaining any, would therefore recommend that the remaining balance of the said grant be divided amongst the following Townships of this District, which includes the whole, with the exception of Matchedash and Tossorontio, which, from every information your Committee has been able to obtain, have no schools:—

	£	s.	d.
West Gwillimbury.....	38	0	0
Tecumseth.....	36	16	8
Adjala.....	13	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mono.....	13	14	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mulmer.....	2	16	10
Essex.....	6	6	4 $\frac{1}{2}$

	£	s.	d.
Innisfil .....	8	12	9
Sunnidale.....	2	8	9½
Vespra.....	5	18	2½
Oro.....	15	10	0½
Medente and Flos.....	9	8	11½
Tiny and Tay.....	2	16	10
Nottawasaga.....	5	7	3
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Your Committee would recommend that the apportionment to the school teachers may be left to the Commissioners in their respective Townships, with the directions that they apply the money in the liquidation of the teachers salaries, and for no other purpose.

Your Committee would further report that from information received from the Treasurer of the District, that the Collectors of the Townships of West Gwillimbury and Innisfil have paid in their assessed taxes for school purposes for their respective Townships, which are now at your disposal, your Committee would therefore recommend that the Treasurer be directed to pay the same on receipt of the proper warrant from the School Commissioners of said Townships.

Your Committee would likewise recommend that the School Commissioners be instructed that each School District receive its own share only, of the taxes for school purposes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

#### DISTRICT SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Barrie, August 8th, 1843.

To the District Council:

GENTLEMEN,—

I have had the chimneys of the gaol raised and the fire places lowered; they now draw very well, with no appearance of smoke in the rooms. The mason's bill amounts to £11.17s.6d.

The court room I have fitted up in the most temporary way. The carpenter's bill I could not get.

With respect to the lumber, I have been unable to procure it: owing to the inundations last spring most of the mill dams were injured. Mr. Vincent, of Melbourne saw mill, Oro, having a large pile of well-seasoned lumber, he engaged to deliver the quantities wanted by June, but from unforeseen circumstances he could not do it. Mr. Wiggins' dam was by that time fixed: he then engaged to deliver or get it from one of the other mills, but from unavoidable circumstances he has been unable to do so (his own dam again giving way and want of water in the other mills), but he thinks with the assistance of Mr. Boys, of Oliver's mill, to have it delivered in the course of ten days. I must beg leave to remark, the upper rooms of the court house are flooded every heavy rain. There are no drains or outlet from the gaol, and if there are not some made the foundations are liable to be injured. The doors want a little easing. The well sinker who sunk the well in the gaol says that at twenty-five feet he found plenty of good water, and told the superintendent of the works that if they went lower it was most probable they would lose it, which they did. Should the Council think fit, he will engage to find plenty of good water from twenty-five to thirty feet in the gaol yard, or have nothing for his trouble.

And I am, gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

HENRY CRESWICK,  
District Surveyor.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee on Contingencies having examined the various accounts and allowances necessary to be granted for services, would recommend that the Warden do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums, as soon as funds are at his disposal :—

To John McWatt, for postage for self and Warden.....	£1	15	8
" " " for stationery and sundries.....	1	12	8
" Alex Lang, 3 days attendance as constable, at 5/ per day	0	15	0
" James Mainis, 3 days attendance as messenger, at 5/ p. day	0	15	0

Amounting in all to..... £4 13 4

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MR. MORRIS

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th August, 1843.

CORRESPONDENCE.

General Post Office, Quebec, 1st June, 1843.

SIR.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th May, inclosing a resolution of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, to the effect that it is advisable to have a third mail per week, placed upon the Post communication from Holland Landing to the District Town of Barrie, and thence to the Military Station at Penetanguishene. In answer I beg to say that a short time since I received a corresponding application, (through Mr. Gowan) from the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Poivre at Barrie, which I was obliged to answer by saying that I was not at liberty to incur any additional expense for the Route in question, but that with reference to the existing arrangement, I should call upon the Post Office Surveyor to see what improvements could be made therein, with a view to their early adoption. I beg to add that being most desirous that the facilities of the Post in that interesting section of the Province, should advance in a degree equal to the means at my disposal, I shall not fail to bear your application in mind with the intention of taking the earliest opportunity of making the Post accommodation in that quarter all that can reasonably be desired.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. A. STAYNER,

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J. EMILIUS IRVING, Esq.,

Warden Simcoe District,

Newmarket.

Surveyor General's office,

Kingston, 9th June, 1843

SIR.—With reference to the communication from the Warden of the District of Simcoe, of the 30th ult., forwarded with your letter of the 3rd instant, I have the honor to acquaint you that the open square or block of land in the Town plot of Barrie, situated at the intersection of Mulcaster and Collier streets and supposed by the Municipal Council to have been retained as a market reservation, was reserved by the Surveyor-General at the period of survey, with the view of being granted subsequently for such public purposes

as should appear desirable to the Government, and no appropriation therefor has up to the present time been authorized. Under these circumstances I conceive that the District Council would not be justified in assuming the control of the land in question.

I may observe that six lots bounded by Worsley, Macdonald, Poynts and Mulcaster streets, were set apart by order in Council of 20th April, 1837, as a reserve for a gaol and court house, but have not been described for patent, and the same description of authority would be requisite for the appropriation of lands for other public purposes.

I beg leave to return herewith Mr. Irving's communication.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

(Signed) THOMAS PARKE,

Surveyor-General.

HON. R. BALDWIN,  
Attorney-General West.

Purbrook, Coldwater, 7th June, 1843.

SIR,—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with accompanying address to the Legislative Assembly.

It is an indispensable formality to be observed by all corporate bodies to affix their seal of office to all petitions, or the Speaker will not receive them. Several documents or petitions from M. D. Councils were not received during the last session of Parliament, from such omission. I have therefore returned herewith those you did me the honor to transmit to me.

Mr. Thorburn, M.P.P., and Warden of the Niagara M. D. Council, intends bringing in a Bill to place Canada East and West upon the same footing, as far as regards the expenditure in the Districts of this section of the Province, for the Administration of Justice, which is defrayed in Canada East from the Provincial Treasury.

I would call your serious attention and that of the Council over which you preside, to the importance involved in Mr. Thorburn's intended Bill, which would, if carried, relieve the District of Simcoe from the onerous charges for Judicial purposes,—and should the District Council think it advisable to petition the House of Assembly in support of Mr. Thorburn's Bill, I should have much pleasure in presenting it.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Emilius Irving, Esq.,

ELMES STEELE.

Warden Simcoe District.

P.S.—It would be a saving of postage, to me, as I cannot frank during the recess, if you do me the favor to forward your petitions to my address at Kingston, when Parliament is called together for dispatch of business.

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Barrie, 5th August, 1843.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the copy of a presentment from the gentlemen composing the Grand Jury at the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for this District, holden at Barrie on Tuesday, the eleventh day of July last, representing the imperfect state of the court house, and suggesting some alterations to remedy the evils complained of. Also recommending some improvements in the ventilation of the lower cells in the gaol—building wood houses—and remarks upon a subject of great importance, the want of water in the prison.

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I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

JAS. ROBT. GOWAN,

Chairman of the Quarter Sessions

of the District of Simcoe.

To

Jacob Æmilius Irving, Esq.,

Warden of the Municipal Council District of Simcoe.

The Grand Jury of our Sovereign Lady, the Queen, assembled in the Court House, at Barrie, on Tuesday the 11th day of July, 1843, beg leave to present to the Magistrates of the District, the imperfect state of the Court House, the water on the roof penetrating to the lower rooms, having a tendency to destroy the building. In the opinion of the Jurors a remedy for this evil might be provided at a small expense by removing the walls or parapet and extending the roof over the building, by which a free course would be given to the water. They further recommend that the ground on the north side be sloped from the building so as to prevent the water interfering with the wall.

They further beg leave to draw the attention of the Magistrates to the ventilation of the lower cells in the gaol, which they consider must be injurious to the health of the prisoners, and which they think might be remedied by admitting a thorough air, as in the cells above. There appears also a deficiency in the means of supplying water to the prison, the present well appearing to be perfectly dry, a remedy for which in the opinion of the Jurors can be found only in obtaining water from another source, as the present well has been already dug to the depth of 50 feet. There appears also a necessity for wood houses, and for levelling the ground immediately surrounding the wall and sloping it off; a drain is also required in one of the yards to carry off the water.

Signed on behalf of the Grand Jury.

LEWIS B. ALGERO,  
Foreman.

Medonte, 29th July, 1843.

SIR,—I have the honor to request that you will submit for the consideration of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe the subjoined observations:

1.—The re-union of Upper and Lower Canada has had the inevitable effect of placing the inhabitants under the anomalous action of laws incompatible with an impartial administration of justice, and under the pressure of assessments, which should bear equally upon the people, placed as they now are under the same Government and Legislature.

2.—To obviate this serious inconvenience, the Municipal Councils of several Districts of Canada West have already taken up this question, and are about to petition the Legislature to take up the important question of the revision of those laws which regulate the assessment, and expenditure of money, for the Administration of Justice in Canada East and West.

3.—That the Municipal Council, over which you preside, will, during their present session, urge by petition, the remedy of a grievance such as that

alluded to, I have no doubt, and I am confident that the Legislature will at once perceive the necessity of placing, forthwith, Her Majesty's subjects in both sections of the Province upon an equal footing—who should be taxed and benefited alike.

4.—At present, every item for the Administration of Justice down to that paid for sweeping the chimneys of the District Buildings, in Canada East, is disbursed from the public treasury of the Province,—while everything is paid from District Assessment in Canada West, contrary to every principle of equal justice.

5.—The Municipal Council of this District are powerless, at present, and must continue so for years to come, burdened as we are with an enormous debt, and deprived, as the Council are, of the funds levied by licenses upon taverns, shops, distillery and the fines of various denominations, which are paid into the chest of the Receiver-General of the Province instead of being placed at the disposal or appropriation of the Council for the improvement of the highways of the District. This should be rectified as soon as possible, but I beg leave to repeat, that however desirable the prompt remedy for the evil complained of may be, much will depend upon the prayer of the District Councils, by petition to the Provincial Legislature in the ensuing session, when I purpose using my best endeavor, and to co-operate with the Hon. Member for South Lincoln, and other members of the Legislative Assembly to obtain a revision of the laws of the re-United Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada.

6.—The Canada Wheat and Flour Bill has ere this received Her Majesty's assent, having passed the Imperial Parliament, and I would impress upon the consideration of the Municipal Council of this great agricultural district, the importance of petitioning the Provincial Legislature in the ensuing session, to complete the measure of Agricultural Protection, by passing a Bill (which will not require the assent of Her Majesty or of being laid upon the table of the Imperial Parliament) to impose duties upon produce and live and dead stock imported into the Province from the United States.

7.—The Municipal Council will, in its wisdom and discretion, determine to what Hon. Member of the Legislative Council to confide their petitions upon various important questions—but I beg leave to state that I have ever found the Hon. Peter B. deBlaquiere, late Warden of the District of Brock, anxious to afford me both advice and assistance, and the farmers of the Province are much indebted to that hon. gentleman for the perseverance he evinced in carrying through the Provincial Legislature the Canada Wheat and Flour Bill, when there was a disposition in a high quarter to postpone the consideration of the question; at the same time, in justice to the memory of the late lamented Governor-General, Sir Charles Bagot, I must say that he felt all the importance of the measure.

8.—I am quite certain that you, Sir, and the Municipal Council over which you preside, will give me credit for an anxious desire to elicit their opinions upon all questions of importance to the prosperity of the people of Simcoe, or the general welfare of Canada.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

To

J. Amelius Irving, Esq.,

ELMES STEELE.

Warden of the Municipal Council of Simcoe.

Medonte, Coldwater, 5th of Aug., 1843.

Str.—That you may lose no time in taking the necessary steps for the election of a new Councillor for the united Townships of Medonte and Mat-

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I trust it will not be considered out of place here to express to you the high sense I entertain of your obliging and courteous conduct during the time you have presided as Warden of the Simcoe District.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

To  
J. E. Irying, Esq.,  
Warden Simcoe District.

GEO. WILSON,  
late M. S. D. C.

BY-LAW No. 5.

*A By-Law Imposing a Tax upon the Inhabitants of Certain School Districts of the several Townships therein named, to be applied to the Building of School Houses therein, and for defraying the expense of Fuel, Furniture, &c., &c.*

WHEREAS, an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Queen Victoria, chap. 18, entitled an Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make further provision for the establishment and maintenance of common schools throughout the Province, it is among other things enacted that it shall be the duty of the School Commissioner in those Townships where there is a want of school houses, or when those hitherto used are inconveniently situated, to acquire fresh sites and erect new school houses and for that purpose to furnish estimates of the probable cost of the same, together with estimates for fuel, repairs, furniture or other necessary expenses attendant upon keeping the school house in the township in a proper condition for occupation. And, whereas the School Commissioners for the Townships of West Gwillimbury and Adjala have furnished such estimate and petitioned the Council to have the amount of the same raised by assessment upon the inhabitants of the several School Districts respectively, pursuant to the provisions of the before recited Act.

1. Be it therefore enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, that in order to raise the money required for the above-mentioned purpose, and to defray the expenses of raising, levying and collecting the same, the Assessor of each and every Township aforesaid in this County, for the present year, shall and they are hereby required to furnish the Clerk of the District Council within one calendar month from and after the passing of this Act, a certified copy of the assessment roll of the respective townships, as far as it regards the limits of the several School Districts hereinafter mentioned in said Townships, distinguishing the ratable property in each School District separately with the valuation of such property extended, upon delivery of which said copy of roll to the said Clerk, every Assessor shall be entitled to demand and receive from the Treasurer of the District, upon production of the Clerk's receipt, for said copy of roll, the sum of two shillings and sixpence for every hundred names therein contained. And it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the District Council for the time being, to make out a fair copy of said roll and to assess the following sums equally upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of West Gwillimbury, residing in School Districts number three, four, five and seven, the sum of seven pounds each, and also School District number ten the sum of five pounds. In the Township of Adjala upon all persons possessing ratable property residing in School District number three, the sum of twenty-five pounds, and it shall be the duty of the said District Council Clerk so soon as said polls shall have been completed, to cause the same to be delivered to the Collector of the several before named Townships respectively.

2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Collectors of said Townships shall and they are hereby authorized and required to ask, demand and receive from all persons named in the said rolls the sums therein stated as their proportion of said assessment, and to raise, levy and collect the same in the same manner as the other assessed taxes are now raised, levied and collected, and shall pay the same over to the Treasurer of the District, for which service the said Collectors shall each be paid by the said Treasurer at the rate of five per cent. on the amount so levied, paid and collected.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Treasurer of the District shall keep, or cause to be kept, a book containing an account for each School District in every Township, and enter the sums paid into his hands by said Collectors on the credit side of such account, and the expenses of collection on the debit side thereof, and shall pay over any balance due the School Districts respectively upon receipt of the warrant to School Commissioners for the Townships in which such School District shall be situated, pursuant to the provisions of the said before cited Act.

Passed 10th August, 1843.

Sgd. J. ÆMILIUS IRVING,

WARDEN, D. S.

JOHN MCWATT, Clerk, D.S.M.C.

BY-LAW No. 6.

*To Confirm a Centre Road through the Township of Oro.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, that the Centre Road surveyed and laid out by Neil McLean, surveyor of roads through the Township of Oro, reported to the Council at its last sitting, be and the same is hereby established and confirmed as a public Road or Highway of great and manifest utility and importance to the public.

Passed 10th August, 1843.

Sgd. J. ÆMILIUS IRVING,

WARDEN D. S.

J. MCWATT, Clerk D. S. M. C.

BY-LAW No. 7.

*A By-Law to Establish a Road from the Grist Mill in the Township of Vespra to the Sunnidale Road.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, that the road surveyed and reported by Miles Kenny, a Road Surveyor, from the Grist Mill in the fourth concession of the Township of Vespra, to the Sunnidale Road, be and the same is hereby established and confirmed as a public Road or Highway of importance to the public.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the petitioners applying for the surveying and reporting said road shall pay to the said Surveyor his legal charges for the same.

Passed 10th August, 1843.

Sgd. J. ÆMILIUS IRVING,

WARDEN D. S.

J. MCWATT, Clerk, D. S. M. C.

BY-LAW No. 8.

*A By-Law to Establish a Road from the third lot in the Fourth Concession to ninth lot in the same concession of the Township of Vespra.*

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And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the petitioners  
for the surveying and reporting said road shall pay to the said Surveyor his  
legal charges for the same.

Passed 10th August, 1843.

Sgd. J. EMILIUS IRVING,

WARDEN, D. S.

JOHN MCWATT, Clerk, D. S. M. C.

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

Fourth Quarterly Meeting,

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 14th November,

1843.

The Council met.

Members present—Messrs. Adani, Armson, Carswell, Dallas, Morris, Ross, Snell, A. Wilson.

In the absence of the Warden the Clerk called the meeting to order.

Mr. A. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Ross,

That Mr Dallas be appointed chairman.—Carried.

Certain letters and an address from the Warden were read and laid on the table

District Surveyor's report, No. 1, presented.

Read and laid on the table.

The following petitions were presented and laid on the table :

Of John Bayley, of Adjala, praying for enquiry into the conduct of the Township Councillor of Adjala, by Mr. Armson.

Of the same, praying for enquiry into the conduct of the School Commissioners of the Township of Adjala, by Mr. Armson.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Snell,

Ordered—That the petition of John Bayley, praying for enquiry into the conduct of the Township Councillor of Adjala, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Snell,

Ordered—That the petition of John Bayley, praying for enquiry into the conduct of the School Commissioners, be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Ross,

Ordered—That the address of the Warden be referred to a Select Committee to consist of Messrs. Dallas and Ross.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the report of the District Surveyor be referred to a Select Committee to consist of Messrs. Wilson and Morris.

Mr. Armson gives notice that to-morrow he will call on the Committee on Finance to furnish a list of the different officers, for whom salaries are to be provided.

Adjourned.

J DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1843.

The Council met.

Mr. Dallas in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the Minutes of the last day of the sitting of the Council in August last be now read.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That as the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council for the last day of their sitting in August last, now read, have not been signed by the Warden, the Chairman, in the absence of the Warden, do sign the same.

The following petitions were presented and laid on the table:—

Of the School Commissioners of the Township of Essa, praying for a Tax to be levied for school purposes on the inhabitants residing in School District No. 1, by Mr. Morris.

Of the inhabitants residing in School District No. 6, West Gwillimbury, praying that the assessment imposed on that District be not now collected, by Mr. Armson.

Of Francis Scott, complaining of the School Commissioners of the Township of Adjala, and praying for redress, by Mr. Snell.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

Ordered—That the petition of the School Commissioners of the Township of Essa, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the petition of Francis Scott be referred to the Committee on Education.

On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Ross,

Ordered—That the petition of the inhabitants of School District No. 6 of the Township of West Gwillimbury, be referred to the Committee on Education.

On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That in consequence of the non-attendance of Messrs. Walker and Jells, the following Councillors be appointed in their stead on the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, viz.:—Messrs. Wilson and Morris.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

Ordered—That the Committee on Finance and Assessment be instructed to lay before this Council the probable amount of the revenue and expenditure for the current year, as far as practicable, accompanied by a list of the District officers, for whom this Council has to provide remuneration.

Several accounts laid before the Council by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Snell,

Ordered—That the accounts presented to the Council be now read.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Snell,

Ordered—That the accounts now read be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Ross,

Ordered—That in consequence of the absence of Mr. Garbutt, the name of A. Wilson be withdrawn from the Standing Committee on Roads and added to the Standing Committee on Education.

On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Carswell.

Ordered—That in consequence of the arrival of Mr. Garbutt, Mr. Wilson be relieved from attendance on the Standing Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up a report.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the report of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges be adopted.

The Committee on Finance brought up a report. No 1.

Received and read.

J DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
Moved that the report now read be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Morris, in amendment,  
Ordered—That the 1st report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment be not now adopted, but be referred to a Committee of the whole forthwith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole thereon. Mr. Armson in the chair.

The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had risen and approved of the report without amendment. Report adopted.

Adjourned.

Sgd. J. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

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THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1843.

The Council met.

Mr. Dallas in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

Mr. Ross presented the petition of Patrick McKernan, praying relief in consequence of taking a contract too low, and for remuneration for extra work.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
Ordered—That the petition of Patrick McKernan be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Education to the Treasurer, dated 25th June, 1843, presented to the Council.

Read and laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
Ordered—That the copy of the letter now read be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Snell.

Ordered—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of insuring the public buildings of the District of Simcoe, and to report thereon, the Committee to consist of Messrs. Ross and Garbutt,

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
Ordered—That the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment be instructed to draft a By-law imposing a tax of one penny farthing in the pound upon all ratable property in this District, for District purposes, agreeably to a resolution passed at the last session of this Council.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the Chairman of the Council issue his warrant for the payment of Mr. Neil McLean, for surveying the road through Oro, to the amount of £8.0s.0d.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up a report, No. 1.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Carswell,

Ordered—That the report of the Standing Committee on Education, now read, be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the Sheriff be requested to advertise for and receive proposals for supplying seventy-five cords of hardwood to be delivered, part at the gaol and part at the court house, at such time and in such quantity as he may see fit.

Adjourned.

Sgd. JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

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FRIDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER. 1843.

The Council met.

Mr. Dallas in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up a report No. 2, accompanied by a By-Law, imposing a tax on all ratable property belonging to the inhabitants of the District of Simcoe, for the Administration of Justice and School purposes.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the 2nd report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment be adopted, and that the By-Law be now read.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the By-Law relative to the Assessment of ratable property for the District and School purposes, be now read a second time, and that the 34th Rule be dispensed with, as far as relates thereto.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the By-Law be not now referred to a Committee of the whole, but that it be read a third time forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, and that it be engrossed, and signed by the Chairman.

The Treasurer presented a letter relating to the locks on the doors of the different public offices.

Read and laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the locks be examined by the District Surveyor and reported upon to the Council forthwith.

Several accounts laid before the Council.

Read and laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the accounts now read be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That in absence of the Warden, whose seal was adopted as the seal of this Council, and as the seal ordered by this Council has not yet been received, the Chairman be authorized to affix his seal to such documents as may be necessary for the present session of this Council.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That in consequence of Mr. Snell absenting himself, the name of Mr. Walker be added, so as to supply his (Mr. Snell's) place in the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

The District Surveyor presented report No. 2.

Read and laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor's report, now read, be referred to the Select Committee on Surveyor's report.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought in a report, No. 3.

Received and laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up a report, No. 4.

Received, read and laid on the table.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the gaoler be instructed to procure for the use of the gaol four small pine tables, four benches, four cloth racks, likewise four small tubs or basins for washing in, four water pails, and four drinking cups, one of each for the day rooms in the gaol.

JAMES DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Ross,  
 Ordered—That the Chairman do name a Contingent Committee to consist of three members. The Chairman nominated Messrs. Carswell, Wilson and Morris.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Garbutt  
 Ordered—That the Sheriff be requested to procure for the use of the gaol, one stove together with a sufficient quantity of large pipes; and that he also sell the small pipes belonging to the District, which are not found to answer a good purpose.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
 Ordered—That the District Surveyor be instructed to get a pily erected at a convenient place near the court house, but that he do not expend over the sum of three pounds in the erection thereof.

Adjourned.

Sgd. JAMES DALLAS,  
 CHAIRMAN.

SATURDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1843.

The Council met.

Mr. Dallas in the chair.

The District Surveyor presented a report, No. 3.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the Surveyor's report, now read, be referred to the Select Committee on Surveyor's report.

Several accounts laid before the Council.

On the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the accounts now before the Council be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

Auditors presented a report, No. 1.

The Select Committee on the Warden's address brought up a report.

On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the report of the Select Committee on the Warden's address, now read, be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the reply to the Warden's address, now read, be adopted, signed by the Chairman, and transmitted to the Warden.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up a report, No. 5.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted, and the account sent to the Auditors be accompanied with said report.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up a report, No. 6.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Auditors presented report No. 2 on Treasurer's accounts, accompanied with a statement of same.

Received, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Armson moved, seconded by Mr. Walker,

That in consequence of the particular circumstances of the case of the surveys of two roads in the Township of Vespra, the Councillor for said township be allowed to retain a sum out of the money now in the hands of the Township Clerk for said township sufficient to pay the expenses of said survey, provided the said Councillor be required to do so by a requisition to that effect, signed by at least twenty resident householders or freeholders of said township.

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Ordered—That the By-Law now read be read a second time forthwith,  
and that the 34th Rule be dispensed with for that purpose.  
On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
Ordered—That the Council do not resolve itself into a Committee of the  
whole, but that the By-Law be read a third time forthwith  
On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
Ordered—That the By-Law now read do pass be engrossed, and signed by  
the Chairman.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up a report, No. 2.  
Received and read.  
On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,  
Ordered—That the report of the Standing Committee on Education now  
read be adopted.

The District Auditors brought up a report, No. 3, on the Clerk of the  
Peace's accounts.

Received, read and adopted.  
The Standing Committee on Education brought in a report, No. 3.  
Received and read.  
On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,  
Ordered—That the report of the Standing Committee on Education now  
read be adopted.

The Committee on Finance brought up a report, No. 7.  
Received and read.  
On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.  
The Committee on Finance brought up report No. 8, accompanied by a  
By-Law fixing allowances to certain District officers.

Received and read.  
On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.  
By-Law read a first time.  
On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
Ordered—That the By-Law now read be read a second time forthwith,  
and that the 34th Rule be dispensed with as far as relates thereto.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
Ordered—That the By-Law now read a second time be not referred to a  
Committee of the whole, but that it be read a third time forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
Ordered that the By-Law do now pass, be engrossed, and signed by the  
Chairman.

The Select Committee on District Surveyors report brought up a report.  
Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.  
Auditors presented report No. 4.

Received and read.  
On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Ross,  
Ordered—That as the account of the Clerk of the Peace has been reduced  
by the Auditors to the sum of £36.12.14., the Chairman be directed to issue  
his warrant for the payment of the same.

The Committee on Contingencies brought up a report.  
Received and read.  
On the motion of Mr. Carswell, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,  
Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.  
On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Carswell in the chair.

On the motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Walker,

It was unanimously resolved, that the cordial thanks of this Council be given to Mr. Dallas for his able and impartial conduct in presiding over this Council.

Adjourned.

Sgd. JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

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# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the November Session, A.D., 1843.

J. ÆMILIUS IRVING, ESQ., WARDEN.

REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Standing Committee on Education beg leave to report in reference to the following petitions referred to them for their consideration:

In that of John Bayley, of the Township of Adjala, your Committee cannot recommend the interference of this Council in his behalf. Having carefully examined the School Act they are unable to discover that the Council have any control over the Township School Commissioners.

And as respects the petition of Francis Scott, of the Township of Adjala, complaining of an unjust division of the government grant from the school fund for the year 1842 by the School Commissioners of said township, your Committee are unable to recommend to the Council any mode of relief in said case, as the whole of the moneys for said township have been drawn from the Treasurer, and the Council having already delegated their power to the Township Commissioners to apportion the same, in consequence of the Council having no returns to guide them.

Also the petition of the School Commissioners of the Township of Easa, praying for an assessment in the sum of five pounds in School District No. 1, for the purpose of erecting a school house in said District: your Committee cannot recommend the prayer of said petition to your favorable reception, as it is expected the school laws are about to be materially altered. They further pray for said School District's share of assessed taxes for school purposes—they having no school in operation—may be also applied to erecting said school house, but your Committee are unable to discover that the School Act confers any such power on the District Council.

And likewise the petition of the inhabitants of School District No. 6, West Gwillimbury, praying that the assessment ordered by the Council at its May session, at the request of the School Commissioners of that Township, may not be collected this year. And as the petitioners comprise, with a small exception, the whole of the inhabitants of said District, who assign amongst other reasons that the expected alteration of the school laws may so materially affect said School District as to render said school house not necessary, which your Committee think a sufficient reason to recommend the Council to comply with the prayer of said petitioners, and that the Clerk be directed to write

with as little delay as possible to the Collector of the said township directing him to stay the collection of said assessment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Standing Committee on Education, to which was referred the copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Education, stating the amount of the Government apportionment of the school fund for the District of Simcoe,

beg leave to report that there being no document in possession of the Council by which they would be enabled to comply with the requirements of the School Act, they would therefore recommend that the Council would direct that the Councillors from each township should furnish the Clerk with a report of their School Districts, stating the number of children resident therein between the ages of five and sixteen, said returns to contain the total number of such children in each township, and that the Clerk be directed to write to those Councillors who are now absent, and also to the town clerks of those townships who are not represented in this Council, requiring them to make similar returns to the Clerk of the District Council with as little delay as possible, so that a just apportionment may be made of said funds according to the requirements of the School Act, in order to prevent its loss to the District.

Your Committee would further report, that on enquiry of the Treasurer they find that no further taxes for school purposes for 1842 have been received by him since the last session, but your Committee would recommend that on the receipt of said taxes from the townships, the Council do empower the Treasurer to pay the same on the receipt of the proper warrant from the School Commissioners of said township.

Your Committee would likewise recommend that the School Commissioners be instructed that each School District receive its own share only of the taxes for school purposes.

Your Committee would further recommend that the same plan be adopted on the receipt of the taxes for the current year, and also recommend that the Treasurer of this District be directed to apply to the Receiver-General for the sum of £561.11s. 2d., being the amount apportioned to this District from common school fund for 1843.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

18th November, 1843.

REPORT NO. 3 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee would recommend that a report be forwarded to the Superintendent of Education, in compliance with the 5th clause of the 5th section of the Common School Act, stating that the Council has ordered the assessment for school purposes and that they are unable to report on the state of the common schools, not having received the yearly reports from the School Commissioners of the different Townships.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ARMSON  
CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 18th Nov.

REPORT No. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

Your Committee on Finance and Assessment beg respectfully to report to the Council, that they have examined the accounts presented by Neil McLean, Hugh Scobie and Thomas Meldrum, and are of opinion that Neil McLean is entitled to be paid for the trouble of surveying the road running through the Township of Oro, but object to the amount claimed by him. They consider that he ought to be allowed at the rate of 15/ per day for the time during which he was engaged in the work, and £2 as charged by him for his attendance on the Council, amounting in all to eight Pounds Cy. The Committee recommend the payment of six pounds, thirteen shillings and nine pence to Hugh Scobie—also the sum of two pounds ten shillings to Thomas Meldrum.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 15th November, 1843.

REPORT No. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee on Finance and Assessment beg respectfully to report to the Council that, in compliance with the resolution of the Council passed on 10th August last, they have prepared a By-Law which they now beg to submit to the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 17th Nov., 1843.

REPORT No. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee on Finance and Assessment beg leave respectfully to report to the Council :

That they have carefully considered the probable revenue and expenditure of this District for the year 1843, and in the first place beg to state that the revenue to be derived from the tax of one penny in the pound, on account of the gaol and court house, appears to be as follows :—

1d. per pound on the valuation of the District,		
£145,766 .....		£607 7 2
Deduct portion of tax irrecoverable, 6 per cent....		36 8 4
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Balance of revenue .....		£570 18 10
Expenditure, interest on £7000 Debenture .....	£420 0 0	
Balance imputed to the discharge of the debt on the		
Public Buildings.....	150 18 10	
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1½d. per pound on the valuation of the District, £145,766 .....	£756 3 11½
Deduct, allowance to Assessors and Collectors.....	£100 14 0
Portion of taxes irrecoverable, 6 per cent .....	45 12 0
	£146 6 0
Balance of revenue.....	£612 17 11½
Fines from Magistrates and Quarter Sessions.....	15 0 0
	£627 17 11½
Total revenue.....	
The probable expenditure on this account for .. year 1843 amounts to.....	£810 17 8½
Leaving a deficiency on the expenditure of the year of	£182 19 9

The Committee would, shortly, observe that, notwithstanding they have endeavored to keep the expenditure as low as possible, it still greatly exceeds the income; and this is in a great measure to be attributed to the large amount incurred on repairs and furniture for the gaol and court house, and which expense could only occur again to a limited extent.

The Committee are of opinion that salaries and allowances ought to be granted to the following officers, viz:—Treasurer, Clerk of the Council, District Surveyor, Auditors, Gaoler and Court House Keeper.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
Chairman.

Barrie, 17th Nov., 1843.

REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Committee on Finance beg leave respectfully to report to the Council, that in their opinion, the following sums ought to be granted to the several officers of the districts, whose designations are prefixed, for the year ending 31st December, 1843:

The Treasurer of the District in view of all fees for services performed for this district.....	£100 0 0
The Clerk of the Council for his services.....	37 10 0
The District Surveyor for his services.....	25 0 0
The Auditors each £ 1.5/ for their services.....	2 10 0
The Gaoler.....	70 0 0
The Court House keeper.....	7 10 0

In all..... £242 10 0

The amount of salaries and allowances above recommended by the Committee consider to be low, but are compelled to limit the amount on account of the sequence of the revenue being so small.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS  
CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 18 Nov., 1843.

REPORT NO. 5 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Committee on Finance and Assessment beg leave respectfully to report to the Council.

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leave respectfully to report

That they have carefully gone over the account of the Clerk of the Peace, submitted to them, and are of opinion that the sum of twelve pounds charged for four additional columns to the assessment roll, ought to be reduced to eight pounds, being at the rate of 10/ each roll. The committee consider that the sum of four pounds ten shillings charged 9th Nov., for three aggregate returns, furnished to the Governor General, ought to be reduced to one pound ten shillings, being the sum allowed for one copy by statute, as the Committee do not see that the Council are called upon to pay the expense of documents to Government, not authorised by law. The Committee consider that the sum of one pound fifteen chillings and seven pence half penny, charged for letters and postage, should not be allowed, as the same were not written in pursuance of any authority imposed by law. This would reduce the amount of the account from £43.18.1½ to £35.2.6, which said sum of thirty five pounds two shillings and sixpence, the Committee are of opinion ought to be allowed.

All of which is respectfully submitted

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 18 Nov., 1843.

REPORT NO. 6 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee on Finance and Assessment beg respectfully to report to the Council,

That they have examined the account of John Sibbald, and are of opinion that it is quite proper to furnish the Treasurer with a book case and desk ; that the articles furnished are probably worth the amount charged, but the Committee cannot recommend the payment of so large a sum as £10.15/ for such a purpose. They would limit the expense of such articles to five pounds, and would recommend to the council to order the District Surveyor to procure such articles for the Treasurer, not exceeding the above amount of five pounds.

The Committee are of opinion that the Treasurer ought not to have ordered furniture so expensive for his office.

The Committee find the account of Obadiah Geager to be correct, as well as that of Dougal and Maitland.

The Committee have to report that they were desirous to have brought before the Council the accounts of the late Treasurer, Mr. Richardson, but were prevented doing so, from the absence of several vouchers.

The Committee have enquired into the petition of Patrick McKernan, and have no hesitation in saying that the petitioner has not any claim whatever upon the District, of the nature stated in his petition. The work was open to competition, and therefore no such claim ought to be admitted. The petitioner's account is also over stated, as compared with the statement of the District Surveyor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 18 Nov., 1843.

REPORT NO. 7 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee on Finance and Assessment beg respectfully to report to the Council,

That they have examined the account due to Marks & Burgoyne, and find it correct ; also the account due to William Lawler, and find it correct ; also

the account due to Obadiah Geager, and find it correct; also the account due to Moses Hayter, and find it correct.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Barrie, 18th November, 1843.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment beg leave respectfully to report to the Council, that they recommend to the Council the adoption of the accompanying By-Law.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Barrie, 18th November, 1843.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges having duly considered the petition of John Bailey, referred to them, beg leave to submit the following as their general report :

Your Committee having considered the matter, with the statement of Mr. McCallough, is of the opinion that he has expended the money upon the roads, but it appears not according to the statute in that case, and begs your council will consider that his doing so was through ignorance and not with any fraudulent intention.

Received in the year 1843, the sum of two pounds ten shillings, having expended said money on the sixth concession between No. 10 and 11, opening about one third of the said concession two rod wide, and making eight rods of causeway in a fit and proper manner, done by the Councillor and able-bodied men. This I certify I have done according to my skill and knowledge.

The third portion of money was ten pounds, being expended on the sixth concession line, on lot No. 12, between the sixth and seventh concessions.

Also paid Surveyor .....	£ 6 12 6
	0 12 6
Two chain bearers at 3/9 .....	0 15 0
To the Township Clerk .....	1 0 0
Causewaying between lots 10 and 11 .....	1 0 0

£10 0 6

Expended of money given to Patrick Patten for the use of roads in the Township of Adjala, which money was distributed to the following uses by order of Councillor of said Township :

Firstly—The £16. 12s. 6d. I advertised for weeks by public notice on the Big Swamp to be opened by said money. No tenders having been given in with the exception of one, I agreed with that one for 7/6 per rod. He would not give security. Then having made an agreement with the settlers they brought on their oxen gratis, the men receiving for wages 3/6 per day. Fifty-two rod having been done for the said money, which being eight rod over at the rate of 7/6 per rod—which work has been done in a satisfactory manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ADAM,  
CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SURVEYOR'S REPORTS.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee to whom was referred the Reports of the District Surveyor, having taken the same into consideration, are of opinion that the District Surveyor acted prudently in disposing of the materials left from the parapets and roof of the court house, and in promptly securing the roof from further damage so far as he could foresee. But would have wished that he had stated the particular items of expenditure of the various alterations, additions and improvements, which required his superintendence, &c.—in the form of an account—which would have been a check upon the bills presented by individuals for the performance of said work, &c.

Your Committee fully concur with the District Surveyor in saying that the masonry of the lower part of the back or north wall of the court house has been put up in a very slovenly and imperfect manner, but do not recommend anything being done to it at this unseasonable time of the year, and beg to suggest that when the same is being pinnied and pointed, some alteration be made in the windows of the lower story in said wall, the present ones being both too small and improperly placed.

Your Committee recommend the locks to be taken off the Treasurer's, the Sheriff's and the Clerk of the District's offices, and sold for the use of the District, and that there be French latches substituted in their stead.

In reference to the third report of the District Surveyor, recommending the roofing in of the entrance to the gaol, the Committee approve of the proposed plan and suggest to the Council that it be carried into effect, provided the expense do not exceed that stated in said report.

With respect to the building erected by the Sheriff, your Committee believe that it has been put up without permission, and is consequently liable to be removed at any time by order of the Council, but would decline any action relative thereto at this late hour of the session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT ROSS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 18th November, 1843.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee to whom was referred the farewell address of the Warden, beg to report :—That a reply be transmitted to the Warden of the District, and recommend as follows :

HONORABLE SIR,—

We have had the honor to receive the farewell address transmitted to us by you, dated Kingston, 10th Nov., 1843, and assure you that we have much regretted your absence at the present session of the Council.

We offer you our sincere thanks for the unwearied attention which you have displayed in the discharge of your duties since your appointment as Warden of this District, as well as for the courtesy you have always shown towards the Members of the Council ; and we justly appreciate the good feelings you have expressed towards the body over which you preside.

Trusting that, in the high office in which you are placed, your actions may prove to be beneficial to the country, and in particular to this District,

We are, dear Sir, your very obedient servants, signed for and on behalf of the Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 18th Nov., 1843.

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## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Committee on Contingencies beg leave to report that they have examined the various accounts and allowances necessary to be granted for work, services, &c., and having found them correct, would recommend that the Chairman do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums, as soon as funds are at his disposal:

To John McWatt, for postage.....	£0 12 9
" " " for candles.....	0 3 4
" " " for stationery.....	0 6 0
" James Mains, 5 days' attendance, constable.....	1 5 0
" Jonathan Sissons, 5 days' attendance, messenger.....	1 5 0

Amounting in all to.....£3 12 1

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CARSWELL,  
CHAIRMAN.

## STATEMENT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Statement of moneys received by James Adam, Treasurer of the District of Simcoe, from J. S. Howard, Treasurer of the Home District, on account of Taxes for Court House and Gaol, for the year 1842.

1843.	£	s.	d.
June 20—To paid Municipal Council Contingent account for February Session, voucher No. 1.....	40	9	9
— " Paid Municipal Council Contingent account for May Session, voucher No. 2.....	14	3	5½
17— " Paid Interest on Debentures to 1st July, 1843, on Nos. 15, 18, 19 and 21.....	30	0	0
— " Paid on Debentures Nos. 14, 17, 20 and 12.....	21	15	0
— " " on Debentures Nos. 24, 25, 4, 5, 22, 23, 6, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 33.....	71	12	6
July 28— " Paid on Debentures Nos. 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38.....	113	4	6
24— " " Mr. Ross, for a table for the Treasurer's office, voucher No. 4.....	1	2	6
Aug. 5— " Wolf-scalp Certificates, vouchers 1, 2, 3.....	4	10	0
12— " Paid John Pearsall, conveying James Dunn, a pauper lunatic, to the asylum in Toronto, as per order of Sessions, voucher No. 4.....	2	10	0
Balance.....	136	9	5
	£435	17	1½

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1843.	£	s.	d.
April 15—By received Taxes.....	290	11	8
June 17— " " ".....	69	11	10
Aug. 5— " " ".....	70	11	1½
7— " " Fines from Justices and Court of Quarter Sessions.....	5	2	6
	£435	17	1½
By balance.....	£136	9	5

Examined and found correct.

R. J. WILLIAMS, } AUDITORS.  
JOHN ATKINSON }

Barrie, Nov. 18th, 1843.

## AUDITORS' REPORT No. 1.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Auditors beg leave to report to the Council of the District of Simcoe that having examined the various accounts presented to them against the District, have found them as follows:

No.		£	s.	d.
1	Moses Hayter's acct.....correct	10	9	10½
2	Matthew Coates, Esq., acct.....	0	8	2
3	A. Donnevan's acct.....	0	8	9
4	Jno. Sibbald acct.....	2	2	6
5	Marks & Burgoynes acct.....	6	0	0
6	John McWatt acct.....	1	4	10½
7	Robert Cathcart acct.....	10	5	0
8	Workman Brothers acct.....	0	5	10
9	Workman Brothers acct.....	1	16	9
10	W. Smith, for goods from J. Harris, ac.	3	17	6
11	Workman Brothers acct.....	16	5	0
12	A. Burnett acct.....	7	8	1½
13	B. W. Smith, for J. Mains, work.....	0	14	8½
14	John Sibbald acct.....	2	2	6
15	Charles Paynter acct.....	0	12	0
16	Nancy Shane acct.....	3	15	0
17	Hugh Scobie, atationery acct.....	13	15	0
18	John Atkinson acct.....	0	12	6
19	John Bacon acct.....	11	17	6
20	A. Sibbald acct.....	2	15	7

Total amount.....£26 8 1

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. WILLIAMS, }  
JOHN ATKINSON, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, Nov. 16th, 1843.

## AUDITORS' REPORT No. 2.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

We, the Auditors of the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report that we have examined and audited the District Treasurer's accounts and found them correct and kept in a clear and businesslike manner.

And that we also find a balance of one hundred and thirty-six pounds, nine shillings and five pence remaining in the Treasurer's hands.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. WILLIAMS, }  
JOHN ATKINSON, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, 18th Nov., 1843.

## AUDITORS' REPORT No. 4.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Auditors beg leave to report to the District Council that they have

examined and audited the following accounts :

No.		£	s.	d.	
1	—Moses Hayter, for wood.....	correct..	0	14	0
2	—Obadiah Gager, for wood.....	"	2	17	6
3	—William H. Lawler, for teaming.....	"	1	15	0
4	—Marks & Burgoyne, book case.....	"	2	0	0
Whole amount.....			£7	6	6

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. WILLIAMS, }  
JOHN ATKINSON, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, Nov. 18th, 1843.

AUDITORS' REPORT No. 5.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Auditors beg leave to report to the District Council that they have examined and corrected the following accounts :

No.		£	s.	d.	
1	—Hugh Scobie, rolls and books.....	correct..	6	13	6
2	—Neil McLean, for surveying.....	"	8	0	0
3	—Thos. Meldrum, book case.....	"	2	10	0

Whole amount.....£17 3 6

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. WILLIAMS, }  
JOHN ATKINSON, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, Nov. 18, 1843.

AUDITORS' REPORT No. 6.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Auditors beg leave to report to the District Council that they have examined and corrected the following accounts :

No.		£	s.	d.	
1	—Patrick McKernan, per District Surveyor's Report.....	correct..	5	7	6
2	—Obadiah Gager, cd. wood.....	"	1	15	0
3	—Dougal & Maitland's account.....	"	23	8	9

Total.....£30 11 3

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. WILLIAMS, }  
JOHN ATKINSON, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, Nov. 18th, 1843.

WARDEN'S FAREWELL ADDRESS TO THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE  
DISTRICT OF SIMCOE.

*Gentlemen of the District Council of Simcoe :*

As I am unable to meet you in Council at this your fourth quarterly meeting, and as the probability is that before you could meet again the law will have been dispensed with or abrogated by which I was appointed to the honor of being your Warden, I should have no other opportunity of address-

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JACOB ÆMILIUS IRVING,

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FIRST WARDEN OF THE DISTRICT OF SIMCOE.

ing you than the present. Your reply to my first opening address to you as your Warden was couched in such kind and flattering terms that it inspired me with such confidence in the discharge of my duties as I could not otherwise have felt, and it was hailed by me as the happy presage of that unwearied and uninterrupted good feeling and harmony that has ever prevailed among us. And if my demerits and my best exertions as Warden have been crowned with any success, it is entirely to be attributed to your ready aid and faithful co-operation with me at all times in promoting and protecting the interests of your newly created District under such untoward circumstances as I trust it can never again be exposed to.

During the short period that these District Councils have been in existence, they have done much to disarm the hostility that they were assailed with on the Act coming first into operation. The objections made and the opposition enlisted against the Municipal District Act arose more from the spirit of political acrimony than sound reasoning

and sincere conviction, which I think is fully shewn from the increased satisfaction with which it is now regarded. And can it be otherwise, when out of forty-four District Councils in United Canada the greatest harmony and cordiality has prevailed, with the exception of but two, where the differences that arose, I apprehend, may be safely attributed to misunderstanding that would not again arise, and which was in no way creditable to the parties concerned, on whom the blame must entirely rest—if any, and not on the framers or projectors of the law.

I consider the institution of these District Councils an admirable one and peculiarly adapted to this country, though open to amendment, which I apprehend they will receive. Their value to the District of Simcoe has been apparent, if for no other reason, in the discoveries that have been made respecting the extraordinary and unparalleled proceedings connected with the District jail and court house buildings, and which might not have been brought to light without them.



JOHN McWATT,

FIRST CLERK OF THE DISTRICT OF SIMCOE.

By your untiring exertions in that respect alone must your constituents be satisfied that the confidence reposed in you was not unworthily bestowed. I am confident that those exertions continued in behalf of your District as they have hitherto been, will be of that character to deserve every success though you may not on all occasions command or obtain it.

If on any occasion, in the exercise of my duty as a member of the Honourable the Legislative Council, I can further your views or protect your interests, I trust you will not fail to apply to me, and may I hope that the discharge of my duties as Warden of your District may lead you to form a favorable impression of what it will be, if at any time in my power or in a more extended sphere of action.

Though my official intercourse is about to cease with you, I hope that of a private nature may not. Before my appointment as Warden I believe I was unknown even personally to many of you; your first reception of me was there-

fore not only particularly gratifying to my feelings, but was honorable to yourselves, as evincing the practice of that Christian precept that "charity thinketh no evil"—by your having put the most favorable construction on any action or circumstance connected with my character that you may have heard or witnessed.

I now, gentlemen, offer you my most respectful and sincere farewell.

J. EMILIUS IRVING, M.L.C.,

WARDEN SIMCOE DISTRICT.

Kingston, 10th Nov., 1843.

BY-LAW No. 9.

*A By-Law to Raise a Tax for District and Common School Purposes.*

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, that there be raised, levied and collected in the usual manner on all the ratable property belonging to the inhabitants of the District of Simcoe, liable to be assessed during the present year, a rate of one penny and one farthing in the pound on the assessed value of all such property, for the purpose of, and towards defraying the expenses of the Administration of Justice, and to provide for other liabilities of the said District.

Be it further enacted that, for the support of Common Schools and the payment of the teachers for the year 1843, there shall be raised, levied and collected on the ratable property of the District of Simcoe, a rate or assessment of three-fourths of a penny in the pound over and above all other rates and assessments raised for other purposes, which said rate or assessment of three farthings in the pound shall be assessed, levied and collected in the like manner and at the same time, as all other rates and assessments for the use of the said District are by law now assessed, levied and collected, to be recovered by the Collector from all persons neglecting or refusing to pay such rate or assessment, as provided for by the 10th clause of an Act passed in the 4th and 5th year of the reign of Victoria, chap. 18, entitled an Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make further provision for the establishment and maintenance of Common Schools throughout the Province.

Passed 17th November, 1843.

JAMES DALLAS

CHAIRMAN.

BY-LAW No. 10.

*A By-Law for the Laying Out or Alteration of Public Highways in the District of Simcoe.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, that in all cases when any application shall be made to any Surveyor of Highways to have any new road laid out or any road already laid out altered, and the same shall be of a local nature, those making the application shall be deemed liable to pay the expenses of the survey, together with the compensation determined by the Council to the owner or owners of the land through which the new roadway pass, and if it shall appear to the Council that the said alteration or new road is of manifest utility to the public at large, then in that case the same shall be paid for from the public moneys of the District, provided always nevertheless that the owner or owners, agent or agents thereof shall make application to be compensated for the land taken within three months from the date of the reports of such new road or alteration of such road.

2.—Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that such new road or alteration of road, when established by Act of Council, shall be made and kept in repair by statute labor, or in such manner as other public Highways

are made and repaired. Provided always that in all cases where compensation is demanded, no order shall issue directing statute labor thereon, unless a discharge or acquittal for compensation for such land taken for such purpose, or a release for the same, from the owner or owners thereof, or proof of a tender having been made of the value thereof as determined by the Council be produced to the satisfaction of the said Council.

3.—Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in all cases where damages or remuneration are claimed in consequence of any new road being laid out, on or across private property, that no damages or remuneration be allowed in any case where in the opinion of the Council the said private property is left as valuable or more valuable than it was before such roads were surveyed or laid out.

Passed 18th November, 1843.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

BY-LAW No. 11.

*A By-law to Fix Allowances to Certain District Officers.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, and it is hereby enacted by the authority thereof, that there shall be allowed and paid to the several District officers and servants hereinafter named the following sums for their services, percentage, allowances, emoluments, and fees, which the said officers and servants do now lawfully receive or enjoy, which now are or have been heretofore paid or payable out of the funds or revenues of the District of Simcoe for and during the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, for the due and faithful performance and fulfillment of their respective duties as such officers respectively, for all services belonging or appertaining to their several offices usually and ordinarily performed or required or contemplated by law, custom and usage to be performed.

2.—And be it further enacted that the said several sums of money shall and may be payable by the Treasurer of the District out of the funds or revenue of the District.

3.—And be it further enacted that it shall not be lawful for the said Treasurer to pay any other or greater salary to such officers and servants for such services usually and ordinarily performed out of the funds or revenue of the District than are herein named:—

The Treasurer of the District, one hundred pounds, in lieu of all fees and percentages for services performed for this District.

The Clerk of the Council, thirty-seven pounds ten shillings for his services.

The District Surveyor, twenty-five pounds for his services.

The District Auditors, one pound five shillings each for their services.

The Jailer, twenty pounds.

The Keeper of the Court House, seven pounds ten shillings.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Passed 18th Nov., 1843.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

First Quarterly Meeting.

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 13th February.

1844.

The Council met.

Members present, Messrs. Adam, Gerald Alley, Arnson, John Bayley, John Craig, Dallas, John Frame, Garbutt, Morris, John Richardson, Snell, Walker, E. A.; Walker, William; Wilson.

In the absence of the Warden the Clerk called the meeting to order.

Mr. Alley moved, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

That Mr. Dallas do take the chair.

Carried.

The Clerk read a letter from Jacob Emilius Irving, Esquire, stating that he had resigned his office as Warden of the District of Simcoe, and other information.

The Chairman presented an application from the Reverend S. B. Arldagh to be appointed County Superintendent of Education.

District Surveyor's report presented.

Received and read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That Messrs. William Walker and Wilson be appointed the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That Messrs. Alley and Arnson be appointed the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered that a Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment be appointed, to consist of Messrs. Craig and Frame.

The Chairman appointed Mr. John Atkinson one of the Auditors for the present year.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That Mr. William Graham be appointed one of the Auditors for the present year.

The following petitions were presented and laid on the table:

Of inhabitants of Oro and Orillia, praying for a continuation of a road from the north east corner of lot No. 15 in the 14th concession of Oro to the Village of Orillia, by Mr. Dallas.

Of Donald Cameron and others, praying for the appointment of a Road Surveyor, and for the correcting and confirming of the main road through Oro from the Penetanguishene Road to Orillia, by Mr. Alley.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Adam,  
Ordered—That the petition of certain inhabitants of Oro and Orillia be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,  
Ordered—That the petition of Donald Cameron and others be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
Ordered—That the Revd. S. B. Ardagh be now nominated as the County Superintendent of Education, in accordance with the new School Act.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
Ordered—That the names of Henry Hatton Gowan and Thomas Lloyd, Esquires, be referred to the Committee on Education, as securities for the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, for approval, and that they be instructed to consider the necessary amount of their security.

Adjourned.

J. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

14TH FEBRUARY, 1844.

The Council met.

Mr. Dallas in the chair.

Mr. Jeffs took his seat.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The following petitions were presented, and laid on the table.

Of certain inhabitants of the Township of Adjala, recommending Mr. Michael Ryan to be appointed Superintendent of Education for that township, by Mr. Wilson.

Of James McMaster, praying that the District Council would relieve him from being bailman for the Collector of the Township of Mono, by Mr. Snell.

Of John Henry and others, praying that the school house on lot 16, in the 3rd concession of Mono, be attached to No. 6 School District, by Mr. Snell.

Of Joseph Harrison and others, praying for the appropriation of their statute labor upon an impassable swamp on the concession line between lines 6 and 7, for the year 1844, by Mr. Alley.

Of Thomas Ferguson and others, praying for permission to appropriate statute labor upon, and for assistance to open a road and make crossway for the breadth of a lot upon the townline of Oro and Orillia, during the year 1844, by Mr. Alley.

Of certain inhabitants of the Township of Oro, praying the the Council may be pleased to rescind the By-Law of their last session, imposing a tax of £40 upon School District No. 6; also praying for a union of parts of Nos. 3 and 6 School Districts, and that Edward Ryall, Esquire, be appointed Township Superintendent, by Mr. Alley.

Of certain inhabitants of the Township of Mono, praying that George McMann be appointed Superintendent of Common Schools for that township, by Mr. Snell.

On motion of Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the petition of James McMaster, praying that the District Council would relieve him from being bailman for the Collector for the Township of Mono, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the petition of John Henry and others, praying that the school house on lot 16, 3rd concession of Mono, be attached to No. 6 School District, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of Joseph Harrison and others, and that of William Ferguson and others, with regard to roads in Oro, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
 Ordered—That Councillors do now submit to the Council the names of the candidates for the office of Superintendents of Education for their respective townships, and also the names of their securities, and on receipt of the same the Council shall resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider and report upon the same, and likewise upon the amount of security necessary to be taken by each township, and with whom said securities shall be deposited.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the petition of certain inhabitants of Adjala, praying that Mr. Michael Ryan be appointed Superintendent of Education for the township, be referred to a Committee of the whole.

On the motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
 Ordered—That the petition of Isaac Fell and others, of the Township of Oro, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education, and that the petition for the Township Superintendency of Mr. Ryall be referred to a Committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
 Ordered—That the petition of the inhabitants of Mono, for the appointment of George McManus as Township Superintendent, be referred to the Committee of the whole.

The Council resolved itself into Committee of the whole, on the nomination of Township Superintendents.

Mr. Armson in the chair.

Committee of the whole rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Committee on Education brought up a report, No. 1.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the report of the Standing Committee on Education now read be adopted.

The Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the subject of appointing Township Superintendents.

Mr. Armson in the chair.

Committee of the whole rose and reported the names of Superintendents for the different townships, their securities, amount of security required, and in whose hands the bonds should be placed, viz.: the Clerk of the District Council.

Report received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the names of the candidates for the office of Township Superintendents of Education and the names and amount of their securities, for the remaining townships of the District, now in possession of the Council, be referred to the Committee of the whole.

The Council resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the Superintendents of Education and the names and amount of securities, for the remaining townships of the District.

Mr. Armson in the chair.

The Committee rose and reported, approving of the several nominations, securities and amounts laid before them.

Report received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered that the Surveyor's report and the Warden's letter be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That such portions of last year's report upon Education, as bear



upon taxation and appropriation be read, and that the Standing Committee on Education of this year be directed to report upon the unappropriated moneys due to the townships, but which, owing to various causes, have not been applied for.

On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That all returns from the different townships received by the Clerk of the Council, in consequence of the 2nd report of the Standing Committee on Education of last session, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Adjourned.

Sgd. JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

15TH FEBRUARY, 1844.

The Council met.

Mr. Dallas in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The following petitions were presented and laid on the table :

Of Richard Drury Esq. and others, praying that Patrick Smith be appointed Superintendent of the Township of Vespra, by Mr. Adam.

Of John Carson, of the Township of Adjala, praying for a share of the Government Grant for the year 1843, by Mr. Bayley.

Of George Caldwell and others, of the Township of Oro, praying for the appropriation of statute labor, &c., and to enquire into the nature of the complaint contained therein, Mr. Adam.

Of the inhabitants of School District No. 10, of the Township of West Gwillimbury, praying for an enlargement of their division, and for an equal portion of the public money and Government Grant, and also praying that the Council do not impose any tax on the District for the support of the superintendents of common schools, by Mr. Garbutt.

On motion of Mr. Bayley, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the petition of John Carson, praying for a share of the Government Grant for the year 1843, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Adam,

Ordered—That the petition of George Caldwell and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Garbutt, seconded by Mr. W. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of the inhabitants of School District No. 10, of the Township of West Gwillimbury, praying for an enlargement of their division, for an equal portion of public money and Government Grant, and that the Council do not tax the district for the support of superintendents of common schools, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the Clerk be forthwith authorized to take legal advice and obtain the form necessary for the security Bonds of Educational Superintendents and their sureties.

Mr. Armson moved, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider and report upon the following resolutions.

1st.—That in accordance with the provisions of the 1st section of the 14th clause of the Common School Act, requiring the Township Superintendents of Education to divide their respective Townships into School Districts and parts of districts, subject to the direction and approval of the Township Council, which is the first part of their duties to be performed conjointly with the Council, and as it is impossible for that to be done by the Council this session, and if ever done by the Council in their collective capacity, it would cause the whole of the Township Superintendents to have to attend the session of the Council, and would therefore greatly augment their duties, and

as the Councillors possess the best knowledge of the wants of their several Townships, it is expedient, and is hereby resolved that all the powers now vested in the Council for the above purpose, be transferred to the several Councillors in their respective Townships.

2d.—That the Clerk be directed to draw the necessary forms of the Bonds to be entered into by the Township Superintendents, and their securities, and deliver them to the Councillors of each Township, to be by them put in the possession of their Township Superintendents, requesting them to complete and transmit the same to the Clerk of the Council, with as little delay as possible, and where there is no Township Councillor, the Clerk shall transmit the Bonds to the respective Township Clerks.

3rd.—That the Township Superintendents who have not furnished the names of their securities to this Council in its present session, be requested to furnish them forthwith, to the Councillors of their Townships, who are hereby empowered to approve or reject the same in behalf of this Council, and that with respect to all the powers and authorities deputed and delegated by this Council to the respective Township Councillors, such powers and authorities shall in the following case, where no Township Councillor has been legally elected, be delegated and deputed to the following Councillors of the adjoining Townships, viz: in respect to the Township of Mulmur to Mr. Snell, Councillor for Mono; in respect to the Township of Tossorontio, to Mr. Morris, Councillor for Essa.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on Mr. Armson's motion.

Mr. Alley in the chair.

Committee of the whole rose and reported the resolutions as amended.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the resolutions now read be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered that the Chairman do name a Committee on Contingencies, to consist of three members.

The Chairman nominated Messrs. Garbutt, Richardson and Jeffs.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up a report, No. 1.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Frane, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 2.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Frane, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the report now read be referred back to the Committee on Finance and Assessment for reconsideration.

Mr. Adam gives notice that to-morrow he will move for the appointment of six road surveyors.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges be instructed to report to this Council the number of road surveyors it would be advisable to appoint for the District.

Adjourned.

J DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

16TH FEBRUARY, 1844

The Council met.

Mr. Dallas in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Auditors' report on Township Clerk's accounts presented.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the Auditors' report, now read, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 2, which was sent back for reconsideration.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 3.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 1.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Adam,

Ordered—That Mr. James Tudhope, of Oro, be appointed one of the Road Surveyors of the District.

Mr. E. Walker moves, seconded by Mr. Alley, That Mr. William Gibbard be appointed one of the Road Surveyors for the District.

Mr. Armson moved, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

That all after the word "moved" be erased, and the following be inserted:

That the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges be instructed to divide the District into eight divisions for the purpose of appointing a Road Surveyor in each.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That Messrs. McLean and Henry, having refused or neglected to perform the duties of District Road Surveyors, shall be removed from their office.

The District Surveyor presented report No. 2.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the Surveyor's report, now read, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

The Treasurer's Accounts, as examined by the District Auditors up to the 31st of January, 1844, laid before the Council.

The Treasurer's account for travelling expenses to and from Toronto, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the accounts now submitted be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the propriety of removing the County Registry and District Agency Offices into the Town of Barrie.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Frame and Wilson be appointed to draft an address to the Governor-General upon the subject of the resignation of the District Warden, as conveyed in his communication this session to the Clerk of this Council, and the appointment of a successor.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 2.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Garbutt, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That Isaac R. Rogers, of the Township of West Gwillimbury, be appointed a Road Surveyor of Highways.

On motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That Joseph Bowerman, of the Township of Nottawasaga, be appointed a Road Overseer for the District.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,  
Ordered—That William Brawley, of the Township of Tecumseth, be appointed a Surveyor of Highways.

On the motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
Ordered—That Mr. William Gibbard, of the Township of Vespra, be appointed a Road Surveyor.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,  
Ordered—That George Ruthven, of the Township of Essa, be appointed a Road Surveyor.

On motion of Mr. Jeffs, seconded by Mr. Arnison,  
Ordered—That William B. Hamilton, of the Township of Tiny, be appointed a Surveyor of Roads in the District.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Frame,  
Ordered—That Thomas Craig, of the Township of Medonto, be appointed a Road Surveyor for the District.

Ordered on motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,  
That a select Committee, consisting of Messrs. William Walker and Garbutt, be appointed to Address the Governor General upon the appropriation of the road moneys granted to this district, for the purpose of ascertaining why the road works to be done by the aid of said grant have been so long delayed.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,  
Ordered—That the Treasurer be called upon to enforce the immediate payment of the taxes due by the Township Collectors to the Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
Ordered—That in future no petition be received by the Council after the third day of session, and that every petition presented shall contain some of the signatures on the same sheet as the petition.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 4.  
Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 5.  
Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 6.  
Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 7.  
Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Adjourned.

JAMES DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

17TH FEBRUARY, 1844

The Council met.

Mr. Dallas in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

Mr. Alley gives notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would bring forward a motion, imposing a fine on all Councillors absenting themselves from their duty.

On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Frame,

Ordered—That the Clerk of the District Council be ordered to deliver to the Treasurer the discharged Debentures and receipts connected with them, now in his possession.

On motion of Mr. Jeffs, seconded by Mr. Alley,  
 Ordered—That a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Richardson and Garbutt be appointed to address the Governor-General and draft a petition to the Legislature for a more equitable system of assessment of taxable property, and that the lands of the Canada Company be included in said petition as taxable property.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
 Ordered—That a motion made by Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker, "that Messrs. Frame and Wilson be appointed a Select Committee to draft an address to the Governor-General upon the subject of the resignation of the District Warden." also a motion made by Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. William Walker, "that a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the propriety of removing the Registry and District Agency Offices to the Town of Barrie," having been omitted to be inserted, the Clerk be instructed to enter in their proper order in the Minutes of the proceedings of 16th February.

The Special Committee on removing the Registry and District Agency Offices to the Town of Barrie brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the report of the Special Committee upon Registry and District Agency Offices be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up a report No. 2.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule be suspended so far as relates thereto.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on a By-Law imposing a Tax of Forty Pounds on the inhabitants of School District No. 6 of the Township of Oro. Mr. E. A. Walker in the chair.

Committee of the whole rose and reported the By-Law without amendment.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the By-Law be now read a third time, and that the 34th Rule be suspended as far as relates thereto.

Mr. E. A. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read do pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Chairman.

Committee on the Resignation of the Warden brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the report of the Special Committee upon the resignation of the District Warden be adopted.

The Committee for addressing the Governor-General on Simcoe District Road Money, brought up an address.

On the motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the Address now read be adopted, engrossed, and signed by the Chairman.

A letter from one of the Auditors, applying for an addition of salary, laid before the Council.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the letter from one of the Auditors, now read, be referred to Committee on Finance and Assessment.

District Surveyor brought up report No. 3.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be referred to Committee on Finance and Assessment.

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Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report, No. 8.  
Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Frame, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

District Auditors brought up a report No. 3

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the accounts now read be allowed, with the exception of Mr. Lloyd's account.

Committee appointed to draft an address to the Governor-General, and a petition to the Legislature for a more equitable system of assessing taxable property, and that the lands of the Canada Company should be included therein, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Frame,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered—That the address to the Governor-General and petition to both Houses of Parliament be engrossed, and signed by the Chairman.

Standing Committee on Education brought up a report No. 3.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the address to the Governor-General and the petition to the Legislature on the removal of the District Agency and County Registry Offices into the Town of Barrie, this day adopted, be forthwith engrossed, signed and forwarded by the Chairman; also that the addressee to the Governor-General upon the subject of the District Warden's resignation, this day adopted, be forthwith engrossed, and signed and forwarded by the Chairman.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the Chairman be authorized to issue his warrant for the payment of the sums to the different Councillors for Education purposes, according to the apportionment ordered by the Council, and that the Clerk do furnish the Treasurer with a statement of said apportionment.

Committee on Contingencies brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Jeffs, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the Council do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of adopting the accompanying address.

The Council went into a Committee of the whole on Mr. Alley's motion.

Mr. Frame in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the address to the Governor-General as adopted.

On the Chairman putting the question whether the address should be adopted, the Council divided yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adam, Alley, Craig, Dallas, Frame, Jeffs, E. A. Walker, William Walker, Alfred Wilson.—9.

NAYS.—Messrs. Arnison, Garbutt, Richardson—3.

Carried in the affirmative by a majority of 6.

On the motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the address now adopted be engrossed, signed and forwarded by the Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Arnison,

Ordered—That the thanks of this Council be given to the Chairman for his able and impartial conduct in the chair.

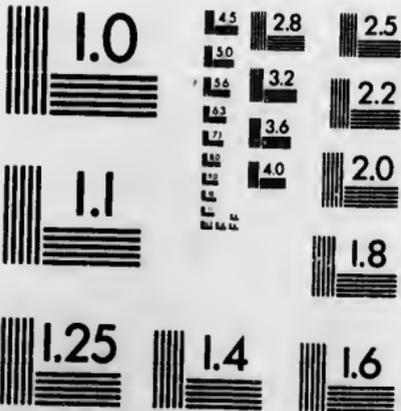
Adjourned.

J. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.



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# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the February Session,

A.D., 1844.

JAS. DALLAS, ESQ., ACTING WARDEN.

REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom it was referred to make the necessary enquiries as to the responsibility of Messrs. H. Gowan and Thomas Lloyd, who have offered themselves as sureties for the Revd. S. B. Ardagh, who has been appointed County Superintendent of Common Schools, recommend that those gentlemen be accepted, and that bail be taken from each to the amount of £800, and from the Revd. S. B. Ardagh to the amount of £1200.

That the Clerk be instructed to draw out the necessary bonds, and also to give the Chief Superintendent of Common Schools the necessary information. All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 14th February, 1844.

REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Standing Committee on Education beg leave to report, that they have examined the several petitions referred to them for consideration, viz.:-

The petition of John Carson, school teacher, of the Township of Adjala, praying his share of Gov't grant for the year '43. In reference to which an inspection of the school returns for that Township, your Committee find his name entered in a proper manner, which will entitle him to his share when the money for school purposes shall be received and appropriated.

The petition of John Henry and others, praying that the school house, erected by them on lot No. 16, in the 3rd concession of the Township of Mono, be established as the school house for the said District. Your Committee cannot recommend the approval of the prayer of this petition as, since the re-

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The petition of Wm. Hambly and 28 others, of No. 10 School Division of the Township of West Gwillimbury, praying for an enlargement of their Division and for an equal proportion of the Government grant, and that the Council will not impose any tax for the support of the Superintendents of Common Schools. Your Committee cannot recommend any concurrence with the prayer of this petition, as there are no divisions yet made—and no tax imposed—because the Act provides that the school money must be apportioned according to the population of the different School Districts.

Petition of Isaac Fell and 50 others, of the Township of Oro, praying that Council may be pleased to rescind the order of their last May session, imposing a tax of £40 upon School District No. 6. Your Committee recommend a compliance with the prayer of this portion of the petition in consequence of the new School Bill, allowing unions of Townships, whereby a great portion of the said District will be attached to another, rendering the school house contemplated to be built unnecessary. Your Committee submit the accompanying By-Law.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 16th February, 1844.

REPORT No. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Standing Committee on Education beg leave to report, that having ascertained that certain moneys for school purposes remain in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the following Townships:—

Tecumseth, balance of Government grant.....	£36	16	8	for 1842.
" School Tax.....	23	13	9½	" "
	£60	10	5½	

Your Committee recommend that the sum of £36.16s.8. be apportioned in the following manner to the teachers of the Township Schools:

No. of School Dist.	No. of Children.	Sum.
1 .....	49 .....	£ 3 1 3½
2 .....	61 .....	3 16 3½
4 .....	73 .....	4 11 3½
5 .....	60 .....	3 15 0½
7 .....	74 .....	4 12 6½
8 .....	72 .....	4 10 0½
9 .....	50 .....	3 2 6½
10 .....	50 .....	3 2 6½
11 .....	58 .....	3 12 6½
14 .....	40 .....	2 10 0½
		£36 16 8

Which several sums your Committee recommend the Treasurer be empowered to pay to W. Walker, Esq., Township Councillor, to be paid by him to the respective teachers on the warrant of the Township Clerk.

Your Committee recommend that the sum of £23.13s.7½d., being their part of school tax for 1842, be appropriated in the following manner, the

several sums being the apportionments of the respective School Districts, for the purpose of erecting or furnishing school houses :

No. of School Dist.	No. of Children.	Sum.
3	38	£ 3 7 1
6	72	6 6 7
12	62	5 9 1½
13	49	4 6 4½
15	48	4 4 7½
		£23 13 9¼

Your Committee recommend that the said sum of £23.13s.9¼d. be paid to the Committee in like manner with the former sum, the Treasurer taking his receipts for both sums, and to be disposed by the Councillor in the same manner as the former sum.

The amount due to the Township of Mulmur is £8.17s.7d. There being no returns from this Township, your Committee recommend that the Clerk be directed to write to the Town Clerk to request him to send the necessary documents to enable the Council to make their apportionments.

The amount due to Medonte and Flos, jointly, is £9.6s.11¼d.; the amount due to Tiny £10.8s.6d. Your Committee would recommend the same course with those Townships as with the Township of Mulmur.

The amount due to the Township of Vespra is £5.18s.2¼d, which your Committee recommends shall be paid to the Councillor, to be accounted for by him in the same manner as the appropriation for Tecumseth, that is to say :

No. 1 School	£3 18 0
No. 2 School	2 0 2½
	£5 18 2½

The balance of school money for 1842 due to the Township of Oro is £30.17s.2¼d., and your Committee recommend that the Treasurer be empowered to pay it over to, and take receipts from the Councillors for the Township, to be by them distributed amongst the several new School Districts, on the warrant of the Town Clerk, when such shall be found (excepting the two Districts attached to the Vespra and Medonte townline schools) for the purpose of erecting and furnishing school houses, and in the event of any of the said new School Districts not availing themselves of this appropriation within three months, after having received a sufficient notice from the Town Clerk, the money shall be apportioned to the other new Districts which shall have availed themselves thereof, in the same ratio.

The reason why your Committee have thought proper to recommend the omission of the two above described School Districts is, that they have already received their portion of that school money for payment of teachers for this year.

The school tax due to the Township of Orillia :—

For 1842 is	£14 0 11
" 1843 is	14 9 5¾
Total	£28 10 4¾

Your Committee recommend that this money be distributed, viz. :—

School.	Children.	
No. 1	80	£22 8 11¼
" 2	22	6 1 5½
		£28 10 4¾

The sum of £22.8s.11¼d. to be paid by the Treasurer to the Councillor, to be by him paid to the teacher on the warrant of the Town Clerk. The sum

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of £6.1s.5½d. to be paid by the Treasurer to the Councillor, and be by him paid on the warrant of the Town Clerk to No. 2 School District, for the purpose of building and furnishing school house.

The balance of school tax for Sunnisdale for 1843 is £4.7s.5½d., which your Committee recommend shall be thus apportioned :

School.	Children.		
1	30	£2 7 10½	for Teacher's Salary.
2	25	1 19 7	for School House purposes.
		£4 7 5½	

The taxes for Essa for 1843 are £16.2s.5¾d., apportioned thus :

To build or repair School Houses :

School.	Children.		
1	46	£ 4 1 9	
2	22	1 19 3	
			To pay Teachers' Salaries.
3	48	4 5 5¾	
4	32	2 17 1½	
5	33	2 18 10¾	

£16 2 5¾

The taxes for W. Gwillimbury for 1843 are £106.19s.0¾d.; to pay Teachers' Salaries, apportioned thus :

School.	Children.		
1	166	£ 11 10 11¾	
2	70	7 7 3	
3	74	7 15 7	
4	99	10 7 8	
5	91	9 11 0	
6	91	9 11 0	
7	87	8 18 8	
8	104	10 18 1	
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Your Committee recommend the school moneys due to the three last Townships to be paid over by the Treasurer to the respective Councillors, to be by them distributed according to the foregoing apportionments, on the warrants of their respective Town Clerks.

Your Committee further recommend that the several Councillors receiving the before mentioned sums of money, shall produce to the Council at its next session the proper vouchers as herein prescribed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 16th Feb., 1844.

REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee on Finance and Assessment beg to report as follows :

That they have carefully investigated the account between the District

of Simcoe and the late Samuel Richardson, Esq., Treasurer to the County and find that, with the exception of sums deposited in the Commercial Bank for the purpose of paying off debentures, bills and interest, the vouchers are all correct, and the account properly balanced, showing a balance due to the late Mr. Richardson of twelve pounds, four shillings and nine pence half-penny currency.

From the circumstance of the Banks not generally granting receipts for such payments, and from the Committee's perfect confidence in the integrity and correctness of the late Mr. Richardson, they are of opinion that the account itself is perfectly correct, and recommend that the Treasurer be empowered to pay over, immediately, to Mrs. Richardson the small balance of £12.4s.9d. cy., due to her late husband.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 14 Feb., 1844.

REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was remitted the letter from the Warden to the Clerk, beg leave to report.

That a period of six months has now elapsed since the report of a Committee of the Council on the subject of certain accounts and papers relative to the public buildings of the District, together with the different accounts and necessary documents connected therewith, were ordered to be transmitted for the opinion and advice of counsel.

That very shortly thereafter those accounts and papers were sent to the Hon. Mr. Draper for that purpose. That notwithstanding so long a period has elapsed (a period much longer than the Committee could suppose necessary for the purpose) —notwithstanding the high importance to the District of those accounts, and notwithstanding that the actions, connected with those buildings, have been raised against the District, no opinion has yet been received from the eminent counsel employed.

That, under these circumstances, the Committee are of opinion that a letter, to the following purport, be addressed to the Hon. Mr. Draper, signed by the Chairman, and transmitted without delay to that gentleman.

*To the Hon. Wm. Draper,—*

SIR,—A period of six months has now elapsed since the report of a Committee on certain accounts and papers connected with the public buildings of the District of Simcoe, was ordered to be transmitted to you, along with the accounts and necessary papers, for the purpose of receiving the advice and opinion of so eminent a legal adviser, in the delicate and difficult circumstances in which the District was placed, and such was accordingly soon after done.

Aware, as you must well be, of the very great importance of the subject to the Council, especially with reference to the fact that two actions connected with those buildings have been raised against the District, you will easily believe that it has been to them a matter of great regret that they have not received your opinion at this session, particularly as they were led to expect that it would have been forwarded in sufficient time, a letter having been received by the Clerk of the Council from the Warden to that effect a day or two since.

I have therefore most urgently to solicit on the part and at the desire of the Municipal Council of this District, that you will transmit to their Clerk,

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with accompanying accounts and documents, your opinion and advice, with as little delay as your important avocations will permit.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS

CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 15th Feb., 1844.

REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE :

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was remitted the petition of James McMaster, beg leave to report.

That the petition was informal, the name of the petitioner not being affixed to it. That, were this not the case, the prayer of the petition cannot be listened to by the Council. It was the business of Mr. McMaster to have satisfied himself as to the solvency of the Collector and his other security before entering into such an obligation himself. The precedent of listening to such an application would be most mischievous. But, in addition to this, it is remarked that the deficiency which Mr. McMaster wishes to get free from being responsible for, took place in the year 1840, previous to the existence of Municipal Councils, and therefore it is obvious that his application is wholly inadmissible.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 15th Feb, 1844.

REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was remitted the report of the District Surveyor, beg leave to report.

That they have gone over and considered with attention the said report.

The Committee are strongly of opinion that the roof of the Court House will never be made perfectly tight until it is taken off and a much steeper pitch given to it. The Committee, without hesitation, recommend that this shall be done in conformity with the opinion of the Surveyor ; but, in reference to the season, would prefer leaving the final arrangement of this matter and the ordering the work to be done until the next session of the Council. The Committee also recommend a like delay in the repair of the plastering.

The Committee think it quite proper that the Surveyor be authorized, as soon as the weather will permit, to have the walls of the buildings cleared from dirt and painted, as desired in the report.

The Committee recommend that drains be constructed in the gaol yards, at sight of the Surveyor, provided the expense of doing so shall not exceed £5. cy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS

CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 15 Feb., 1844.

## REPORT NO. 5 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was remitted the report of the District Auditors on the accounts of Township Clerks, beg leave to report.

That by the Municipal Council Act, the Auditors of the District are required to audit the accounts of the Township Clerks throughout the District.

That, notwithstanding the existence of this important clause of the Act, different Township Clerks have not sent in their accounts to be audited, viz.: Those of the Townships of Adjala, Sunnidale, Tiny and Essa. That in several cases, viz.: Those of the Townships of Flos, Tecumseth, West Gwillimbury, Medonte and Matchedash, Mono and Oro, the vouchers have not accompanied the accounts. The Committee believe this must have arisen from ignorance on the part of the Township Clerks.

The Committee recommend that a letter be immediately addressed by the Clerk of the Council, calling upon the different Township Clerks before mentioned, without delay, to transmit to him the necessary documents for the Auditors, that this evil may be redressed.

The Committee, with reference to a recommendation contained in the Auditors' report, are of opinion that it is unnecessary for the Township Clerks to send in their books for the Auditors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 16th Feb., 1844.

## REPORT NO. 6 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was remitted the Treasurer's account for travelling expenses against the District, beg to report.

That they regret that so large a sum should have been incurred by the Treasurer in travelling to and from Toronto on the business of the District.

The Committee, in reference to the manner in which the accounts of the Home and Simcoe Districts were necessarily mixed up, previous to the commencement of the year, believe it was really necessary for the Treasurer to visit Toronto for the adjustment of his account. Whether all the journeys made by the Treasurer were necessary, or whether any of them might have been avoided, the Committee cannot determine, but recommend that the sum of ten pounds be paid to the Treasurer in full of his account.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 16th Feb., 1844.

## REPORT NO. 7 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was remitted the District Surveyor's 2nd report, beg to report.

That they approve of two stoves being immediately supplied for the gaol. The Sheriff having hitherto received nothing on account of furniture, they recommend that five pounds be laid out in fitting up his office, at the sight of the surveyor.

The Committee approve of two tables being furnished for the jury rooms, as pointed out in the report. The seats ought also to be fitted up, as suggested. The expense of the whole not to exceed two pounds.

The Committee recommend that the account of Charles Paynter, for foot pails, amounting to fifteen shillings, be paid; also seven shillings and sixpence for men assisting in measuring lumber.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 16th Feb., 1844.

REPORT NO. 8 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was remitted the report of the District Surveyor, beg leave to report.

That with reference to the amount of lumber supplied by Mr. Wiggins, the Committee find the charge to be perfectly correct, and recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the amount.

The Committee consider the suggestion of piling the lumber in the court room to be a good one, and that the Surveyor be authorized to do so.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 17th Feb., 1844.

REPORT NO. 9 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was remitted a letter from Mr. John Atkinson, beg to report.

That, in their opinion, the District Auditors were not paid, for the last year, to an amount corresponding with the extent of the work done by them.

The Committee recommend that as payment up to the commencement of this session, Messrs. Atkinson and Williams be allowed an additional sum of one pound five shillings *ey.*, each.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 17th Feb., 1844.

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Roads and Bridges, &c., beg leave to report as follows relative to the petition of Johu Wilson and forty-three other inhabitants of the Townships of Orillia and Oro.

Your Committee see the necessity of the people of Orillia and Oro for a road in the direction the petition points out. Your Committee therefore recommends the petitioners to place their petition in the hands of a sworn Surveyor, and his report thereon be brought before the Council for their approval that the road may be made permanent.

Also in reference to the petition of Benjamin Shepherd and nine others,

of the Township of Oro, praying to be allowed to perform their statute labor on a certain place. Your Committee recommend the petitioners to apply to the Councillors of the said Township on this matter.

The petition of Geo. Collwell, and fifteen others of the Township of Oro, stands exactly in the same position as that of Benjamin Shepherd and others. With regard to the petition of William Ferguson and two others of the Township of Oro, praying for pecuniary aid to enable them to open a road on the townline between Orillia and Oro, your Committee are fully aware that the Council has no funds at their disposal for such purposes to grant the relief prayed for. Your Committee deem it unnecessary to take any further action in the matter.

In reference to the petition of Donald Cameron and fourteen others of the Township of Oro, praying to be allowed to employ a Surveyor for laying out the cross road between Lots No. 10 and 11 in said Township, your Committee see no objections of the petitioners employing a sworn Surveyor and laying out the said road and the Surveyor reporting on the same.

Your Standing Committee on Road and Bridges beg leave to recommend the appointment of a suitable number of fit and proper persons, not exceeding eight, as Road Surveyors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ADAM,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th Feb., 1844.

REPORT NO. 2 OF THE COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES, DIVIDING THE DISTRICT INTO EIGHT DIVISIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING A RESIDENT ROAD SURVEYOR IN EACH DIVISION.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

Your Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges having duly considered the matter referred to them, beg leave to submit to the Council the following division, viz. :—

West Gwillimbury and Innisfil .....	1
Tecumseth, Adjala and Mono .....	2
Essa, Tossorontio and Mulmur .....	3
Nottawasaga and Sunnidale .....	4
Vespra and Flos .....	5
Oro and South Orillia .....	6
Medonte and North Orillia .....	7
Tiny, Tay and Matchedash .....	8

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ADAM,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 16th Feb., 1844.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENT EXPENSES FOR QUARTERLY MEETING.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee on Contingencies having examined the several accounts and allowances necessary to be granted for several services, would recommend

that the Chairman do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums, viz.:-

Mr. John McWatt, to postage .....	£ 0 14 6
Minute Book .....	1 0 9
Stationery .....	0 10 6
5 lb Candles .....	0 4 2
Extra making out bonds per Township Superintendent of Common Schools .....	1 5 0
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	£3 14 11
To Jonathan Sissons, for 5 days' attendance .....	1 5 0
" John Creasor for 5 days' attendance .....	1 5 0
" Mr. Harvey, for advice and for bond for Superintendents of Common Schools, including County Superintendents bonds.	3 0 0
" Marks & Burgoyne, book case and desk for Clerk of District Council office .....	3 0 0
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	£12 14 11

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. JEFFS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, February 17th, 1844.

AUDITORS' REPORT No. 1.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

We, the Auditors of the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts of several of the Township Clerks of the District for the year 1843, and found them as follows:

Israel Munday, Township Clerk for Tay.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Moneys received from the Treasurer .....	12	7	2			
Magistrate's fines .....	2	16	3			
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	£15	13	5			

Jan'y 31st, 1844.	Moneys expended .....	15 13 5
	Correct per vouchers.	

Stephen Bishop, Township Clerk for Floa.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Moneys received from Treasurer .....	3	9	1			
Moneys expended .....				3	9	1

Jan'y 31st, 1844.	Correct per affidavit before a Magistrate.	
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John Little, Township Clerk for Mulmur.

Moneys received from Treasurer .....	9	0	9			
Moneys expended .....				9	0	4½

In the hands of Township Clerk .....	0	0	4½			
Feb. 6th, 1844.	Correct per vouchers.					

Peter White, Township Clerk for Vespra.

Moneys received from Treasurer .....	35	7	10½			
Moneys expended .....				34	7	10½

Balance in the hands of Mr. Ross, D. C. ....	£ 1	0	0			
Feb. 15th, 1844.	Correct per vouchers.					

## William Main, Township Clerk for Innisfil.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Moneys received from Treasurer.....	16	8	1			
Balance of ac.—pt from last year.....	4	15	1			
	<hr/>			£21	3	2
Moneys expended.....				21	3	8
Balance in favor Township Clerk.....				0	0	6
Feb. 15th, 1844.	Correct per vouchers.					

## David Evans, Township Clerk of Tecumseth.

Moneys received from Treasurer.....	8	8	4			
Balance of acc.—pt. from last year.....	1	5	0			
	<hr/>			£9	13	4
Moneys expended.....				7	18	0
Balance in the hands of Township Clerk.....	1	15	4			
Feb. 15th, 1844.	No vouchers produced.					

## John Currie, Township Clerk for Nottawasaga.

Sent us a note saying they got no money from the Treasurer, and therefore had no accounts to keep.

## Adam Goodfellow, Township Clerk for West Gwillimbury.

Received no money from Treasurer.  
 Money in hands for fines and labor, £2.5s.0d.  
 No vouchers produced nor any account of any money being expended except 11d.  
 This account is audited by the Township Wardens and pronounced correct.

## Charles J. Rowe, Township Clerk for North and South Orillia.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Moneys received from Treasurer.....	8	15	3			
Balance in hand from the year '42.....	5	11	11½			
Magistrates' fines and commuted labor.....	4	15	1			
	<hr/>			£19	2	3½
Moneys expended.....				9	6	10
Balance in the hands of Township Clerk.....	£ 9	15	5½			
Feb. 15th, 1844.	Correct per vouchers.					

## John Craig, Township Clerk for Medonte and Matchedash.

Moneys received from Treasurer.....	7	2	10			
Moneys expended.....				7	10	9
Balance in favor of John Craig.....				0	7	11
Feb. 15th, 1844.	No vouchers produced.					
Moneys received from Treasurer by Geo. Snell, District Councillor for Mono.....	16	16	9½			
Moneys expended by the same....				16	16	9½
Feb. 15th, 1844.	No vouchers produced.					

We would also recommend the Council to take into consideration whether



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the Township Clerks should bring in their books for the future, to be audited with the copy, at a certain time and place where they might appoint.

We find the account of the Township Clerk for the Township of Oro in the office of the Clerk of the Peace.

Moneys received from Treasurer.....	£ 3 10 10	
A balance brought forward.....	16 18 5½	
		£20 9 3½
Moneys expended.....		£20 10 7½

Balance in favor Township Clerk.....£ 0 1 4  
Feb. 15th, 1844. No vouchers produced.

Received no accounts from Adjala, Sunnidale, Tiny, Essa and Oro.  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, }  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, Feb. 15th, 1844.

AUDITORS' REPORT NO. 2.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

We, the Auditors for the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts for 1843 of James Adam, Esq., Treasurer of the District, and found the books neat and in good order, and the accounts perfectly correct.

The amount of sums received is.....	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
The amount of Disbursements made is.....	029 16 0½	1103 7 5

Balance in favor of the Treasurer..... £ 173 11 4½  
All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON,  
AUDITOR.

Barrie, 15th Feb., 1844.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE UPON THE REGISTRY AND DISTRICT AGENCY OFFICES.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee to whom was referred the propriety of removing the County Registry and District Agency Offices, beg leave to report.

That, in the opinion of the Committee, it is most desirable, that both the County Registry and District Agency Offices should be removed to the Town of Barrie ; in their opinion it is a change loudly called for, and one which the people of this District have a right to demand. The injustice of having offices of such importance situated at a remote part of the District, is most obvious.

The Committee therefore recommend that an humble address be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor-General, from the Council, praying that both offices be removed to the Town of Barrie, and that petitions be addressed to both Houses of the Legislature, praying for a like removal of the office of the County Registry.

The Committee recommend that the address to His Excellency the Governor-General, be as follows :

*To His Excellency Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, &c.,*

The memorial of the Municipal District Council of the District of Simcoe, respectfully sheweth :

That the District of Simcoe is of very great extent. That the two important offices of the County Registry and District Agency, are held—the former at the Holland Landing, 27 miles from Barrie ; the latter at Bradford, 22 miles from that town.—both at the extreme south-eastern extremity of the District.

That the situation of those offices is such as to be highly inconvenient to the great body of the population of this District, and your Memorialists consider it to be most desirable that they should be both removed, without delay, to the District Town of Barrie, which is itself placed in a central part of the District.

May it therefore please your Excellency to order the removal of the County Registry and District Agency Offices for the District of Simcoe from their present stations to the Town of Barrie.

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

The Committee further recommend that the following petition be addressed to both Houses of the Legislature :

*To the Honorable the Legislative Council of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled :*

The petition of the Municipal District Council of the District of Simcoe, respectfully sheweth :

That the District of Simcoe is of very great extent. That the office of the County Registrar is situated at the Holland Landing, 27 miles from the Town of Barrie, and at the most south-eastern extremity of the District.

That the situation of this important office is extremely inconvenient to the great body of the people of the District, and that it is most desirable that it should be removed to the District Town of Barrie, itself placed in a very central part of the District.

May it therefore please your Honorable House to grant the prayer of your petitioners by ordering the removal of the office of the County Register from its present station to the Town of Barrie,

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GERALD ALLEY,

CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 16th Feb., 1844.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE UPON THE RESIGNATION OF THE DISTRICT WARDEN.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee that was appointed to draft an address to the Governor-General upon the subject of the resignation of the District Warden and the appointment of his successor, beg to report the following address :

*To His Excellency, &c., &c.,*

The address of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, respectfully sheweth :

That a communication dated Feb'y 10th, 1844, addressed to the Clerk of this Council from the Honorable J. E. Irving, has been received, stating that he had resigned the appointment of District Warden for some considerable time past. They would respectfully request, should his resignation be accept-

ed, that the name of his successor may be transmitted to their Chairman for the information of the Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GERALD ALLEY.

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 16th Feb., 1844.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE ADDRESS TO  
THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee to whom was referred the Address to the Governor-General, leave to report:

*To His Excellency, Sir C. T. Metcalfe, the Governor-General of British North America, &c., &c.*

The Memorial of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council Assembled, respectfully sheweth:

That by an Act of the Parliament of Canada, chap. 28th, 4th and 5th Victoria, passed on the 18th Sept., 1841, there was granted for constructing or improving Harbours and Light-houses on lakes Ontario and Erie, and roads leading thereto, the sum of seventy-four thousand pounds sterling, and there was likewise granted for improving and completing the main northern road from Lake Ontario at Toronto to Lake Huron, continuing and perfecting the same, from the termination of the portion already undertaken by the District of Simcoe, establishing toll-bars thereon and improving sundry parts thence to Penetanguishene, and on the Coldwater Portage, the sum of thirty thousand pounds sterling.

That your Memorialists, representing in the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe the farming interests, beg humbly to state to your Excellency that, to their deep regret and disappointment, no part of the thirty thousand pounds sterling has, to the best of their knowledge, been expended in the Simcoe District, certain surveys being the only exception, if allowed to be so; nor are they aware of any immediate prospect of much being done, with the exception of the construction of a bridge at one point—although two years and five months have elapsed since the Act conferring the grant was passed.

Your Memorialists have learned that improvements have been commenced and carried on in other parts of the Province to a great extent under the Act alluded to, and which, if carried on, it is not too much to say might lead to a belief that partiality in the distribution of these grants somewhere exists, which your Memorialists are perfectly satisfied your Excellency, if aware of, would never permit. Therefore your Memorialists would urge your Excellency's immediate interference in their behalf—in that share of the grant which applies to such part of the District of Simcoe would be, if applied, of vast consequence to that extensive section of country, the population having long been suffering under disadvantages which backwood townships endure from bad roads and remoteness from market, the Town of Barrie being the District Town of Simcoe, and being approached on the south by a road, which, for about twenty-four miles, is impassable for wheel carriages. In conclusion your Memorialists would earnestly solicit your Excellency's interference on behalf of a District, the interest of which have been too long and too much neglected.

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY MORRIS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 16th February, 1844.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DRAFT AN ADDRESS TO THE  
GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND PETITION TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR  
A MORE EQUAL MODE OF TAXATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee to whom was referred the propriety of addressing the Governor-General and draft a petition to the Legislature for a more equitable system of assessment of taxable property, and that the lands of the Canada Company be included in said assessment, beg to report :

Your Committee, having considered the same, are of opinion that a more equitable system of assessment is highly desirable, and would therefore recommend that an address be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor-General from the Council, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to interfere in their behalf, and that the address be as follows :

*To His Excellency Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, &c., &c.:*

The Memorial of the Municipal District Council of the District of Simcoe, respectfully sheweth :

That the inhabitants of the District aforesaid are laboring under serious disadvantages owing to the present unequal mode of taxation on all ratable property, and more especially that part owned by the Canada Company, as we, your memorialists, derive no benefit from it whatsoever ; and also the disadvantages the emigrant settler has to encounter in not only making his own roads, but in making roads through lands owned by the Company likewise, which is enhancing the value of a property your memorialists have no control over nor yet derive any benefits from. Therefore your memorialists beg your Excellency's interference at the next session of Parliament in our behalf.

And your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GARBUTT,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 17th February, 1844.

*To the Honourable the Legislative Council, in Provincial Parliament Assembled :*

The petition of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council Assembled, respectfully sheweth :

That the inhabitants of said District are labouring under serious disadvantages, owing to the present unequal mode of Taxation on all ratable property, and more especially on that part in particular owned by the Canada Company, of which we, your petitioners, derive no benefit from whatever ; and also the disadvantages the emigrant settler has to encounter in not only making his roads, but roads through lands of the Companies also ; and furthermore it is enhancing the value of a property your petitioners has no control over, neither receiving any benefits from. We, your petitioners, humbly pray that your Honourably Body will take the same into consideration.

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GARBUTT,

CHAIRMAN.

Feb. 17th, 1842.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

February 10th, 1844.

To the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, in Council Assembled:

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the office of County Superintendent under the new Common School Bill.

Having had much experience in the Mother Country in the Superintendence of such schools as are contemplated by the Bill, and feeling a deep anxiety to promote a well regulated system of Education in this my adopted one, I am induced thus to offer myself, in the event of no better qualified candidate coming forward.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient humble servant,

S. B. ARDAGH, M.A., T.C.D.

## BY-LAW No. 12.

*A By-Law to repeal all that part of the By-Law passed on the 13th day of May, 1843, Imposing a Tax of Forty Pounds on the Inhabitants of School District No. 6, of the Township of Oro.*

WHEREAS the new School Act authorizes and permits the union of Townships into School Districts, and as a great portion of the said School District No. 6, of the said Township of Oro, will be united to an Union School District consisting of a portion of the said Township of Oro, and a portion of the adjoining Township,

Be it enacted by the Warden and Council of the District of Simcoe, assembled, and it is hereby enacted that all and every part of the said By-Law imposing a Tax of Forty Pounds upon the Inhabitants of the said School District No. 6, of the said Township of Oro, is hereby repealed.

(Signed) JAMES DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Passed 17th February, 1844.

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

Second Quarterly Meeting.

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 14th May.

1844.

The Council met.

Members present—Messrs. Adam, Alley, Armonson, Bayley, Craig, Jeffs, Richardson, Ritchey, Walker, E. A.; Walker, Wm.; Wilson

The Clerk called the meeting to order, and read a commission appointing James Dallas, Esquire, to be Warden of the District of Simcoe, in the place of the Honorable Jacob Emilius Irving, resigned.

The Warden addressed the Council, and laid the following communications on the table, which were read by the Clerk:

1st—From the Honorable W. H. Draper, relating to the accounts and papers of the Public Buildings.

2nd—A copy of Mr. Dallas' reply thereto.

3rd—From the Assistant Secretary (West) acknowledging the receipt of a copy of a By-Law passed by the Council at their last session.

4th—From the Secretary (West) acknowledging the receipt of an address to the Governor-General, complaining of the unequal state of taxation on ratable property, more especially that part owned by the Canada Company.

5th—From the Civil Secretary, transmitting the Governor-General's reply to the address from the District Council.

6th—From the Secretary (West), acknowledging the receipt of the Memorial of the Municipal Council of the Simcoe District, praying that the Offices of the Registrar and District Agency may be removed from their present situation to the Town of Barrie.

7th—From the same, stating that it is the intention of His Excellency, in Council, to appropriate the sum of £52.10/ for 1844, in place of £35 as in 1843, for Grammar Schools in the District of Simcoe.

8th—The opinion of the Honorable W. H. Draper relating to the expenditure on the Public Buildings.

9th—From the Secretary of the Trustees of the Simcoe District Grammar School, stating that the Chairman of said Trustees had received a communication acquainting him that from the increase of the funds at the disposal of Government, it is the intention of His Excellency, in Council, to appropriate for that purpose the sum of £52.10/ for 1844.

District Surveyor's report read and laid on the table.

The following petitions were presented:

Of Adam Goodfellow, Township Clerk West Gwillimbury, praying for remuneration for his services, by Mr. Armonson.

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Of the Township Superintendent and Trustees of the Orillia School District No. 1, praying to be taxed for school purposes, by Mr. Alley.

Of the Trustees of School District No. 8, West Gwillimbury, praying to be assessed to repair school house, by Mr. Armson.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of the Township Clerk of West Gwillimbury be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 8, West Gwillimbury, praying to be assessed for repairs of school house, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the Memorial of the Township Superintendent, and Trustees of Orillia School District No. 1, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the Council do proceed forthwith to fill up by ballot the vacancy on the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

Mr. Ritchey was balloted a member of the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment in place of Mr. Dallas, appointed Warden of the District.

Mr. Armson moved, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

That the documents presented to the Council respecting the District School be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Mr. E. A. Walker moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Alley,

That the grant of £52.10/ be left to the disposal of the Trustees for District School purposes.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the Warden do communicate the substance of the resolution concerning the grant of £52.10/, to the Provincial Secretary and to the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, Chairman of the Trustees of the District Grammar School, with as little delay as possible.

Apportionment of the Common School fund for the year 1844, for the following Townships, laid on the table, viz.:—West Gwillimbury, Innisfil, Flos, Orillia.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the apportionment of Government for Common School purposes for the Township of West Gwillimbury, for the current year, now in possession of the Council, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education, and all other such documents.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Armson and E. A. Walker, be appointed to draft a By-Law to enable the Council to compel the attendance of members for and during its session.

Adjourned.

Sgd. JAMES DALLAS,

WARDEN.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH MAY, 1844.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The following petitions were presented and laid on the table:

Of the Trustees of No. 1 School District, Township of Innisfil, praying to be taxed for the purpose of erecting a school house, by Mr. Wilson.

Of the Trustees of No. 5 School District, Township of Innisfil, praying to be taxed for school purposes, by Mr. Wilson.

Of the Trustees of No. 4 School District, Township of Adjala, praying that a tax may be levied for the building of a Common School House, by Mr. Bayley.

Of the Trustees of Nos. 3 and 12 School Districts, united Townships of Adjala and Tecumseth, praying for a tax to be levied for the purpose of building a Common School House, by Mr. Bayley.

Of James Greenlaw, collector of rates for the Township of Medonte, praying for further remuneration for his services, by Mr. Craig

Of the Trustees of School District No. 7, Township of Tecumseth, praying to be assessed for the purpose of building a school house, by Mr. William Walker.

On motion of Mr. Bayley, seconded by Mr. Richardson,  
Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of Nos. 3 and 12, School Districts of the united Townships of Adjala and Tecumseth, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Bayley, seconded by Mr. Richardson,  
Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of No. 4 School District of the Township of Adjala, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,  
Ordered—That the petitions from the Trustees of the Township of Innisfil, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Wm. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees No. 7, Township of Tecumseth, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Bayley,  
Ordered—That the petition of James Greenlaw, Collector of the Township of Medonte, praying for further remuneration for his services, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

A letter from Lewis B. Algeo, tendering his resignation as Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of Innisfil, was laid before the Council and read.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,  
Ordered—That in consequence of Mr. Lewis B. Algeo having removed his residence from the Township of Innisfil, and therefore by the 14th and 20th clauses of the Education Bill, disqualified from acting as Superintendent of Education, Mr. Benjamin Ross be appointed as Superintendent of Education for that Township in his place, and Messrs. Alfred Wilson and David Meyers be accepted as his securities, to the same extent as that provided by Mr. Algeo.

The Special Committee on the subject of District Council Absenteeism, brought up a report by By-Law.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
Ordered—That the report of the Select Committee appointed to draft a By-Law compelling members to attend during the sessional duties of the Simcoe Municipal Council, be now adopted.

A letter from the Chairman of the Quarter Sessions, accompanying the Presentment of the Grand Jury of 2nd of April last, was read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,  
Ordered—That in consequence of no answer being received to the address of last session to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the extended improvement of the main leading roads of this District, the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges be instructed to draft an address to His Excellency, and seriously requesting his attention to that important subject.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the second reading of the By-Law, this day read for the first time, be read in due course to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffs.

Ordered—That Mr. John Chantler be appointed Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of Vespra, Mr. Walker having resigned in consequence of removing from the Township, Mr. E. A. Walker and Mr.

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Andrew Graham to be accepted as securities for Mr. Chantler, to the same amount as formerly.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That a Special Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Surveyor's report, and also the Presentment of the Grand Jury, to consist of Messrs. Bayley and Jeffs.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the claim of Charles Thompson, Esq., and Mr. H. Keating against the District, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, as well as all other claims of a like nature.

A report from the Road Surveyor of the Township of Oro, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the report of James Tudhope, Surveyor of Highways in the Township of Oro, now received, be referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Bayley,

Ordered—That a Committee be appointed to frame an address to His Excellency the Governor-General on the subject of the removal of the County Registry Office to Barrie, said Committee to consist of Messrs. Richey and Jeffs.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the Council do resolve itself into Committee of the whole to consider the legality of members sitting for Townships in which they do not reside, though they may have resided in them at the time of their election.

The Council resolved itself into Committee of the whole on Mr. E. A. Walker's motion. Mr. Alley in the chair.

Committee of the whole rose without decision.

The Treasurer's report on the finances of the District, laid before the Council, and read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the Treasurer's report, now read, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

The Auditors' report, No. 1, on the Treasurer's Quarterly Accounts, accompanied by said accounts, laid before the Council.

The Auditors' report, No. 2, on the accounts of the Township Clerks, laid before the Council.

Returns of payments made to the teachers of Common Schools in the Township of West Gwillimbury, from the assessed taxes, laid before the Council.

On the motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the returns from the Township of West Gwillimbury of the payments to the several teachers, with accompanying vouchers, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The following petitions were presented and laid on the table.

Of Francis Hewson, of Barrie, praying for relief from a squatter, by Mr. E. A. Walker.

Of the Trustees and others of No. 5 School District of the Township of Oro, praying for further aid from the Common School Grant for the year 1842, by Mr. Adam.

Of the Trustees of the 10th School District, of the Township of Oro, praying to be taxed for erecting a school house, by Mr. Adam.

Of John Conlson and others, praying the Council to order the surveying of the Penetanguishene road, through the Township of West Gwillimbury, in order to straighten the jogs of said road, by Mr. Garbutt.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Arnson,

Ordered—That the petition of Francis Hewson be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of Richard Carney, together with the

accompanying account, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Bayley.

Ordered—That the Petition of the Trustees of No. 5 School District, Township of Oro, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Bayley,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of No. 10 School Division, Township of Oro, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Garbutt, seconded by Mr. Bayley.

Ordered—That the petition of John Coulson and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the Council do resolve itself into Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of Taxing Wild Lands, also for a more equitable assessment of town lots.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on Mr. E. A. Walker's motion. Mr. Armson in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose without decision.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That Messrs. Armson and Richardson be appointed a Select Committee to consider and report upon the propriety of taxing the wild lands of Absentees.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That Messrs. Garbutt and Wm. Walker be a Select Committee to report upon and draft a petition to the Legislature, praying for an alteration or amendment to Municipal District Council Act, whereby its sessions may be half yearly instead of Quarterly, and that the power of taxation of a more equitable nature than the present assessment may be at their disposal.

Adjourned.

Sgl. J. DALLAS,  
WARDEN.

THURSDAY, 16TH MAY, 1844.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The petition of the Trustees and inhabitants of No. 1 School District of the Township of Vespra, praying for a tax of £35 to build a school house, presented by Mr. E. A. Walker.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the petition now read be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Bayley,

Ordered—That whereas the taxes on a large quantity of the wild lands of this District, being upwards of eight years in arrears at the time the District was set off, and therefore liable to be sold to pay such taxes; and serious legal doubts existing as to the course to be pursued in bringing the said lands to public sale, upon which point it is desirable to obtain information with as little expense to the District as possible. Be it therefore resolved that the Treasurer be directed to put himself in communication with the Treasurers of such new Districts as are similarly situated, with a view to obtain information as to the steps followed by these Districts in enforcing sales of their wild lands for taxes due under the above circumstances.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the apparent error in the accounts of the late Samuel Richardson, Esq., be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. W. Walker,

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Ordered—That the Warden do name a Committee on Contingencies, to consist of three members.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Bayley, Garbutt and Jeffs to be a Committee on Contingencies.

The District Surveyor's Report No. 2 presented.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Bayley, seconded by Mr. Craig.

Ordered—That the Surveyor's Report No. 2 now read, together with the accompanying plans, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the By-Law on absenteeism of Councillors, be read a second time forthwith.

On motion of Alley seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker.

Ordered—That the Council do now go into Committee of the whole on the By-Law upon absenteeism of Councillors.

The Council went into Committee of the whole. Mr. Garbutt in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the By-Law without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read be read a third time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule as far as relates thereto be suspended.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Armson.

Ordered—That the By-Law now read, do pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

The Special Committee appointed to address the Governor-General and petition the Legislature on various matters, brought up a report.

Received and read.

Mr. Alley moved, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

That the address and petition now read be adopted.

Mr. Armson moved, seconded by Mr. W. Walker, in amendment.

That the address and petition now read be not adopted, but that it be referred to Committee of the whole.—Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the whole. Mr. Adam in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the address and petition as amended.

On the motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the address and petition to the Governor-General and Legislature, be now adopted and signed by the Warden.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges reported by By-Law.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That report No. 1 of Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule be dispensed with for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the Council do not go into Committee of the whole on the By-Law now read, but that it be read a third time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read do pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 2, accompanying the draft of an address to His Excellency the Governor-General.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the address to His Excellency the Governor-General, now read, be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,  
Ordered—That the address now adopted be engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Warden and transmitted to His Excellency.

The petition of Francis Waylan, praying for remuneration from the Government grant for 1843, presented by Mr. E. A. Walker.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
Ordered—That the petition now read be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up a report No. 1, accompanied by a By-Law,

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read, be read a second time to-morrow.

The Select Committee appointed to enquire into the propriety of taxing the wild lands of absentees, brought up a report, accompanied by By-Law.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read, be read a second time to-morrow.

The petition of the Superintendent of Education for the District of Simcoe, presented by Mr. Alley.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of the Superintendent of Education for the District of Simcoe, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On the motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the Treasurer be directed to lay before the Council the amount of taxes for school purposes in his hands due to the several Townships for 1842 and 1843.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 1.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Bayley,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Adjourned.

Sgl. J DALLAS,

WARDEN.

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH, 1844.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

A report from the Clerk of the Peace, complaining that the Assessor of the Township of Nottawasaga had not given in his Assessment Roll, was laid before the Council.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up a report, No. 2.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Select Committee on District Surveyor's report and Grand Jury Presentment brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Select Committee appointed to frame an address to His Excellency the Governor-General, on the removal of the Registry Office to Barrie, brought up a report.

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On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,  
Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report,  
No. 3.

The By-Law imposing a tax on certain School Districts, mentioned therein, read a second time.

The By-Law on the propriety of imposing a tax on absentee wild lands, read a second time.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armonson,  
Ordered—That the Council do go into Committee of the whole, to consider the By-Law imposing a tax on certain School Districts therein named, after the order of the day has been disposed of.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,  
Ordered—That the Council do not go into Committee of the whole to consider the By-Law imposing a Tax on Wild Lands on Absentees, but that the 34th Rule be dispensed with and the said By-Law be read a third time forthwith.

By-Law imposing a Tax on Absentee Wild Lands, read a third time.

Mr. E. A. Walker moved, seconded by Wm. Walker,

That the By-Law now read do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed by the Warden.

Mr. Adam moved, seconded by Mr. Bayley, in amendment,  
That the By-Law now read do not pass, but be referred to a Committee of the whole, on account of an omission in the filling up of a blank.—Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the whole. Mr. Richey in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the By-Law as amended.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
Ordered—That the By-Law be read a third time, forthwith.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed by the Warden.

A statement of school taxes, received by the Treasurer during last session, laid before the Council.

Mr. Alley gives notice that he intends to lay before the Council at its next sitting a plan, and to move for its adoption, by a By-Law, for the general Taxation of Wild Lands by a commutation of statute labor.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the Clerk be directed to draw out the necessary forms of bonds to be entered into by Messrs. Ross and Chantler as Superintendents of Education for the Townships of Innisfil and Vespra, and their securities, and deliver them to Messrs. Wilson and E. A. Walker, that they may get them signed, and returned to the Clerk of the Council with as little delay as possible.

On the motion of Mr. Armonson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the Warden do name a Select Committee to consist of three members, to consider and report upon the communication from the Clerk of the Peace, now in possession of the Council.

The Warden appointed Messrs. Morris, Bayley and Wilson members of said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the Treasurer be requested to lay before this session of the Council, a return of salaries and fees paid by him to District Officers for services performed, as salaries, or in lieu of salaries, for and during the year 1843.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the Treasurer's statement of the school moneys in his hands, not appropriated, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On the motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That a Select Committee be appointed by the Warden to enquire into the propriety of exacting from District Officers a rent for the offices or rooms they occupy in the Public Buildings.

The Warden nominated Messrs. E. A. Walker, Armon and Richey as said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the Warden be requested to communicate officially with His Excellency the Governor-General, enclosing a copy of the petition to the Legislature, for the removal of the Registry Office from Yonge street to the District Town, and soliciting his sanction thereto.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the By-Law imposing a tax on certain School Districts therein named. Mr. Craig in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the By-Law without amendment.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the By-Law be read a third time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule be dispensed with for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed by the Warden.

A list of the salaries and fees of the different District Officers of the District of Simcoe, during the year 1843, laid before the Council.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up a report No. 3.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up a report No. 4.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up a report No. 2.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the 2nd report of the Standing Committee on Education be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, in order that the necessary steps may be taken for assessing and levying the sums therein named.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armon,

Ordered—That the Standing Committee on Education be instructed to consider and report on the propriety of remunerating the various Township Superintendents of Common Schools.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the report of the Clerk of the Peace, brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the Committee on Roads and Bridges do take into their consideration and report upon the Memorial to the Governor-General respecting the Market Square Block and Public Buildings grounds in the Town of Barrie, and that they adopt an address or memorial in like manner upon that subject.

On motion of Mr. Garbutt, seconded by Mr. Bayley,

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Ordered—That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Auditors' report No. 2, to consist of Messrs. Morris and Wilson  
Adjourned.

Sgd. J. DALLAS,  
WARDEN.

SATURDAY, 18TH MAY, 1844

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The Auditors brought up a report No. 3, on various accounts.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the Auditors' report, now read, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

Select Committee to whom was referred the Auditors' report No. 2 brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up a report, No. 3.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the report now adopted be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 3, accompanied by the draft of a Memorial to His Excellency the Governor-General.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Bayley.

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Bayley,

Ordered—That the draft of the Memorial, now adopted, be engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Warden, and transmitted to His Excellency the Governor-General.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 5.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey.

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up report No. 4.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 6.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 7.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Arnson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 8, accompanied by a By-Law.

Received and read.

Mr. Craig moved, seconded by Mr. Richey.

That the report now read be adopted.

Mr. Armson moved, seconded by Mr. Bayley,

That the report be not adopted, but that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of the whole.—Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on report of Committee on Finance and Assessment No. 8. Mr. Armson in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported that the report No. 8 of Committee of Finance and Assessment be sent back for reconsideration.—Carried.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up their report No. 8 as reconsidered,

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

A By-Law to raise a tax for District and Common School purposes, Read 1st time.

A By-Law to authorize the issuing of certain District Debentures. Read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the By-Law for issuing Debentures now read, be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th rule be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Craig seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the Council do now resolve itself into Committee of the whole, upon the By-Law now read a second time.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on By-Law on District Debentures. Mr. Richey in the chair.

The Committee of the whole on District Debentures rose and reported the By-Law without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the By-Law for issuing Debentures be read a third time forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the By-Law on District Debentures do now pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed by the Warden.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the By-Law for raising a sum of money by assessment be read a second time, and that the 34th rule be dispensed with for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read a second time be referred to a Committee of the whole.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the By-Law on tax for District and school purposes. Mr. Alley in the Chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the By-Law on tax for District and school purposes as amended.

On motion of Mr. Craig seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the By-Law for raising a sum of money by assessment for District and school purposes, be now read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the By Law for raising a sum of money by assessment for District and School purposes do now pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed by the Warden.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered that the Warden do issue his warrant to the Treasurer for the payment of the school tax in his hands to the Collectors of the several townships on their order, according to the order of the Council.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the Clerk be directed to furnish the Treasurer with a copy of such parts of the 4th report of the Committee on Education as will enable him to ascertain the amounts due the several townships named in said report.

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The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up a report, No. 9.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the report now read be remitted to the Committee on Finance and Assessment for reconsideration.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up their report, No. 9, as reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the Council do now resolve itself into Committee of the whole on the report now read.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the report No. 9 of the Committee on Finance and Assessment on District Officers' salaries, Mr. Craig in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported on the salaries of District Officers without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Garbutt, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered that the report of the Committee on Contingencies having been received and read be now adopted.

Adjourned.

Sgd. JAMES DALLAS,

WARDEN.

# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the May Session,

A.D., 1844.

JAMES DALLAS, ESQ., WARDEN.

REPORT No. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Standing Committee on Education beg to report, that they have considered the petition of the Trustees and inhabitants of the first School District of the Township of Innisfil, praying the Council to order the levying a tax of £18 for the purpose of purchasing a site and erecting a school house thereon, and your Committee is of opinion that the same should be granted.

Also your Committee have considered the petition of the Trustees of the 5th School District of the Township of Innisfil, praying for a tax for £35 for the purpose of erecting a school house, and your Committee is of opinion that the same should be granted.

Also your Committee have considered the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 8 in the Township of W. Gwillimbury, praying to be taxed to the amount of £2.10s.0d. for the purpose of repairing school house, and your Committee is of opinion that the same should be granted.

Also the petition of Trustees and inhabitants of School District No. 1 of the Township of Vespra, praying for a tax of £35 to build a school house, and your Committee is of opinion that the same should be granted.

Also the petition of Trustees and inhabitants of School District No. 5 of Township of Oro, praying for a further aid from the common school grant for 1842. Your Committee cannot recommend a compliance with the prayer of this petition, as the petitioners have already received their share of the said common school grant, and further the said grant has been entirely disposed of, with the approbation of the Council.

Also the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 10 in the Township of Oro, praying for a Tax of £25 to finish a school house. Your Com-

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mittee recommend that the prayer of this petition be not granted, as there is at this time in the hands of the Councillor of the Township of Oro a considerable sum for school purposes due to the said District No. 10, and your Committee consider that when that sum shall have been expended on the said school house, your Committee will consider the propriety of granting a further sum—the requisite amount of which will then be more accurately ascertained.

Also your Committee has considered the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 7, in the Township of Tecumseth, praying for a tax of twenty-five pounds, twelve shillings and sixpence, for the purpose of building a school house, and your Committee is of opinion that the same should not be granted, as the site chosen for the said school house is not according to the provisions of the School Act, as explained in clause 49.

Also your Committee has considered the petition of the Trustees of School Districts Nos. 12 and 3 of the Township of Adjala and Tecumseth (being a Union District), praying for a tax to be levied upon the said Districts for the sum of £30.0s.0d. to build a school house. Your Committee is of opinion that the same should be allowed to stand over until the said Union District shall show that they have come to a satisfactory arrangement as to which Township the said school house shall be built in.

That your Committee has considered the petition of the Trustees of District No. 4 of the Township of Adjala, praying for a tax of £15.0s.0d. for the purpose of building a school house, and your Committee is of opinion that the same should be granted.

Your Committee submit the following draft of a By-Law for the levying, collecting and raising the several sums above mentioned.

Your Committee have examined the return of payments made to teachers of common schools in the Township of West Gwillimbury for the year 1843, and find the same correct in every particular. With regard to the balances due to those Districts which have had broken periods during the said year, and which amount to the following sums :

	£	s.	d.
2nd District—Vacant 3 months .....	2	8	6½
8th " " 2 " .....	1	16	4½
10th " " 3 " .....	2	9	3¾
11th " " 3 " .....	2	14	0

Your Committee recommend that they shall be paid to the Trustees of the respective School Districts to which they of right belong, to be by them applied to purchase of furniture, repair of school houses, or any other necessary school purpose; the said Trustees giving receipts for and accounts of the expenditure of the money to the Councillor for the Township.

As to the balances due to teachers and not claimed, your Committee recommend that they be allowed to remain in the hands of the Councillor for the present, as they will most likely be claimed before next sessions of the Council—if they are not claimed the Council can then take further action on the subject.

Your Committee has also considered the apportionment of the Common School Fund for 1844, and recommend that the Standing Committee on Finance be instructed to order an assessment to be levied on each Township of the District in conformity with clause XII of the Common School Act—equal in amount to the accompanying apportionment—with the exception of the Township of Matchedash, in consequence of an error in the Chief Superintendent's apportionment—that Township being incorporated with Medonte, and having but one settler residing in it. Your Committee cannot recommend that the prayer of the petition of the Trustees of No. 1 School District of Orillia be granted for levying a double tax, as they have the power of rating themselves to any amount, and especially as the Councillor for that

Township has not been consulted by the Superintendent in the formation of the different School Districts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 16th May, 1844.

APPORTIONMENT OF THE COMMON SCHOOL FUND FOR 1844.

	Population.		Apportionment	
	5 to 16	£	s.	d.
Apportionment to the District of Simcoe.....	3963	561	11	2
Adjala.....	210	29	15	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Essa.....	140	19	16	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
West Gwillimbury.....	777	110	2	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Innisfil.....	244	34	11	6
Mulmur.....	77	10	18	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mono.....	401	56	16	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Medonte.....	198	28	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Flos.....	40	5	13	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oro.....	335	47	9	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Orillia, North and South.....	88	12	9	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Peecumseth.....	849	120	6	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tiny.....	97	13	14	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tay.....	70	9	18	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Vespra.....	164	23	4	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Matchedash (no return of census for 1842).....	68	9	12	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nottawasaga.....	69	9	15	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sunnidale.....	68	9	12	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tossorontio.....	68	9	12	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
	3963	561	11	2

N.B.—The census of 1842 left ten townships in the Home District without any returns, four of which are now in the Simcoe District, but there were 682 children in the returns for the District more than what appeared from the township returns: these 682 are divided equally amongst the ten townships omitted in the census.

Signed. R. M.

REPORT <sup>o</sup>No. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

Your Standing Committee on Education beg leave to report that they have considered the petition of the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, County Superintendent of Common Schools, praying for remuneration for services, and your Committee must decline recommending a salary owing to the financial embarrassment of the District, but consider it advisable to allow the sum of twenty-five pounds to cover the contingent expenses of the superintendency. The said twenty-five pounds to be apportioned assessed and levied on the several townships in their due proportions, together with, and over and above, the school tax for the current year, exclusive of all charges of collection.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 17th May, 1844.

## REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Education to whom was referred the propriety of remunerating the various Superintendents of Common Schools, beg leave to recommend that, owing to the financial state of the District, they cannot advise that any greater sum than what may be necessary to defray the actual expenditure of their official contingencies be granted, which they further consider should be regulated by the following scale, viz. :—

When the number of freeholders and householders entered upon the assessment roll for that year does not exceed two hundred, the sum of twenty shillings; over two hundred and not exceeding four hundred, the sum of twenty-five shillings; over four hundred, the sum of thirty shillings; clear of all charges for collection, to be levied as part of the school taxes and paid over to the Superintendent, and in like manner with the additional allowance granted this session to Township Clerks.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, May 18, 1844.

## REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of Adam Goodfellow, Town Clerk of West Gwillimbury, praying for further remuneration for his services, beg to report.

That your Committee would recommend that the following rule be adopted for the payment of the several Town Clerks within this District, viz. :—

When the number of freeholders and householders entered upon the assessment roll for that year does not exceed two hundred, the sum of £4; over two hundred and not exceeding four hundred, the sum of £5; over four hundred, the sum of £6.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th May, 1844.

## REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the petition of James Greenlaw, Collector of rates for the Township of Medonte, praying for further remuneration for his services, beg to report.

That they cannot recommend any further allowance to the Collector, because it would be a bad precedent, and if it does not at present pay him, it is an improving Township; and the petitioner is not bound to accept of the situation, only in his turn.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th May, 1844.

## REPORT No. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was remitted the Treasurer's report, beg leave to report as follows:

That they learn with pleasure that the Treasurer has been able to pay off the interest on debentures as they fell due, and are more desirous, for the credit of the District, that every exertion be made to continue so to do. A debenture for £200 falls due on the 1st of July next, which they expect the Treasurer will be enabled to pay off some time this year from the proceeds of the tax of 1d. per pound.

The Committee recommend that the Treasurer procure from Mr. Howard a settlement of arrears of taxes for this District immediately after the 30th of June next.

With respect to the payment made by the Treasurer to the Commercial Bank of £13.14s., it is perfectly clear that this sum was charged against the District in the account of the late Mr. Richardson, made up after that gentleman's death. The Committee have no doubt whatever that this circumstance occurred wholly by mistake, and was caused by the wrong construction of a certificate from Mr. Ross, teller of the Commercial Bank, dated "Toronto, 5th August, 1843," relative to this sum, the Treasurer having paid this amount to the Bank on the 20th of March last. Your Committee recommend that an immediate application be made by him to Mrs. Richardson for repayment of the before-mentioned sum.

Considering the state of the finances of the District, the Committee recommend that the Treasurer write, without delay, to those Collectors of Townships still in arrear, intimating that an immediate settlement of their taxes must be made, to prevent legal proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 16th May, 1844.

## REPORT No. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the account of Mr. Charles Thompson and others, beg to report.

That they have carefully examined the accounts referred to them. That the amount of Mr. Thompson's account with interest to the 18th instant is £452.19s.5d.—add disbursements to witnesses paid by him £14.7s.6d., and costs of suits to Blake and Morrison £26.4s.11d.—in all £493.11s.10d. That the amount of Mr. Carney's account, with interest, is £51.1s.10d. That the amount of Mr. Atkinson's account, with interest, is £58.6s.0.

Mr. Thompson is willing to accept of a debenture at ten years date, and Messrs. Thompson and Carney are both willing that Mr. Carney's account should be included in the amount of Mr. Thompson's debenture.

Your Committee do therefore recommend that Mr. Thompson be charged by the Treasurer with £6.8s.2d. of cash, which will make up his claim against the District to £500. That Mr. Carney be paid by the Treasurer the sum of £1.1s.10d. in cash, which will reduce his claim against the District to £50; and that in full payment of both these the Warden be authorized to issue a debenture in favor of Mr. Charles Thompson, at ten years date, with interest payable on the first of January and first of July in each year, for the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds currency, and further, that the Warden be authorized to issue a debenture in favor of Mr. John Atkinson at five years

date, with interest, payable on the first of January and first of July in each year, for the sum of Fifty-eight Pounds, Six Shillings currency, in full of his claim.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, May 17th, 1844.

REPORT NO. 5 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was remitted the District Surveyor's 2nd report, beg to report.

That they have examined the plan brought forward by the District Surveyor for laying out the Court Room. That they consider it to be neat and commodious, and likely to answer every purpose required.

That it is only due to the judges of the assizes and the Magistrates of the District that the Court Room be fitted up as soon as the lumber is sufficiently seasoned, and this the Committee recommend to be done at the sight of the Surveyor. They are desirous, however, before a final approval of the Council be given to this, that the Surveyor be instructed to furnish an estimate of the probable expense. Moreover the Committee are of opinion, that the work should not be done until the roof of the court house be repaired, as in doing so, damage might occur to the fitting up of the court room, were the work previously done.

The small alteration proposed for the Treasurer's office, estimated at 12/6 — the Committee recommend should be authorized.

In respect to an account due Messrs. Sibbald and Dougall, amounting to £15.3s.10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d., the Committee are of opinion that twelve pounds for fitting up Treasurer's and Sheriff's Offices, and for two tables, and fixing jury seats, done by order of the Council, should be paid. That one pound three shillings and ten pence half-penny for sundry small repairs be paid; and that fifteen shillings for two notice tables, ordered by the Sheriff, and £1.5s.0d. for rail to cover Treasurer's desk and varnish, ordered by Treasurer, be disallowed.

That the account of John Sibbald, for wood box, amounting to 15/, ordered by the Sheriff, be disallowed; and that the account of Thomas Ambler, amounting to £2.10s.5d. for work done to the gaol, be paid, the principal part of the charge being for iron bars required for the alteration of the chimneys by order of the Council in May, 1843, and the other charges being for several small alterations that were necessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 17th May, 1844

REPORT NO. 6 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the District Council of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom were remitted certain claims on the District on account of the public buildings, beg to report.

That they have been furnished by Mr. Horace Keating with a statement of his claim. That it amounts, for verdict, £214.2s.3d.; disbursement to witnesses, £8.10s.0d.; costs of suit and demurrer, £33.14s.11d.; in all, £256.7s.2d.; for the amount of which your Committee recommend that the Warden be authorized to issue a debenture at two years, with interest payable on first of January

and first of July in each year. They recommend that the bill of costs be taxed and any reduction of the same be paid by Mr. Keating to the Treasurer. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 18th May, 1844.

REPORT NO. 7 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment beg to report. That they have examined the report of the District Auditors and recommend that the account of Workman & Brothers for stoves, by order of Council, amounting to £3.10s., be paid. That the account of Thos. Johnson, for carriage of stoves, glass &c., amount, 12/6, be paid. That the account of Aaron Burnet, for stove pipes, candle sticks, &c., by order of Council, amounting to £1.17s.1½d., to be paid. That the account of John Sibbald, amount 15/, be disallowed. That the account of Thos. Ambler, amount £2.10s.3d., be paid. That the account of Hugh Scobie, for the Assessment Roll, £5.2s.6d., be paid. That the sum of £13.3s.10½d., part of Sibbald and Dougalls account, amount, (£15.3s.10½) be allowed, and that the Warden be authorised to issue his warrant for all sums recommended in this report to be paid. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 18th May, 1844.

REPORT NO. 8 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment beg leave to report to the Council.

That they have carefully considered the probable revenue and expenditure for the year 1844, and in the first place have to state, that the revenue to be derived from the tax of one penny in the pound for the court house and gaol, appears to be as follows viz.:

1d. per pound on the gross valuation of the District, £157596. . . . . £656 13 0  
Deduct portion of tax irrecoverable, 6 per cent . . . . . 39 7 11½

Balance of Revenue . . . . . £617 5 0½  
Expenditure:—  
Interest on £7000 Debentures . . . . . £420 0 0

Balance . . . . . £197 5 0½

Which will very nearly be sufficient to pay off a debenture of £200 due 1st July, 1844.

The Committee have taken every pains to reduce the amount of the general expenditure of the District, but with every regard to economy, they find that it cannot be calculated at less than £767.

This is decidedly a larger sum than they could have anticipated, but it arises from several charges that cannot again occur.

To provide for this large sum, your Committee recommend, in order that the finances of the District may be placed in a healthy state, that a tax be levied on all ratable property within the District for District purposes of 1½d. per pound, which will amount :

On the valuation of £157596 .....	£820 0 0
Deduct allowance to Assessors and Collectors .....	£109 18 8
Portion of tax irrecoverable .....	48 12 1
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	158 10 4
Balance of Revenue .....	£661 9 8
Fines from Magistrates and Quarter Sessions .....	37 14 2
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Total Revenue .....	£699 3 10
The probable expenditure for the year 1844 .....	767 0 0

Leaving a deficiency unprovided for... .. £ 67 16 2

This is a state of matters which your Committee cannot contemplate without regret; however, if the Council will sanction the imposing of the tax recommended by the Committee, they see no reason to doubt that in the course of a very few years the finances of the District will be in a prosperous state. The heavy outlay of this year will not be repeated, while the prosperity of the District, shewn by the large increase of the valuation this year as compared to last, will lead to greater income.

This will be increased by the prospect of the lands belonging to the Canada Company being brought immediately under taxation.

The Committee are of opinion that salaries or allowances ought to be granted to the following officers, viz.:—Treasurer, Clerk of the Council, District Surveyor, Auditors, Gaoler and Court House Keeper.

Your Committee thinks it right, notwithstanding a settlement has been made with Mr. Charles Thompson, to recommend that the bill of costs of Messrs. Blake and Morrison be taxed, in which case, should it be reduced, any balance in favor of the District will be paid by Mr. Thompson to the Treasurer.

The Committee consider it right that the Treasurer be empowered to purchase two reams of paper at the wholesale price, for the use of himself and the Clerk of the Council.

Your Committee, with reference to the 12th clause of the School Act, recommend that a tax be levied in all the Townships of the District, with the exception of Matchedash, for the support of Common Schools of five hundred and fifty-one pounds, eighteen shillings and five pence half-penny, for the payment of allowance to County Superintendent twenty-five pounds; for the extra allowance of Town Clerks eight pounds; allowance to Township Superintendents nineteen pounds, in all £603.18s.5½d., and they recommend that the said sum be apportioned as follows, viz., to the Township of

Adjala .....	£ 33 7 1½
Essa .....	21 14 9½
West Gwillimbury .....	118 11 8
Innisfil .....	38 8 2½
Mulmur .....	12 8 0½
Mono .....	61 12 11½
Medonte .....	30 6 5½
Flos .....	6 18 9½
Oro .....	51 16 11½
Orillia, N and S .....	14 0 3½
Tecumseth .....	129 4 9
Tiny .....	15 7 6
Tay .....	11 7 3½
Vespra .....	25 5 7½
Nottawasaga .....	11 4 6½
Sunnidale .....	11 1 8½
Tossorontio .....	11 1 8½

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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JOHN CRAIG,

CHIRAMAN.

Committee Room, 18th May, 1844.

REPORT NO. 9 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance beg leave respectfully to report to the Council that in their opinion the following sums ought to be granted to the several officers of the District, whose designations are prefixed, for the year ending 31st December, 1844 :

	£	s.	d.
The Treasurer of the District, in lieu of all fees for services performed for this District.....	100	0	0
The Clerk of the Council, for his services.....	37	10	0
The District Surveyor, for his services.....	25	0	0
The Auditors, each £2, for their services.....	70	0	0
The Jailor.....	7	10	0
The Court House Keeper.....	7	10	0

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 18th May, 1844.

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, having considered the various matters referred to them, beg leave to report as follows:

The petition of John Coulson and others of West Gwillimbury, praying for the ordering of the survey of the road, (commonly called the Penetanguishene road) to straighten the jogs &c. Your committee cannot recommend the prayer of said petition, but the petitioners have their remedy by employing a Surveyor and reporting on the same to the Council.

Your Committee would recommend that no action be taken upon the petition of Francis Huston for the present.

The report of James Tudhope, Road Surveyor, exhibiting a diagram of the survey of a road through part of the Township of South Orillia, your Committee recommend that it may be confirmed, and beg to report by By-Law for said purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. ADAM,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 16th May, 1844.

REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, to which was referred the motion of Mr. Armon to draft an address to His Excellency the Governor-General, beg leave to report.

That your Committee has drawn a draft of an address and now submit it to the consideration of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ADAM,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 16th May, 1844.

REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom the motion of Mr. Alley was referred, to draft a memorial to His Excellency the Governor-General, respecting the market square block and public building ground of Barrie.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges having attentively considered the same, beg leave to submit the following draft for their adoption.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. ADAM,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 18th May, 1844.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE AUDITORS' REPORT OF TREASURER'S AND TOWNSHIP CLERKS' ACCOUNTS.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Auditors' reports of the Treasurer's and Town Clerks' accounts,

beg leave to report that after a careful examination they find them as follows: The Treasurer's accounts are correct, but the Town Clerks' accounts, some of them appear incorrect by not having presented their vouchers.

Were your Committee would therefore recommend that such Town Clerks as still persists in such negligence for the future, shall be dealt with according to law.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GARBUTT,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, May 18th, 1844.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE PEACE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Select Committee to whom was referred the report of the Clerk of the Peace, beg leave to state that they have considered the matter and would recommend to the Council that the law be enforced against the Assessor of Nottawasaga as the only means of preventing a like occurrence of such neglect of duty.

All which is respectfully submitted.

MR. MORRIS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, May 17th, 1844.

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE DISTRICT SURVEYOR'S REPORT AND GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the District Surveyor's report together with the presentment of the Grand Jury, beg leave to report.

That having examined the different articles furnished according to the report, they consider them suitable and good value for the money, but would not recommend anything more at present than two casks to contain rain water

in the gaol yard when it could be obtained, the gaoler having power to get water from the bay should an increase of inmates make it necessary so to do.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 16th May, 1844.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO FRAME AN ADDRESS TO  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL ON THE REMOVAL  
OF REGISTRY OFFICE TO BARRIE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Select Committee appointed to frame an address to His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of removing the Registry Office to the town of Barrie, beg leave to report.

That from His Excellency's letter of the 22nd March, find it is not in his power, as the law now stands, to comply with our wishes, therefore think it unnecessary to address him again on that subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 16th May, 1844.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ENQUIRE INTO THE PROPRIETY  
OF TAXING THE WILD LANDS OF ABSENTEES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Select Committee appointed to enquire into the propriety of taxing the wild lands of absentees beg leave to report that they have attentively considered the subject, and have come to the unanimous conclusion that in the present state of the District, oppressed as it is by debts, which it cannot discharge, no means appear to them so just and proper for raising funds for the relief of the District, as a moderate tax on wild lands of absentees. Your Committee therefore beg to recommend the following draft of a By-Law for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Rooms, 16 May, 1844.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE SUBJECT OF  
DISTRICT COUNCIL ABSENTEEISM.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of District Council sessional absenteeism, beg leave to submit the foregoing By-Law for your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GERALD ALLEY,  
CHAIRMAN.



## REPORT OF TREASURER.

Treasurer's Office, Barrie, 14th May, 1844.

*Mr. Warden :*

I beg leave to state that I have settled all the interest of debentures due up to the 31st December, 1843, with the exception of debenture No. 13, which could not be found. It appears that there has been no interest paid on this debenture for 3 years.

It appearing from a receipt of Chas. Thompson, Esq., which I hold, that debenture No. 38 was issued on the 22nd of October, 1842, to redeem No. 3 debenture, due on the 1st of July, 1843.

I therefore demanded this debenture (No. 3) from (Mr. C. Thompson) the holder, who declined giving it upon the plea that the District is indebted to him in a sum exceeding the amount of said debenture.

I have placed funds in the Commercial Bank, Toronto, to meet the interest on debentures Nos. 14 to 21, all due the 15th instant.

I have had a settlement with the Treasurer of the Home District (Mr. Howard) up to the 31st of December, 1843, and have received from that gentleman the sum of £58.17s.1d. on account of taxes for gaol and court house for the year 1842.

There was a balance due for interest on debentures to the Commercial Bank, Toronto, by the late Mr. Samuel Richardson, Treasurer to the Building Committee of this District, amounting to £43.14s.0d., which stood over since 1842, which I had to pay.

The whole of the debentures as they now stand, amount to £6950, (this does not include No. 13 debenture of £50, or debenture No. 3, of £200) which the Council will have to find ways and means to pay the interest of, amounting to £417 for the current year, also to pay off debenture No. 4, due the 1st of July, 1844, which amounts to £200.

I give an aggregate amount of the valuation of the District for the current year, say £157,596, which will, I trust, enable the Council to lay on such an amount of taxes as may be deemed expedient to defray the interest and expenditure for the current year.

The Collectors of West Gwillimbury, Orillia, Mulmur, Essa, Tay, Tiny and Sunnidale have completed their Collection of taxes for the past year.

The other Collectors have made partial payments and complain that the delay is owing to their not being able, although every exertion has been made on their part, to get it from the people.

I have the honor to be,

Mr. Warden,

Your obedient servant,

JAS. ADAM,

Treasurer District of Simcoe.

To JAS. DALLAS, Esq.,  
Warden of the District of Simcoe.

## AUDITORS' REPORT No. 1.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

We, the Auditors for the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts of the District Treasurer from January 1st to April 1st, and found them perfectly correct.

	£	s.	d.
Amount of receipts as pr. cash book .....	668	4	4½
Amount of payments as pr. vouchers .....	602	4	1½
Balance in hand .....	£ 66	0	2½

All which is respectfully submitted.

Barrie, May 13th, 1844.

JOHN ATKINSON, }  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

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AUDITORS' REPORT NO. 2.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

We, the Auditors of the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report that we have examined several of the remaining accounts of the Township Clerks of the District, and are sorry to say they are not all satisfactory. We find them as follows :

John Craig, Township Clerk for Medonte and Matchedash.

Moneys received from Treasurer.....	£ 7 2 10
Moneys expended.....	7 10 9

Balance due the Township Clerk ..... 0 7 11  
Correct as per vouchers.

Alexander Gillespie, Township Clerk for Sunnidale.

Moneys received from Treasurer.....	£ 9 8 0
Moneys expended.....	9 8 0

Correct as per vouchers.

The remainder expended under his own superintendance by order of D. C. (Sgd.) Robert Ross.

Patk. Patton, Township Clerk for Adjala.

Balance from last year.....	£ 3 6 3
Moneys received from Treasurer.....	2 10 10

	£5 17 1
Moneys expended.....	5 17 1

Correct as certified by Henry McCullough, District Councillor.

Donald Cameron, Township Clerk for Oro.

Moneys received from Treasurer.....	£ 3 10 10
Balance from last year.....	16 18 5½

	£20 9 3½
Moneys expended.....	20 10 7½

Balance due Township Clerk ..... 0 1 7  
Correct as per vouchers.

Alfred A. Thompson, Township Clerk for Tiny.

Moneys received from Treasurer.....	£18 11 1½
Cash in hand.....	4 1 9
Cash in lieu of Statute Labor ..	1 10 0

	£24 2 10½
Moneys expended.....	24 8 10½

Balance due Township Clerk..... £ 0 6 0  
No vouchers produced.

From West Gwillimbury, Tecumseth and Mono we have heard nothing since our last report.

From Essa we have not received an account at all.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, }  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, May 13th, 1844.

## ADDRESS TO COMMONS.

*To the Honorable, the Commons House of Assembly, of Canada, in Provincial Parliament Assembled.*

The petition of the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe Municipal Council in sessions assembled, humbly prays that your Honorable House will take into its earliest consideration, the existing Municipal District Council Act, for the purpose of enacting amendments to the same, whereby its workings may become efficiently beneficial to Her Majesty's Canadian subjects in general.

By the 22nd section of said statute, it is enacted that its sessions shall be held quarterly in each year, by such Council meeting in the middle of the months of February, May, August and November, whereby your petitioners, whose occupations are chiefly agricultural, are compelled to absent themselves from the principal objects of their pursuits, in the seeding and harvesting months of May and August. Your petitioners therefore earnestly suggest an alteration from quarterly to half yearly meetings of the said Council, during such portion of the months of February and November as your Honorable House may deem fit.

By the 41st section of the said statute, it is enacted that wild lands may be taxed for District purposes, not exceeding 1½d. per acre in any year. However, owing to the heavy debt into which this District has fallen, by the erection of Public Buildings before your petitioners had any control over the same—no other Public property being under the control of this Municipal body save the said Public Buildings of jail and court house—whereby no other mode than that of direct taxation can be resorted to. Your petitioners most humbly but earnestly pray, that power may be afforded them by the enactments of your Honorable House, to lay and levy upon absentee wild lands, including the unlocated property of the Canada Company and all other corporations, or persons whose lands are alienated from the Crown by location license or otherwise. Therefore, to lay and levy the rate by law allowed, of 1½d. as before stated, the struggling new settlers must be similarly taxed (as the law now stands,) which in addition to the present rate of taxes, about 4d. in the pound, now necessarily imposed and levied, would so seriously affect the industry of that class of men forming for the most part the population of this District, as to render such a course very questionable.

Your petitioners also lay before your Honorable House, the propriety of further enabling the said Municipal body to meet those difficulties in which they are now placed, by the Law of Assessment being so altered and amended, as to permit them to lay an equitable tax upon town lots, (now only paying the rate of cultivated lands) in the several Towns and Villages in the Simcoe District, as well as upon Breweries (not even assessed) Distilleries only now paying 5/ annually, buildings of the best description not included in the present Assessment Laws, and an equitable adjustment of the apportionment of taxation generally upon all property according to its value.

Your petitioners most carefully point out to your Honorable House, the necessity of vesting in their Municipal body, a statutory control over the whole of the disbursements of the District revenue, so as to ensure harmony and the proper working of the said M. C. Act: the necessary disbursements would be more cheerfully levied, then if placed at the disposal of another body, wholly irresponsible to the said Council.

Your petitioners are most urgent in their prayer to be relieved from the payment of dues for the Administration of Justice, and such, their District claims, may be paid from the Provincial revenues as in Canada East.

The foregoing considerations are placed before your Honorable House, in expectation of such measures being adopted, as will tend to relieve the inhabitants of the District of Simcoe from the heavy public incumbrances by which they are involved—and when it is considered that not even a passible outlet by road from the District Town as yet exists, or the smallest fractional

sum of money is at the disposal of the District, either for road purposes or to meet the demands of nearly £8,000 now against it, and that successive years of severity of season, have so injuriously operated against the agriculturists, that a great portion of the present rate of taxation for the years 1842-1843 cannot be collected, your petitioners trust that they will be thus enabled by their own resources not to be compelled to make application to your Honorable House for pecuniary assistance,

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

MEMORIAL TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

*To His Excellency, the Right Honorable Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, G.C.B., Governor-General of British North America, &c., &c.*

May it please your Excellency:

We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, in session assembled, beg leave to solicit a certain open square or block of land in the town plot of Barrie, situated at the intersection of Mulcaster and Collier streets, for the purpose of converting it into a market place for the convenience of the inhabitants of the town and the adjacent country.

We further pray that your Excellency may order the patent to be issued for the block of land whereon the gaol and court house are now erected, being lots Nos. 110, 111, 112 and 113, north of Worsley street, Nos. 117, 118, 119 and 120, south of McDonald street,

And your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

ADDRESS TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

*To His Excellency, &c.,*

The memorial of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, most respectfully sheweth:

That your Memorialists, at the last session of this Council, addressed your Excellency on the subject of the grant for improving the main Northern Road from Lake Ontario, at Toronto, to Lake Huron. That this work has not as yet been commenced, although others of a less important nature, included in the same grant, are going on. That your Memorialists in again calling your Excellency's attention to this subject, beg to assure your Excellency that they wish not again to trouble your Excellency with a recital of the just claims of this part of the country to the expenditure of the sum granted by Parliament.

And although the inhabitants of this District suffer most severely for the want of a road to their District Town; and although a large tract of land in the District, of a quality not to be surpassed in the Province, remains unsettled for want of a road (a deficiency which the contemplated roads would supply) to the great prejudice of the District, yet your Memorialists beg only to appeal to your Excellency's sense of justice for interference on behalf of the District, to see that the provision which the Parliament made is carried into effect in the whole as well as in part.

That your Memorialists, the representatives of the inhabitants of this District, on behalf of the District, declare their willingness to abide by any decision of the Board of Works as to the line of road that may be selected by that body as the most eligible, to remove any cause of delay on this subject which might be supposed to arise from a division of opinions among the people, in a matter as to which there ever is a contrariety of opinions arising from a contrariety of interests.

In the perfect reliance that your Excellency will attend to the appeal on

behalf of a large portion of Her Majesty's faithful subjects, and will do us justice—we ask no more—

Your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

OPINION OF HON. W. H. DRAPER.

Toronto, 22nd April, 1844.

Sir :—

In reply to your memorandum respecting the amount which could lawfully be expended in erecting a new gaol and court house for the District of Simcoe, I beg to state that though in my opinion the statutes limit the amount of loan which may be raised, they do not limit the expenditure on the buildings to that sum, but that a greater sum might lawfully be expended for those purposes under the authority of the law.

How far such an excess of expenditure was prudent is not within my province to speak of, but I cannot say it is illegal, merely as exceeding the sum for which the loan was authorized.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. H. DRAPER.

JAMES DALLAS, Esq.,  
&c., &c.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Secretary's Office, Kingston, 22nd March, 1844.

Sir :—

I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to acknowledge the receipt of the memorial of the Municipal Council of the Simcoe District, praying that the offices of the County Registry and District Agency may be removed from their present situations to the town of Barrie.

In reply, I am to acquaint you that the place for the Registry office having been fixed, as the law now stands, His Excellency has no power to remove it, and is therefore unable to comply with that part of the request of the Council.

With reference to the District Agency I am to acquaint you that the matter has been referred to the Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands, as the head of the Land Department, that he may bring the subject under the notice of the Governor-General.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

D. DALY,

SECRETARY.

JAMES DALLAS, Esq.,  
Chairman Simcoe District Council.

Barrie, May 14th, 1844.

Sir :—

I have the honor at the instance of the Grand Jury at the Quarter Sessions of the 2nd April last, for this District, herewith to transmit a presentment made by them, a portion of which relates to the want of water in the gaol.

I beg to request that you will lay the same before the Council not doubting but that the Council will take the matter referred to into consideration with a view to providing a deficiency of so serious a nature.

The subject touched upon, the delay of the main District road, may not be thought unworthy of attention.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient humble servant,

JAMES DALLAS, ESQUIRE,

JAS. ROBT GOWAN,  
Ch. Qr. Ses.

Warden of the District of Simeoe.

PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY.

*The Grand Jurors of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, beg leave to present :*

We thank your Worship for your address, containing as it does much that is good—much that is gratifying. With you, we consider it a matter of congratulation that the amount of business before the court is so small, and readily testify to the general sensible conduct of the magistracy of the District. We thank you for the very sensible and impressive advice contained in your address, and be assured we shall carefully practice and inculcate the great principle that submission to the constituted authorities of the land is the first duty of every lover of peace and good order, and by endeavoring to allay political animosities shew our regard for our country and the free constitution we live under.

We are sensibly alive to the importance of several acts passed during the last session of the Parliament, and look forward with hope to the result of the school act in particular. The too general practice of fraudulently conveying property, notified by your Worship, cannot be too severely reprobated, and a stringent legislation upon the subject will, we hope, be resorted to.

There is no political truth we are more conversant with, farmers as we mostly are, than that good roads are the arteries through which circulate the life blood of a country, and we certainly feel no little disappointment at the long delay of our contemplated main District road and feel ourselves called upon to express the hope that it will soon be attended to.

We have, your Worship, as expected from us, examined the gaol and court house, and with pleasure testify to the order, comfort and cleanliness everywhere observable, nor can we pass this opportunity without expressing our approbation of the good management and courteous attention of the Sheriff of the District.

One thing we feel much surprised at, that there is no water in the gaol, and consider it an essential matter to be attended to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd.) THOMAS PARKER,

FOREMAN.

BY-LAW No. 13.

*A By-Law imposing a fine on Councillors absenting themselves from their sessional duties.*

WHEREAS the District Council consists of but seventeen members, nine of whom form a quorum, it has become necessary for the progress of business that the attendance of the Municipal Councillors for and during each and every session, be enforced by a By-Law of this Council to that effect.

Be it therefore enacted by the Warden and Council of the said District of Simeoe that from and after the passing of this By-Law each and every member of the said Simeoe Municipal District Council, who shall absent themselves from any of the sessional duties of the said Council, shall be individually liable to pay a fine of Six Shillings lawful Provincial money for each and every day he or they shall so absent themselves, to be levied and

appropriated according to and in like manner as the penalty for refusing to serve in the Municipal District Council Act therein recited.

Sgd. JAMES DALLAS,

WARDEN.

Passed 16th May, 1844.

BY-LAW No. 14.

*A By-Law for Establishing a Road in South Orillia.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, that the road surveyed and reported by James Tudhope, Road Surveyor, leading from Lot No. 15, in the 1st Concession, to Lot No. 10, in the 3rd Concession of the Township of South Orillia, be and the same is hereby established as a Public Road or Highway of manifest utility and importance to the public.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the applicants for laying out said Road shall pay the expenses of surveying and reporting the same.

(Signed) J. DALLAS,

WARDEN.

Passed 16th May, 1844.

BY-LAW No. 15.

*A By-Law Imposing a Tax upon the Inhabitants of Certain School Districts in several Townships therein named, to be applied to the Building of School Houses therein, in Compliance with an Act for the Establishment and Maintenance of Common Schools in Upper Canada.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, that in order to raise the money required for the hereinafter mentioned purposes, and to defray the expense of raising, levying and collecting the same, the Assessors of each and every Township hereinafter mentioned for the present year, shall and they are hereby required to furnish the Clerk of the District Council within one calendar month from and after the passing of this Act, with a certified copy of the Assessment Roll of their respective Township, so far as regards the limits of the several School Districts herein mentioned in the said Townships, distinguishing the ratable property in each School District separately, with the valuation of such property extended. Upon delivery of which copy of Roll to said Clerk every Assessor shall be entitled to demand and receive from the Collector of their respective School Districts, upon production of the Clerk's receipt for the said copy of Roll, the sum of two shillings and sixpence for every list so furnished, so soon as the Collectors shall have collected the several sums herein ordered to be levied. And it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the District Council, for the time being, to make out a fair copy of such Roll and to assess the following sums equally upon all ratable property in each of the following School Districts respectively, that is to say, upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Innisfil residing in School District No. 1, the sum of £18; in School District No. 5, the sum of £35. Upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of West Gwillimbury residing in School District No. 8, the sum of £2 10s. 0d. Upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Adjala residing in School District No. 4, the sum of £15. 0s. 0d. Upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Vespra residing in School District No. 1, the sum of £35. 0s. 0d. And it shall be the duty of the said District Council Clerk, as soon as said Rolls shall have been completed, to cause the same to be delivered to the Collectors of the several before named Townships.

2nd—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Collectors of said Townships shall, and they are hereby authorized and required

to ask, demand and receive from all persons named in the said Roll the sum therein stated as their proportion of said assessment, and to raise, levy and collect the same in the same manner as the other assessed taxes are now raised, levied and collected, and shall pay the same over to the Trustees of their respective School Districts, first deducting the sum of two shillings and sixpence, to be paid over by them to the Assessor, and also the rate of five per cent. on the amount so levied, collected and paid as their remuneration for collecting the same.

Sgd. JAMES DALLAS,  
WARDEN.

Passed 17th May, 1844.

BY-LAW No. 16.

*By-Law Imposing a Tax of One Penny per Acre on all Wild Lands belonging to Absentees.*

WHEREAS, in the present embarrassed financial state of the District, it is expedient to raise funds to relieve it from the heavy pressure of its debts,

Be it therefore enacted by the Warden and the Councillors of the District of Simcoe, that an additional tax of one penny per acre be imposed upon all wild lands belonging to persons not residing on them, nor entered on the Township Assessment Roll, to be levied and collected in the same manner as all other assessed taxes.

(Signed) JAMES DALLAS,  
WARDEN.

Passed 17th May, 1844.

BY-LAW No. 17.

*By-Law to Raise a Tax for District and Common School Purposes.*

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the District Council of the District of Simcoe, that there be raised, levied and collected in the usual manner on all the ratable property belonging to the inhabitants of the District of Simcoe, liable to be assessed during the present year, a rate of one penny-half-penny in the pound on the assessed value of all such property for the purposes of and towards defraying the expenses of the Administration of Justice, and to provide for other liabilities of the said District.

Be it further enacted, that for the support of Common Schools, the payment of Teachers, allowance to County Superintendent, extra allowance to certain Township Clerks and allowance to Township Superintendents for the year 1844, there shall be raised, levied and collected on the ratable or assessed property of all the Townships contained in the District of Simcoe, except Matchedash, the sum of six hundred and three pounds eighteen shillings and five and one-half pence over and above all other rates and assessments raised for other purposes. And which said sum shall be raised, levied and collected from the said Townships in the following proportions :

Township of	the sum of	£	s.	d.
Adjala,	.....	33	7	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " Essa	.....	21	14	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " West Gwillimbury,	the sum of	118	11	8
" " Innisfil,	.....	38	8	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " Mulmur,	.....	12	8	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " Mono,	.....	61	12	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " Medonte,	.....	30	6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " Flos,	.....	6	18	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " Oro,	.....	51	16	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " Orillia N. and S.,	.....	14	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " Tecumseth,	.....	129	4	9
" " Tiny,	.....	15	7	6

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Township of Tay, the sum of .....	11	7	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
" " Vespra, " .....	25	5	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
" " Nottawasaga, the sum of .....	11	4	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
" " Sunnidale, " .....	11	1	8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
" " Tossorontio, " .....	11	1	8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>

Which said rate or assessment of £603.18s.5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d. shall be assessed, levied and collected in the like manner, and at the same time as all other rates and assessments for the use of the said District, as are by law now assessed, levied and collected, to be recovered by the Collector from all persons neglecting or refusing to pay such rate or assessment, as provided for by the 12th clause of an Act passed in the 7th year of the reign of Victoria, chap. 29, entitled a Act for the establishment and maintenance of Common Schools in Upper Canada.

And further, that out of the said money to be so raised and collected, the Collectors shall pay into the Treasurer of the District of Simcoe, for behoof of the County Superintendent the sum of £25.0s.0d., in the following proportions, viz.:—Adjala, £1.7s.0d.; Essa, £0.18s.0d.; West Gwillimbury, £4.19s.7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d.; Innisfil, £1.11s.8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d.; Mulmur, £0.9s.10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d.; Mono, £2.11s.6d.; Medonte, £1.5s.4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d.; Flos, £0.5s.5d.; Oro, £2.2s.6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d.; Orillia, North and South, £0.10s.10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d.; Tecumseth, £5.8s.8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d.; Tiny, £0.27s.7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d.; Tay, £0.8s.11d.; Vespra, £1.0s.10d.; Nottawasaga, £0.9s.0d.; Sunnidale, £0.9s.4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d.; Tossorontio, £0.9s.4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d.

And further, that out of the said money to be so raised and collected, there shall be paid by the Collectors of certain Townships the sums allixed in the following list, into the Treasurer of the District of Simcoe on account of and as extra allowance to the Township Clerks of said Townships, viz.:—Adjala, £1; West Gwillimbury, £2; Innisfil, £1; Mono, £1; Oro, £1; Tecumseth, £2.

And further, that out of the moneys to be so raised and collected, there shall be paid by the respective Collectors into the several Township Superintendents of Education the following sums, viz.:—Adjala, £1.5s.0d.; Essa, £1.5s.0d.; West Gwillimbury, £1.10s.0d.; Innisfil, £1.5s.0d.; Mulmur, £1; Mono, £1.5s.0d.; Medonte, £1; Flos, £1; Oro, £1.5s.0d.; Orillia, North and South, £1; Tecumseth, £1.10s.0d.; Tiny, £1; Tay, £1; Vespra, £1; Nottawasaga, £1; Sunnidale, £1; Tossorontio, £1; and which allowance to County Superintendents and allowance to certain Township Clerks, the Treasurer of the District shall pay over to them on demand.

(Signed) JAMES DALLAS,  
WARDEN.

Passed 18th May, 1844.

BY LAW No. 18.

*By-Law to authorize the issuing of certain Debentures in the manner and for the purposes herein specified.*

Whereas there is now due and owing from the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, to Charles Thompson, of the Township of York, in the Home District, Esquire, the sum of five hundred and fifty pounds, for the payment of which sum the said Charles Thompson hath agreed to take District debentures, redeemable in ten years,

And whereas there is now due and owing from the said Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, to Horace Keating, of the Township of Oro, in the last named District, gentleman, the sum of two hundred and fifty-six pounds seven shillings and two pence, for which sum the said Horace Keating hath agreed to take District debentures, redeemable in two years,

And whereas there is now due and owing to John Atkinson, of Barrie, in the said District, yeoman, the sum of fifty eight pounds and six shillings for

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and in payment of which the said John Atkinson hath agreed to take a District debenture, redeemable in five years.

And whereas this the said Council have agreed to grant the said Debentures to the said parties, in full discharge of their several and respective claims,

Be it therefore enacted by the District Council of the District of Simcoe, that it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer of this District to issue debentures to the said Charles Thompson, payable to him or bearer ten years after the date thereof, for such sums not less than one hundred pounds each, as shall in the whole amount to the said sum of five hundred and fifty pounds, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, which interest shall be payable half yearly on the first day of July, and the first day of January in each year.

And be it further enacted that it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer of this District to issue debentures to the said Horace Keating, payable to him or bearer two years after the date thereof, for such sums not less than one hundred and fifty six pounds seven shillings and two pence, which debentures shall in the whole, amount to the said sum of two hundred and fifty six pounds seven shillings and two pence, which shall bear interest at the rate aforesaid, half yearly as in the last clause specified.

And be it further enacted that it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer of this District to issue a debenture to the said John Atkinson, for the said sum of fifty eight pounds six shillings, payable to him or bearer five years after the date thereof, with interest at the rate aforesaid, half yearly as in the first clause specified.

And be it further enacted that each of the said debentures so to be issued as aforesaid, shall be in the name of the District Council of this District, and shall be signed by the Warden and Treasurer of this District, and the common seal of the District be affixed thereto, and that each debenture shall express on the face of it the principal sum of money and rate of interest thereon and the time when the said debentures respectively shall become due.

And be it further enacted that the said debentures and the interest thereon, and all charges incident to and respecting the same, shall be hecely declared to be charged and chargeable upon and shall be paid and borne out of the moneys which shall from time to time come into the hands of the Treasurer of the District, for the time being, to and for the use of the same.

(Signed) JAMES DALLAS,  
WARDEN.

Passed 18th May, 1884.

BY-LAW No. 19.

*By-Law imposing a Tax upon the inhabitants of certain School Districts in several Townships therein named, to be applied to the Building of School Houses therein, in compliance with an Act for the Establishment and Maintenance of Common Schools in Upper Canada.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, that in order to raise the money required for the hereinafter mentioned purposes, and to defray the expense of raising, levying and collecting the same, the Assessor of each and every township hereinafter mentioned, for the present year, shall, and they are hereby required to furnish the Clerk of the District Council within one calendar month from and after the passing of this Act, with a certified copy of the Assessment Roll of the respective townships, so far as regards the limits of the several School Districts herein mentioned in the said townships, distinguishing the ratable property in each School District separately, with the valuation of such property extended, upon delivery of which copy of roll to the said Clerk every Assessor shall be entitled to demand and receive from the Collector of their respective School Districts, upon the production of the Clerk's receipt for the said copy of roll, the sum of two

shillings and sixpence for every list so furnished, so soon as the Collector shall have collected the several sums herein ordered to be levied. And it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the District Council for the time being to make out a fair copy of such roll to assess the following sums equally upon all ratable property in each of the following School Districts respectively, that is to say, upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Oro, residing in School District No. 10, the sum of £25 cy.; upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Tecumseth, residing in School District No. 7, the sum of £21. 17s. 6d.; upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Orillia, South division, residing in School District No. 1, the sum of £40. 0s. 0d.; and upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of West Gwillimbury, residing in School District No. 5, the sum of £15. 0s. 0d. And it shall be the duty of the said District Council Clerk, as soon as the said rolls shall have been completed, to cause the same to be delivered to the Collectors of the several before named townships.

2nd.—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Collectors of the said townships shall and they are hereby authorized and required to ask, demand and receive from all persons named in the said rolls the sums therein stated as their proportion of the said assessment, and to raise, levy and collect the same in the same manner as the other assessed taxes are now raised, levied and collected, and shall pay the same over to the Trustees of their respective School Districts, first deducting the sum of two shillings and sixpence to be paid over by them to the Assessor, and also the rate of five per cent. on the amount so levied, collected and paid, as their remuneration for collecting the same. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Trustees of the several School Districts hereinbefore mentioned shall account to the District Council for the sums of money falling to the management of each, within six months from the date of the receipt of such sums.

(Sgd.) JAMES DALLAS,

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OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

Third Quarterly Meeting.

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 13th August,

1844.

TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST, 1844.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Present—Messrs. Adam, Agnew, Alley, Armson, Craig, Fredk. Dallas, Garbutt, Jeffs, Richardson, E. A. Walker and Wilson.

The Warden addressed the Council, and laid several communications on the table, which were read.

The Treasurer presented several letters, which were read and laid on the table.

The District Surveyor's report No. 1 laid on the table.

The following petitions were presented :

Of the Trustees of School District No. 1, Vespra, praying for a further tax for school purposes, by Mr. E. A. Walker.

Of the Trustees of School District No. 5, West Gwillimbury, praying that such District may be taxed for school purposes, by Mr. Armson.

Of the Trustees and inhabitants of School District No. 11, West Gwillimbury, praying to be assessed to build a school house, by Mr. Armson.

Of T. Sutherland, one of the Trustees of School District No. 11, West Gwillimbury, praying that said School District may not be taxed for the erection of a school house at its present session, by Mr. Armson.

Of Elmes Steele and 113 others, of the Township of Medonte, praying that the Council will order the survey of a road leading from the Penetanguishene road to Coldwater, through the Township of Medonte, by Mr. Craig.

Of John Hodges and other inhabitants of School District No. 10, Township of Oro, praying for an assessed tax of twenty five pound for completing a school house, by Mr. Alley.

Of Duncan Clarke, teacher of No. 5 School District, Township of Oro, praying to be remunerated for his services as teacher, by Mr. Adam.

Of the Rev. S. B. Ardagh and Trustees of School District No. 9, of Oro, praying for an assessed tax of fifteen pounds for building school house, by Mr. Alley.

Of Archibald Leitch and 40 others, praying for a road in Oro, by Mr. Alley.

Of the Superintendent and Trustees of School District No. 1, Orillia,

praying for an assessed tax of forty pounds to build a school house, by Mr. F. Dallas.

Of the School Trustees of No. 9 School District, Tecumseth, praying for an assessed tax of twenty-five pounds for school purposes, by Mr. Agnew.

Of the Superintendent and Trustees of School District No. 1, Orillia, praying that their former memorial be reconsidered, by Mr. F. Dallas.

Of the Trustees of School District No. 7, Tecumseth, praying that said District may be assessed for school purposes, by Mr. Armson.

Of John McAuley, of Tecumseth, school teacher, praying for a quarter's salary from the taxes for school purposes of year 1843, by Mr. Armson.

Of Robert Harvie and others, inhabitants on Township line of Oro and Orillia, Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1st Con. of Orillia, praying to be united as a School District to No. 9 of Oro, by Mr. F. Dallas.

Of the inhabitants of School District No. 6, Township of Mono, praying for a division of said School District.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of School Districts Nos. 5 and 11, W. Gwillimbury, praying that said Districts may be taxed for School purposes, and also the petition of T. Sutherland, praying that No. 11 may not be taxed this session, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 7, Tecumseth, praying that said District may be assessed for school purposes, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered—That the petition of Duncan Clarke, teacher of No. 5 School District, Oro, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 9, Township of Tecumseth, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the petition of School Trustees of District No. 1, Township of Vespra, praying for a further tax for school purposes, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of John McAuley, school teacher, Tecumseth, praying for a quarter's salary from school taxes for 1843, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. F. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the petition of the Superintendent and Trustees of School District No. 1, Orillia, praying for leave to be assessed a tax of forty pounds for building a school house, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Adam,

Ordered—That the petition of Elmes Steele and 113 others, praying for a survey of a road, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. F. Dallas,

Ordered—That the petition of Archibald Leitch and forty others, of the Township of Oro, praying for a road in that Township, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. F. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the petition of Robert Harvey and others, praying to be united to the 9th School District of Oro, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On the motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the petition of the Rev. S. B. Ardagh and others, praying for a further tax for school purposes, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

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On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,  
Ordered—That the petition of John Hodges and others, of School District  
No. 10, Oro, praying for an assessment of twenty-five pounds to complete  
their school house, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. F. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Alley,  
Ordered—That the petition of the Superintendent and Trustees of School  
District No. 1, Orillia, praying that their former petition may be reconsidered,  
be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Armon, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,  
Ordered—That the petition of the inhabitants of School District No. 6,  
Mono, now in possession of the Council, be referred to the Standing Committee  
on Education.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Craig,  
Ordered—That the letters from the different Treasurers, Messrs. Richard-  
son and Ayerst, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

On the motion of Mr. Armon, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,  
Ordered—That the Surveyor's report now in possession of the Council, be  
referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. F. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Armon.  
Ordered—That the thanks of the Council be given to Capt. Steele, M. P.  
P., for the copy of the journals of the House of Assembly, presented by him  
to the Council.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
Ordered—That Messrs. Dallas and Garbutt be placed on the Standing  
Committee on Finance, during the absence of Messrs. Kichey and Frame.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Adam,  
Ordered—That the order made by the Council at their last session for  
an apportionment of the school tax for the year 1843, for the Township of  
Medonte, among the several Districts, be referred to the Standing Committee  
on Education, in order that a more equitable apportionment according to the  
number of children in each District may be made.

An application by John Alexander, Government Land Agent for the  
District, for an office in the Court House, was laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Craig,  
Ordered—That Mr. John Richardson, in the absence of Mr. W. Walker,  
be appointed to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Wilson presented the report of the expenditure of the local taxes for  
school purposes with the vouchers belonging thereto, for the Township of  
Innisfil.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,  
Ordered—That the report and vouchers now before the Council, be  
referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Armon, seconded by Mr. Agnew,  
Ordered—That the application from the Land Agent for the use of an  
office in the Court House, be referred to a Special Committee, to consist of  
Messrs. Jeffs and Craig.

Adjourned.

Sgl. J. DALLAS,  
WARDEN.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1844.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The following petitions were presented:

Of the Trustees of School District No. 2, Mono, praying for investigation  
into the conduct of the Superintendent and others, by Mr. F. Dallas.

Of the Trustees of School District No. 2, Tecumseth, praying to assess  
said District for the erection of a school house, by Mr. Armon.

On motion of Mr. F. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Craig,  
 Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 2,  
 Mono, praying for investigation into the conduct of the Superintendent and  
 others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Agnew,  
 Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 2,  
 Tecumseth, praying that said District may be assessed for the erection of a  
 school house, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Treasurer laid certain letters from the Commissioner of the Canada  
 Company before the Council.  
 Received and read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Craig,  
 Ordered—That the letters now read by the Clerk, be referred to the Com-  
 mittee on Finance.

District Surveyor's report No. 2 laid on the table.  
 On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Agnew,  
 Ordered—That the Surveyor's Report No. 2, be referred to the Standing  
 Committee on Finance.

The following petitions were presented.  
 Of Henry Clifford, Superintendent of Education, for the Township of Oro,  
 praying to be further remunerated for his services as Township Superinten-  
 dent, by Mr. Adam.

Of David McCausland, praying for assistance on making a road to his  
 property, by Mr. Walker.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
 Ordered—That the petition of Henry Clifford be referred to the Standing  
 Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,  
 Ordered—That the petition of David McCausland be referred to the  
 Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 1.  
 Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
 Ordered—That the report No. 1 of the Standing Committee on Roads  
 and Bridges be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up report No. 1.  
 Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred to the application of the  
 District Land Agent, brought up a report.  
 Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Alley,  
 Ordered—That the report of the Special Committee, to whom was re-  
 ferred the application of the District Land Agent, be adopted.

Mr. Armson presented a statement of payments made, and of balance in  
 his hands as Councillor for West Gwillimbury of school taxes for 1843.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Alley,  
 Ordered—That the statement of payments made and balance now in the  
 hands of the Councillor for West Gwillimbury of school taxes, be referred to  
 the Standing Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up a report, No. 1.  
 Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Craig,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 2.  
 Received and read.

Mr. Dallas moved, seconded by Mr. Craig,  
 That the report now read be adopted.

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Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Adam, moved in amendment,

That that part of the report authorizing the repair of the roof of the court house be omitted, and that a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Alley, Dallas and Adam, be appointed to enquire into the state of the roof, and that the other parts of the report be adopted.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the Warden do name a Contingent Committee, to consist of three members.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Wilson, Jeffs and Wm. Agnew.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 3.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. F. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 4.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 5.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered—That the report and petition now read be adopted, and that the latter be engrossed by the Clerk and signed by the Warden.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 6.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Auditors' report No. 1, on the Treasurer's Accounts, brought up and laid on the table.

The Auditors' report No. 2, on Township Clerks' Accounts, laid on the table.

The Auditors' report No. 3, on Clerk of the Peace accounts, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the Auditors' reports and accounts, with the accompanying documents, now read, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Arnson,

Ordered—That the Standing Committee on Finance be directed to prepare the necessary By-Laws for assessing the several School Districts, upon which a tax has been ordered to be laid for school purposes.

Mr. Walker presented vouchers for payment of school teachers' salaries, Township of Vespra.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the vouchers now presented, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Adjourned.

Sgl. J. DALLAS,

WARDEN.

THURSDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1844.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

Presented, the petition of James Coulter and others, praying that the previous assessment for repairing a school house, shall be now allowed for building a new one, by Mr. Garbutt.

On motion of Mr. Garbutt, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the petition, now received by the Council, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Mr. Alley presented report of School moneys from Oro, with accompanying vouchers.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the report of Gerold Alley, Esq., Councillor for Oro, stating the disbursements of school moneys in that Township, be referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Walker presented report of school moneys from Vespra.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the report now read be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Presented, the petition of John Bayley and others, praying for a tax on the inhabitants of School District No. 3, Township of Adjala, for the purpose of building school house, by Mr. Walker.

On motion of Mr. Wm. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the petition of John Bayley and others be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Mr. Snell presented report of school moneys for the Township of Mono.

On motion of Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the report of George Snell, Councillor for Mono, of the disbursements of school moneys, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 7.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance presented draft of By-Law upon several matters connected with school grants.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered—That the Bill now read be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be dispensed with for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the Bill be now read a third time forthwith, and that the Council do not now go into Committee of the whole, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read a third time do not pass, but be referred back to the Committee on Finance and Assessment for reconsideration.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 2.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Presented, the petition of James Aberdeen, praying for remuneration for his services as school teacher, by Mr. Snell.

On motion of Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the petition now received by the Council be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Presented, the petition of the Trustees of No. 1 School District, Township of Mulmur, praying for money that is lying in the Treasurer's hands for school purposes, by Mr. Snell.

On motion of Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

Ordered—That the petition now before the Council be referred to the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up a report, No. 2.

Received and read.

On the motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That report No. 2 of the Standing Committee on Education, be now adopted.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the account now in possession of the Council be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

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On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
Ordered—That the receipt of petitions by the Council be hereafter limited to the first and second days of the Council meetings, in order that the labors of this body may not be protracted in their proceedings.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 8.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted, and that the Warden do issue his warrant for payment of Warnica's account.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up report No. 3.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up report No. 4.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Special Committee on the roof of the court house brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported by By-Law.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered—That the Council do not go into Committee of the whole, but that the By-Law be now read a third time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read a third time, do now pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed by the Warden.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the Clerk be directed to record the names of absentee members for the purpose of following up the Resolutions and By-Law of last session on the subject of absenteeism.

Names of Absentees—Messrs. Bayley, (notified Warden by letter that he was ill), Frame, Morris, Richey, Walker and Snell (arrived the third day, being detained by illness).

The Committee on Contingencies brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Jeffs, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Mr. Dallas gives notice that next session he intends moving, that the statute labor of the inhabitants of the Village of Orillia be commuted.

Adjourned.

Sgd. J. DALLAS,  
WARDEN.

# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the August Session,

A.D., 1844.

JAMES DALLAS, ESQ., WARDEN.

REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Standing Committee on Education to whom the undermentioned petitions were referred, beg leave to recommend the following course to be adopted in regard to them :

The petition of Andrew Graham and others, Trustees of school division No. 1, Township of Vespra, praying for a further tax of £35.0s.0d. for the purpose of building school house, be deferred till next session in order that the inhabitants generally may have an opportunity of stating any objections.

Your Committee beg to recommend the same course with regard to the petition of the Rev. S. B. Ardagh and others of School District No. 2 in the Township of Oro, praying for a tax of £15. for school purposes.

The same course also is recommended with regard to the petition of F. Stephens and others, praying for a tax of £25. to finish the school house of the 9th District of the Township of Tecumseth.

The same course also is recommended with regard to the petition from the Trustees of School District No. 2 of the Township of Tecumseth, praying for a tax of thirty pounds to build a school house.

With regard to the petition of the Trustees, of School District No. 5, of West Gwillimbury, praying to be taxed for the purpose of paying their teachers, your Committee beg leave to recommend that the prayer of this petition be not granted, as those of the inhabitants who have no children and receive no benefit from the said teacher, are already sufficiently taxed, and those who have children can be assessed by their Trustees.

The same course is recommended to be pursued with regard to the petition of Revd. J. MacIntyre and others, Trustees of School District No. 1 of Orillia, praying for a double rate, and for the same reasons.

Your Committee beg to recommend that the petition of two of the Trustees of School District No. 11, West Gwillimbury, be deferred till next session in consequence of a counter petition, which has been presented.

With regard to the petition of Duncan Clarke, teacher of school No. 5 in Township of Oro, your Committee recommend that no action be taken, as

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they do not conceive that the Council possesses any authority over the Trustees.

Your Committee recommend that the petition of the Trustees of No. 10 School District of the Township of Oro, praying to be taxed to the amount of £25 for finishing school house, be granted.

That the petition of Trustees of School District No. 7, of Tecumseth, praying to be taxed £21.17s.6. for school purposes, be granted.

That the petition of Rev. J. MacIntyre and others, of School District No. 1 of the Township of Orillia, praying to be taxed £40 to build a school house, be granted, provided the land on which the school is to be built shall be deeded to the Trustees according to the School Act now in force.

That the petition of Harvey and others, inhabitants of Orillia; praying to be annexed to School District No. 9 of the adjoining Township of Oro, be referred to the Councillor and Superintendent of the Township of Orillia for their decision.

That the petition of J. Macanley, teacher of common school in the Township of Tecumseth, praying for salary for the quarter ending 1st April, 1843, be deferred till next session, in consequence of the absence of Mr. Walker, Councillor for that Township.

That the petition of the inhabitants of School District No. 6 of Mono, praying for a division of the said School District, be referred to Councillor and Superintendent of the Township—and the Clerk be requested to communicate the same to the various parties.

That the petition of Trustees of School District No. 2 of Mono, praying for an investigation of the conduct of the Superintendent and others; also praying for an alteration of their School Districts—with regard to the former part, your Committee do not imagine that they have any power to interfere—but with regard to the alteration of their School Districts, your Committee beg leave to recommend that the petitioners be referred to their Superintendent and Councillor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th August, 1844.

#### REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

##### *To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jas. Coulter and others, of Innisfil, praying that a previous assessment of £18 for repairing a school house shall be now allowed for building a new one, beg to recommend that the petition be referred to their Trustees through the Clerk.

With regard to the petition of Mr. H. A. Clifford, Township Superintendent of Common Schools in the Township of Oro, praying for further remuneration, your Committee beg to observe that, however much they may regret it, they cannot at present recommend the prayer of the said petition to be complied with in consequence of the want of funds.

With regard to the motion of Mr. John Craig for a more equitable apportionment of the school tax for the year 1843 now in his hands, than was made last session, your Committee recommend that Mr. Craig be requested to make the same out and pay it accordingly, accounting for the same to the Council in the usual way. Your Committee recommend this course in consequence of Mr. Craig having received a more correct census of the children than the Council had before them at the time the apportionment was made.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, Committee Rooms, 15 August, 1844.

## REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 5, West Gwillimbury, praying for a tax of £15 to purchase and repair their school house, beg leave to recommend that the prayer of this petition be complied with, and that the Finance Committee be instructed to make out the necessary By-Law.

Your Committee recommend that the petition of John Bailey and others, of Adjala, praying a tax of twenty pounds for building a school house be deferred to next session in consequence of the Councillor from that Township not being present to give the necessary information.

With regard to the petition of the inhabitants of Mulmur, praying that the money lying in the Treasurer's hands due to their township may be paid over to them for school purposes, your Committee beg to state that they have experienced great inconvenience from that township not being represented in the Council; that during every session of the present year they have endeavored in vain to obtain some information to assist them in apportioning the money due to the said township; that as each session arrives the fund increases, and the communications of their Town Clerk throw no additional light on the subject, but seem rather to increase its obscurity; they therefore recommend that the Clerk of the Council be instructed to desire the Superintendent and the Trustees to make the necessary apportionment as they best can, and having done so, issue their warrants to the respective teachers on Mr. Snell, Councillor of the adjoining Township of Mono, who can send the necessary vouchers for the expenditure of the same, and that the Treasurer be empowered to pay over the said moneys, amounting to £21.19s.1d., to Mr. Snell forthwith, taking that gentleman's receipt for the same.

With respect to the petition from James Aberdeen, of Mulmur, praying for a remuneration for teaching a school in that township, your Committee recommend he be referred to the Superintendent and the Trustees, who will now be able to issue the necessary warrant in his favor on Mr. Snell, the Councillor of the adjoining township.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 15 August, 1844.

## REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee to whom was referred the School Money Reports of Councillors A. Wilson, Armson, Alley, E. Walker and Snell, beg leave to recommend that the account of Mr. A. Willson do lie over until next session in consequence of the absence of one of the vouchers.

That the report of Mr. Armson shews a balance of £4.18s.7½d. unclaimed, which we recommend shall be paid over to the proper claimants by Mr. Armson previous to the next session.

ORO.

That the report of Mr. Alley shews a balance in his hands of £4.13s.9d. school money for No. 2 District not claimed, and £4.3s.5½d. school moneys for District number three of that Township, for which no trustees have been elected. The Committee therefore recommend that the same course shall be pursued in this case as with that of Gwillimbury West.

VESPRA.

That the report of Mr. E. Walker shows no balance on hand, and by vouchers proves correct.

## MONO.

The report of Mr. Snell shews a balance in hands of ten shillings belonging to Saml. Pidgeon, teacher, deceased, which sum your Committee recommend to be paid to the heirs or assigns of the said late Saml. Pidgeon; also a balance of £1.12s.10d., a sum belonging to the 4th School District, which is recommended to be paid previous to, and accounted for at the next sessions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 15th August, 1844.

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ROOF OF COURT HOUSE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee having examined the roof of the court house, as they were directed, beg to report that the coping of the walls is in rather a bad state—and that it is not possible to discover the leakage of the roof unless access can be had beneath the shingles, and would therefore recommend that the District Surveyor be authorized to have a proper entrance made in the ceiling over the staircase, that he may be enabled to make the necessary inspection, and when the leakage is found he may have it repaired. The said floor in the ceiling to be made in the most substantial and economical manner; and further, that the District Surveyor be directed to repair the coping in the most economical manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, 15th August, 1844.

## REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the application of the Canada Co'y for a copy of the minutes and By-Laws of the Council,

Beg to report that they are of opinion that the Canada Co'y should be informed that the proceedings have not yet been published, and that as they are voluminous, the Council does not see fit to put their Clerk to the inconvenience of writing them all out.

Your Committee would, upon this occasion, particularly recommend that the proceedings of the District Council should be printed, as the inhabitants of the District generally complain of not being made acquainted with the affairs of the District, and they imagine that the expense of so doing, would not much exceed £12.10/.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Aug., 1844.

## REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the District Surveyor's report No. 1, beg to report:

That they have carefully examined the same, and would recommend that

the pump of the gaol should be put into complete repair—a trough to hold the waste water, and a chute to carry it off, be procured, with as little delay as possible.

They also recommend that the doors and windows should be eased; and that the necessary drains round the walls should be completed; and that the lumber should be put under cover—all as suggested by the District Surveyor.

Your Committee regret to observe that the coping, or covering, of the walls of the court house, is in a very bad state of repair; as the only proper remedy for the same will be the immediate thorough alteration of the entire roof; and suggest that the District Surveyor should receive instructions to have arrangements entered into to have the same performed without delay, as the season of the year renders it necessary.

Your Committee would not at this time have recommended so heavy an outlay, but for the weighty circumstance that, unless the roof of the court house immediately undergoes the necessary alteration, the sum required upon a future occasion (to do that which must ultimately be done) will be very much more, in consequence of the increased damages attendant upon leaving it in its present condition—and this in addition to the great inconvenience which this Council and the District Officers must necessarily suffer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th August, 1844.

REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment to whom was referred the letter of Thomas Ayerst to the Treasurer of the District, complaining of the assessor of Essa having neglected or purposely not returned the name of Thomas Drury as storekeeper, for assessment,

Beg to report that they are of opinion that the Clerk of the Council be required to write the said assessor, stating the charge made against him, and call upon him to give an explanation of the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 4th August, 1844.

REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the report No. 2 of the District Surveyor,

Beg to report that although they consider the alterations recommended to be made in the court house as very desirable, yet having advised outlay to some extent upon the jail as well as court house, they do not deem it expedient to advise the alterations therein proposed to be entered into at this time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
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Committee Room, 14th August, 1844.

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## REPORT NO. 5 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the replies of the several Treasurers of new Districts, who were addressed by the Treasurer of this District, upon the subject of power to sell lands for arrears of taxes,

beg to report that they have carefully perused all the documents submitted to them, and are of opinion that unless a Legislative enactment should in the mean time take place to the contrary, the safest principle for the Treasurer of the District to act upon, would be that recommended by the Treasurer of the Talbot District viz.: that 8 years should expire from the period of the formation of this District, at the expiry of which, the whole amount of arrears of taxes should be realized, and that portion due to the Home District, paid to its Treasurer. Further your Committee would recommend that it would be most desirable that power should be procured to adjust this very important measure, without waiting if possible for the expiry of so long a period as 8 years, and which legislative enactment would be the means of accomplishing. Your Committee recommend that a petition to both Houses of the Legislature upon the subject, be addressed by the Council, and suggest the following draft for that purpose :

*To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, &c., &c., &c.,*

The Petition of the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, respectfully sheweth :

"That the District of Simcoe was separated from the Home District in Jan'y, 1843: that in consequence of this separation a doubt appears to exist as to the right and legal mode of bringing to sale lands situated in the District, in arrears for taxes, that is as to the power belonging to the Sheriff of the one District or of the other, to expose the same to sale. That your petitioners understand that other Districts in this Province are similarly circumstanced in regard to this matter.

"That an enactment of the Legislature would at once remove all doubt or obscurity upon this subject, and enable the Treasurer of this District to recover the taxes which may be in arrears.

"May it therefore please your Honorable House to pass such a law as may remove all difficulties upon this subject, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th August, 1844.

## REPORT NO. 6 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee upon Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred a letter from Mrs. Richardson, dated 12th August, 1844, addressed to the Treasurer of the District, in reply to one from him, claiming on behalf of the District the sum of £43.1s/, beg to report,

That although they feel regret upon insisting on a claim of this nature, they feel nevertheless obliged to state that they consider the claim of the District equally strong and valid as upon the occasion of the report of this Committee on 16th May last. And your Committee would recommend that, in the event of Mrs. Richardson persisting in disallowing this demand until the next session, the Council should then lose no time in at least proving the

the claim of the District to be correct—and that this be communicated to Mrs. Richardson.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th August, 1844.

REPORT No. 7 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the following documents, beg to report.

That they have examined No. 1 Auditor's report of Treasurer's account ; No 2 Auditors' report of Township Clerks' accounts ; No. 3 Auditors' report of accounts charged to District—and have found them correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th August, 1844.

REPORT No. 8 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the account of Joseph Warnica, for clearing out the well in the gaol, beg to report, that they have examined the said account and find the same correct:

of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th August, 1844.

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REPORT No. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, duly considering the petitions referred to them, beg leave to submit the following as their 1st report :

The petition of Elmes Steele and one hundred and thirteen others of the Township of Medonte, praying that the Council will order the survey of a road leading from the Penetanguishene Road to Coldwater, through said Township—

Your Committee cannot recommend the ordering of the survey of said road, but your petitioners have their remedy by a requisition to a regular sworn Surveyor of Highways to survey said road, and complying with the 43rd section of the Standing Rules and Regulations of this Council, and then apply to the Council for to confirm the same.

In regard to the requisition and report on the survey of a road through the Township of Oro, between Lots Nos. 5 and 6, surveyed and reported upon

by James Tudhope, Surveyor of Highways, your Committee regret that they cannot recommend the Council to take any action on it, as the Surveyor has not given the requisite notice required by the Forty-third section of the Standing Rules and Regulations of the Council.

Your Committee respectfully recommends that all Councillors receiving petitions upon roads, before presenting them to the Council, do examine whether the above regulations have been strictly complied with, by doing so they would save a great deal of unnecessary trouble.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. ADAM,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th August, 1844.

REPORT No 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of David McCausland, beg leave to submit the following as their second report.

The petition of David McCausland and others, praying for assistance to build a bridge on the seventh Concession line, Township of Vespra—your Committee would suggest that the Councillor of the Township should be applied to by the petitioner for the assistance required, as this Council has no funds under their control for such purposes.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ADAM,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th Aug't 1844.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Contingencies having examined the different accounts necessary to be granted for services and allowances, recommend that the Warden do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums :

To Mr. McWatt, for candles .....	£0	3	4
To " " Postage .....	0	4	4½
Stationery .....	0	2	0
Paid for a new appendix .....	6	8	0
Making out Bond for Superintendent of Township of Vespra and Lunatic .....	0	3	9
	£1	1	5½
To John Beardsley, one day as Messenger .....	£0	5	0
To John Creasor, three days as Constable, 5/ per day .....	0	15	0
	£2	1	5½

The whole sum amounting to .....

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. JEFFS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, August 15th, 1844.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT LAND AGENT'S APPLICATION.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Committee to whom was referred the application of the District Land Agent for the use of room in the court house for an office, beg leave to report,

That at present there is no suitable room vacant, but your Committee would recommend to the Council that as soon as a vacancy occurs said agent may be allowed to take possession of it.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ARMSON,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th August, 1844.

AUDITORS' REPORT No. 1.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

We the Auditors for the District of Simcoe beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts of the District Treasurer from April 2nd, and found them perfectly correct.

	£	s	d
Amount of receipts as per cash book .....	290	4	0
Amount of payments as per vouchers .....	152	4	6½

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer .....

£137 19 5½

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, } AUDITORS.  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, }

Barrie, Aug. 13th, 1844.

AUDITORS' REPORT No. 2.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

We, the Auditors of the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report that we have examined an account of David Evans, Township Clerk for Tecumseth, and find it as follows:

	£	s	d
Moneys received from Treasurer .....	8	8	0
Moneys expended as per vouchers .....	6	15	0

Balance in hand .....

£1 13 0

Correct.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, } AUDITORS.  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, }

Barrie, Aug. 13th, 1844.

AUDITORS' REPORT No. 3.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

We the Auditors of the District of Simcoe beg leave to report that we

have examined some accounts charged to the District, and find them as follows.

Account of Hugh Scobie for stationery for Treasurer's office.	£ 3 13 ½
Correct as per voucher.	
Account of Hugh Scobie for an official seal.....	£ 3 0 0
Correct as per voucher.	
Account of Clerk of the Peace for making up Assessment	
Rolls, &c.....	£45 10 0
Correct as per voucher.	
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, } AUDITORS  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, }

Barrie, Aug 17th 1844.



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## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

Fourth Quarterly Meeting,

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 12th November.

1844.

The Council met.  
The Warden in the chair.  
Present—Messrs. Adam, Agnew, Armson, Craig, Garbutt, Richardson, Snell, E. A. Walker and Wilson.  
The Warden laid several communications before the Council, which were read and laid on the table.  
Messrs. Draper and Broughs' bill of costs for defence in the suits of Messrs. Keating & Thompson, was presented and read.  
On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
Ordered—That the accounts of Messrs. Draper & Brough be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.  
On the motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
Ordered—That the communication from the Rev. Mr. Ardagh be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.  
The District Surveyor brought up reports 1, 2 and 3,  
Which were read and laid on the table.  
On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
Ordered—That the District Surveyor's reports, now presented to the Council, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.  
On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richardson,  
Ordered—That the Treasurer be requested to give a schedule of the amount of school taxes now in hands for the year 1843, specifying the amount due to each Township.  
On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
Ordered—That the portion of the presentment of the Grand Jury relating to the insurance of the gaol and court house, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for them to recommend the amount to be insured and all other necessary details.  
Adjourned.

Sgd. J. DALLAS,  
WARDEN.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1844.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Messrs. Alley, Morris and Wm. Walker took their seats.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The following petitions were presented :

Of the Township Wardens of West Gwillimbury, praying the Council to provide for the support of a destitute insane child, by Mr. Armson.

Of Francis Hewson, praying for the removal of a shanty built on his lot, No. 18 Dunlop street, in alleged opposition to orders in Council—by Mr. E. A. Walker.

Of Peter McCallum, praying for compensation for a road to be run through his land in Oro, by Mr. Alley.

Of Alex. Campbell, praying for some remuneration for time and expense bestowed in endeavoring to mend the pump in the gaol, by Mr. E. A. Walker.

Of the Trustees of the united School Districts of West Gwillimbury and Tecumseth, praying said Districts to be taxed for repairs of school house, by Mr. Armson.

Of Wm. Hammell and others, praying for a tax to be levied on the inhabitants of School District No. 8 Tecumseth, for school purposes, by Mr. Wm. Walker.

Of John McCauley, of the Township of Tecumseth, school teacher, praying for a quarter's salary from the taxes for school purposes for the year 1843, by Mr. Armson.

Of the Trustees of union School District No. 15, Tecumseth and Essa, by Mr. Agnew.

Of the Trustees of School District No. 5, West Gwillimbury, praying that the tax for the repairs of their school may not be delayed, by Mr. Armson.

Of the inhabitants of School District No. 5, West Gwillimbury, complaining of the conduct of the Trustees of said District, by Mr. Armson.

Of William Sutherland and others, of school District No. 5, West Gwillimbury, praying the interference of the Council in their behalf, by Mr. Armson.

Of William Sutherland and one of the Trustees of School District No. 11, West Gwillimbury, praying that said School District may not be taxed for the erection of a school house at its present session, by Mr. Armson.

Of one of the Trustees and part of the inhabitants of School District No. 11, West Gwillimbury, praying that said District be not taxed for the erection of a school house, by Mr. Armson.

Of the Trustees and inhabitants of School District No. 2, Tecumseth, praying for a tax for school purposes, by Mr. W. Walker.

Of the inhabitants of School District No. 2, Tecumseth, praying for a union School District, by Mr. Agnew.

Of the Trustees of School District No. 5, Essa, praying for a tax for school purposes, by Mr. Morris.

Of school Trustees and others of School District No. 3, Township of Essa, praying for a tax of four pounds for school purposes, by Mr. Morris.

Of Moses Hayter, goaler, praying for a set of weights to weigh prisoners' allowances, by Mr. E. A. Walker.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the petition of Wm. Hammell and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Wm. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the petition of Jonathan Hodgsons and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the petition of John McCauley, school Teacher, Tecumseth, the consideration of which was deferred last session, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education, and also the petition of the Trustees of School Division No. 11, West Gwillimbury.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,  
Ordered—That the petitions for school purposes from the Township of  
West Gwillimbury, Nos. 1 and 5, inclusive, be referred to the Standing Com-  
mittee on Education.

Mr. Armson moved, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

That the petition of the Township Wardens, West Gwillimbury, be re-  
ferred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Adam, moved in amendment,  
That the petition of the Township Wardens of West Gwillimbury be  
referred to a Special Committee, to be named by the Warden.—Carried.

The Warden named Messrs. Agnew, Wilson and Richardson.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the petition of Alex. Campbell be referred to the Standing  
Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Agnew, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition from School District No. 2, Tecumseth, also  
petition from No. 15, of the same Township, be referred to Standing Commit-  
tee on Education.

Mr. Garbutt moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

That the presentment of the Grand Jury be referred to a Special Commit-  
tee to be composed of Messrs. Adam and Wilson.

Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker, moved in amendment,

That the Warden name the Special Committee to consider the Present-  
ment of the Grand Jury.—Lost.

The original motion was then put and carried.

The Treasurer presented a schedule of school taxes for the year 1843.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the schedule of school taxes be referred to the Standing  
Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That Mr. Gatesman's order, now before the Council be referred  
to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of George Tudhope and others, of Township  
of Oro, on road affairs, presented last session, deferred for want of sufficient  
notice, be now referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On the motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of Peter McCallum be referred to the Stand-  
ing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker.

Ordered—That a Committee consisting of Messrs. Armson and E. A.  
Walker be appointed to report upon the appropriation of a room in the public  
building for the District Land Agent.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That Mr. Garbutt be appointed to the Finance Committee dur-  
ing the absence of Mr. Richey.

Mr. Richardson presented report and vouchers for the expenditure of  
school moneys for the Township of Flos for the year 1843.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Craig,

Ordered—That the vouchers now received be referred to the Standing  
Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the Council do ascertain the number of the Councillors  
who vacate their seats at the conclusion of the present year, and that the  
Clerk of the Council be directed to inform the Town Clerks of the different  
Townships of the same.

It appeared, by enquiry, that the following are the vacancies to be inti-  
mated by the Clerk :

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Mr. Alley laid report of expenditure of school taxes, with accompanying vouchers for 1843, before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Adam,

Ordered—That the vouchers of the apportionment of the school tax of the different School Districts of Medonte now received be referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Snell presented the vouchers for the apportionment of school tax for the Township of Mulmur for years 1842 and 1843.

Mr. Snell moved, seconded by Mr. Garbutt,

That the vouchers of school tax for the Township of Mulmur, years 1842 and 1843, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the petition of Francis Hewson be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That a Special Committee be struck by the Warden, to report upon and draft a petition to the Legislature, praying for an amendment to the contemplated Township Council Act, as laid before the Assembly during the last session of Parliament.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Alley, Arnson and E. A. Walker.

On motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the returns and vouchers of the expenditure of school taxes, W. Gwillimbury, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

A communication from the District Superintendent of Education laid before the Council.

Received and read by the Clerk.

A communication from the Chairman of the Trustees of the Grammar School laid before the Council.

Received and read by the Clerk.

Report and vouchers from Councillor for Essa, for school Tax, 1843, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the report and vouchers from the Councillor for Essa, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 5, Essa, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the petition of Fredrick Stephens and others, of School District No. 9, Tecumseth, the consideration of which was deferred at the last session, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Committee on Finance brought up report No. 1.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Adam,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Finance brought up report No. 2.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Adam,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 3.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Adam,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Snell,

Ordered—That the petition of school Trustees and others, of School District No. 3, Essa, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The special Committee appointed to report on the presentment of the Grand Jury, brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Garbutt, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

That the report now read be adopted.

Mr. Armon moved, seconded by Mr. Alley, in amendment,

That the report now read be not adopted, but be referred back for reconsideration. — Carried.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the petition of Moses Hayter be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

A communication from the District Superintendent of Education laid before the Council

On motion of Mr. Armon, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the communication from the District Superintendent of Education now presented to the Council, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Adjourned.

JAMES DALLAS,  
WARDEN.

THURSDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1844.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The following petitions were presented.

Of W. B. McVity, Clerk of the Peace, praying for improvements in his office, by Mr. Wm. Armon.

Of Prudence Richardson, widow of Samuel Richardson, late Treasurer of the County of Simcoe, praying for remuneration for three years' services of her late husband, by Mr. Alley.

On motion of Mr. Armon, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of W. B. McVity, praying for improvements in his office, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 1. Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armon,

Ordered—That the petition of Rev. S. B. Ardagh and others, of District No. 1, of Township of Oro, praying for a tax for completion of school house, which was presented last session and ordered to lie over, be now referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—that the petition of Prudence Richardson be referred to a Committee of the whole, Mr. Armon in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported that they recommend that the sum of forty three pounds fourteen shillings, be allowed the widow of the late Samuel Richardson for his services to settle a claim held against the late Treasurer by this District and that the Warden be requested to instruct the Clerk to notify her of the same.

Mr. Dallas as a ratifier protested against the adoption of said report. Report adopted.

Mr. E. A. Walker, moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

That the protest entered by Mr. Dallas against any remuneration to the representatives of the late Mr. Richardson, for services performed previous to the setting off of the District of Simcoe be entered on the journals of the Council. — Lost.

Mr. Wilson presented order of Frederick Gatesman, for school salary for Township of Vespra, year 1842.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,  
Ordered—That the order of Frederick Gatesman be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Special Committee on Presentation of Grand Jury brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Garbutt, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Auditors brought up report No. 1.

Received and read.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 4.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Armsc, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the Auditors' report No. 2, with accompanying documents, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the application of the District Land Agent, brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the Warden appoint a Special Committee to consider what officers in the court house shall be supplied with cordwood, along with the gail, and their respective quantities.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Armson, Garbutt and Craig.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report, No. 5.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges reported by By-Law.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule be dispensed with for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the Council go into Committee of the whole upon the Bill now read, immediately after the order of the day to-morrow.

Mr. E. A. Walker presented report of disbursements and school vouchers for Vespra.

On motion of Mr. E. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the report now received be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Presented—The petition of John Chantler, praying to be allowed moneys due to him by Frederick Gatesman, a teacher of common schools in Barrie—the said Frederick Gatesman having gone to England and left money in the hands of the Council, by Mr. E. A. Walker.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the petition of John Chantler be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Adam,

Ordered—That as an error has been observed in the Bond of the Superintendent of common schools for the Townships of Medonte and Matchedash, by the omission of the name of the Township of Matchedash, the Superintendent do insert the name of the Township of Matchedash or execute a new bond.

Presented—The petition of the Trustees of No. 6 School District, Innisfil, praying that a tax may be levied on said District for repairing school house, by Mr. Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of No. 6 School District, In-  
nisfil, be referred to Standing Committee on Education.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Township  
Wardens, West Gwillimbury, brought up a report, together with a draft of a  
petition to the Legislature.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the report and petition now read be adopted, and that  
the petition be engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Warden, and trans-  
mitted to both Houses of the Legislature.

Mr. Jeffs presented school report Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Tiny.

On motion of Mr. Jeffs, seconded by Mr. Armonson,

Ordered—That the report now read be referred to the Standing Commit-  
tee on Education.

The Auditors brought up report No. 3.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the Auditors' report No. 3, now read, be referred to the  
Standing Committee on Finance.

Adjourned.

J. DALLAS,  
WARDEN.

FRIDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1844.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 3.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. W. Walker,

Ordered—That Messrs. Wm. Walker and Wilson be a Committee to  
report and draft a petition to the Legislature upon the School Act as now in  
operation, with a view to its alteration and amendment.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the By-law to establish  
a road through the Township of Oro. Mr. Craig in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the By-Law as amended.

On motion of Mr. Adani, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the By-Law establishing a road in Oro be read a third  
time forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the By-Law establishing a road in Oro, do now pass, be  
engrossed and signed by the Warden.

The District Surveyor brought up report No. 4.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Armonson, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the report of the District Surveyor No. 4, be referred to the  
Standing Committee on Finance.

Mr. Armonson moved, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

That there appearing to be an obscurity in the accounts of the late  
Samuel Richardson, Treasurer of the County of Simcoe, and as Mr. E. A.  
Walker, a member of this Council is about to proceed to Toronto, that he be  
requested to examine said accounts at the bank, to obtain copies of them and  
any other information in his power, which may tend to solve the difficulty.  
That the Warden be requested to give Mr. Walker the necessary instructions  
for that purpose, and that all further proceedings in the case be stayed until  
the next session of this Council.

Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Jeffs, moved in amendment,

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That after the words "which may tend to solve the difficulty," the whole be expunged, and that there shall be inserted instead thereof, That the Warden do issue his order upon the Treasurer, for the sum of £43.14/ cy., the amount prayed for by the widow Richardson, and awarded by this Council, and that the said sum be entered in the Treasurers books as an offset to an equal sum claimed by the District, and charged against the said widow Richardson upon which the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alley, Agnew, Garbutt, Jeffs, Morris, Wm. Walker and Wilson.—7.

NAYS.—Armson, Adam, Craig, Richardson, Richey, E. A. Walker.—6. Carried in the affirmative by a majority of one.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 6. Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 7.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 8.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 9.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 10.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of supplying the gaol and court house with fuel, brought up a report.

Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Garbutt, moved that the report now read be adopted.

On the motion being put it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That whereas the Council having this day determined to allow to the widow of the late Samuel Richardson, Esq., the sum of £43.14s. for services rendered to the County by her late husband, and whereas the Council having authorized E. A. Walker, Esq., to enquire, while in Toronto, at the office of the Commercial Bank there, as to the particulars of the account kept with them by the late Mr. Richardson as Treasurer of the County, the Council resolve that should it be found that the sum of £43.10s. or £43.14s. be discovered, on enquiry, to have been paid into the bank and not entered to the credit of Mr. Richardson as Treasurer aforesaid, or paid into the credit of any other person, or be discovered in any way, the said sum shall be declared to be the property of the District of Simcoe, and not of Mr. Richardson's representatives.

The Committee on Education brought up report No. 1.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the report of Standing Committee on Education, No. 1, be referred to Standing Committee on Finance, in order that the By-Laws required by it may be prepared.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the drafting a petition to the Legislature upon the existing School Act, with a view to its alteration, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
 Ordered—That the report and petition now read be adopted.  
 On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the petition now adopted be engrossed, signed by the  
 Warden and forwarded to the County Representatives for presentation.  
 On motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
 Ordered—That the Warden do name a Committee on Contingencies.  
 The Warden named Messrs. Richardson, Morris and Jeffs.  
 The Auditors' report No. 4 presented.  
 Received and read.  
 On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
 Ordered—That the Gaoler be empowered to contract for twenty-five cords  
 of wood for the use of the gaol; that the Treasurer be empowered to contract  
 for five cords of wood for his office and five cords for the court room; that the  
 court house keeper be empowered to contract for ten cords for his own use.  
 Adjourned.

JAMES DALLAS,

WARDEN.

SATURDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1844.

The Council met.  
 The Warden in the chair  
 Minutes of yesterday read.  
 On motion of Mr. Arnson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the Committee on Finance be instructed to prepare the  
 necessary By-Law to authorize the payment of the salaries of the several public  
 officers, in accordance with a resolution of the Council at its May session.  
 The Standing Committee on Education brought up a report No. 2.  
 Received and read.  
 On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.  
 The Standing Committee on Education brought up report No. 3.  
 Received and read.  
 On motion of Walker, seconded by Mr. Arnson,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.  
 The Special Committee appointed to draft report on the new Town and  
 Township Bill, brought up a report.  
 Received and read.  
 On motion of Mr. Gerald Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.  
 On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Arnson,  
 Ordered—That a certified list of the District property of every description  
 be laid before this Council on the first day of the next ensuing session by the  
 District Surveyor, who is hereby empowered to obtain information from the  
 District officers, and every other person who may have charge of any articles  
 or property of, or belonging to the District aforesaid.  
 On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,  
 Ordered—That the District Surveyor be ordered to procure by contract,  
 twenty cords of wood for the use of the officers in the public buildings con-  
 nected with the administration of justice.  
 The Committee on Finance reported by By-Law.  
 Received and read.  
 On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,  
 Ordered—That the By-Law now read be read a second time forthwith,  
 and that the 34th rule of the Council be now dispensed with for that purpose.  
 On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Arnson,  
 Ordered—That the Council do not go into Committee of the whole, but  
 that the By-Law be read a third time forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,  
 Ordered—That the By-Law do now pass, be engrossed, and signed by the  
 Warden.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the Warden do now issue his warrant for the payment of  
 Messrs. Draper & Brough's account together with all other claims that have  
 been authorized by this Council during present session.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the names of the Councillors absent from this session of  
 the District Council, be recorded in our minutes of proceedings for the purpose  
 therein recorded. Member absent, Mr. Frederick Dallas.

The Committee on Finance reported by By-Law.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read be read a second time forthwith,  
 and that the 34th rule of the Council be dispensed with for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the Council do not go into Committee of the whole, but  
 that the By-Law be read a third time forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Richey,

Ordered—That the By-Law do now pass, be engrossed, and signed by the  
 Warden.

The Committee on Contingencies brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Adjourned.

JAMES DALLAS,  
 WARDEN.

APPENDIX  
TO THE  
**Minutes of the November Session,**  
**A.D., 1844.**

JAMES DALLAS, ESQ., WARDEN.

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Education beg to report that they have carefully examined the following petitions.

1st. Petition of Trustees of united School Districts No. 7 of West Gwillimbury, and No. 15 of Tecumseth, praying for a tax of £7.10s.0d. for repairs of school house.

2nd, Petition of Trustees of union School District No. 15 of Tecumseth and Essa, praying for a tax of £10.15s.9d. to complete their school house.

3rd. Petition of inhabitants of School District No. 1, of Oro, praying for a Tax of £15 for school purposes.

4th. Petition of union School District No. 5 of Essa and Innisfil, praying for a tax of £1.5s.0d., for repairs of their school house.

5th. Petition of Trustees of School District No. 9, in Tecumseth, praying for a tax of £25 for school purposes.

6th. Petition of Trustees and others, of School District No. 6, in Innisfil, praying for a tax of twenty five pounds for finishing a school house.

Your Committee recommend that the prayer of all these petitions be granted, and the necessary By-Law enacted, to enable the several sums to be collected from the several School Districts.

Your Committee have carefully considered the petition of,

1st. School Trustees of District No. 2, in the Township of Tecumseth, praying for a tax of £20.0s.0d. to enable them to finish their school house. Your Committee recommend that £20 be allowed for that purpose.

2nd. Petition of Wm. Hamell and others, of No. 8 School District of Tecumseth, praying, for a tax of £30.0s.0d. for building a school house. Your Committee recommend, as in the last case, that £20.0s.0d. be granted, and the necessary By-Laws enacted accordingly.

Your Committee have also duly considered the petition of Trustee and inhabitants of School District No. 11, West Gwillimbury, praying that said District be not taxed for the erection of a school house. Your Committee recommend compliance with the prayer of this petition.

The petition of Wm. Wright and others, chiefly inhabitants of the Town

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ship of King, praying to be united to a School District of Tecumseth. Your Committee cannot recommend compliance with the prayer of this petition, as the Township of King is in the Home District.

The petition of Trustees and others, of No. 3 School District, of Essa, praying for a tax of £4.0s.0d. for support of school teachers. Your Committee recommend that this petition be not granted, as the inhabitants can rate themselves for that purpose.

Petition of Union School District No. 5, of Essa and Innisfil, praying for a tax of £10.0s.0d., to pay teachers. Your Committee cannot recommend a compliance with the prayer of this petition, as the inhabitants can rate themselves.

Petition of John McAuley, teacher of school No. 11, in Tecumseth, praying remuneration for the quarter ending April, 1843. Your Committee recommend that he be instructed to apply to the Town Clerk for his warrant, to enable the Councillor for that Township to pay it.

The petition of inhabitants of School District No. 5, of West Gwillimbury, complaining of the conduct of the Trustees in not letting work out to competition. Your Committee would therefore recommend that in future all school house work be exposed to public contract.

The petition of Wm. Sutherland and others, of No. 8 School District, in West Gwillimbury, praying to be refunded the sum of £9.1s.3d., which they have expended in building a school house. Your Committee beg to suggest that this Council has no power to interfere.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th Nov. 1844.

#### REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

##### *To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Standing Committee on Education beg to state that they have carefully examined the following reports of the disbursements of school moneys and find them correct.

Report of Councillor for Medonte, together with vouchers for payment of £30.17s.5d.

Report of Councillor for West Gwillimbury, together with vouchers for payment of £4.18s.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Report of Councillor for Flos, with vouchers for payment of £5.3s.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Report for Township of Milnmur, with vouchers for payment of £21.19s.1d.—showing a balance of £3.16s.11d. remaining in the hands of the Councillor.

Report of Councillor for Essa, with vouchers for payment of £31.7s.1d.—showing a balance of threepence remaining in Councillor's hand.

Report of Councillor for Vespra, with vouchers for payment of £28.19s.5d.—showing a balance in the Councillor's hands of £19.11s.4d.

Your Committee recommend the said balances to be paid over by the respective Councillors as speedily as possible to those to whom they may be due—including the order of F. Gatesman (referred to this Committee) formerly school teacher of No. 1 Vespra.

In the report of the Councillor for Innisfil, your Committee find an error of ten shillings, and therefore recommend the Councillor for that Township be requested to rectify the same by the next session of the Council.

Report of Councillor for Oro states that he holds in his hands the sum of £3.3s.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., due to No. 3 School District, which District refuses to receive it, by the non-appointment of Trustees, your Committee therefore recommend that the said sum remain in the Councillor's hands till next session.

Report from the Township of Tiny not having received the sanction of

the Councillor from that Township, according to the School Act now in force, your Committee therefore cannot act upon it, but recommend that the Clerk be ordered to request the Superintendent to furnish a report approved of by the Councillor, to enable the Council to appropriate the money due to that Township.

Your Committee have received a statement from the Treasurer of the District of school moneys in his hands for the years 1842 and 1843, due to the several Townships, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Vespra .....	13	7	11	Nottawasaga .....	6	14	2
Oro .....	8	15	2	Tay .....	4	9	7
Medonte .....	2	3	7	Flos .....	0	11	11
Adjala .....	14	13	10½	Sunnidale .....	3	11	9
Mono .....	21	13	4½	Innisfil .....	1	4	7
Tiny .....	20	16	10				

Your Committee recommend that the Warden be requested to issue his order, to authorize the Treasurer to pay the above sums to the several Councillors, in order that they may have them apportioned and disbursed to their several School Districts, and account for the same as speedily as possible with proper vouchers from their Town Clerks.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 15th November, 1844.

#### REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the notice of the District Superintendent of Education, that the office of Superintendent for the Township of Nottawasaga is vacant, by the removal of Mr. Troop from the Province, begs to report that it cannot do better than recommend that the said office be offered to Mr. Andw. Jardine, and that the Clerk be ordered to take necessary steps for informing the said Mr. Andrew Jardine of the decision of the Council and procuring the usual security.

With regard to a communication from the District Superintendent of Education, stating that henceforth the Government grant for common schools is not to be paid over to the Township Superintendents, until the school tax to at least an equal amount is collected.

Your Committee can only express its regret that such intimation has reached them—which will prevent teachers from being paid otherwise than annually.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 16th November, 1844.

#### REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was remitted the accounts of Messrs. Draper & Brough, for defending two actions brought against the District, beg leave to report,

That they have gone over the different items contained in the accounts, and although they cannot be considered sufficient judges of such charges, are still of opinion that, in consideration of the importance of the subject to the

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District, and the trouble which Messrs. Draper & Brough must have been put to, from the voluminous nature of the documents, the accounts ought to be paid to those gentlemen with as little delay as possible.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th Nov., 1844.

REPORT No. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the first report of the District Surveyor, beg leave to report,

That the table procured for the Treasurer, amounting to 5/7½d., and the work done by order of the Council, viz.: for pointing walls of court house, £1.5s.0d.; for easing doors and windows of gaol, 18/9d.; for drain around the outer gaol walls, £3.0s.0d., and for trap-door to roof of court house, and piling lumber, 17/6d., seem to be reasonable, and ought to be paid.

The statement as to Alexander Caupbell, the Committee defer reporting on, until they consider the petition of that individual remitted to them.

With respect to James Johnson's agreement, as the work was ordered by the Council, the Committee recommend that the District Surveyor employ some other tradesman to have it done.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th Nov., 1844.

REPORT No. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the District Surveyor's second report, beg leave to report,

That, in their opinion, it will be necessary that the roof of the court house undergo a thorough repair, and receive an additional pitch, as soon as possible; but, as another meeting of the Council must take place previous to the season when such work could possibly be undertaken, the Committee recommend that nothing be done on the subject at present.

The Committee consider that, as the quantity of water in the well of the gaol is small, and the supply may be uncertain, no further expense ought to be incurred in placing a pump in it, but that the Surveyor be instructed to have the materials belonging to the wooden pump removed, to place a light windlass on the well, with a rope attached; to sell the old materials to the best account in his power, and that any deficiency on the expense of the windlass, which the Committee believe will be very trifling, be allowed by the Council.

The sum of 6/7½d. for fixing slides on the doors of the gaol, and 4/10½d. for glass in windows of court house, though not ordered by the Council, were absolutely necessary, and, the Committee consider, ought to be paid.

The box for stove wood and two notice tables, recommended by the Surveyor, are articles that cannot, the Committee think, be dispensed with. They are of opinion that they ought to be supplied, and as such articles can now be purchased for £1.10s.0d. in all, the Committee consider it would be right to procure them at an expense which seems moderate.

The rail and varnishing procured by the Treasurer seem to have been re-

quired, and although not ordered by the Council, still, as they could not well stand over for any time, the Committee, however desirous to discountenance the payment of work done without instructions from the Council, must recommend the settlement of those charges, amounting to £1.5s.0d.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th Nov., 1844.

REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment to whom was referred the third report of the District Surveyor, beg leave to report,

That in their opinion it is extremely probable that 100 cords of wood will be required for the jail and public offices for the next year. That even if not all needed, considering the comparatively low price at which it can be procured in winter, and the improvement which the wood derives by being kept for sometime, that quantity should be supplied.

That the District Surveyor be empowered to put up public notices, inviting tenders for the supply, and that the lowest estimate, with security for the contract being fulfilled, be accepted by him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Nov., 1844.

REPORT NO. 5 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred that part of the presentment of the Grand Jury, relating to the insurance of the public buildings, beg leave to report,

That in their opinion, no time should be lost in effecting an insurance to a reasonable amount. The Committee consider that the sum of (£2000) two thousand pounds ought to be insured upon the jail and the sum of (£1000) one thousand pounds on the public buildings.

The Committee have made inquiry into the terms on which such insurance can be effected, but have not been able to ascertain it positively.

They think it not improbable that it may amount to about £5 per £1000, which would, on the above sums, be £15.

They recommend that the Treasurer be empowered to effect an insurance to the extent above stated, on the most favorable terms that can be procured.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Nov., 1844.

REPORT NO. 6 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the petition of William B. McVity, Clerk of the Peace, beg leave to report,

That the petition appears to be reasonable, and your Committee would

therefore recommend that the District Surveyor be instructed to report on the proposed improvements and give an estimate of the probable expense.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Nov., 1844.

REPORT NO. 7 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the petition of Moses Hayter, Gaoler, praying for a set of weights and scales, to weigh food for prisoners, beg leave to report,

That your Committee would recommend that the Gaoler be authorized to procure a set of weights and scales, provided the same do not exceed the sum of (£1.10s.0d.) one pound ten shillings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th Nov., 1844.

REPORT NO. 8 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Campbell, beg leave to report,

That they have made enquiry into the circumstances stated in this petition, and have no doubt that the petitioner did everything in his power to put the pump in proper order, and that the statement made of work done and articles supplied, amount to £8.6s.3d., is correct.

The Committee feel very much at a loss with regard to this claim. It is in no respect a legal one, but if ever there was a case in which the hardship was such as to claim compensation, this assuredly is one.

The Committee recommend that A. Campbell be allowed the sum of £4.3s.1d., being one half of the amount of expenses which he appears to have incurred.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th Nov., 1844.

REPORT NO. 9 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the District Council of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment to whom was referred the 3rd report of the District Auditors, beg leave to report,

That they have carefully gone over the different items contained in this report, and received such explanations as to enable them to state to the Council that all the accounts contained in it are correct, and in accordance with the instructions and resolutions of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th Nov., 1844.

REPORT NO. 10 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment to whom was referred the Petition of John Chantler, beg leave to report,

That Mr. Chantler having produced no order for the payment of this money alleged to be due him by F. Gatesman, and having received no judicial authority for recovering the same, the prayer of the petition cannot be listened to by the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th Nov. 1844.

REPORT NO. 11 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment to whom was referred the 2nd report of the District Auditors on Township Clerks' accounts, beg leave to report,

That they have compared the statement of money expended on roads in the Township of Mono with the receipts accompanying it, and find that they do not at all agree. That from the absence of Mr. Snell, D. C. for Mono, they have been unable to apply to that gentleman for any information on the subject. The Committee are of opinion that the Clerk of the Council be directed to write to the Township Clerk of Mono for an explanation of those accounts without delay.

The Committee understand that the accounts of the Township Clerk of Essa are now in the hands of the Auditors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Nov. 15th, 1844.

REPORT NO. 12 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the District Surveyor's 4th report, beg leave to report,

That the alterations and fittings asked for by the Clerk of the Peace are exceedingly necessary, both as regards the convenience and comfort of the Magistrates of the District and the safety of the important papers and documents lodged in the office: they therefore do not hesitate to recommend that the work required be authorized by the Council, and the District Surveyor be directed to have it done without delay, as well and as cheaply as possible, but not exceeding in all five pounds.

The Committee agree with the District Surveyor in recommending that the repair of the ceiling of the court room be delayed to such a season as may answer for the properly drying of the plaster.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th Nov., 1844.

## REPORT NO. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, having duly considered the petition of Francis Hewson, Esq., praying the removal of a shanty built on the opposite side, or south of lot number 18 on Dunlop street, beg leave to report.

That upon due enquiry from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, that the water lots at Barrie commence at the shore or water's edge, and consequently there can be no level or other land not covered by water to build upon.

The purchasers are supposed to understand that there is no estate or occupation given by any sale of a water lot, to land, on Dunlop street, the which occupies to the waters.

The streets laid down in the original survey are under the Municipal authorities, but any one can take steps to prevent encroachment on the public highways by application to the Magistrates.

Your Committee recommend that the District Surveyor be ordered to warn all those who have made encroachments upon the streets to clear it off by a certain time—say 1st May, 1845—or to be otherwise dealt with according to law.

There is an old building now occupied as a stable on the street leading to the Market Square. It was built by order of Government for the accommodation of emigrants, but is now useless for that purpose.

Your Committee recommend the same to be sold by the District Surveyor to the highest bidder, and the amount given to the Township Clerk of Vespra to be laid out in the improvement of the roads.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ADAM,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Nov., 1844.

## REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter McCallum, of the Township of Oro, praying remuneration for the loss of land caused by a new line of road (surveyed and reported upon by James Tudhope, Road Surveyor) running through his property.

Your Committee are of opinion that the petitioner's land is made more valuable by said road going through his property than otherwise.

Your Committee therefore cannot recommend the prayer of petitioner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ADAM,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th Nov., 1844.

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Contingencies having examined the several accounts and allowances necessary to be granted for several services, would recommend

that the Warden do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums,  
P. M. District of Simcoe, 1844 :

	£	s.	d.
Mr. John McWatt, postage .....	0	8	7½
" " " 4lb. candles .....	0	3	4
To John Creasor, to 5 days attendance .....	1	5	0
To Patrick Kernan for 2 days, messenger .....	0	10	0
John Beardsley, messenger, 3 days .....	0	15	0
	£8	1	11½

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. MORRIS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 16th Nov., 1844.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE SUBJECT  
OF SUPPLYING THE GAOL AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS WITH FUEL.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of supplying fuel to the Gaol and Public Offices, beg leave to report,

That they having taken the subject into consideration, after getting all the information they were able to obtain, and that it is the invariable rule of all other Districts in the Province to find the gaol and all offices connected with the Administration of Justice, with fuel, but not being able to ascertain the precise quantity required for each office, your Committee would recommend that one hundred cords of wood be procured for the use of the gaol and public offices, said wood to be furnished by contract, to the lowest tender.

But in the event of the Crown Land Agent being supplied with an office in the public buildings, your Committee would not recommend any allowance for fuel to him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRAIG,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th Nov., 1844.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE DRAFT  
OF THE CONTEMPLATED NEW TOWN AND TOWNSHIP COUNCIL BILL.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee to whom was referred the draft of the contemplated Township Council Act, to report upon and draft a petition to the Legislature praying amendments thereto, beg leave to report.

That they have carefully examined the said draft of a Bill and find in the "10th clause" that all qualification for Councillors is left out, which they consider would have a dangerous tendency as far as taxation and the representation of property is concerned.

"11th Clause," that the period of annual service of the Wardens appears to be objectionable, as such a course might tend to inefficiency and confusion.

"12th Clause" contains no qualification for Wardens, apparently a very serious omission, as remarked upon the "10th clause."

"19th Clause" and 6th section proposes to provide for the payment of Township Councillors, a principle which, if once admitted, would seriously increase the taxation of the country : but while your Committee wholly object to the payment of Township Councillors, they are free to admit that the same objection would not militate against the court of Wardens while in attendance

upon their sessional duties, as far as their actual expenses are concerned, attention to which is hereinafter made.

"22nd Clause" would permit the court of Wardens to hold their meetings in various places throughout their respective Districts or Counties, and to adjourn their sittings from time to time; this appears also to be highly objectionable, as your Committee considers the District court house to be the only proper place for holding the high municipal sessions of the County, and that two semi-annual sessions, at the most favorable periods of the year to suit the agricultural pursuits of said Wardens, ought to be considered sufficient.

"26th Clause," 4th section, provides a By-Law wherein the said Wardens would be permitted to establish a rate per diem for their own wages without enumerating any maximum rate, which also appears to be a very objectionable omission, and which rate should not exceed five shillings each.

"98th Clause" recites the qualification of town voters for members of Parliament, which appears to have nothing to do with the said contemplated Township Council Act.

Your Committee would not advise that any petition upon the said contemplated Act for the Incorporation of Townships, Towns, Counties and Cities in Upper Canada, be adopted, but beg leave to recommend that a copy of the foregoing objections should be forwarded by the Warden to the County member, as the opinion of this Council with regard to the said contemplated Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GERALD ALLEY,

Committee Room, 16th Nov., 1844.

CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE REPORT AND DRAFT OF A PETITION TO THE LEGISLATURE UPON THE EXISTING SCHOOL ACT, WITH A VIEW TO ITS ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Select Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the present Common School Act, with a view to its alteration and amendment, beg leave to report,

That they consider the School Bill, now in operation, to be complicated, expensive and defective, and recommend that the accompanying petition to the Legislature be adopted, and addressed and forwarded to both Houses of the Provincial Parliament through the County representative.

PETITION.

*To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, &c., &c.,*

The petition of the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, humbly sheweth:

That the system of common school education, to ensure its usefulness throughout the various Townships of this District, requires to be simplified—that the School Act now in force creates offices and grades, which the inhabitants of this District are unable and unwilling to fulfil—while the remuneration to teachers, without resorting to excessive additional taxation, by way of rates, is not sufficient to encourage efficient school masters—whereby little improvement can accrue to the education of the youth of the country.

Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray that a bill may be introduced into Parliament, establishing County or District Boards of Education, to be held in the County or District Towns throughout this Province, for the examination of teachers.

That a school or schools be permitted to be established wherever the inhabitants, by the amount of their school taxes and other subscriptions, equal, at least, to an amount in such Bill to be allowed for a common school in the new School Bill, for this purpose, may be laid down.

That the District Council may be permitted to manage their own individual District School affairs.

And that the Parliamentary grant and school taxation may, for each District, be under the control and management of such District Councils.

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GERALD ALLEY,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 15th Nov., 1844.

THE COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE PETITION OF THE TOWN WARDENS OF WEST GWILLIMBURY, PRAYING FOR RELIEF OF IDIOTS.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Select Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Town Wardens of West Gwillimbury praying the Council for the relief of an idiot child, beg to report.

Your Committee would recommend that the Wardens do draw up a subscription for the present relief of the child, until the proceedings of the Parliament be known on the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED WILLSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th Nov., 1844.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE DISTRICT LAND AGENT'S REQUEST TO BE FURNISHED A ROOM IN COURT HOUSE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of supplying a room in the court house to be used as an office by the District Land Agent, beg to report,

That they have made the necessary enquiries and find that the Sheriff has appropriated three rooms, one for the court house keeper, and one for an office for himself, the third as an office for his deputy and bailiffs. Your Committee beg to recommend that the room appropriated for the Deputy Sheriff and bailiffs be given up to the District Land Agent, as, in consequence of the small number of rooms in the court house, one is as much as can be reasonably afforded to one officer under present circumstances.

And your Committee also recommend that the Clerk be ordered to communicate the same to the Sheriff and the District Land Agent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GERALD ALLEY,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Nov., 1844.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO WHOM THE PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY WAS REFERRED.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom the Presentment of the Grand Jury was referred, beg leave to report,

That they recommend the dilapidated part of the ceiling of the court room to be immediately repaired.

Your Committee would also recommend that the Warden be respectfully requested to put himself in communication with Mr. Robinson, the present Member for the County of Simcoe, requesting that gentleman to use his best endeavors to expedite the improvement of the main road from Penetanguishene to Yonge street, and that the money appropriated to the County of Simcoe be wholly applied to said road within the County.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GARBUTT,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Nov., 1844.

THE PETITION FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR  
THE RELIEF OF IDIOTS.

The petition of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, in  
Council Assembled.

*To the Honorable the Legislative Council in Provincial Parliament assembled :*

Humbly sheweth :

That the Council have been petitioned by the Town Wardens of the Township of West Gwillimbury for the relief of a destitute idiot child, which is now thrown on their hands, they being unable to apprentice said child according to the present Act.

We therefore pray that your Honorable body would take into serious consideration, and devise means of relief for this and all other cases which might occur in future, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

AUDITORS' REPORT No. 1.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

We, the Auditors of the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts of the District Treasurer from the 30th June to the 30th Sept., and find them correct :

	£	s.	d.
Amount of receipts as per cash book.....	200	0	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Amount of payments, as per vouchers.....	329	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Balance in favor of Treasurer.....	£129	1	7 $\frac{3}{4}$

We find the accounts perfectly correct, but would beg to remark that one account of John Sibbald, for carpenter work, of £3.7s.—has been audited by Qr. Sessions and paid by Treasurer, which we would refer to your notice.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, }  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, 14th Nov., 1844.

AUDITORS' REPORT No. 2.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

We, the Auditors of the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report, That we have received a parcel of receipts for expenditure of moneys in the Township of Mono for 1843, which amounts to £13.2s.6d. Moneys

received from Treasurer being £16,16s.9<sup>d</sup>. It does not seem satisfactory to us, therefore we refer the whole to you for your consideration.

We would also remark that Township Clerks' accounts have come scattering in through the year, and many of them very dissatisfactory. The Township Clerk for Essa has not sent in his account yet. Therefore we would recommend that some measure be taken to cause the Township Clerks to send in their accounts in proper time and in a more proper shape to be audited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Barrie, Nov. 14th, 1844.

JOHN ATKINSON,  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

#### AUDITORS' REPORT NO. 3.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

We, the Auditors of the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts of Wm. Strong, Township Clerk for Essa, and find them as follows :

	£	s.	d.
Amount of moneys received from Treasurer .....	26	12	6
Received by the hand of Adam Goodfellow .....	0	15	7
Moneys expended last year .....	0	0	5
<b>Total of Moneys received .....</b>	<b>£27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>
Moneys expended .....	26	9	3
" " .....	0	15	7
Stationery, 2 yrs. ....	0	3	8
<b>Total of moneys expended .....</b>	<b>£27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>

Correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Barrie, Nov. 15th 1844.

JOHN ATKINSON,  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Crown Lands Department, Montreal, Sept. 17th, 1844.

Sir,--

Your Memorial of the 18th of May, respecting the reservation for the court house and gaol, and the block of land desired for the market square in Barrie, having been referred to this department, I have the honor to inform you that the patent for the former, granted by Order in Council, is now in the course of preparation.

The latter subject was reported on in September last for the information of the Honorable Executive Council, but as no definite action appears to have been taken thereon, your present application will be brought under the consideration of the Governor-General.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

T. BOUTHILLIER.

JAMES DALLAN, Esq.,

Warden Simcoe District,

Barrie, C.W.

Barrie, Nov. 13th, 1844.

Sir,—

I have been requested by the Board of Trustees of the District Grammar School to notify the District Council, through You, that the Government has been pleased to grant nine lots in the Town of Barrie for the purpose of erecting thereon a school house and master's residence.

The Board of Trustees desire the co-operation of the Council to enable them to avail themselves of the fund for building, presented by the 19th chap. of 4th and 5th Victoria, and in order to make their views more fully known, beg leave to request an interview with the Council on the subject, at such an hour to-morrow as shall be most convenient to them.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient humble servant,

S. B. ARDAGH,

Chairman of Board of Trustees,

Simcoe District Grammar School.

TO THE WARDEN

Of the District of Simcoe.

Barrie, Nov. 12th, 1844.

*To the Warden and Council of the District of Simcoe :*

GENTLEMEN,—I have been directed by the Chief Superintendent of Education to inform you "that henceforth the Government grant for common schools is not to be paid over to the Township Superintendents until the school tax, to at least an equal amount, be collected."

It was at my urgent request and by special favor I was allowed to disburse the Government fund this year, having stated that, by the custom of this County, the taxes were not collected before the ensuing January.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient humble servant,

S. B. ARDAGH,

District Superintendent of Education.

## BY-LAW No. 20.

*By-Law to Establish and Confirm a New Line of Road in the Township of Oro, in the District of Simcoe.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, that the road surveyed by James Tudhope, Road Surveyor, commencing at the Concession Road on the west side of the 9th Concession, then northwards from the south-west angle of Lot No. 6, then easterly along Lot No. 6 in the 9th Concession, to the 10th Concession, then northward from the south-west angle of Lot No. 6 in the 10th Concession (then northward from the south-west angle), then along the south half of Lot No. 6 in the 10th Concession, to the centre of the Concession, then along the north side of the east half of Lot No. 7 in the 10th Concession, to the 11th Concession, then along the south side of Lot No. 6, in the 11th, 12 and 13th Concessions to the Concession Road at the 14th Concession, in the said Township of Oro, reported to the Council, bearing date 14<sup>th</sup> August, 1844, be and the same is hereby established and confirmed as an important road and highway, on condition of the requisitionists paying the necessary expenses of surveying the same—which will greatly tend to the public good.

J. DALLAS,

WARDEN.

Passed 14th Nov., 1844.

## BY-LAW No. 21.

*By-Law imposing a Tax upon the Inhabitants of certain School Districts in the several Townships herein named, to be applied to the Building and Repairing of School Houses therein, in compliance with an Act for the Establishment and Maintenance of Common Schools in Upper Canada.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, that in order to raise the money required for the hereinafter mentioned purposes, and to defray the expense of raising, levying and collecting the same, the Assessors of each and every township hereinafter mentioned for the present year shall, and they are hereby required to furnish the Clerk of the District Council within one calendar month from and after the passing of this Act, with a certified copy of the Assessment Roll of the respective townships so far as regards the limits of the several School Districts herein mentioned in the said townships, distinguishing the ratable property in each School District separately, with the valuation of such property extended. Upon delivery of which copy of Roll to the said Clerk every Assessor shall be entitled to demand and receive from the Collector of their respective School Districts, upon production of the Clerk's receipt for the said copy of Roll, the sum of two shillings and sixpence for every list furnished, so soon as the Collector shall have collected the several sums herein ordered to be levied. And it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the District Council, for the time being, to make out a fair copy of such Roll, to assess the following sums equally upon all ratable property in each of the following School Districts respectively, that is to say, upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of West Gwillimbury residing in School District No. 7, and upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Tecumseth residing in School District No. 15, the sum of £7.10s.0d., to be assessed and levied in a fair and equitable proportion, for the purpose of repairing school house. Upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Tecumseth, residing in School District formerly designated No. 15, being the School District of Tecumseth joined to No. 3 of Essa, and upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Essa in that part of School District No. 3 which is joined to Tecumseth, the sum of £10.15s.9d., to be assessed and levied in a fair and equitable proportion, for the purpose of completing school house. Upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Oro, residing in School District No. 1, the sum of £15 for school purposes. Upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Innisfil, residing in the School District forming the Union District with Essa, No. 5, and upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Essa, residing in the School District forming the Union District with Innisfil, No. 5, the sum of £1.5s.0d., for the purpose of repairing school house, to be assessed and levied in a fair and equitable proportion. Upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Tecumseth residing in School District No. 9, the sum of £25, for school purposes. Upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Innisfil, residing in School District No. 6, the sum of £25, for the purpose of furnishing a school house. Upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Tecumseth, residing in School District No. 2, the sum of £20, for the purpose of furnishing school house. Upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of Tecumseth, residing in School District No. 8, the sum of £20, for the purpose of building school house.

And it shall be the duty of the said District Council Clerk as soon as the said Rolls shall have been completed, to cause the same to be delivered to the Collectors of the several before named Townships.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Collectors of the said Townships shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to ask, demand and receive from all persons named in the said rolls the sums therein stated as their proportion of the said assessment, and to raise, levy and collect the same in the same manner as the other assessed taxes are now raised, levied and collected; and shall pay the same over to the Trustees of

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their respective School Districts, first deducting the sum of two shillings and sixpence to be paid at once by them to the assessor, and also the rate of five per cent. on the amount so raised, levied, collected and paid, as their remuneration for collecting the same.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Trustees of the several School Districts herein before mentioned, shall account to the District Council for the sum of money falling to the management of each, within six months from the date of the receipt of such sums.

JAMES DALLAS,  
WARDEN.

Passed 16th Nov., 1844.

BY-LAW No. 22.

*By-Law to fix allowances to certain District Officers.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, and it is hereby enacted by the authority thereof, that there shall be allowed and paid to the several District Officers and Servants hereinafter named, the following sums for their services, percentages, allowances and emoluments or fees, which the said officers and servants do now lawfully receive and enjoy, which now are, or have been heretofore paid or payable out of the funds or revenue of the District of Simcoe, for and during the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, for the due and faithful performance and fulfilment of their respective duties as such officers respectively, for all the services appertaining or belonging to their respective offices, usually and ordinarily performed, or required or contemplated by law, custom and usage, to be performed.

2nd—And be it further enacted that the said several sums of money shall and may be payable by the Treasurer of the District out of the funds or revenue of the District.

3rd—And be it further enacted, that it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer to pay any other or any greater salary to such officer or servant, for such services usually and ordinarily performed, out of the funds or revenue of the district than are herein named:—The Treasurer of the District £100, in lieu of all fees and percentages for services performed for this District; the Clerk of the Council £37.10s.0d., for his services; the District Surveyor, £25, for his services; the District Auditors £2 each for their services; the Gaoler £70; the keeper of the court house £7.10s.0d.

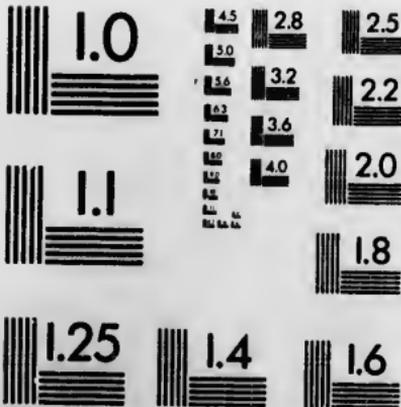
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Passed 16th Nov., 1844.



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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

First Quarterly Meeting,

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 11th February,

1845.

SIMCOE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 1845.

JAMES DALLAS, ESQ., WARDEN.

<i>Councillors.</i>	<i>Clerks.</i>	<i>Municipality.</i>
1. Agnew, Wm.....	David Evans.....	<i>Tecumseth.</i>
2. Alley, Gerald.....	Donald Cameron.....	<i>Oro.</i>
3. Armson, Wm.....	Adam Gooifellow.....	<i>West Gwillimbury.</i>
4. Bayley, John.....	Patrick Patton.....	<i>Adjala.</i>
5. Dallas, Frederick *.....	Chas. J. Rowe.....	<i>N. and S. Orillia.</i>
6. Drury, Richard *.....	.....	<i>Oro.</i>
7. Gilmore, John *.....	John Little.....	<i>Mulmur.</i>
8. Hunt, Wm. *.....	John Craig.....	<i>Medonte &amp; Matchelash.</i>
9. Jeffery, Edward *.....	Israel Munday.....	<i>Tay.</i>
10. Jeffs, Robert.....	Alfred A. Thompson.....	<i>Tiny.</i>
11. Henry Morris.....	Wm. Strong.....	<i>Essa.</i>
12. McConkey, Thomas *.....	.....	<i>West Gwillimbury.</i>
13. Richardson, John.....	Stephen Bishop.....	<i>Flos.</i>
14. Ritchey, Wellesley.....	Alex. Gillespie.....	<i>Sunnidale.</i>
15. Stephens, J. D. *.....	John Currie.....	<i>Nottawasaga.</i>
16. Walker, Edward A.....	Peter White.....	<i>Vespra.</i>
17. Walker, William.....	.....	<i>Tecumseth.</i>
18. Wilson, Alfred.....	Wm. Main.....	<i>Innisfil.</i>
19. White, John *.....	.....	<i>Mono.</i>
20. Robertson, James †.....	.....	<i>St. Vincent.</i>

\*Elected 1845.

†Elected under warrant of Warden in July.

TUESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 1845.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Present—Messrs. Agnew, Alley, Armson, Dallas, Drury, Gilmore, Hunt, Jeffrey, Morris, McConkey, Richardson, Ritchey, Walker, E. A., Walker, Wm.

The Warden addressed the Council.

The following documents were laid before the Council, viz.:

Surveyor's report No. 1

Surveyor's report No. 2.

Report of Thomas Craig, Surveyor of Highways, on a proposed new line of road to connect the Sturgeon Bay road with the Penetanguishene road, with documents relative to the said report.

A letter from Messrs. Draper and Brough, relating to the settlement of their account.

The report of the County Superintendent of Common Schools.

The following petitions were presented.

Of Richard Hodges, Oro, praying against the return of Richard Drury as Township Councillor, by Mr. Alley.

Of Peter McCallum, praying remuneration for a road through his land, by Mr. Alley.

Of the Trustees of Union School District No. 4, Essa, praying for power to levy a tax for school purposes, by Mr. Morris.

Of Gilbert McCauley, teacher of Common Schools, Sunnidale, praying for redress regarding treatment from School Trustees, by Mr. Ritchey.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of Richard Hodges be referred to a special Committee to consist of Messrs. Armson and Walker.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the protest and such other documents as the Warden may have received with regard to the election of Richard Drury, of Oro, including the affidavit of the chairman at such meeting, be laid before the Special Committee now appointed.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the 50th Rule of the Council be amended by adding a Standing Committee on District property.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That Messrs. Armson and McConkey be appointed the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment do consist of Messrs. Ritchey and Jeffrey.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges do consist of Messrs. Alley and Wm. Walker.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the Warden do name a Standing Committee on District property.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Richardson, Wilson and Agnew.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of Peter McCallum just received, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of Union School District No. 4, Essa, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Ritchey, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the petition of Gilbert McCuley, teacher of Common School, Sunnidale, praying for redress regarding treatment of School Trustees, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Mr. Dallas moved, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

That a Committee consisting of Messrs. Ritchey and Alley, be appointed for the purpose of preparing a draft of a petition to the Legislature, to order a survey by the Board of Works, of the Holland River, with a view of improving its navigation.

On the motion being put, it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That whereas a petition has been presented to Parliament, praying that the south part of West Gwillimbury be attached to the Home District, by which the interests of this District would be most seriously injured, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Alley and Arnson be appointed to draw up a strong petition to the three Branches of the Legislature against such a measure.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That a Committee consisting of Messrs. Hunt and Jeffrey be appointed for the purpose of drawing up a petition to the Legislature, praying that such allowance be made the District Councillors, as may be sufficient to compensate for their outlay, while engaged in the discharge of their duties.

Adjourned.

JAMES DALLAS,

WARDEN.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1845.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The Committee appointed to report upon the petition before Parliament for the purpose of annexing part of West Gwillimbury to the Home District, brought up a report with a draft of a petition.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the petition now read be referred to a Committee of the whole, after the order of the day.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on draft of petition. Mr. Arnson in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported draft of petition as amended.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Arnson,

Ordered—That the report and petition, now read, be adopted, engrossed, signed by the Warden, and forwarded forthwith to the three Branches of the Legislature, and further that the Warden be empowered to address His Excellency the Governor-General on behalf of this Council, soliciting him to withhold the Royal assent to any Bill that may embrace any such measures as those contemplated in the petition herein enumerated, with regard to the District of Simcoe.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That a Committee consisting of Messrs. E. A. Walker and Alley be appointed to draw up a petition to both Houses of Parliament, praying that the Registry Office for the County be removed to Barrie without any delay.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That in reference to the attempt now making in Parliament to cut off a part of the Township of West Gwillimbury from this District, contrary, as this Council believe, to the almost unanimous wish of the people, the Warden be requested to address a letter to every member of the House of Assembly and Legislative Council, residing in or connected with Upper Canada, in the name of this Council, urging their personal and particular attention to the subject, and their aid in throwing out this measure.

A communication from the Clerk of the Peace was laid on the table.

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On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
 Ordered—That Mr. Richard Drury be added to the Standing Committee on District Property during the absence of Mr. Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,  
 Ordered—That inasmuch as the want of information in respect to the proceedings of this Council is loudly complained of throughout the District, in consequence of none of their proceedings being printed, Messrs. Ritchey and Armson be a committee to report upon the subject, with directions especially to attend to economy in the matter.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the Committee on District Property do prepare a statement of the property and liabilities of this District, for the purpose of laying the same before the ratepayers of Simcoe.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hunt,  
 Ordered—That the District Surveyor's reports Nos. 1 and 2, now in possession of the Council, be referred to the Standing Committee on District property.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,  
 Ordered—That all accounts and documents from the County Superintendent of Education now in possession of the Council, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The account of Mr. E. A. Walker for the purchase of weights and scales for the gaol, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. McConkey,  
 Ordered—That the account now read be referred to the Standing Committee on District property.

Presented, the petition of George Douglas and others, of Bradford, praying that they be allowed to lay out their statute labor on John street of said Village of Bradford, by Mr. McConkey.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
 Ordered—That the petition of George Douglas and others be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

A statement of the account betwixt the late Samuel Richardson, Esq., Treasurer, (who died in March, 1843) and the Commercial Bank, Toronto, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
 Ordered—That the account now read be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

Presented, the petition of the inhabitants of No. 2 School District, Tecumseth, praying to be united with a School District in the Township of King—by Mr. Morris.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Agnew,  
 Ordered—That the petition of the inhabitants of No. 2 School District, Tecumseth, be referred to the Committee on Education.

Reports, with vouchers, from different Township Superintendents of Common Schools, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The accounts and vouchers of sundry Township Clerks, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Armson,  
 Ordered—That the accounts and vouchers now received, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

Report and vouchers from the late Councillor for Medonte, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the report and vouchers for the Township of Medonte, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Committee appointed to report upon the removal of the Registry Office, brought up a draft of a petition.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. F. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the draft of petition now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—that the petition now adopted, be engrosed, signed by the Warden, and forwarded to both Houses of Parliament.

Adjourned.

J. DALLAS,

WARDEN.

THURSDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1845.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Mr. White took his seat.

Minutes of yesterday read.

A communication, dated this day, was received from Mr. Edmund Lally, stating that the Governor-General had been pleased to appoint him Treasurer of the District of Simcoe.

Also, a communication from Wm. B. McVity, Clerk of the Peace, enclosing an extract from the Grand Jury's Presentment at the last Quarter Sessions, bearing upon the faulty foundations of the gaol, the defective roof of the court house, and the propriety of insuring the public buildings.

The following petitions were presented :

Of Alexander Dunlop and others, praying to establish a road to connect the Sturgeon Bay Road with the Penetanguishene Road through the Township of Medonte, by Mr. Hunt.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the petition of Alex. Dunlop and others, together with the report of Thomas Craig, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Report of School moneys with vouchers for the Township of Tecumseth, years 1842 and 1843, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Wm. Walker, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the return of school moneys and vouchers for the Township of Tecumseth, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the letter from Messrs. Draper & Brough of 16th January last, now in possession of the Council, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armson,

Ordered—That the Warden do appoint a Committee on Contingencies.

The Warden nominated Messrs. McConkey, Ritchey and Gilmore.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up reports Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Ritchey, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the reports now read be adopted.

The following petitions were presented :

Of Francis Hewson, praying that the proper life of road may be opened through his property on the Penetanguishene Road, by Mr. E. A. Walker.

Of the Trustees of School District No. 4, Innisfil, praying that a tax may be raised for the purpose of repairing school house, by Mr. Wilson.

Of Frederick Dallas and others, praying to establish a road now in use in South Orillia, by Mr. E. A. Walker.

Of John Beardsley, court house keeper, praying for an increase of his salary, by Mr. Drury.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

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Ordered—That the petition of F. Hewson, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 4, Innisfil, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the petition of F. Dallas and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Ritchey

Ordered—That the petition of John Beardaley, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Education brought up report No. 1.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on District property brought up a report No. 1.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Drury.

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the report from the Surveyor, No. 3, now read, be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

Presented, the petition of Anne Ross, praying for educational assistance, by Mr. Alley.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition now received be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

District Auditors brought up reports Nos. 1 and 2.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 4.

Received and read.

Mr. Ritchey moved, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

That the report now read be adopted.

On the motion being put it was decided in the negative by a majority of one.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up report No. 4.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Ritchey, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up report No. 2.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Hodges, brought up a report.

The school report from Oro laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the Council do now resolve itself into Committee of the whole upon the accompanying draft of an address to the different branches of the Legislature on the subject of improving the East branches of the Holland river.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on draft of address, Mr. E. A. Walker in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the draft of address without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Armson, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the report of the Committee of the whole, recommending

the draft of an address to the different branches of the Legislature on the improvement of the East branch of the Holland river be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Armon, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the address now adopted be engrossed, signed by the Warden, and forwarded to the two Houses of Provincial Parliament.

On motion of Mr. Ritchey, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That a Committee consisting of Messrs Armon and Alley, be appointed to take into consideration the rates of postage charged throughout Canada, and to prepare a petition on the subject to the three Branches of the Legislature.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of petitioning the Legislature on the rates of postage in Canada, brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Ritchey, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey.

Ordered—That the report and draft of petition now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ritchey, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the petition now adopted be engrossed, signed by the Warden, and forwarded to the three Branches of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That a Committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. Ritchey and Dallas, for the purpose of preparing a petition to the Legislature, praying that in order to prevent all doubts on the subject, the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe be authorised to impose a tax of one penny per acre on all lands within the District belonging to absentees, including those belonging to the Canada Company.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up report No. 3.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Armon,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up a report No. 1.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on District Property brought up report No. 2.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Agnew.

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee appointed to petition the Legislature for taxing Wild Lands, brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Jeffrey, seconded Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the petition now adopted be engrossed, signed by the Warden, and transmitted to both Houses of Parliament.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Hodges, Oro, brought up report No. 2.

Received and read.

Mr. Alley moved, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Upon which a division took place and the yeas and nays were as follows,

viz.:

YEAS—Messrs. Agnew, Alley, Gilmour, Jeffrey, Morris, White, Wilson, Walker, E. A., Walker Wm.—9.

NAYS.—Messrs. Armon, Drury, Hunt, McConkey, Richardson, Ritchey.

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Carried in the affirmative by a majority of 3.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the Warden do obtain the opinion of the Attorney-Gen.

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On motion of Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered that a committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. Armonson and Wilson, for the purpose of drawing up an address to His Excellency, the Governor-General, praying that a deed be immediately issued to the Council for the lots of land on which the gaol and court house are erected.

Adjourned.

J. DALLAS,  
WARDEN.

FRIDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 1845.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Committee on the subject of printing proceedings of the Council, brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the Clerk be authorized to have 250 copies of the proceedings of this Council printed, 25 to be retained in his hands, for disposal of the Council, and the remainder to be sent to the Councillors for distribution—attention being paid to the comparative number of inhabitants in each township, with respect to the number of copies sent to each Councillor. But at the same time no more than twenty-five pounds cy. for the whole year shall be expended. If that sum be found insufficient a fewer number of copies of the proceedings must be procured.

The Committee appointed to draft a petition for allowance to District Councillors, brought up a report.

Received and read.

Mr. Dallas moved, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

That the report now read be adopted.

Mr. Armonson, seconded by Mr. McConkey, moved in amendment,

That the report and draft of petition be not adopted, but sent back to the Committee for re-consideration.—Carried.

The Committee on District Property brought up report No. 3.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on the application for a deed for the land on which the public buildings are erected, brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. Armonson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. Armonson,

Ordered—That the address now read be adopted, engrossed, signed by the Warden, and forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. White,

Ordered—That as some difficulty has occurred with regard to the sale of lands and the collection of the Wild Land Tax, in the District of Simcoe, accruing in part or in whole while it formed part of the Home District; from being eight years or upwards unpaid, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Dallas and Armonson be appointed to consider the subject and to draft an address to the Legislature upon it.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the petition of F. Dallas and others for a road in Orillia be received, and for this purpose the general rule of the Council be suspended.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,  
 Ordered—That the petition of F. Dallas and others be referred to the  
 Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges reported by By-Law.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read be read a second time forthwith,  
 and that the 34th Rule be dispensed with for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the Council do not go into Committee of the whole on the  
 Bill now read a second time, but that it be read a third time forthwith.

The Committee appointed to draft a petition on a Wild Land Tax re-  
 ported.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the report of the Committee on the collection of Wild  
 Land Tax, with the draft of a petition, be adopted.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the petition be engrossed, signed by the Warden, and  
 forwarded to both houses of Parliament.

On motion of Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That in consequence of no Superintendent of common schools  
 having been appointed for the Township of Tay, Capt. Keating be now ap-  
 pointed to that office. That the securities be referred to the District Council-  
 lor, and that the Clerk make out the necessary bonds

The Committee on Finance brought up report No. 5.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee appointed to draft petition regarding allowances for Dis-  
 trict Councillors, brought up report and draft of petition as re-considered.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the report and draft of petition now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. F. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the petition be engrossed, signed by the Warden and  
 transmitted to both Houses of Parliament.

On motion of Mr. Dallas seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the Treasurer be empowered to furnish the Clerk with a  
 ream of paper, one hundred quills, sealing wax and wafers, for the use of the  
 Council.

The Committee on Contingencies brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Ritchey, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Adjourned.

J. DALLAS,  
 WARDEN.

J. McWATT,  
 Clerk.

# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the February Session,

A.D., 1845.

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JAMES DALLAS, ESQ., WARDEN.

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REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO WHOM IT WAS REFERRED TO DRAFT A  
PETITION TO THE LEGISLATURE AGAINST THE ANNEXATION OF PART  
OF WEST GWILLIMBURY TO THE HOME DISTRICT.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee beg to present the accompanying draft of a petition  
against the proposed annexation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GERALD ALLEY,  
CHAIRMAN.

February 12th, 1845.

*To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of Canada :*

The petition of the Warden and Council of the District of Simcoe, in  
Council assembled, humbly sheweth :

That your petitioners have observed with alarm, through the medium of  
the public press, that a measure is now in progress, through your Honorable  
House, for the purpose of annexing that portion of the Township of West  
Gwillimbury, styled "the Old Survey," to the Home District.

That your petitioners would respectfully state to your Honorable House,  
that the portion of this District now proposed to be severed from it, is with-  
out exception of the most vital importance, being clearly the most populous  
and wealthy in the Simcoe District.

That the District of Simcoe has very recently been set apart; and al-  
though of very great extent, is but thinly settled; and from the great outlay,  
which has necessarily been increased by the erection of public buildings, &c.,

is heavily encumbered, and requires the aid of all the populated portions of the District, so as to avoid insupportable taxation.

That the population of the extensive District represented by your petitioners, have only one great communication with Toronto and Lake Ontario, by the Turnpike road under a Parliamentary trust, leading from Bradford in W. Gwillimbury to the Holland Landing, and by the adoption of this measure it is gravely proposed to throw this road, the only great outlet of this District into the Home District, and thus place the people of Simcoe at the mercy of others—a measure so palpably unjust as to render it a matter of utter astonishment to your petitioners, how it could have been proposed.

That your petitioners would further call the attention of your Honorable House to the fact that no notice whatever has been given to the inhabitants of the District of Simcoe, relative to the measure before your House, and they were not a little surprised to become acquainted with the same in the abrupt manner in which they did; and your petitioners feel confident, that were the sense of the people of the District to be taken upon the said measure, 99 of the inhabitants out of every hundred, would be found to oppose it.

Your petitioners would further impress upon your Honorable House that a portion of Yonge street is situated in the District of Simcoe, and they would consider it an act of injustice to be deprived of any portion of their most important thoroughfare, while they are at the same time involved in its responsibilities.

Your petitioners are further of opinion that a measure so unpopular—so contrary to the opinions, feelings and interest of this great community, never was attempted in Canada—and that the man who could advance or advocate such a measure must have been singularly happy in his conception of the preposterous and the unjust.

That by the copy of the bill, which was printed last session for the information of the public, the whole Township of West Gwillimbury was included in the District, and the people of this District therefore presumed that unless the voice of the inhabitants was shown to be adverse to this contemplated division, the Bill would have passed in its original shape; and they are therefore quite taken by surprise.

Your petitioners would, in conclusion, respectfully solicit the attention of your Honorable House to the facts hereinbefore stated, they being of such vital importance to the prosperity of the District of Simcoe; and they trust that you will withhold your consent to any Bill tending to injure the welfare of the District.

May it therefore please your Honorable House to disallow the measure now complained of, at present before parliament.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO WHOM IT WAS REFERRED TO DRAFT A PETITION TO PARLIAMENT, PRAYING FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE REGISTRY OFFICE FROM HOLLAND LANDING TO BARRIE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee beg leave to present the accompanying draft of petition for the above purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

12th Feb., 1845.

*To the Honorable, the Commons House of Assembly, in Parliament Assembled :*

The petition of the Warden and Council of the District of Simcoe humbly sheweth :

That the highly important office of County Registry is at present situated at the Holland Landing, the southeastern boundary of the District.

That this District is of very great extent, and Barrie, its County Town, in which are centered all the public offices of the District, with the exception of the aforesaid Registry Office, is in a central part of the District.

That consequently very serious inconvenience arises to the inhabitants of said District—and your petitioners are most desirous that it should be forthwith removed to the District Town of Barrie.

May it therefore please your Honorable House to pass an act for the speedy removal of the Registry Office of this District to the Town of Barrie, or to do in the matter as you may see fit, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, &c.

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REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the account between the late Mr. Richardson and the Commercial Bank, beg leave to report,

That in pursuance of a request made by the Council at their last session to E. Walker, Esq., one of their body, to examine the account kept in the Commercial Bank by the late S. Richardson, Esq., Treasurer of the County, that gentleman examined the books of the bank, and received from the manager of the Bank a certified copy of the accounts referred to. This document, your Committee have to state, throws no light whatever upon the sum of £43.14s.0., charged by the Bank against the District, and paid by the late Treasurer. Mr. Adam.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. RITCHEY,

CHAIRMAN *pro tem.*

Committee Room, Barrie, 13th February, 1845.

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REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment to whom was referred certain Township Clerks' accounts, beg leave to report,

That they have carefully examined the Township Clerks' accounts for the Townships of Mulmur, Tossoronto, West Gwillimbury and Mono, for the year 1844, and compared them with the accompanying vouchers; that they have found the whole of these accounts to be perfectly correct, and to agree with the vouchers belonging to them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. RITCHEY,

CHAIRMAN *pro tem.*

Committee Room, Barrie, 13th Feb., 1845.

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 REPORT No. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.
 

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To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee on Finance and Assessment to whom was referred a letter from Messrs. Draper & Brough, beg leave to report,

That the account alluded to by Messrs. Draper & Brough, is one for payment of which a warrant was ordered by the Council to be issued by the Warden—that the Warden be requested to forward the said letter, as soon as a Treasurer is appointed for the District, to that officer, desiring that it be settled as soon as the state of his funds will permit him to do so.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. RITCHEY,

CHAIRMAN *pro tem.*

Committee Room, Barrie, 13th Feb., 1845.

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 REPORT No. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.
 

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To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

Your Committee on Finance and Assessment beg leave to report,

That at the last meeting of Council, quantities of cordwood to the extent in whole of 60 cords were ordered by the Council for the gaol and public offices. That in the opinion of the Committee a further quantity of wood, to the extent of 40 cords, will probably be required for the gaol and District Officers, in order to supply them until the period when sleighing is likely to commence next year. That in consequence of this, and considering that the wood would probably be supplied at about 4/ a cord at this season, while it would be somewhere about 7/6d. in summer, making a very great difference in saving to the District—and considering the improvement which the wood undergoes by keeping, the Committee are of opinion that the District Surveyor should be authorized immediately to contract for the delivery of an additional quantity of 40 cords of fire wood for the above specified purposes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. RITCHEY,

CHAIRMAN *pro tem.*

Committee Room, Barrie, 13th Feb., 1845.

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 REPORT No. 5 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.
 

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To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee on Finance and Assessment beg to report,

That on 17th day of May, 1844, a By-Law was passed by the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, imposing an additional tax of one penny per acre on all lands belonging to absentees, or not entered on the Assessment Rolls within the District, which By-Law was not disallowed by His Excellency the Governor-General; and that your Committee recommend that the Treasurer of this District be empowered by the Council to commence the collecting of this said tax on 17th day of May next, for the year ending on that day—and to give public notice that he is ready to do the same. The Clerk will intimate the same to the Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FREDK. DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Feb., 1845.

## REPORT NO. 6 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was remitted the petition of John Beardsley, beg to report,

That they have made particular enquiry into the circumstances stated in the petition, and have no doubt whatever that the sum originally intended by the Council to be paid to the petitioner was £15.0s.0d. per annum. That the petitioner was only paid £7.10s. for the year 1844—that he ought to be allowed the balance claimed by him for 1844 of £7.10s.—and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the same. And further, that an allowance of £15.0s.0d. per annum to the petitioner for his care and superintendence of the District buildings is extremely moderate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. RITCHEY,  
CHAIRMAN *pro tem.*

Committee Room, Barrie, 13th Feb., 1845.

## REPORT NO. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Standing Committee on Education to whom was referred the account of the County Superintendent of common schools, beg to report,

That after due consideration of the same, they are of opinion that the twenty five pounds lately granted by the Council is insufficient, and regret that they have no fund at their disposal, from which to increase that grant during the present year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th Feb., 1845.

## REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Standing Committee on Education beg leave to report,

That they have considered the petition of Mr. Gilbert McAuley, common school teacher of No. 1 School District of the Township of Sunnidale, and find that the subject of complaint is one in which the Council have no power of interference, inasmuch as Township Trustees of common schools are the persons empowered by the Act now in force to make contracts with teachers, and not the Council.

Your Committee cannot recommend any notice to be taken of the petition of the Trustees of Union School District No. 4 of the Township of Essa, in consequence of the little information it contains being insufficient to enable your Committee to recommend action being taken upon it.

Your Committee cannot recommend any notice to be taken of the petition of the inhabitants of School District No. 2 of Tecumseth, praying to be united to a part of the Township of King, as the Council has deputed the Councilor of each Township, in conjunction with the Township Superintendent, to settle the boundaries of the common school districts, as may best suit their respective Townships.

Your Committee have examined the accounts, with their accompanying vouchers, of school moneys disbursed by Mr. Walker, Councilor for Tecumseth, shewing a balance of £1.10s.2d., and beg to report that they find the said account correct.

Also, the accounts and vouchers from the Township of West Gwillimbury, shewing a balance of £6.11s.3d., which will be handed over to the persons authorized to receive it whenever they may apply for it. Your Committee find the accounts correct.

Your Committee also beg to report that the accounts from the Township of Tiny are correct.

Also, the accounts from the Township of Sunnidale, shewing a balance of £3.10s.10½d., not yet applied for, are correct.

Also the accounts from the Township of Innisfil, and find them correct.

Also the accounts of school moneys received and disbursed in the Township of Mulmur, and find them correct.

Also similar accounts from Township of Medonte, and find them correct.

Also similar accounts from the Township of Mono, showing a balance, not yet applied for, of £15.12s.6¾d., and find them correct.

Your Committee also beg to state that they have examined the annual reports of the Superintendents of common schools for the Townships of Oro and Adjala, and find them to be correct, as far as they can be judged in the absence of the proper vouchers.

Your Committee beg to recommend the usual course with regard to the petition of Trustees of No. 4 School District of the Township of Innisfil, praying for a tax of £8.0s.0d., for the purpose of repairing school house, &c.—the usual course being to allow the petition to lie over for three months.

Your Committee have read with much attention the report of the County Superintendent of common schools, and beg to report that they regard it as extremely gratifying as to the increase of schools and the efficiency of the teachers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th Feb., 1845.

#### REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Standing Committee on Education to whom was referred the report of the Councillor for Oro, with the account of school moneys paid by him, beg to report,

That they have examined the same, and find it correct. The small balance of 7/1d., due to No. 3 District, will be paid when applied for.

Your Committee have also examined the petition of Mrs. Ann Ross, praying for educational assistance, and beg to report that, however much they may feel for her situation, they cannot recommend any further action in the matter, as your Committee do not believe they have power over any fund applicable to the purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 13th Feb., 1845.

#### REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Standing Committee on District Property to whom was referred the District Surveyor's report Nos. 1 and 2, beg leave to say they have examined them both carefully, and are of opinion that the twenty cords of wood furnished by Mr. Gager, for the ends of justice, is very reasonable.

They also consider that taking the pump out of the well in the gaol and

putting a windlass in its place was very cheap. These things appear to have been ordered by the Council, and we believe are quite right, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

The District Surveyor's report No. 2 appears to be an inventory of furniture and other loose property in and about the court house and gaol; they have examined the District Surveyor and his inventory appears satisfactory.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 12th February, 1845.

**REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.**

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Standing Committee on District Property, in consequence of having no access to the records of the District, are unable to report on the liabilities of the District until the new Treasurer assumes his office.

But there is a report of the Finance Committee, your Committee would draw your attention to, recommending the insurance of the public buildings. Your Committee would recommend that if the buildings are not insured, they should be insured immediately.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th Feb., 1845.

**REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.**

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on District Property to whom was referred the District Surveyor's report, having considered the same, beg to submit the following report, which they recommend for the adoption of the Council.

Your Committee having carefully examined the above report, are of opinion that the items contained therein should be procured with as little delay as possible. The following items may be dispensed with at present, namely, the painting of the roof of the dome—the season of the year not being favorable for the execution of the same—and that the District Surveyor, with due regard to economy, be ordered to furnish the items enumerated in his report No. 3. With respect to the sweeping the chimneys of the public buildings, we think it indispensably necessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Feb., 1845.

**REPORT NO. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.**

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, beg leave to report,

That they have taken the several documents referred to them into consideration, viz.:—The petition of George Douglas and others, praying that the District Council would allow them to lay out their statute labor on John street, Village of Bradford. Your Committee cannot recommend compliance with the prayer of petition—as the District Councillors in their respective Townships are already empowered by the Council to act in their respective townships in such matters.

With regard to the petition of Peter McCallum, your Committee beg to state that it has been decided at the last session of the Council.

Your Committee recommend that the prayer of the petition of Alex. Dunlop and others be granted, on petitioners paying all legal expenses incurred in establishing said line of road.

Your Committee cannot recommend the prayer of the petition of Francis Hewson to the favorable consideration of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY MORRIS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th Feb., 1845.

REPORT NO. 2 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report,

That they have examined the petition of Alexander Dunlop and others, praying for a road through the Township of Medoste, and that they recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Your Committee have also examined the petition of Frederick Dallas and others, praying for the establishment of a road through the southern division of Orillia, and they recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Your Committee further recommend that the accompanying By-Law for the foregoing purposes be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY MORRIS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 14th Feb., 1845.

FIRST REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE PETITION OF RICHARD HODGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Proceedings of the Committee to whom was referred the documents connected with the return of Richard Drury, of Oro, to the Municipal Council, as Councillor in the room of the late James Adam, Esquire, deceased.

That under the circumstances of the case before this Committee, further information appears to be necessary ; that therefore the parties concerned be requested to attend as soon as practicable, and produce all such information as may enable this Committee to report upon the questions at issue.

All of which is respectfully submitted

GERALD ALLEY,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, Feb. 12th, 1845.

SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PETITION OF RICHARD HODGES, OF ORO.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Hodges against the return of Richard Drury to the Municipal Council for the Township of Oro, beg leave to report,

That they have examined the documents placed before them, and are of opinion that the said Richard Drury is ineligible to sit in this Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GERALD ALLEY,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 13th Feb., 1845.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE UPON PRINTING PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee to whom was referred the propriety of having the proceedings of this Council printed, beg to report,

That they are fully aware that the public throughout this District complain exceedingly of their being kept in perfect ignorance of the proceedings of this Council. That your Committee know that such is the case, and would respectfully recommend that no time be lost in making arrangements to have the affairs of the District published and circulated amongst the inhabitants of the same. That your Committee are informed, that with very few exceptions, the proceedings of the Councils in the different Districts of this Province are published in a local newspaper or otherwise. That as no newspaper is as yet published in this District, your Committee would recommend that the proceedings of this Council be printed and circulated amongst the inhabitants.

That your Committee would recommend that the Clerk be desired to obtain estimates from six different printers; and that he furnish the lowest tenderer with a copy of the minutes, by-Laws, and appendix of the present session for publication.

That your Committee consider that it would be but just, that in the event of your approving of this measure, the Clerk should receive such remuneration, for the great extra labor he would be put to, as might be considered reasonable.

That your Committee would have recommended that the affairs of this Council be published since the commencement of its sittings, but that the funds of the District do not warrant the same; they would look forward, however, to such being done at a future period, when the District funds may be in a more flourishing state.

In conclusion, your Committee would beg to call your attention to the fact, that during the session of August last, the Committee upon Finance and Assessment reported in favor of printing the proceedings of the Council, which report passed the Council, but was never acted upon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Feb., 1845.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR APPLICATION OF DEED OF LAND.

*To the District Council of Simcoe:*

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of an application to His Excellency the Governor-General for a deed of the land on which the Gaol and Court House are erected, beg respectfully to report,

That considering the long time that has now elapsed since the erection of the gaol and public buildings, it is highly proper that a deed for the land on which they are built, should be procured without delay. That on the 16th of May, 1844, the Council addressed His Excellency the Governor-General on the subject. That His Excellency ought again to be solicited to grant the deed—and that the following draft of an address be adopted.

*To His Excellency Sir C. T. Metcalfe, Bart., Governor-General of B. N., America, &c., &c.*

The Memorial of the Warden and Council of the District of Simcoe, respectfully sheweth:

That a gaol and court house for the District of Simcoe are erected in the Town of Barrie on a block of land consisting of lots No. 110, 111, 112 and 113, north of Woisley street, and Nos. 117, 118, 119 and 120, south of Mac-

donald street. That on 20th April, 1837, those lots were set apart by order-in-council as a reserve for that purpose, and that your Memorialists are desirous that a patent be issued in their favor for the same.

May your Excellency therefore be pleased to order the patent to be issued for the within mentioned lots of land.

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD JEFFREY,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, Feb. 14th, 1845.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DRAFT A PETITION TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE COLLECTION OF THE WILD LAND TAX.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom it was entrusted to draw up a petition to the Legislature concerning the collection of the Wild Land Tax of this District, beg leave to recommend the accompanying draft of one.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Feb., 1845.

The petition of the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe respectfully sheweth :

That the District of Simcoe was separated from the Home District in Jan., 1843—that in consequence of the separation a doubt appears to exist as to the right and legal mode of bringing to sale lands situated in this District in arrears for taxes—that is, as to the power belonging to the Sheriff of one District or the other to expose the same for sale.

That your petitioners understand that other Districts in this Province are similarly situated in regard to this matter.

That an enactment of the Legislature would at once remove all doubt or obscurity upon this subject and enable the Treasurer of this District to recover the Taxes which may be in arrears.

May it therefore please your Honorable House to pass such a law as may remove all difficulties upon this subject,

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DRAFT PETITION REGARDING ALLOWANCES TO D. COUNCILLORS.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee appointed to draft petition regarding allowance to District Councillors, beg to report by draft of petition as reconsidered.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Feb., 1845.

*To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly, in Parliament Assembled :*

The petition of the Warden and Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth :

That it appears to your petitioners to be but fair and proper that the members of the different Municipal Councils of this Province ought to be al-

lowed a reasonable sum in remuneration for such necessary charges as they may incur while employed in the discharge of their duties.

That in any Bill which may be introduced into your Honorable House for the amendment of the Municipal District Council Act, provision may be made for the payment of a sum of not more than one dollar per day to each District Councillor, while occupied as such, in Council assembled.

That they are the more impressed with the propriety of such a measure, on reflecting that in many of the backwood townships of the Province, the farmer finds it a sufficient sacrifice, when he devotes four weeks annually of his time to the discharge of his duties as District Councillor, without entailing on himself in addition any outlay of money, which, in a great many cases, he can very ill afford.

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

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Contingencies, having examined the several accounts necessary to be granted for several services, would recommend that the Warden do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums :

To John McWatt, postage .....	£1 0 8
" " " 3 tinpans, 1/6 .....	0 4 6
" " " 4 lb. candles, 10d. ....	0 3 4
" " " 2 quires paper, 1/3 .....	0 2 6
	£1 11 0
To John Creasor, 4 days attendance as Constable, at 5/ .....	£1 0 0
" Francis Martin, 4 days as Constable at 5/ per day .....	1 0 0
" Thos. Drury, carrying packet of letters to H. Landing as special messenger .....	0 10 0
	£4 1 0

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. RITCHEY,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Feb., 1845.

#### RATES OF POSTAGE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the postage rates in Canada, beg to report,

That they consider the subject to be one of very great importance to the interests of this Province. That it appears obvious that the rates of postage at present levied in Canada, are much too high, and that a reduction of them would be of great benefit to the community. They do therefore recommend that a petition, of which the following is a draft, be transmitted to the three branches of the Legislature ;

*To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly of Canada, in Parliament Assembled :*

The petition of the Warden and Council of the District of Simcoe, respectfully sheweth :

That a very general opinion prevails throughout this extensive Province,

in which your petitioners do entirely concur, that the rates of postage at present levied in Canada are greatly too high, affecting deeply the interests of the farmer, the merchant, and indeed all professions. That a larger reduction in the rates charged would be a great boon to this country, while, from the great increase which would consequently take place in the amount of letters forwarded by mail, the revenue would suffer comparatively little injury. That, when so vast a benefit has been conferred upon the Mother country by the establishment of the penny post system, it is surely not too much to expect that a country like Canada, so much behind Britain in wealth and resources, should partake, to some extent, of a like benefit. Your petitioners are well aware that from badness of roads, and the vast extent of the country, a reduction to an equal extent with that effected in Britain cannot be looked for; still they earnestly urge that some redress on this important subject should be afforded them. It is obvious, too, that were a reduction to take place in the charge for postage between Great Britain and Canada, it could not fail to be most advantageous to the latter country; while a great increase in the number of letters would consequently take place.

That your petitioners, being well aware of the great attention paid by the Parliament of Great Britain to any representation coming from the Parliament of Canada, entreat your Honorable House to apply to the British Parliament for a reduction of the rates of postage charged in Canada.

May it therefore please your Honorable House to address the British Parliament, as prayed for, or do in the premises, as your Honorable House shall deem right.

And your petitioners, &c.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. RITCHEY,

CHAIRMAN.

Barrie, District of Simcoe, this 13th day of February, 1845.

DRAFT OF PETITION TO THE LEGISLATURE, AGAINST THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF THE EAST BRANCH OF THE HOLLAND RIVER.

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

The petition of the Warden and District Council of the Simcoe District in sessions assembled, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioners understanding that a petition has been presented to your Honorable House, praying for aid to improve the navigation of the Eastern Branch of the Holland River, would beg to represent to your Honorable House that the West Branch of the Holland River is a broad deep stream, of sufficient extent for the navigation of large lake steamers, and that the said West Branch goes through a village laid out by the Government, by name of Amsterdam, and that it is within a short distance of the thriving village of Bradford, in the Township of West Gwillimbury, and that the West Gwillimbury road in connection with Yonge Street to the Penetanguishene road, on which there is a toll-gate, crosses the said West Branch. Your petitioners therefore would humbly suggest that the West Branch being so favorable for navigation, running through a Government village plot, and within a short distance of Bradford in the thrifty, populated Township of West Gwillimbury, and crossed also by a main public road leading to a naval and military station at Penetanguishene, it would be a useless expenditure of the public money in endeavoring to make the Eastern Branch navigable, and therefore pray that the aid prayed for be not granted, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITION TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR TAXING  
WILD LANDS.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of petitioning Parliament for the power to impose a tax on lands belonging to absentees, including those belonging to the Canada Company, beg to report by the following draft of a petition to both Houses of the Legislature :

*To the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled :*

The petition of the Warden and Council of the District of Simcoe respectfully sheweth :—

That the District of Simcoe was set apart as a separate District early in the year 1843. That it is loaded with a heavy debt, incurred by the erection of a gaol and public buildings, the interest of which has to be provided for. That it is most necessary that the means of the District should be increased. That with this view, your petitioners, on the 17th day of May, 1844, passed a By-Law imposing a tax of one penny per acre on all lands within the District of Simcoe belonging to persons not residing on them, nor entered on the Township assessment rolls. That from certain proceedings that have taken place in your honorable House, your petitioners are doubtful whether they can legally enforce payment of the said tax.

That, not only do your petitioners conceive that the state of their finances requires the tax alluded to, but they are most anxious to improve the roads and bridges within the District, the state of which is such as urgently to require it ; and, further, that the tax which your petitioners wish to impose is a most just and equitable one. That the state of many blocks of land within the District impedes improvement. That all land belonging to absentees ought to be so taxed, and particularly, as your petitioners believe, that belonging to the Canada Company.

May it therefore please your honorable House to pass such an act as may enable your petitioners to levy and assess on all lands belonging to persons non-resident upon them, and particularly those of the Canada Company, in the District of Simcoe, a tax of one penny per acre per annum, or to do in the premises as shall seem right to your honorable house, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD JEFFREY,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 13th February, 1845.

REPORT OF THOMAS CRAIG, SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS, ON A PROPOSED NEW  
LINE OF ROAD.

*To the Simcoe District Council :*

The report of Thomas Craig, one of the surveyors of highways for the District of Simcoe, sheweth :

That having been duly required by James Burnfield and eleven others, freeholders in the Township of Medonte, to examine and report upon a proposed new line of road, surveyed by Mr. Neil McLean, Deputy Provincial Surveyor, to connect the Sturgeon Bay Road with the Penetanguishene Road, commencing nine chains northwest of the one mile post on the Sturgeon Bay Road, where a post has been planted on the south side of the road, which one mile post is planted in the boundary line between Medonte and Tay, and at the distance of thirty chains in the 11th concession, from the concession line between the 10th and 11th ; then south twelve degrees west, one hundred and

forty-two chains; thence south seven degrees thirty minutes west, three hundred and eight chains fifty links; thence south twenty-nine degrees thirty minutes west, twenty-five chains; thence south forty-three degrees thirty minutes west, one hundred and forty-three chains forty links; thence in the centre of the road between lots Nos. 10 and 11, parallel to the boundary line, one hundred and three chains; thence north eighty-two degrees west thirty chains; then on the south side of the road between lots Nos. 55 and 56 parallel to the boundary line, one hundred chains, more or less, to the Penetanguishene Road.

I have examined the above proposed new line of road, and found the same generally level and dry ground, where a road might be made at a light expense, and I do recommend that for the better accommodation of Her Majesty's subjects the said proposed new line of road should be established and made a legal highway, the 43rd standing rule of the Council having been complied with.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. CRAIG,

Surveyor of Highways,

District of Simcoe.

Medonte, Feb. 1st, 1845.

PETITION OF ALEX. DUNLOP AND 105 OTHERS.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the Simcoe District in Council Assembled:*

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of Medonte and neighbouring Townships, respectfully sheweth:

That your petitioners have been seriously inconvenienced by a certain Indian Track that has been used as a road, and commonly called "The Indian Path" or "Wood Bridge Road," connecting the Penetanguishene road with the Coldwater portage, being an illegal, serpentine and indirect route, and abounding in hills, swamps and rocks, tottering bridges and rotten cross-ways, which to even partially improve and render useful, would require far more means than the Township has at its disposal:

And that in consequence of the above insurmountable difficulties, several of your petitioners were induced in the month of September last, at very considerable cost and trouble, to employ a surveyor for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of another route which should answer the desired end, of connecting the provincial roads leading to Penetanguishene and Coldwater, by a safe and direct course.

That your petitioners take great pleasure in announcing that a most desirable route was found, as will be seen by reference to the report of Mr. Thomas Craig, Surveyor of roads, which route has in addition to its other recommendations, the undoubted one of being the only direct way from the Penetanguishene road to the new harbor of Sturgeon Bay.

That your petitioners, although fully aware that several of the settlers of Medonte will be slightly inconvenienced by the change of routes, and even the Post Office is about half a mile from the new road, yet your petitioners cannot refrain from desiring a change so indispensably necessary to the great majority of your petitioners, and advantageous for the public weal, and therefore your petitioners respectfully request that their new line of road may meet with the support of the Council, and be by it established as a legal thoroughfare, and your petitioners will ever feel grateful for the boon.

Signed by Alexander Dunlop and 105 others.

Coldwater, Medonte, 25th January, 1845.

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

Second Quarterly Meeting.

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 13th May,

1845.

TUESDAY, 13TH MAY, 1845.

The Council met.

Present—Messrs. Agnew, Alley, Armson, Drury, Hunt, Richardson Ritchey, Stephens, Walker, E. A., Walker, W., Willson,—11.

In the absence of the Warden, the Clerk called the meeting to order.

Moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Drury,

That Mr. Armson do take the chair.

Carried

Mr. Armson took the chair.

Several communications were read and laid on the table by the Chairman.

1st. From the Commissioner of Crown Lands, accompanying Patent for the Block of Land on which the Gaol and Court House are erected.

2nd. From the Commissioner of Crown Lands, relating to the Market Square in the Town of Barrie.

3rd. From the Secretary of the Province, acknowledging receipt of petition on the subject of a reduction in the present rates of postage throughout the Province.

4th. From the Hon. Wm. Morris, acknowledging receipt of sundry petitions presented by him to the Legislative Council.

5th. Extracts from sundry letters from the Hon. W. B. Robinson to James Dallas, Esq.

6th. The Treasurer's report was laid on the table by the Chairman.

7th. The District Surveyor's report was read and laid on the table.

Petition of Trustees of School District No. 2, Innishl, praying to be taxed for school purposes—presented by Mr. Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 2, Innishl, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That Mr. Stephens be added to the Standing Committee on Finance for the present session, in consequence of the absence of Messrs. Dallas and Jeffrey.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. W. Walker,  
Ordered—That the Treasurer's report be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. W. Walker,  
Ordered—That the letter received from the Government, concerning the grant for the market place in Barrie, also the District Surveyor's report, be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.  
Adjourned.

W. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MAY, 1846

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Mr. Morris and Mr. Jeffs took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday read.

Several documents were laid before the Council.

1st. A letter from the Rev. F. L. Osler, Superintendent of Common Schools, Township of Tecumseth.

2nd. A statement from the Trustees of School District No. 2, Tecumseth.

3rd. A letter from William Simpson, Penetanguishene, tendering his resignation as Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of Tiny.

4th. School Report for Township of Tiny.

5th. A letter from the Superintendent of Common Schools, Township of Adjala, relating to the percentage on School moneys.

The following petitions were presented.

Of John Beardsley, court house keeper, praying for extra allowance for his services, by Mr. Stephens.

Of Henry Clifford, Superintendent of Common Schools, Township of Oro, praying for remuneration for his services.

A Letter from the Clerk of the Peace was laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Wm. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the letter from the Superintendent of Education, Township of Tecumseth, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Agnew, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the statement from School District No. 2, Township of Tecumseth, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Jeffs, seconded by Mr. W. Walker,

Ordered—That the statement from School District No. 2, Township of Tecumseth, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Jeffs, seconded by Mr. W. Walker,

Ordered—That the resignation of Mr. Simpson, Superintendent of Common Schools, Township of Tiny, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the letter from the Superintendent of Common Schools, Township of Adjala, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. W. Walker.

Ordered—That the Committee on District Property be empowered to distribute the copies of the statutes among the Councillors, and also the copies of the proceedings of this Council.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That that part of the Minutes of the 14th of February last, relating to the Draft of a By-Law for establishing a road through the Township of Medonte and Orillia, be read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the By-Law for establishing a road through the Townships of Medonte and Orillia, do now pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the petition of John Beardsley, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That that letter from the Clerk of the Peace, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the petition of Henry Clifford be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Chairman do appoint another member to the Committee on Finance.

The Chairman nominated Mr. Drury.

Auditors' report Nos. 1, 2 and 3, laid before the Council.

Petition of the Trustees and inhabitants of School District No. 3, Township of Essa, presented by Mr. Morris.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees and inhabitants of School District No. 3, Township of Essa, be referred to the standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the Auditors' report now read be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 1.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the report of the Finance Committee now read be adopted. Accounts of receipts and disbursements of James Adam, Esq., late Treasurer of the District, up to the 26th February, 1845, laid before the Council. Standing Committee on Education brought up report No. 1.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Treasurer's balance sheet for quarter ending 30th April, 1845, laid before the Council.

Committee on District property brought up report No. 1.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Petition of Mrs. Sarah Adam, praying for remuneration for her late husband's services, presented by Mr. E. A. Walker.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That a select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Wilson and Jeffs, be appointed to consider and report upon the petition of Mrs. Sarah Adam.

Adjourned.

W. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

THURSDAY, 15TH MAY, 1845.

The Council met:

Mr. Armson in the Chair.

Mr. White took his seat.

The minutes of yesterday read.

Extract from Presentment of last Grand Jury laid before the Council.

Petition of John McWatt, Clerk of the District Council, praying for an increase of his salary,—presented by Mr. Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. White,

Ordered—That the petition of John McWatt, praying for an increase of salary, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Auditors' report No. 4 laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the Auditors' report now read, be referred to the Committee on Finance

On motion of Mr. Jeffs, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That W. B. Hamilton, Penetanguishene, be appointed Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of Tiny, instead of William Simpson, resigned.

On motion of Mr. Jeffs, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the Clerk be instructed to make out the necessary bonds for the Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of Tiny, and his securities, and that the Council do authorize the Councillor of Tiny to approve of the same.

The Committee on Finance brought up report No. 2.

Received and read.

Mr. Stephens moved, seconded by Mr. Drury,

That the report of the Committee on Finance now read, be adopted.

Mr. A. E. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Morris, in amendment,

That the report of the Finance Committee, now read, be referred back for reconsideration.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Jeffs, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That Edward Jeffrey be appointed Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of Tay.

On motion of Mr. Jeffs, seconded by Mr. White,

Ordered—That the Clerk be instructed, to make out the necessary bonds for the Superintendent of Common Schools, Township of Tay, and his securities, and that the Council authorize the Councillor of Tiny to approve of the same.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the Chairman do appoint a Committee on Contingencies.

The Chairman appointed Messrs Hunt, White and Jeffs.

The Committee on Finance brought up report No. 2, as reconsidered.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Petition of the Trustees of School District No. 3, Innisfil, and No. 5,

Essa,—presented by Mr. Morris.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 3, Innisfil, and No. 5, Essa, be referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on District Property brought up report No. 2, together with draft of petition.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the report and draft of petition now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the draft and petition now adopted, be engrossed, signed by the Chairman, and transmitted to his Excellency, the Governor-General.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up a report, No. 2.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. A. E. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Sarah Adam, brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Standing Committee on Finance brought up Report No. 3.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Ritchey

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

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On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,  
 Ordered—That Messrs. Drury and Wilson be appointed a Committee to  
 draft a petition to the Legislature to pass a law to enable the Council to lay a  
 tax on wild lands of absentees, or otherwise, so as not to press on the actual  
 settler, but at the same time to relieve the District from its embarrassment,  
 and also to point out the mode, and give proper authority for collecting the  
 same.

The Special Committee appointed to draft a petition to the Legislature on  
 absentee wild lands, brought up a report and draft of petition

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the report and draft of petition now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—that the petition now adopted, be engrossed, signed by the  
 Warden, and forwarded to both Houses of the Legislature.

The Committee on Contingencies brought up a report.

Received and read.

On motion of Mr. Jeffs, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Adjourned.

W. ARMSON,  
 CHAIRMAN.

J. McWATT,  
 Clerk.

# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the May Session,

A.D., 1845.

JAMES DALLAS, ESQ., WARDEN.

### REPORT No. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the petition of John Beardsley, Court House Keeper, fully concur in the prayer of the petitioner, and think him entitled to a salary of twelve pounds ten shillings a year for his services.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES D. STEPHENS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th May, 1845.

### REPORT No. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee beg to state that they have examined the school accounts of W. Simpson, Esq., Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of Tiny, and find them correct. The same gentleman has tendered his resignation, which your Committee recommend should be accepted.

Your Committee have also examined and considered the statements from School District No. 2 of Tecumseth, and recommend that they be not entertained, as your Committee have already had them under consideration ; and the Council acting under their suggestion, empowered the Councillors for the Township to settle their dispute, and fix the boundaries of the said School District, in conjunction with the Township Superintendent.

With regard to the petition of Mr. Henry Clifford, Township Superintendent of Common Schools, praying for an increase of salary, your Committee beg to suggest that its consideration be postponed until the Council shall pro-

ceed to lay on the taxes for the current year, at which time your Committee recommend the salaries of all the Township Superintendents of Common Schools to be taken into consideration.

Your Committee recommend that the petition of the Trustees of School District No 2 of Innisfil, praying to be taxed for the sum of twenty pounds, six shilling and five pence, for the purpose of building a school house, should not be granted until the next session of this Council.

Your Committee have also considered the complaint of Mr. Michael Ryan, Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of Adjala, complaining that he cannot apportion the money collected for the schools, in consequence of the Collector refusing to pay him the whole of it. Your Committee recommend that the Clerk be desired to write to the Collector and request him to make a proper settlement with Mr. Ryan, the Township Superintendent, forthwith.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th May, 1845.

REPORT NO. 1 OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

Your Committee on District Property, to whom was referred the District Surveyor's Report, beg leave to submit the following report,

That the items ordered by the Council last session have been principally furnished by the Surveyor, and they consider the cost of the articles quite reasonable, and recommend that the Treasurer be instructed to pay for the same. As regards the plastering of the court house, your Committee recommend it to be done as soon as possible by the Surveyor, and report to the Council at its next session. As regards the sale of the old building in the Market Square to Henry Bingham, your Committee on account of some illegality in the note taken by the District Surveyor, would recommend that the Surveyor make a second sale of the building and report to the Council accordingly.

Your Committee would recommend the distribution of the minutes of the Council as follows :

One to each public officer.....	10
One to each Town Clerk.....	19
Eleven to each of the Councillors.....	209
Reserved for casual application.....	12

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As regards the statutes now in possession of the Council, your Committee recommend that the Clerk of the Council do distribute them to the public officers and Councilmen of the District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th May, 1845.

REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee on Finance and Assessment to whom was referred the Auditors' reports Nos. 1 and 2, on Township Clerks' accounts, beg to report,

that they have examined the same, and find them to be correct; also Auditors' reports Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, on Treasurer's account, and find them to be equally correct and satisfactory.

Your Committee also having had referred to them the Treasurer's report of 13th May, 1845, beg leave to state, that as regards the Collector of Nottawasaga, who refuses to act, and gives as his reason, the Township meeting not being called by a Magistrate, consequently illegal, would state, that the appointment of Township Officers was confirmed by the Quarter Sessions, and your Committee would recommend the Treasurer to notify the Collector, that unless the arrears of Taxes are paid within at least six months of said notification, proceedings will be taken to enforce the same.

Your Committee would further wish the Treasurer to write to the Collector of the Township of Oro, that all arrears of taxes must be paid forthwith—and as to those Collectors for 1844, mentioned in the report, who have deducted a percentage on the school money, your Committee are of opinion that they should be paid in the following manner, to wit: over £100, two per cent.; from £50 to £100, four per cent.; from £20 to £50, five per cent.; and under £20, six per cent.

Your Committee would recommend that the Treasurer should instruct the Township Superintendents to pay a like percentage to those Collectors who have paid in the full amount of school moneys, out of the first moneys which may come into their hands.

And further, your Committee would recommend that those Collectors who have suffered loss in the discharge of their duties, should, on their sending in their accounts of such losses, duly authenticated, to the next session of the Council, have their cases taken into favorable consideration.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) RICHARD DRURY,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th May, 1845.

#### REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees and inhabitants of School District No. 3, of the Township of Essa, praying for a tax on their District to the amount of six pounds, for the purpose of repairing the school house, beg to recommend that the prayer of the said petition be granted, and the Finance Committee be instructed to prepare the necessary By-Law for the said assessment.

Also the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 5, of the Township of Essa, and No. 3, of Innisfil, praying a further tax on their District, of four pounds fifteen shillings, for the repair of school houses. Your Committee beg to recommend that the said petition do lie over until the next session, when, if there should be no objections entered on the part of the inhabitants, action can be taken upon it, and it can be granted if the Council thinks fit.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th May, 1845.

#### REPORT NO. 2 OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

Your Committee on District Property to whom was referred the letter from the Crown Land Office, concerning the choice of other lots to form a market place, have considered the same, and are of opinion that it cannot be the

serious intention of the Government to remove it from the present site; and that if the inconvenience which will accrue to those who have purchased lots on the faith of maps sent to the agents for the sale of the lots in this town, be properly represented—also the great distance at which the nearest available lots lie from the town and public buildings—also the small value of lands in the new survey,—your Committee cannot but feel that the Government will immediately correct such an act of injustice by sending the deeds—and therefore beg to offer the following draft of a petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th May, 1845.

*To His Excellency the Right Honorable Lord Metcalfe, G.C.B., Governor-General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

The petition of the Chairman and Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth :

That your petitioners have received a letter from the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands, in answer to an application from them for the deeds of the land belonging to the said District of Simcoe, stating that your Excellency's Honorable Executive Council have not thought it advisable to grant the deed for the block which has been set apart for a market-place, but that if the Council could point out any other suitable lot or lots, there would be no objection to a grant being made.

That your petitioners have communicated with the resident agent for the sale of Crown Lands in Barrie, and have failed in discovering any suitable lots for the purpose—the nearest they can obtain being nearly a mile and a half from the town, and utterly unfit from their inequality.

That the present site was determined by Lord Seaton, when Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, by and with the advice of the Executive Council—that it was felt even then to be a subject of considerable importance to the future welfare of the town—that it was received by all the inhabitants with great satisfaction—that all the lots in its vicinity were rapidly sold, and are of much greater value in consequence of the said block having been set apart for a market place—and that the inhabitants feel that they will have great reason to complain if the faith of the Government be not kept, which authorized its agents to sell the lots with the distinct understanding that the said block was finally and for ever determined on as a market place.

That the intention of the Government to change the site of the market place, should have been made known before the new survey was opened for sale, as in that case the hardship would not have been so severely felt, and lots might have been obtained conveniently near; but now the only lots to be obtained are at the distance above stated, and nearly all the surrounding lots are in the hands of a very few speculators.

That your petitioners therefore trust that your Excellency will order the patent for the site originally determined on to be issued.

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

(Signed) W. ARMSON,

CHAIRMAN.

Council Hall, 15th May, 1845

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PETITION OF MRS. ADAM.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Sarah Adam, widow of the late Treasurer of this District, have duly considered the same,

and beg to recommend that at present it cannot be entertained, in consequence of the embarrassed state of the finances of the District.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room 15th May, 1845.

REPORT No. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment beg to report, That after carefully considering the embarrassed state of the finances of the District, on account of the heavy taxes under which the inhabitants labor, think it advisable not to increase the rate of assessment for the present year, but recommend that the same sum be raised as was levied for the year 1844.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) RICHARD DRURY,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th May, 1845.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DRAFT A PETITION TO THE LEGISLATURE, ON THE SUBJECT OF A WILD LAND TAX.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Select Committee to whom was referred the drafting a petition to the Legislature, beg leave to recommend the annexed draft

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th May, 1845.

*To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled.*

The petition of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoes humbly sheweth :

That the District of Simcoe is so heavily enumbered that it cannot meet its liabilities—the balance sheet of the Treasurer shewing a deficit of upwards of four hundred pounds on the current year.

That the actual settlers are generally very poor—that they are now taxed to the amount of three pence halfpenny in the pound, in addition to local taxes for schools and school houses, and your petitioners feel that they cannot bear any further taxation.

That unless your Honorable House will consent to pass a law to enable your petitioners to lay a tax of one penny per acre upon all lands not on the assessment rolls, they have no means of extricating the District from its existing difficulties.

That owing to defects in the present Municipal Council Act—though your petitioners have the power of taxing the said lands—yet the mode of collecting the same is not clearly defined ; therefore should your Honorable House

consent to pass a law to relieve them from their present embarrassment, your petitioners pray that that defect may be effectually remedied.  
And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) W. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th May, 1845.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee on Contingencies having examined the several accounts and allowances necessary to be granted for services performed, would recommend that the chairman do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums, viz.:

To John McWatt, for candles.....	£0 1 8
" " " paid transport of Statutes from Toronto.....	0 1 10½
" " " " Minutes " ".....	0 3 0
" " " for copying Minutes for Printer.....	2 0 0
" " " for postage.....	0 13 10
" John Cressor, 3 days attendance as Constable.....	0 15 0
" Francis Martin, 3 days attendance as Messenger.....	0 15 0
Total.....	£4 10 4½

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) ROBERT JEFFS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 15th May, 1845.

AUDITORS' REPORT ON TREASURERS ACCOUNTS.

To the District Council of Simcoe :

We, the Auditors for the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report, that we have examined the accounts of the late District Treasurer and find them as follows:

Amount of receipts from Oct. 7th, 1844, to 1st Jan., 1845, as per	£	d.	s.
cash book.....	178	5	4½
Amount of payments as per vouchers.....	204	16	8½
Balance in favor of Treasurer.....	£ 26	11	3¾
Amount of receipts from Jan. 1st, 1845, to 26th February, as per	£	d.	s.
cash book.....	388	3	10¼
Amount of payments as per vouchers.....	509	14	11¾
Balance in favor of Treasurer.....	£121	11	1¼

Correct.

We also beg leave to state that we have audited the accounts of Edmund Lally Esq., Treasurer, from the 27th of Feb. to the first of May, and find them perfectly correct.

Amount of receipts as per cash book.....	£	d.	s.
Amount of payments as per vouchers.....	939	5	10½
Amount of payments as per vouchers.....	555	4	7
Balance in hand.....	£384	1	3½

JOHN ATKINSON, }  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, May 14th 1845.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer's Office, Barric, May 12th, 1845.

To the Warden or Chairman and Members of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe:

Gentlemen,—

On laying before you my balance sheet for the first quarter of the current year, I take the opportunity of respectfully directing your attention to the following matters connected with the affairs of the District, and requesting your instructions for my guidance in the same. On entering upon the duties of my office, I found five townships in arrear of taxes for 1843, and I immediately wrote to the collectors, urging a prompt settlement with the District. In consequence there now only remain two, Oro in default to the amount of £50, and Nottawasaga to the amount of £40. With regard to Nottawasaga, the collector refuses to proceed with his duties, alleging "that as no Magistrate's warrant to convene a township meeting was issued that year, the appointment of the several township officers is void," and the inhabitants deny the collector's authority to collect the taxes, and refuse to pay them. It becomes my duty further to report, that in several instances the collectors for 1844 have deducted a percentage on the school money, and I wish to be informed whether that is sanctioned by you, and if so, what percentage they should be allowed to retain. In justice to those collectors for 1844, who have been active in the discharge of their duties, I beg leave to state that some of them have incurred serious loss in consequence of the parties, against whom District warrants had been granted, having removed or concealed their effects, and I would request to be informed whether, in such cases, the District would not bear the expense by allowing the Collector the money actually disbursed by him in the service of the District.

By an Act of the Provincial Parliament, passed last session, it is enacted, "That in all cases where new Districts have been erected, the arrears of taxes shall be recoverable by the Treasurer of the said new District only, who will account with the Treasurer of the old District for that portion of the arrears which shall have accrued previous to the setting off of the new District."

Having no documents in this office which show what those arrears are in this District, and consequently being unable to answer the enquiries which are daily made as to the amount of taxes due on wild lands, I request your instructions as to what department I shall apply for the necessary documents, which should show what were the arrears of Wild Land Taxes in all those Townships which originally composed this District up to January, 1843, and what were the arrears in the Townships of Collingwood, St. Vincent, Enphrasia, Artimisia and Osprey up to the current year. I also beg leave to report, that according to your instructions, I have effected an insurance on the public buildings in the office of the Home District Mutual Insurance Company, to the amount of £2000, beyond which sum the Directors have declined insuring.

I have drawn up the annexed account for the purpose of laying before you the probable expenses for the current year, and the funds which may reasonably be expected to meet them, with the exception of that portion of the taxes which were applied to pay up the interest of debentures which fell due last November. It is made in round numbers, and of course cannot be looked upon as a perfect estimate, but it will be sufficient to show that the District not only is unable to reduce the debt contracted for the public buildings, annually, in the amount required by the Act, but will not even be able to maintain its credit with the public, unless some mode of increasing the funds of the District is at once adopted.

I have now only to add, that should anything in this account or in my balance sheet appear to your Finance Committee to require explanation, I beg that I may be allowed an opportunity of giving it, and any other information connected with the discharge of my duties, which the books of my office may

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I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,  
EDM. LALLY,  
Treasurer S. D.

## ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Amount of Assessment 1844—£1643—Deduct for errors and allowances, £120.....	1523	0	0
Probable amount of fines.....	30	0	0
Wild Land Tax.....	150	0	0
Cash.....	50	0	0
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	£1753	0	0

## EXPLANATORY REMARKS.

- 1—The same as paid in 1844.
- 2—Rather more than paid in 1844.

## ESTIMATE OF DISBURSEMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
1. For Assessing, percentage.....	103	0	0
"   Collecting   "   .....	125	0	0
17 Township Clerks   .....	68	0	0
2. Probable expense of the Administration of Justice.....	350	0	0
3. Bounty on Wolf Scalps.....	20	0	0
Salaries of District Officers.....	174	0	0
4. Interest on Debentures.....	430	0	0
Debentures due 1844, No. 4, £200; No. 13, £50—1845, No. 5, £200.....	450	0	0
5. Cash due from the District to various funds, viz.:—To Common Schools, £16.17s.2d.; Road Tax, £18.13s.2d.; Lunatic Asylum fund, £39.0s.7d.; District and Division Court fee fund, £9.10s.2d.....	134	1	½
6. Contingencies.....	150	0	0
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	£2010	0	0
	1753	0	0

Leaving a deficiency of.....£ 257 0 0

## EXPLANATORY REMARKS.

- 1—Computed at the Average percentage of £6 for assessing and £7.5s. for collecting.
- 2.—About £15 more than the expenses of 1844.
- 3.—The same as paid in 1844.
- 4.—A portion of this sum is not due till 1846, but as that portion comes due on the 1st of January, provision for meeting the debt must be made this year.
- 5.—On examining the books, I found those sums had been taken from their respective funds and applied to District purposes.
- 6.—The lowest sum that can be expected.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Office of the Clerk of the Peace,  
Barrie, 15th May, 1845.

To the Chairman of the District Council.

Sir,—By order of the court, I have the honor herewith to transmit an

extract from a presentment of the Grand Jury at the last General Quarter Sessions, holden on the 1st of April, to be laid before the Council.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

WM. B. McVITY,

Clerk of the Peace, District of Simcoe.

WILLIAM ARMSON, ESQUIRE,

Chairman

"It is a matter of gratification to us to learn that five new Townships have been attached to this District, whereby the revenue of the District will be considerably increased, and we hope that at no distant period the finances of this fine section of the Province will be in a healthy state. Yet it is to be regretted that an immense quantity of the finest lands in these Townships are held by speculators, showing the necessity of a tax being put on all absentee wild lands."

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM HON. W. B. ROBINSON TO JAMES DALLAS ESQ.

Extracts from letters, Hon. W. B. Robinson to James Dallas Esq., date 10 Feb., 1845.

"I duly received your letters and petitions. Four or five Townships were added to the far west, as it was necessary they should be attached to some District for judicial and other purposes."

Extracts from letter, Hon. W. B. Robinson to James Dallas Esq., date 10 March, 1845.

"I duly received your several petitions and have presented them. The Registry Office is provided for by a bill passed already, which compels all Registrars to reside in the district, and empowers the Governor in Council to fix the place. As soon as the session is over, I will see that the order for removal is given. With respect to the Holland River—the Board of Works will continue the improvement of Yonge street to Holland Landing this year, and make such improvements to the river as they think best. We have complaints on the part of the Canada Company themselves, that they cannot get out their deeds from the Crown Land Office and consequently no tax is paid—they are prepared to pay their taxes as soon as they get their deeds. We shall address Her Majesty on the reduction of postage. I hope to obtain the boon. In the United States they have established a uniform rate of 5 cents (3d. cy.) We shall certainly get some change. The wild land tax collection I will attend to."

Copy of letter, Hon. W. B. Robinson to James Dallas Esq. (inclosing a bill to provide more effectually for the collection of certain arrears of taxes on lands in the District of Wellington) dated 10 March 1845.

"The enclosed bill, with the addition of the last clause, meets your case, I think, exactly. I had it made general on purpose: the bill has received the assent and is now the law of the land. I hope you will find it all you desire."

Extract of letter, W. B. Robinson Esquire, M. P. P., to James Dallas Esq., date 10 April, 1845.

"I wrote you about the loss of our Registry bill in the Legislative Council, compelling Registrars to reside in their Districts. It shall be passed another year. There were other Districts in same dilemma, therefore a general measure was preferred to a special one, but I will not risk it another year."

## BY-LAW No. 23.

*A By-Law to establish two Roads; one through Melonte, the other through the Southern Division of Orillia.*

Be it enacted by the Chairman and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, that the roads surveyed by James Tudhope, Road Surveyor—commencing nine chains northwest of the one mile post, on the Sturgeon Bay Road, where a post has been placed on the south side of the road, which one mile post is planted on the boundary line between Melonte and Tay, and at the distance of thirty chains in the eleventh concession, from the concession line between ten and eleven; and then south, twelve degrees west, one hundred and forty-two chains; thence south seven degrees, thirty minutes west, three hundred and eight chains, fifty links; thence south twenty-nine degrees, thirty minutes west, twenty-five chains; thence south forty-three degrees, thirty minutes west, one hundred and forty-three chains, forty links; thence in the centre of the road, between lots Nos. 10 and 11, parallel to the boundary line, one hundred and three chains; thence south, forty-three degrees west, sixty-three chains; thence north, eighty-two degrees west, thirty chains; thence, on the south side of the road, between lots Nos. 55 and 56, parallel to the boundary line, one hundred chains more or less, to the Penetanguishene road: Also the Orillia road, surveyed by James Tudhope, Road Surveyor, commencing at the north-west angle of lot No. 10, 1st concession of Southern Orillia; thence north, sixty degrees east, along the north side of said lot No. 10, one chain in width, then in a similar direction along lots Nos. 10 in the second Concession, 10 in the third Concession, and the west half of No. 10 in the fourth Concession of the said Township of Orillia, one chain in width, of and belonging to the said described lots, Nos. 10 in the first second and third, and part of the fourth Concessions of the said Township; thence from the centre of the said fourth Concession, north three degrees east, three hundred and twenty links; thence north twenty-seven degrees east, seven hundred and sixty-seven links; thence north forty-eight degrees east, six hundred links; thence north forty-two degrees east, five hundred and fifty links; thence north thirty-eight and a half degrees east, seven hundred and seventy-two links; thence north thirty degrees west, one thousand two hundred and fifty links, to Bowers' Corner and Colborne street, Orillia; thence north sixty degrees east, five hundred links, along Colborne street, in the said village of Orillia, to the allowance for road between the fourth and fifth Concessions of the said Township of Orillia, Southern Division—be, and the same are hereby established and confirmed as important roads and highways, on condition that the requisitionists to the Road Surveyor do pay the necessary expenses for surveying the same, and that all legal claims for property herein expropriated to the public use, become satisfied—the said roads tending greatly to the public good.

W. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Council Hall, 15th May, 1845.

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

Third Quarterly Meeting,

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 12th August,

1846.

The Council met.

Present—Messrs. Alley, Armson, Dallas, Drury, Hunt, Jeffrey, Jeffs, McConkey, Richardson, Robertson, Walker, E. A., Willson.

In the absence of the Warden the Clerk called the meeting to order.

Moved by Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Drury,

That Mr. Armson do take the chair.—Carried.

Mr. Armson took the chair.

Several communications were read and laid on the table.

1st. From the acting Superintendent of Education for Canada West, on the subject of education.

2nd. From the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, County Superintendent of common schools, tendering his resignation as such.

3rd. From the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of the copy of a By-Law passed by the Council at its last session.

The following petitions were presented:

Of James Mitchell and others, against the Common School Act, by Mr. Alley.

Of Andrew Robertson and others, praying that the assets and liabilities of the District be furnished for publication, by Mr. Alley.

Of William Locke and others, praying for assistance as regards their roads in Oro, by Mr. Alley.

Of Joseph Bingham and others, of West Gwillimbury, recommending that the Rev. Wm. Fraser, of Bond Head, be appointed County Superintendent of Common Schools in room of the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, resigned, by Mr. McConkey.

Of George Tindhope, pathmaster in Oro, praying that the Council do grant him power to make a certain road, by Mr. Dallas.

Of Gilbert McAuley, teacher, Sunnidale, praying for further allowance of salary, by Mr. Drury.

Of the Trustees of No. 1 School District, Innisfil, praying for instructions regarding said School District, by Mr. Wilson.

Of the Trustees of School District No. 1, West Gwillimbury, praying to be assessed for school purposes, by Mr. McConkey.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the petition of James Mitchell and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the petition of William Locke and others, be referred to Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the petition of Andrew Robertson and others, on the assets and liabilities of the District, be referred to a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. E. A. Walker and McConkey, and that they be instructed to collect from the Treasurer's accounts, and all other sources practicable the necessary information to enable them to report upon the said liabilities and assets of the District, as well as to draft and report upon the year's income and expenditure from May 1844 to May 1845, the year inclusive, in the fullest manner of detail, with a view to the same being published with the sessional proceedings and laid before the public.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of No. 1 School District, Innisfil, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the petition of Joseph Bingham and others, Bradford, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 13, West Gwillimbury, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the petition of Gilbert McAuley be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the petition of George Tudhope, path master, Oro, respecting the construction of a road, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the letter read this evening from the County Superintendent of Education, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the communication read this evening from the acting Chief Superintendent of Education, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the names of Standing Committees be called over, and the vacancies filled up by the Chairman. The Chairman appointed Messrs. Hunt and Jeffs for Roads and Bridges, Mr. Drury for District Property, and Mr. Robertson for Finance and Assessment.

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON,

CHAIRMAN.

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WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1845.

The Council met.

Mr. Armson in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The following documents were laid before the Council, viz.:

1st. The Treasurer's report for quarter ending 31st July last.

2nd. Auditors' report No. 1 on Treasurer's accounts, accompanied by Treasurer's balance sheet.

3rd. Letter from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, accompanied by an account against the District for returns under the Assessment Act, of all lands described for patent.

4th. District Surveyor's report No. 1.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the Clerk distribute the copies of the Provincial Statutes to the several members of the council, and also the copies of the minutes of the District Council to the same persons, and in the same proportion as at the last session.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That David Seaman be appointed a Surveyor of Highways for the District of Simcoe.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the Treasurer's report and accounts, and likewise the Auditors' report, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor's report No. 1, be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the account of the Commissioner of Crown Lands against the District, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

Account of school moneys received and expended in the Township of Medonte for 1844, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the Chairman of the Council be added to the Select Committee on Assets and Liabilities of the District.

Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of the Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of Vespra, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That reports Nos. 1 and 2 from Superintendent of Common Schools, Township of Vespra, be referred to Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the account of the Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of Medonte be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Mr. Walker gave notice that he would move for a Select Committee to draft a petition to the Legislature on the subject of the transmission of mails through this District.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the Chairman of the Council be requested to correspond with the proper authorities on behalf of the grant of money to the District of Simcoe for the main northern road, in order to accelerate the outlay of the said money.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the Chairman do nominate a Committee to petition the Governor-General for the appointment of a Warden for this District.

The Chairman nominated Messrs. Dallas, Drury and E. A. Walker.

Auditors' report No. 2 laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the Chairman of the Council do name a Committee on Contingencies.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Jeffs, Robertson and Jeffrey.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the Auditors' report No. 2 be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

A letter from the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, County Superintendent of Common Schools, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the letter now read be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Special Committee appointed to report on the assets and liabilities of the District brought up a report.

Received and read

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Special Committee appointed to draft an address to His Excellency the Governor-General respecting the appointment of a Warden, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the report and petition be adopted, and that the petition be engrossed, signed by the Chairman, and forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That in consequence of the Finance Committee of last session having omitted to prepare the necessary By-Law relating to taxes, the Finance Committee beg leave to submit the accompanying draft.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the By-Law be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the Council do go into Committee of the whole on the draft of this By-Law. Mr. Alley in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the draft of the By-Law as adopted without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the By-Law be read a third time forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the By-Law do now pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee on District Property brought up reports Nos. 1 and 2.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the reports Nos. 1 and 2, now read, be adopted.

The Committee on Education brought up report No. 1.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up report No. 2.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Jeffs,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Contingencies brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Adjourned.

W. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

J. MCWATT,  
Clerk.

# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the August Session,

A.D., 1845.

WM. ARMSON, ESQ., CHAIRMAN.

### REPORT NO. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom was referred the letter from the Revd. S. B. Ardagh, beg to state, that after due consideration of the same they recommend that his proposal be accepted. That the sum of £18.0s.0d. be secured to him at some future date, as the Council may think fit, and thus secure his valuable services for the salary of £25.0s.0d. per annum.

The sum of £16.0s.0d. might be secured by the Council authorizing the Chairman to issue an order for it on the Treasurer at twenty-four months date.

Your Committee—if Mr. Ardagh's proposal be not accepted—strongly recommend that that gentleman should be paid for his services for the half year since sending in his resignation, as he has continued to answer all correspondents, and has not allowed the business to stand still.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th August, 1845.

### REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee has examined the petition of Joseph Bingham and others, praying that the Revd. William Fraser, of Bondhead, be appointed to the situation of Superintendent of Common Schools for the District of Simcoe, now vacant by the resignation of the Revd. S. B. Ardagh, and beg to recommend the election of that gentleman (in case Mr. Ardagh does not resume his duties,) on his producing the proper securities. Your Committee also beg to

observe that they consider the security exacted as excessive, and recommend that £2000 be adopted as amply sufficient for all the purposes required for securing the County—the said securities to be furnished to and approved of by the Councillors of the Township of West Gwillimbury (of whom the Chairman is one) on behalf of the Council, and that those gentlemen be requested, on receiving the proper bonds from the Clerk, to use the utmost dispatch, in order that the Clerk may notify all whom it may concern.

Your Committee have examined the communication from the acting Chief Superintendent of Common Schools, and can only regret that it is not in their power to suggest any remedy for the defects in the last census—but recommend that the document be transmitted to the County Superintendent, as soon as he is elected, with a request that he will afford all the information in his power to the acting Chief Superintendent.

With regard to the petition from James Mitchell and others, against the Common School Act, your Committee recommend that the Clerk be desired to write to James Mitchell and acquaint him for his information and that of the other petitioners, that the Council have sent in a petition for certain modifications of the Common School Act now in force, and that they cannot receive an answer to it until the next sitting of the Legislature.

With regard to the petition of Trustees of School District No. 18, Township of West Gwillimbury, praying for a tax of £4 for the purpose of purchasing a stove for the said school house and repairing the same, your Committee recommend that the prayer of the said petition be not granted until the next session of this Council.

With regard to petition from the inhabitants of School District No. 1, of Innisfil, praying instruction from the Council as to how they are to proceed to collect a tax for repairing their school house, granted by the Council in the second session of 1844—the inhabitants refusing to pay the same—your Committee beg to observe that from the defective construction of the School Act now in force, no power exists which can compel the payment of a tax so granted. Your Committee regret much that the above is not a solitary case—many school Districts in the County being at this moment in the same dilemma—and that the Legislature alone can remove the obstacle and confer the necessary power.

After due consideration of the petition of Mr. Gilbert Macauley, teacher of common schools in Sunnidale, praying increase of salary, your Committee can only return the same answer which they returned in the first session of this present year to the same petition, “that the subject of complaint is one in which the Council have no power of interference—inasmuch as Trustees of common schools are the persons empowered by the Act to make contracts with teachers, and not the Council.

Your Committee have received two reports from the Superintendent of Common Schools in the Township of Vespra, with vouchers for the payment of school moneys, showing a balance of £8.4s.9d. on the accounts ending the 31st Dec., 1844, and find the same to be correct.

Also an account of school money expended by the Superintendent of Medonte for the year ending 31st Dec., 1844, showing a balance of one penny still on hand, and your Committee find the same correct.

Your Committee have received a statement from the Treasurer of the following sums due to the undermentioned Townships for schools:—

	£	s.	d.
Adjala .....	14	18	10½
Sunnidale .....	3	11	9
Nottawasaga .....	6	14	2
Orm .....	17	19	3½
Tay .....	4	9	7

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And recommend that the Chairman be requested to issue his warrant to au-

thorize the Treasurer to pay the above sums to the several Councillors, except that of Adjala, in order that they may have them apportioned and distributed to their respective School Districts—and account for the same as speedily as possible, with proper vouchers from their Town Clerks.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th August, 1845.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the accounts and report of the Treasurer of this District, beg to report,

That they have carefully examined the said accounts, and feel perfectly satisfied with their correctness.

That with respect to the claim made upon this District by the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the sum of £67.6s. cy., being charge for schedule of occupied lands, your Committee would respectfully recommend that the Treasurer be requested, in reply, to state that, as the application for said schedule remained unanswered for twenty months, it was supposed that the same would not be forthcoming—and that he (the Treasurer) had, in consequence, adopted other measures for procuring the necessary information. Your Committee are of opinion that the District Council could not possibly have anticipated so enormous a charge, upon originally making this application—and that, as it appears that the Treasurer can now obtain the necessary information for about one-third of the present charge, this Council should, if practicable, resist the payment of a charge so unlooked for, and which it can so very ill afford to pay.

Your Committee would recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to procure the necessary statement of taxes, payable in this District, from the Treasurer of the Home District, as the charge proposed to be made, appears to your Committee to be very reasonable.

Your Committee think that the printed instructions to assessors (the form accompanying this report) ought to be procured and sent to each assessor, as recommended by the Treasurer of this District.

Your Committee see no other means of meeting the two debentures now past due, but that of issuing two new ones. It appears that no application has hitherto been made for the payment of these; but no time ought to be lost in being prepared to meet them in the event of their being presented, and thereby, so far as in the Council lies, uphold the credit of this District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FREDK. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th August, 1845.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges have examined the petition of George Tudhope, of Oro, requesting the Council to make a certain road in the Township, and your Committee are of opinion that the road in question being already established and confirmed, and the said petitioner being directed to appropriate his statute labor thereupon, possesses all the power that this Council can command.

The petition of Wm. Locke and others, praying for money to improve the principal roads, has also been examined by your Committee, who recommend

that the Township Councillors of Oro do expend upon such leading thoroughfares, whatever amount of wild land tax may be in the Treasury for the said Township.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GERALD ALLEY,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 13th Aug., 1845.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF  
THE DISTRICT.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of A. Robertson and others, upon the Assets and Liabilities of the District, and for other purposes, have to report,

That, as far as at present practicable, they have examined the documents in possession of the Treasurer, and regret to state that the revenue of the District appears to fall short of the expenditure, as will be shown by the accompanying statement, viz. :—

Debentures due by the District ..... £7864 13 2

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES.

Annual amt. of expenditure for the Administration		
of Justice (say) . . . . .	£600	0 0
District Officers' Salaries . . . . .	179	0 0
Township Clerks . . . . .	72	0 0
Contingent Accounts (say) . . . . .	200	0 0
Wolf Scaps (say) . . . . .	25	0 0
Annual Interest on Debentures . . . . .	471	0 0
Annual Payment of principal on Debentures . . . . .	400	0 0
		£1947 0 0
Annual Income, clear of expenses for collection, &c., (say) . . . . .		1355 0 0
Deficit . . . . .		£592 0 0

In drawing up the foregoing statement, your Committee would beg to observe that for want of time and the press of other business they have been unable to enter more fully into detail, and would therefore recommend the postponement of the further consideration of this subject until the next session—when, it is to be hoped, a matter of such vital importance will engage the undivided attention of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GERALD ALLEY,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, Aug. 13th, 1845.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR DRAFTING A PETITION TO THE  
GOVERNOR-GENERAL RESPECTING THE APPOINTMENT OF A WARDEN.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee to whom was referred the drafting an address to His Excellency the Governor-General, requesting information with respect to the ap-

pointment of a Warden for this District, respectfully recommend the following petition :

*To His Excellency Lord Metcalfe, Governor-General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

The humble petition of the District Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth :

That your petitioners have been informed that Mr. James Dallas has resigned the office of Warden of this District. That no official intimation has been received by your petitioners of such event, and that this is the close of a second session without that important office being filled up. Your petitioners would therefore humbly request that your Excellency would take the necessary steps to appoint a Warden for the District of Simcoe with as little delay as possible.

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

F. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th Aug., 1845.

REPORT NO. 1 OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee on District Property, to whom was referred the District Surveyor's Report, beg leave to state that they have examined the different items submitted to them, and recommend to the Council as follows :

That the charge of four pounds fifteen shillings, included in report No. 1, appears to be correct, and they recommend that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the same.

For painting the dome of the gaol, and ladders, ordered by the Council—we consider should also be paid by the Treasurer, amounting to two pounds.

Your Committee would recommend that the bill presented by Mr. Hayter should be laid before the quarter Sessions for their decision.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th August, 1845.

REPORT NO. 2 OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom was referred the Auditors' report (No. 2) beg leave to state that they have examined the same, and find it correct excepting one item. The bill of Wm. Chantler appears to have been already audited and the warrant signed by the Chairman for its payment.

The other items contained in the report, your Committee would recommend the Chairman to sign the warrant for their payment by the Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th August, 1845.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Contingencies having examined the several accounts

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and allowances necessary to be granted for services performed, recommend that the chairman do issue his warrant for the following sums, viz:

To Mr. John McWatt, to paid transport of Minutes from Toronto.....	£0	2	6
" " " Candles .....	0	1	3
" " " Postage .....	0	6	5
" " " Transcribing Minutes for Printer, quarter ending 15th May, 1845.....	2	0	0
" " " Making out bonds for Superintendents for Tiny and Tay.....	0	5	0
	£2	15	7
To James Cleland, to printing 250 copies Minutes for Council for May, 1845, and furnishing paper and stationery.....	£4	5	0
" " " Paid for a book.....	0	1	0
	£4	6	0
To one day's attendance of messenger .....	£0	5	0
" two " " of constable.....	0	10	0
Making in all.....	£7	16	7

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD JEFFREY,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 13th August, 1845.

AUDITORS' REPORT ON TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

To the District Council of Simcoe:

We, the Auditors for the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report, that we have examined the accounts of the District Treasurer from May 9th to 29th July, and find them perfectly correct.

	£	s.	d.
Amount of moneys received as per cash book.....	538	4	5½
Amount of payments as per vouchers.....	353	1	1
Balance in hand.....	£185	3	4½

We also beg leave to state that we have an account from the Crown Lands Department for returns under the Assessment Act of all lands described for patent, amounting to £67.5s.0d., which we refer to your notice.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, }  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, August 12th 1845.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Warden, or Chairman, and Members of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe:

Gentlemen,—

On laying before you my balance sheet for the quarter ending July 31st, I beg leave to report to you the result of my correspondence with the Treasurer of the Home District, on the subject of furnishing my office with a statement of the taxes due upon all lands in this District up to December, 1842, and while doing so; I would wish to impress upon you the necessity there exists for procuring such statement, the serious loss the District sustains through the want of it, together with the inconvenience caused to individuals,

who complain (and with much justice) that their taxes are accumulating, because the Treasurer of the old District who has the account of them, cannot receive the money, while the Treasurer of the new District (who alone by law is entitled to receive the Taxes) cannot inform them of the amount. The Treasurer of the Home District offers to furnish the necessary accounts for £1 per Township, which considering the time that would be occupied in preparing them, I consider a very moderate compensation. I also beg leave to inform you, that I have received a communication from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, stating that he has prepared, according to a requisition sent from this office in November, 1843, a schedule of all lands granted in this District, up to 1843, for which his charge is £67.5s. as per account rendered. On which I would beg leave to remark, that this document (which from the charge made for compiling it, must be very voluminous) will not be proportionably valuable to the District, unless it contains also a statement of the period up to which the taxes have been paid. I would also request your instruction as to the manner in which the said papers are to be sent from Montreal, as their size must preclude the possibility of sending them by mail. With regard to the collectors for 1843, who were in default, I beg leave to report that the collector for Oro has paid in the balance.

My last report showed that debentures Nos. 4, 5 and 13, fell due this year, the last, No. 13, has been paid, but as all the funds the District can at present count upon, will be barely adequate to defray the expences connected with the administration of justice and other contingencies, I can suggest no other way of cancelling Debentures Nos. 4 and 5, but by issuing fresh ones to that amount, in order that the District may maintain its credit with the public till its revenue shall have been increased by additional taxation.

I further beg leave to report, that from the gross errors committed by many of the assessors, it has been impossible for me in some instances to credit the different lots, and parts of lots more particularly, with their respective taxes. To remedy this in some measure, I would suggest that printed instructions (a form of which I now submit for your inspection) should accompany each assessment roll, and should this meet with your approval, I have to request that you will be pleased to authorize me to procure a sufficient number of copies for that purpose. The assessment roll for the Townships of Collingwood, St. Vincent and Euphrasia, has been returned to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, but as it is not yet completed, I am not prepared to say what increase in the Finances of the District for 1845 the annexation of those Townships may cause.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Treasurer's Office, August 9th, 1845.

EDM. LALLY, Treasurer S. D.

#### SCHOOL MONEY—TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Chairman of the Committee on Education :

Sir,—I beg leave to report the following sums in my hands to the credit of their respective Townships on account of Common Schools for 1843 :

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

EDM. LALLY, Treasurer S. D.

Treasurer's Office, Barrie, August 12th, 1845.

	£	d.	s.
Adjala.....	14	13	10½
Sunnidale.....	3	11	9
Nottawasaga.....	6	14	2
Oro.....	17	19	3½
Tay.....	4	9	7
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## CORRESPONDENCE.

Parsonage, Shanty Bay, May 20th, 1845.

Sir,—

In consequence of the Municipal Council, at their late meeting, revoking an assurance that my expenses, incurred during the past year, as "County Superintendent of Education," would be paid, I have to request you to lay my resignation of that office before the proper authority.

I willingly gave my time, labour and whatever talent I possess, in discharging the important and responsible duties attached to it, but am not prepared to submit to a pecuniary loss any longer; and I hope it is *peculiar* to the Council of Simcoe, to expect such a sacrifice.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient humble servant,

To Mr. McWATT,

S. B. ARDAGH,

Clerk of Municipal Council of Simcoe.

To the Chairman of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe :

Sir,—

Since the conversation I had with the Committee on Education this morning, when you and your associates so kindly expressed a desire that I should continue to discharge the duties of County Superintendent—which afforded me much gratification—at their request I have considered the matter, and feel disposed to place the services they have pleased to approve of, at the disposal of the District, at all events for the present year, provided that the claim which I made for actual disbursement during the past year—admitted by the Council at the February meeting, but the payment of which, at a subsequent meeting, was indefinitely postponed—be settled, in order to be paid at some future day.

If the Council decline accepting my services upon these terms, I beg to submit that an order should be made at *this* session for the payment of my salary up to the period when they will be pleased to accept my resignation.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient humble servant,

S. B. ARDAGH.

August 12th, 1845.

## BY-LAW No. 21.

*A By-Law to raise a tax for District and Common School purposes.*

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, that there be raised, levied and collected in the usual manner on all the ratable property belonging to the inhabitants of the District of Simcoe, liable to be assessed during the present year, a rate of one penny halfpenny in the pound, on the assessed value of all such property, for the purpose of, and towards defraying the expenses of the administration of justice, and to provide for other liabilities of the said District.

Be it further enacted that for the support of Common Schools, the payment of Trustees, allowance to County Superintendent, extra allowance to certain Township Clerks and allowance to Township Superintendents for the year 1845, there shall be raised, levied and collected, on the ratable or assessed property of all the Townships contained in the District of Simcoe, except Matchedash, the sum of six hundred and three pounds, eighteen shillings and five and one half pence currency, over and above all other rates and assess-

mments raised for other purposes, and which said sum shall be raised levied and collected from the said Townships in the following proportions, viz.:

Township of	the sum of	£	s.	d.
Adjala,		36	7	12½
"	Essa,	21	14	9½
"	West Gwillimbury,	118	11	8
"	Innisfil, the sum of	38	8	2½
"	Mulmur,	12	8	0½
"	Mono,	61	12	11½
"	Medonte,	30	6	5½
"	Flos,	6	18	9½
"	Oro,	51	16	11½
"	Orillia N&S	14	0	3½
"	Tecumseth,	129	4	9
"	Tiny,	15	7	6
"	Tay,	11	7	3½
"	Vespra,	25	5	7½
"	Nottawasaga,	11	4	6½
"	Sunnidale,	11	1	8½
"	Tossorontio	11	1	8½

Which said rate or assessment of £603.18s.5½d., shall be assessed, levied and collected in the like manner and at the same time as all other rates and assessments for the use of the said District, are by law now assessed, levied and collected, to be recovered by the collector from all persons neglecting or refusing to pay such rate or assessment, as provided for by the 12th clause of an Act passed in the 7th year of the Reign of Victoria, chapter 29, entitled "an Act for the establishment and maintenance of common Schools in Upper Canada."

And further, that out of the said moneys to be so raised and collected, the collector shall pay unto the Treasurer of the District of Simcoe, for behoof of the County Superintendent, the sum of twenty-five pounds in the following proportions, viz.: Adjala, £0.27s.0d., Essa, £0.18s.0d., West Gwillimbury, £4.19s.7½d., Innisfil, £0.31s.8½d., Mulmur, £0.9s.10½d. Mono, £2.11s.6d., Medonte, £0.25s.4½d., Flos, £0.5s.5d., Oro, £2.2s.6½d. Orillia, North and South, £0.10s.10½d., Tecumseth, £5.8s.8½d., Tiny, £0.12s.7½d., Tay, £0.8s.-11d., Vespra, £0.20s.10, Nottawasaga, £0.9s.0d., Sunnidale, £0.9s.0½d. Tossorontio, £0.9s.0½d.

And further, that out of the said moneys to be so raised and collected, there shall be paid by the collectors of certain Townships, the sums affixed in the following list, unto the Treasurer of the District of Simcoe, on account of, and as an extra allowance to the Township Clerks of the said Townships, viz.: Adjala, 20 shillings, West Gwillimbury, 40 shillings, Innisfil, 20 shillings, Mono, 20 shillings, Oro, 20 shillings, Tecumseth, 40 shillings.

And further, that out of the moneys to be so raised and collected, there shall be paid by the respective collectors unto the several Township Superintendents of Education, the following sums, viz.:—Adjala 15 shillings, Essa 25 shillings, West Gwillimbury 30 shillings, Innisfil 25 shillings, Mulmur 20 shillings, Medonte 20 shillings, Mono 25 shillings, Flos 20 shillings, Oro 25 shillings, Orillia N. & S. 20 shillings, Tecumseth 30 shillings, Tiny 20 shillings, Tay 20 shillings, Vespra 20 shillings, Nottawasaga 20 shillings, Sunnidale 20 shillings, Tossorontio 20 shillings. And which allowance to County Superintendent, and allowance to certain Township Clerks, the Treasurer of the District shall pay over to them on demand.

(Signed) W. ARMSON,

CHAIRMAN.

Council Hall, 13th August, 1845

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

Fourth Quarterly Meeting,

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 11th November,

1845.

The Council met.

Present—Messrs. Agnew, Arnson, Drury, Hunt, McConkey, Richardson, Ritchey, Robertson, Stephens, Walker, E. A., Walker, Wm.

In the absence of the Warden the Clerk called the meeting to order.

Moved by Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

That Mr. Arnson do take the chair.—Carried.

Several communications were read and laid on the table.

1st. From the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of a Memorial to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying him to appoint a Warden for this District.

2nd. From the same, acknowledging receipt of the copy of a By-Law passed by the Council at its last session.

3rd. From the Secretary of the Board of Works, acknowledging the receipt of a letter dated 20th August, referring to the main northern road through the District of Simcoe.

4th. From the County Superintendent of Common Schools, relating to the Government grant and school tax

5th. Treasurer's report.

6th. District Surveyor's report.

Presented—The petition of Peter Seal, praying for aid to erect a fence on each side of a road established by this Council, through the improved part of his lands, by Mr. Hunt.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the petition Peter Seal be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Ritchey,

Ordered—That the Clerk do copy the Treasurer's balance sheet into the Minutes of the Council in order that the same may be published for the information of the public.

A letter from the County Superintendent of Common Schools, stating that the Rev. Wm. Fraser, Township Superintendent for West Gwillimbury, had tendered his resignation.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the resignation of the Rev. Wm. Fraser, Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of West Gwillimbury, be accepted.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Stephens,

Ordered—That the Treasurer's Report and accompanying Schedule be referred to the standing Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Stephens,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor's Report be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That Mr. Hubert Mortimer be appointed Superintendent of Education for the Township of West Gwillimbury, the said Hubert Mortimer binding himself in the sum of one hundred pounds, and two sufficient sureties in the sum of one hundred pounds each, the said sureties to be approved of by the Councillors of West Gwillimbury, of whom the Chairman of this Council is one.

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1845.

The Council met.

Mr. Armson in the chair.

Mr. White took his seat.

The minutes of yesterday read.

Presented—the petition of widow Jones, praying for remission of taxes, by Mr. E. A. Walker.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of widow Jones be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the Chairman do issue his warrant to the Treasurer for the payment of sixteen pounds currency, granted to the County Superintendent of common Schools at the last session of the Council, the said warrant to be at two years date from the 18th day of last August, with interest.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Clerk do read over the names of the different Standing Committees, in order that the Chairman may fill up any vacancies occasioned by the temporary absence of members.

The Chairman filled up the vacancies by nominating Messrs. Stephens, Drury and Hunt to Standing Committee on Finance, Messrs. E. A. Walker and White to Roads and Bridges, and Mr. Stephens to District Property.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. W. Walker,

Ordered—That the Chairman do issue his warrant to the Treasurer for the payment of the various Councillors of Townships, to whom sums of money are due for school purposes, and adopted at the last session of the Council, with the exception of Adjala and Sunnidale, there being no authorized persons to receive the money from these Townships.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Stephens,

Ordered—That as much inconvenience is suffered by the inhabitants of this County from the Registry Office being situated at one of its extreme ends, the Chairman do appoint a select Committee to address the Governor General upon the subject.

The Chairman nominated Messrs. E. A. Walker, Stephens and Drury.

Auditors' Reports Nos. 1 and 2 laid before the Council.

The Treasurer's balance sheet for November quarter laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the Auditors' Reports Nos. 1 and 2, together with the Treasurer's balance sheet, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

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The Standing Committee on Education brought up report No. 1.  
 On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.  
 The select Committee to whom was referred the drafting an address to  
 His Excellency the Governor General on the removal of the Registry Office  
 brought up a report.  
 On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.  
 The Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 1.  
 On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. White,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.  
 On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the Chairman do appoint a select Committee of five mem-  
 bers of the Council to consider the propriety of levying a tax on dogs.  
 The Chairman appointed Messrs. E. A. Walker, Stephens, McConkey,  
 Richardson, and Agnew to be the select Committee.  
 Report of school moneys expended in Flos, with accompanying vouchers  
 laid before the Council.  
 On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hunt,  
 Ordered—That the report of school moneys, with accompanying vouchers  
 from the Township of Flos, be referred to the Standing Committee on Educa-  
 tion.  
 Report of school moneys with accompanying vouchers from Mono laid  
 before the Council.  
 On motion of Mr. A. E. Walker, seconded by Mr. White,  
 Ordered—That the report of school moneys, with accompanying vouchers  
 from Mono, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.  
 On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Drury,  
 Ordered—That the Clerk be instructed to write to the Clerk of the Home  
 District Council requesting him to forward, with as little delay as possible, all  
 papers referring to the Townships of Euphrasia, St. Vincent and Collingwood,  
 in his possession, for the information of this Council.  
 Adjourned.

W. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

THURSDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1845.

The Council met.  
 Mr. Armson in the Chair.  
 Mr. Morris took his seat.  
 The minutes of yesterday read.  
 Presented—The petition of the Trustees of Union School District No. 4,  
 Essa, praying for a tax to repair school house, laid before the Council.  
 On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the report of the Trustees of Union School District No. 4,  
 Essa, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.  
 Account of school moneys, with accompanying vouchers, for years 1842  
 and 1843, from Township of Tecumseth, laid before the Council.  
 On motion of Mr. Wm. Walker, seconded by Mr. McConkey,  
 Ordered—That the report of school moneys, with accompanying vouchers,  
 for the years 1842 and 1843, from Tecumseth, be referred to the Standing  
 Committee on Education.  
 On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the Clerk of the Council do forthwith prepare the neces-  
 sary bond, and that the same be transmitted through the Councillors of West  
 Gwillimbury, to Mr. Hubert Mortimer, Superintendent of Education for that  
 Township, with a request that the gentleman will be pleased to execute the  
 same, in order that he may assume the duties of his office with as little delay  
 as possible.  
 On motion of Mr. McConkey seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

*A motion*

Ordered—That the Clerk of the Council do transmit through the Councillors of West Gwillimbury, the bond of the Rev. Wm. Fraser, late Superintendent of Education for said Township, to be by them handed to that gentleman.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the Clerk distribute the copies of the minutes of the District Council to the several Councillors, in the same proportion as at last session.

Account of school moneys with accompanying vouchers from Essa, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the account of school moneys with accompanying vouchers, from the Township of Essa, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

District Surveyor's report No. 2, laid before the Council.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. E. A. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on District Property brought up Report No. 1.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be referred to the Committee on District Property for re-consideration.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up report, No. 2.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Chairman nominated Messrs. E. A. Walker, Stephens and Morris a Committee to draft an address to the three branches of the Legislature, on the School Act.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the Committee on District Property be requested to draft a petition to His Excellency, the Governor-General, praying him to cause the deed of the market square of Barrie to be issued immediately.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the 2nd report from the District Surveyor be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

Account from Superintendent of Education for West Gwillimbury, with accompanying vouchers, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the account now laid before the Council be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Stephens,

Ordered—That in future the names of the members absent from the Council be inserted in the Minutes and printed.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the Chairman do appoint a Committee on Contingencies.

The Chairman nominated Messrs. Hunt, Morris and Agnew.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the salaries of the various officers within the control of the Council be continued for the year 1845 at the same rate as for 1844.

A communication from B. W. Smith, Esq., Sheriff of the District, on the inefficiency of the gaol, laid before the Council.

The Standing Committee on District Property brought up report No. 1. as recommended.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on District Property brought up report No. 2, together with the draft of an address to His Excellency the Governor General.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the report and draft of address now read be adopted.

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That the address be engrossed, signed by the Chairman, and forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General.

The Committee on Education brought up report No. 3.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. White;

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the drafting a petition to the Legislature on the School Act, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Stephens,

Ordered—That the report and draft of petition now read be adopted, that the petition be engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Chairman, and transmitted to the several branches of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Stephens,

Ordered—That the Chairman do issue his warrant to the Treasurer for the payment of the salaries to the different officers of this District.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wm. Walker,

Ordered—That the Clerk be requested to notify the Township Clerks of those Townships of which the members of this Council vacate their seats, in order that they may take proper steps to fill up the vacancies.

The members who vacate their seats are Messrs. Drury, Jeffs, Morris, Wm. Walker and Williams.

On Motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Stephens,

Ordered—That the Chairman do issue his warrant to the Treasurer to pay himself five pounds awarded to him for extra labor.

The Committee on Contingencies brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Adjourned.

(Signed) W. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the November Session,

A.D., 1845.

WM. ARMSON, ESQ., CHAIRMAN.

REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee on Education having had a conference with the County Superintendent of Common Schools, on the contents of a letter addressed to him by the Chief Superintendent of Common Schools, forbidding him to pay over to the different Township Superintendents their portion of the Government grant of school money now in his hands, beg to state that after a careful investigation of the matter they find that as the act particularly specifies that the Government grant shall not be disbursed until the tax equal in amount shall have been levied, (the Chief Superintendent translates it collected) which ought to be done in the month of December in each year—but from the loose way in which taxes have been heretofore collected, the collectors have fallen into the custom of not collecting the taxes until January—indeed a large portion of the tax for schools for the year 1844 still remains uncollected—and but for the exertions of the County Superintendent, might have been attended with ill effects for the year 1845.

Your Committee therefore beg to recommend that the Clerk be directed to acquaint the different collectors, either by letter or otherwise, that unless the whole tax be collected by the 31st December next ensuing, and also the arrears, the District Council will feel itself compelled to take legal steps against them, in order to prevent the great inconvenience to the various teachers which must necessarily ensue to them, most of whom look mainly to their schools for support.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 12th Nov., 1845.

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## REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the account of school moneys, expended by the Councillor of Mono, have examined the same, together with the vouchers, and find them correct, showing a balance still in the Councillor's hands of £3.12s.7d. not yet claimed.

Also the account of school moneys received and expended in the Township of Flos, together with vouchers, and find them correct.

Also the moneys received and expended for schools in the Township of Tecumseth, with vouchers—all correct.

Your Committee have also had referred to them the accounts of school moneys received and expended in the Township of Essa, and beg to recommend that the Clerk be directed to transmit them forthwith to the County Superintendent of Common Schools, to whom they properly belong, they being accounts of money furnished to the Township by that officer, and over which a District Council has no control.

Also a petition from the Trustees of School District No. 4, of the Township of Essa, praying for a tax of £6.0s.0d for repairing their school house. On this subject your Committee would observe that it is but little use for this council to lay on a tax which the School Act gives them no power to collect, they therefore recommend that the prayer of the petition be not granted, but that a select Committee be appointed by the Chairman, for the purpose of drafting an address to the Governor-General on this subject and to both chambers of the Legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

## REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the accounts with vouchers for school moneys disbursed by the Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of West Gwillimbury, beg to state that they have examined the same and find them correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th Nov., 1845.

## REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Gentlemen,—The Committee to whom was referred the District Surveyor's reports Nos. 1 and 2, beg to state they have reconsidered report No. 1, and recommend to the Council that the wall be repaired as early as the season will admit; and with respect to the other items, namely, the cordwood for court house and jail, and also the forms, that the District Surveyor be desired to procure these, and that the chimneys be annually swept.

Your Committee have also considered the District Surveyor's report No. 2, and beg to recommend that if the prisoners increase, the Surveyor be ordered to procure locks immediately. With respect to the *chepuis de frise*, they would recommend that the District Surveyor be ordered to make a valuation of what it would cost to put it in proper repair and position, also the extending of it where it is now wanting, for the Council to consider the propriety of incurring the expense next session, and lastly they would recommend that the District Surveyor be ordered to find out the cause.

if possible, of smoke appearing in such an unusual spot. As is not the intention of Mr. Hayter to make a fire in that room without necessity, they think it better to go to no expense this season, and they hope that the Surveyor may be able to discover this cause before next session and if there should be any danger, to get it immediately repaired.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Nov. 13th, 1845.

REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on District Property to whom was entrusted the preparation of a petition to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying him to order the issue of the deeds for the market square of the Town of Barrie, beg to recommend the following :

That your petitioners have already addressed Your Excellency on this subject and have received no answer, therefore,

Your petitioners beg with all due deference and humility to recapitulate the reasons why your petitioners must consider themselves aggrieved if the said deed be withheld from them, viz. :

That your petitioners have communicated with the resident agent for the sale of Crown Lands in Barrie, and have failed in discovering any lots suitable to their purpose—the nearest they can obtain being nearly a mile and a half from the town, and utterly unfit from their inequality of surface.

That the present site was determined on by Lord Seaton, when Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, and it was felt even then to be a subject of considerable importance to the future welfare of the town—that it was received by all the inhabitants with great satisfaction—that all the lots in its vicinity were rapidly sold, and are now of much greater value in consequence of the said block having been set apart for a market place—and that the inhabitants feel they will have great reason to complain if the faith of the Government be not kept, which authorized its agents to sell the lots with the distinct understanding that the said block was finally and for ever determined on as a market place.

That the intention of the Government to change the site of the market place should have been made known before the new survey was opened for sale, as in that case the hardship would not have been so severely felt, and lots might have been obtained conveniently near: but now the only lots to be obtained are at the distance above stated, and nearly all the surrounding lots are in the hands of a few speculators.

That your petitioners therefore trust that your Excellency will be pleased to order the patent for the site originally determined on to be issued,

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th November, 1845.

REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Report of the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer for the last quarter, beg to recommend that the same be adopted,

And further, that the sum of five pounds be paid to the Treasurer for his extra labor in furnishing schedules of such lands in the different Townships, as are in arrears of taxes,

And they would recommend that no further action be taken with regard to the defalcation of the Collector for Nottawasaga, until the next meeting of the Council; and further, that the Treasurer notify the sureties of said collector that no further indulgence after that time will be given.

And further, that four debentures be issued of one hundred pounds each, payable the one half in 1861 the other half in 1862. The Treasurer to make such use of them as the wants of the District may require.

Also, having examined the Treasurer's account, they find it correct.

And they further beg leave to report that the statement of the Auditors, No. one, agrees with the Treasurer's balance sheet.

As to the petition of Susannah Jones, they cannot entertain it, there being no law to exempt land from paying taxes.

They have also examined the account of the Clerk of the Peace—and finding it correct, recommend it to be paid as aforesaid, as reported by Auditors, No. two.

The bill of G. & R. Whitebread, as contained in Auditors' report No. two, should be presented to the Quarter Sessions, not being ordered by the Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES D. STEPHENS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th November, 1845.

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee to whom was the referred the petition of Peter Seal, praying the Council to grant him assistance to enable him to erect a fence on each side of the road which runs through his clestrance—beg to recommend that the prayer of the petition be not granted, there being no funds disposable in the hands of the Treasurer for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 12th Nov., 1845.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Contingencies having examined the several accounts and allowances necessary to be granted for services performed, would recommend that the Chairman do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums, viz.:-

To John McWatt, for postage .....	£0 10 4
" " " Candles .....	0 5 10
" " " Stationery .....	0 4 9½
" " " Transport of Minutes .....	0 2 6
" " " Copying Minutes for Printer .....	2 0 0
" " " Making out bond for Superintendents of W. Gwillimbury.....	0 2 6
" Francis Martin, as constable .....	0 15 0
" Patrick McKernan, as messenger.....	0 10 0
" James Cleland, Printer.....	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>£4 10 11½</b>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. HUNT,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th Nov., 1845.

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON REGISTRY OFFICE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom was referred the drafting of an address to the Governor-General, on the inconvenience suffered by the inhabitants of this District, from the Registry Office being situated on the extreme vergo of the County, beg to recommend the following draft of an address, and that the same be copied by the Clerk, signed by the Chairman, and duly forwarded to His Excellency.

That your petitioners have before addressed your Excellency upon this subject, and have learned with regret that a motion, which would have remedied our distress, has been thrown out by the Legislative Council after having passed the House of Assembly.

That the great extent of the District in which your petitioners reside renders their case extremely hard, as many of them must travel through the worst of roads nearly one hundred miles before they can register their deeds.

That Registrars in other Districts reside in their respective District Towns, and your petitioners therefore hope that your Excellency may be pleased to remove the Registry Office to the Town of Barrie, which is as central as any place to be found in the District.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room 12th November, 1845.

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMMON SCHOOL ACT.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom was entrusted the preparation of a petition to His Excellency the Governor-General and the other branches of the Legislature, on the deficiency of the power vested in the Council by the School Act, beg to recommend the following :

That your petitioners have been put to very serious annoyance, in consequence of the School Act now in force being so inexplicit, that where the said act confers the power of assessing a School District for the purpose of repairing or building a school house, it does not provide for the levying the tax assessed—owing to which deficiency in the Common School Act, many of the School Districts in this District are and must remain, some without school houses and some with their school houses in a shocking state of dilapidation—in fact, if the Common School Act now in force is intended to confer the blessing of school houses on the inhabitants of this Province, its efforts are completely neutralized by the above omission.

Your petitioners therefore humbly beg your Honorable House to take the prayer of their petition into your consideration, and if it be possible so amend the said Common School Act so that Municipal Councils may be empowered to collect, as well as to assess, the taxes wished for by the inhabitants of the various School Districts.

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th November, 1845.

AUDITORS' REPORT ON TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

To the District Council of Simcoe :

We, the Auditors for the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report, that we have examined the accounts of the District Treasurer from the 1st of August to the 1st November, and find them perfectly correct.

	£	s.	d.
Amount of moneys received, as per cash book.....	368	4	9½
Amount of moneys paid as per vouchers.....	245	10	7½
Balance in hand.....	£122	14	2½

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, }  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, November 10th 1845.

AUDITORS' REPORT NO. 2.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

We, the Auditors for the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report, that we have examined two accounts charged to the District, and find them as follows :

An account of the Clerk of the Peace, for making out Assessment Rolls.....	£48	0	0
Correct.			
An account G. & R. Whitebread, for fixing a wheelbarrow.....	£0	18	1½
Correct, as signed by Surveyor.			

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, }  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, 12th Nov., 1845.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe :

Gentlemen, —

I beg leave to report that, in accordance with your instructions furnished me by the Clerk of the Council, at the close of your last session, I applied to the Treasurer of the Home District for returns of the land in arrear for taxes previous to the separation of Simcoe from the Home District. Most of these returns I am now in possession of, which will enable me in future to report all such lands as shall be eight years in arrear, in order that the same may be sold. In addition to these arrears, there are in each Township certain lands on which taxes appear to have been paid at one time, while for certain years the books of the Treasurer of the Home District show no payment. Had this circumstance occurred in one or two townships only, or had the amount of taxes so unaccounted for been trifling, I should have attributed it to an omission on the part of the Treasurer of the Home District, but when I found that this prevailed more or less throughout the District, I did not consider it advisable to wait for your sanction to adopt the only means by which I could ascertain how far these arrears could be collected. I have accordingly drawn up schedules of such lands, enumerating the years and summing up the amount for which each lot appears liable. One of these I am now sending out to each Township with instructions to the Collector to call upon the occupants of such lands to pay the arrears, or prove payment by affidavit or by producing receipts for the amount. A copy of such schedule for the Township of West Gwillimbury, I have now the honor to submit for your inspection, in

hopes that, taking into consideration the extra time and labor occupied in preparing them, you may be pleased to allow me some remuneration. I also beg leave to report that the collector for Nottawasaga for the year 1843 has made no further attempts to collect the balance of his taxes, and in order to correct the laxity in their duty which prevails generally amongst the collectors, I think it would be advisable that this defaulter or his sureties should be sued for the penalty attached to his bond. The collectors for the current year have now taken out their rolls, with the exception of the collector for Adjala, Tay, Sunnidale, Nottawasaga and Mono, all of whom have long since been notified by me to do so, and I would respectfully enquire of the Council whether these are not cases that call for the infliction of the penalty imposed by statute on such neglect. I have strongly urged upon the other collectors the necessity for immediately calling for the taxes, as the accounts connected with the Administration of Justice will next week be presented for payment, in addition to which the amount of interest on the District debentures, now due, is £54.5s., and £126.5s. will become due on the 1st of January. I would further beg leave to draw your attention to the matter of the two debentures recommended for issue at the last session of the Council, as it would be advisable that the same be prepared, and signed by the Warden before the Council again adjourn, and that I should be instructed to dispose of the same on the best terms that can be procured. Since your last session I have effected a further insurance on the gaol to the amount of £1000 in the office of the British North America Insurance Company at 12s. 6d. per cent., so that the public buildings stand insured as follows: District gaol, for £2000; court house, £1000. Having nothing further which I consider necessary at the present time to report, I have only to add my perfect readiness to afford your Committee on Finance any assistance which the books of my office, or my own personal explanations or evidence can furnish.

I have the honor to be,  
Mr. Warden and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

EDM. LALLY,

Treasurer, District of Simcoe.

Treasurer's Office, Barrie, November 10th, 1845.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Barrie, Nov. 6th, 1845.

To the Chairman of the Simcoe District Municipal Council:

Sir,—

Under the direction of the Chief Superintendent of Education I had the honor to submit to the District Council at their session of November, 1844, the condition upon which the Government grant is to be paid—by the collection of the school tax.

It appears from the reports of the Township Superintendents, that the collectors have had no orders to that effect. I have therefore to inform you that unless the tax be immediately collected, the utmost confusion and loss will be experienced, as the several school trustees will not be able to send in their reports on the 1st of January next.

I have also to inform you that a large arrear of the school tax for 1844 is still uncollected in the District of Simcoe. Unless this state of things be remedied by the determination of the Municipal Council, the School Act cannot be made to work properly.

I have the honor to be,  
Your obedient humble servant,  
S. B. ARDAGH,  
Superintendent of Education, Simcoe.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

First Quarterly Meeting.

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 10th February,

1846.

SIMCOE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR 1846.

Agnew, Wm	.....	<i>Tecumseth.</i>
Alley, Gerald	.....	<i>Oro.</i>
Armson, Wm	.....	<i>W. Gwillimbury.</i>
Cody, Peter	.....	<i>Tossoronto.</i>
Dallas, Fredk	.....	<i>Orillia.</i>
Drury, Richard	.....	<i>Oro.</i>
Gilmour, John	.....	<i>Mulmur.</i>
Hamilton, W. B.	.....	<i>Tiny.</i>
Hunt, William	.....	<i>Medonte.</i>
Irwin, Jared	.....	.....
Jeffrey, Edward	.....	<i>Tay.</i>
Keenan, Robert	.....	<i>Adjala.</i>
McConkey, Thomas	.....	<i>W. Gwillimbury.</i>
Richardson, John	.....	<i>Flos.</i>
Robertson, James	.....	<i>St. Vincent.</i>
Rodgers, —	.....	.....
Stephens, James D.	.....	<i>Nottawasaga.</i>
Sealer, —	.....	<i>Sunnidale.</i>
Todd, Walter	.....	<i>Essa.</i>
Walker, E. A.	.....	<i>Vespra.</i>
Willson, Alfred	.....	<i>Innisfil.</i>
White, John	.....	<i>Mono.</i>

The Council met.

Present ;—Agnew, Alley, Armson, Crady, Dallas, Drury, Hamilton,

Hunt, Jeffrey, Richardson, Todd, Walker, Wilson.

In absence of the Warden, the Clerk called the meeting to order.

Moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

That Mr. Armson take the chair.—Carried.

Mr. Armson took the Chair.

Several communications were read and laid on the table.

1st. From the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of petition on the subject of the market square in Barrie.

2nd. From the same, acknowledging receipt of petition on the subject of the Registry Office.

3rd. From the same, acknowledging receipt of petition, suggesting an alteration in the Common School Act.

The District Surveyor's report, No. 1, was laid on the table.

Presented, the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 6, Township of Oro, by Mr. Alley.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 6, Oro, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

Ordered—That Messrs. Armson and Alley be appointed a Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That Messrs. Hamilton and Stephens be appointed a Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That Messrs. Drury and Jeffrey be appointed a Standing Committee for Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That as the Councillors not already on Committees seem diffident, the Chairman do forthwith nominate a Committee on District Property.

The Chairman nominated Messrs. Hunt, Richardson and Agnew.

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON,

CHAIRMAN.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 1846.

The Council met.

Messrs. Robertson and Stephens present.

Mr. Armson in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The following petitions were presented :

1st. Of Henry Morris and others, praying for a Post Office to be established in a certain place, by Mr. Todd.

2nd. Of Isaac Hart, praying for a remuneration for taxes paid, and labour performed, beyond what has been done by some other settlers, by Mr. Drury.

3rd. Of John Craig and others, praying that the School taxes and taxes for the goal and court house, for 1842, be demanded from the Treasurer of the Home District, by Mr. Hunt.

4th. Of Waiter Todd and others, praying for aid for repairing Bridge across the Nottawasaga River, by Mr. Todd.

5th. Of the Trustees of the School District, No. 5, West Gwillimbury, praying to be enabled to collect Taxes for 1844, by Mr. McConkey.

6th. Of the inhabitants of Euphrasia, praying the Council to take the conduct of the Magistrate of St. Vincent into consideration, by Mr. Robertson.

7th. Of Peter Seals, praying that he may receive remuneration for a Road passing through his land, by Mr. Hunt.

A communication from the Clerk of the Peace was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the petition of Henry Morris and others, praying for a Post Office to be established in a certain place, be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Messrs. Alley and Wilson.

On motion of Mr Drury, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the Petition of Isaac Hunt, praying for remuneration fo.

taxes paid and labor done, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the petition of John Craig and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the petition of Walter Todd and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the petition of School District No. 5, West Gwillimbury, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the petition of the inhabitants of Euphrasia, be referred to a Select Committee, to be appointed by the Chairman.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Dallas, Robertson and Walker.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the petition of Peter Seal be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Stephens,

That Wm. Corley, Esq., be appointed Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of St. Vincent; that — Stephenson, Esq., and Mr. Alex. McFarlane, be appointed as securities; and that the Clerk be desired to make out the necessary bonds.

Mr. Robertson moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

That Duncan McLaren be appointed Superintendent of Common Schools, for the Township of St. Vincent.

On which the yeas and nays were taken, as follows:—

YEAS—Aranson, Drury, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffrey, McConkey, Richardson, Robertson, Wilson.—9.

NAYS—Agnew, Alley, Crady, Dallas, Stephens, Todd, Walker.—7.

Carried in the affirmative by a majority of 2.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the Clerk be desired to communicate with the Township Clerks of vacant Townships, in order to ascertain whether they have fulfilled the provisions of the Act; and that if the Councillors do not choose to serve, their places may be filled, and the vacant Townships represented.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Stephens,

Ordered—That whereas Donald Campbell, Township Collector of Oro, is now confined in the District gaol, owing to mental derangement; that both his sureties are imprisoned, owing to the same cause; and that as the amount of some £100 of taxes for that Township may be improperly managed, that this Council do take this case into their special consideration, and that Messrs. Drury and McConkey be appointed a committee to investigate and report thereon.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That Donald McLaren and Duncan Robertson be accepted as sureties for Duncan McLaren, appointed Superintendent of Common Schools for St. Vincent; and that the amount to be inserted in their bond be £60 currency.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor's report, No. 1, be referred to the Committee on District Property.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the Chairman do nominate a Committee for the purpose of drafting an address to both Houses of Parliament, respecting the necessity of procuring the speedy removal of the Registry Office to the County town.

The Chairman nominated Messrs. Dallas, Hamilton and McConkey.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That Messrs. Jeffrey and McConkey be appointed a Committee for the drafting an address to the Administrator of the Government, respect-

ing the necessity of the immediate appointment of a Warden for this District. A communication from the Clerk of the Peace, laid before the Council.

The Treasurer's report and balance sheet, laid before the Council.

The Auditors' reports, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,  
 Ordered—That the Treasurer's report and balance sheet, and Auditors' reports, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

The following petitions were presented :

Of John Scott, mail carrier, St. Vincent, praying for a road, by Mr. Walker.

Of Wm. Conley and others, praying for repairs of a road in St. Vincent, by Mr. Robertson.

Of Richard McGwire and others, of Collingwood, praying for a road, by Mr. Stephens.

Of John Currie and others, of Nottawasaga, praying for repairs of road, by Mr. Stephens.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Drury,  
 Ordered—That the petition of John Scott be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,  
 Ordered—That the petition of Wm. Conley be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. McConkey,  
 Ordered—That the petition of Richard McGwire and others, of Collingwood; and of John Currie, and others, of Nottawasaga, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,  
 Ordered—That a Select Committee be appointed by the Chairman to draft a petition to the Governor-General and both Houses of the Legislature, for a tax on wild lands.

The Chairman nominated Messrs. Walker, Alley and Hamilton.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Stephens,  
 Ordered—That the Select Committee appointed by the Chairman to draft a petition to the various branches of the Legislature, for a tax on wild lands, do also draw up a petition for taxing the town lots in Barrie, at their proper value.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 1.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 1.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Select Committee respecting the appointment of a Warden for this District, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,  
 Ordered—That the draft of petition now read be adopted, engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Chairman, and forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton seconded by Mr. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the Committee on Education be requested to know the reason from the Treasurer of the District, why the school taxes of the Township of Tiny for the year 1844, have not been paid to the Superintendent of that Township.

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON,  
 CHAIRMAN.

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THURSDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1846.

The Council met.

Mr. Armon in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

Presented, the petition of David Seaman and others, of St. Vincent, praying for a Road, by Mr. Robertson.

On motion of Robertson, seconded by Mr. Huut,

Ordered—That the Petition of David Seaman and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Standing Committee on District Property brought up Report No. 1.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Huut,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

School reports from Mono, Mulmur, Flos, Tossorontio, Sunnidale, Innisfil and St. Vincent, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Stephens,

Ordered—That the School Reports now received, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

A communication from Mr. McConkey, Councillor for West Gwillimbury laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Chairman appointed a Select Committee to consider the Municipal Council Act, in order to discover whether a Councillor can or cannot resign his seat in removing his residence.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Walker, Alley and Stephens.

The District Surveyor's report No. 2, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor's report No. 2, be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 2.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the petition now read be adopted, engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Chairman, and forwarded to both Houses of Parliament.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 3.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Select Committee appointed to draft an address to the Legislature on the Registry Office, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the petition now read be adopted, engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Chairman, and forwarded to both Houses of Parliament.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 3.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the petition now read be adopted, engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Chairman, and forwarded to both Houses of Parliament.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Euphrasia, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the Auditor's report No. 4, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.



tract warrant the same, the District Surveyor be required to obtain estimates for the same, that they may be laid before the Council at the next session.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

Ordered—That the Chairman appoint a Committee on Contingencies.

The Chairman nominated Messrs. McConkey, Robertson and Hunt.

The Chairman appointed Mr. John Atkinson, one of the District Auditors for the current year.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That Mr. Wm. Graham, be one of the District Auditors for the current year.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

Ordered—That the Clerk be requested to furnish Mr. Robertson with a certified copy of the report of the Select Committee on the Petition of the inhabitants of Euphrasia.

Adjourned.

W. ARMSON,

CHAIRMAN.

FRIDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1846.

The Council met.

Mr. Armson in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The Standing Committee on Assessment brought up reports Nos. 4 and 5.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the reports now read be adopted.

The Select Committee appointed to consider the propriety of the Chairman issuing his warrant for the election of Councillors for Adjala and Sunndale, brought up report.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 3, accompanied by a By-Law.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read the first time, be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the Council do not go into Committee of the whole on the By-Law now read, but that it be read a third time forthwith.

The Standing Committee on District Property brought up report No. 2.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the By-Law do now pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Resolved—That the Chairman do communicate with His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Province and enclose the Resolutions expostulating upon the apparent neglect that this Council suffer with regard to their reiterated petitions and addresses upon the subject of relief to the District from its difficulties, in general receiving no redress; especially the petition for obtaining the possession of the vacant Water Lots in the Town of Barrie, as well as the Market Bloek—the removal of the County Registry Office to the Town of Barrie—the taxation of absentee Wild Lands—the appointment of a Warden—the necessary alterations or amendments to the Municipal Council Act—the Common School Act, and the Assessment Law—

as, in consequence of nothing being done upon those most material subjects, earnestly and repeatedly prayed for, this Council are not able to make that progress towards the general welfare of their constituencies, that the arduous duties they are compelled to perform, warrant.

The Committee on Contingencies brought up report.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Adjourned.

W. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

J. McWATT,  
Clerk.

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## ADDENDA.

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### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

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# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the February Session,

A.D., 1846.

WM. ARMSON, ESQ., CHAIRMAN.

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter Seal, praying the Council to grant him assistance to enable him to erect a fence on each side of the road which runs through his clearing, beg to recommend that the prayer of the petition be not granted, there being no funds disposable in the hands of the Treasurer for that purpose. Your petitioner still has his remedy, by applying to the requisitionists for his remuneration.

With respect to the petition of Walter Todd and others, of the Township of Essa, praying for a grant of money for repairing a bridge over the Nottawasaga river, your Committee beg to state that the petition be not granted, as there are no disposable funds in the hands of the Treasurer for that purpose.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED WILLSON.

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th Feb., 1846.

REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the petition of John Craig and others, praying that the school tax, and tax for the gaol and court house, collected in their Townships, for the year 1842, may be demanded from the Treasurer of the Home District, beg leave to report,

That they have carefully read the prayer of the petition, and are of opinion, that although the case now complained of, is undoubtedly one of great hardship, yet, from the circumstances of a new Treasurer having been ap-

pointed to the Home District, since the occurrence complained of, and the long period which has been allowed to elapse, your Committee do not see that any benefit could possibly arise to the petitioners by the interference of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th Februsry, 1846.

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE RESPECTING THE APPOINTMENT OF A  
WARDEN FOR THE DISTRICT OF SIMCOE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee to whom was referred the drafting of a petition to the Administrator of the Government, as to the propriety of a speedy appointment of a Warden for this District, now beg leave to recommend that the following petition be adopted :

*To His Excellency the Right Honourable Earl Cathcart, Administrator of the Government of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

The petition of the Chairman and Council of the District of Simcoe in Council assembled, humbly sheweth :

That your petitioners understand that James Dallas, Esq., has resigned the Wardenship of this District, and that such resignation has been accepted by the late Governor-General of British North America ; that this is now the fourth session that this Council has met and transacted the business of the District without a Warden ; that your petitioners feel anxious that this important office should be filled, and they therefore respectfully request that your Excellency may do so with as little delay as possible.

May it therefore please your Excellency to appoint a Warden for the District of Simcoe, or to do in the matter as you may see fit.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th Feb., 1846.

REPORT NO. 1 OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee on District Property, to whom was referred the District Surveyor's report, beg to state that the cordwood for court house and gaol is correct as ordered. The locks have not yet been furnished : your Committee would therefore recommend that that order be attended to as early as possible. Your Committee further beg to state, that they have examined the state of the Treasurer's office, and would recommend that the roof be put in a proper state of repair, if the funds of the District will admit.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 12th Feb., 1846.

REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Harts, praying for remuneration for taxes paid, and

labor performed, beyond what has been done by some other settlers, beg leave to report,

That the petitioner returned the number of acres of cultivated land to the Assessor, according to law; and that, though there is no law which obliges him to pay the taxes on the same to the collector out of his Township, yet by refunding the amount in this instance such a precedent would be established, as would oblige this Council, in justice to others, to entertain innumerable like claims.

Your Committee beg to say, however, that the peculiar nature of the present application, powerfully draws their attention to the very incomplete state of the law as it now stands; and would therefore recommend that a petition be drafted and forwarded to the Provincial Parliament, praying that the Assessment Law in this instance may be amended, giving authority to collectors to demand and levy for assessed taxes on cultivated lands in their several townships, belonging to and tilled by persons living in another adjoining township.

And, your Committee would further recommend the adoption of the accompanying petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FREDK. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th Feb., 1846.

*To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly in Provincial Parliament assembled.*

The petition of the Chairman and Council of the District of Simcoe, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioners would respectfully beg to call the attention of your Honorable House to the fact, that as the law now stands, improved lands may be held to any extent by individuals not residing in the townships where such lands may be situate, without the possibility of the assessed taxes being levied:

That your petitioners would respectfully observe that the only part of the law relating to the powers of the assessors, as applicable to the matter now complained of by your petitioners, appears to be the following, in clause xiv, chap. xxi, 1st Vic.: "That it shall and may be lawful for the Assessor of any Township, and he is hereby authorised and required to demand and receive from every rateable inhabitant, resident within the Township, &c. &c." Non-residents who may have large tracts of cultivated land are hereby exempt from the payment of taxes on these lands, except as wild lands.

That your petitioners are aware that improved farms are held to a great extent in the District of Simcoe, which are in the above manner exempt from all taxation, thereby depriving the District of a considerable portion of its legitimate revenue.

That your petitioners would with much earnestness request your Honorable House to take into your serious consideration the necessity of amending this Act, so as to compel Assessors to rate all improved lands situated in the Townships which they shall respectively assess, and to enable Collectors to levy such rates.

May it therefore please your Honorable House to make such amendment to the present law as will empower the proper officers to enforce payment of taxes upon improved properties, where the proprietors are non-residents

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

REPORT No. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the

balance sheet of the Treasurer of the District, the Treasurer's report, and the reports of the Auditors, beg leave to report,

That they have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and have every reason to be satisfied with their correctness.

It affords your Committee much pleasure to be enabled to state, that there at length appears to be a surplus income above the expenditure for the quarter just ended; and they have every reason to believe, that upon proper economy and good management being exercised, the affairs of this District will soon be in a prosperous condition.

Your Committee trust that it will not be deemed irrelevant in their report to state, that they entertain a high opinion of the judgment and general good management shewn by the present Treasurer of the District.

That your Committee beg to state that they have likewise carefully perused the report of the Treasurer, and are satisfied with the correctness of the statements, and the justness of the observations, therein contained.

Your Committee would advise that the Treasurer be recommended to write in strong terms to the Collector of Nottawasaga, requiring immediate payment of the arrears of taxes; and that in the event of non-compliance, he forthwith proceed legally to exact the amount. Your Committee are of opinion, that by treating one or two defaulters with necessary severity such a course would be found to have great efficacy in putting a stop to the loose manner in which many collectors have hitherto acted.

Your Committee remark the observations made by the Treasurer respecting the Collector of Oro and his sureties, but as this matter has been referred to a Special Committee, appointed to report thereon, your Committee deem any observations unnecessary.

Your Committee have also examined the reports of the Auditors, and are satisfied with their correctness, and would recommend the payment of the different accounts audited by them; and would advise that the Chairman do issue his warrant for the payment of the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 12th Feb., 1846.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE RESPECTING THE REMOVAL OF THE REGISTRY OFFICE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom was entrusted the drafting a petition to both Houses of Parliament, on the necessity of the removal of the Registry Office to the county town of Simcoe, beg to recommend that the following be adopted:  
*To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, Provincial Parliament Assembled:*

The petition of the Chairman and Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioners are put to much inconvenience, and conceive their ease to be one of great hardship, in consequence of the Registry Office being situated at the extreme verge of this extensive District, thereby causing many persons to travel nearly one hundred miles; and the expense of paying a witness to enable them to register their deeds,—in fact, such is the difficulty, that numbers of deeds remain for years unregistered, causing much inconvenience by disputes in proving titles, &c.

The District Town of Barne, in which are situated all the other District offices, is near the centre of the County of Simcoe; and your petitioners conceive, that setting all other reasons aside, the District or County Town is the proper and most fitting place for the Registry Office.

And your petitioners would beg to state to your Honorable House, that

they have repeatedly applied to both Houses of Parliament, as well as addressed His Excellency the Governor-General, for the purpose of obtaining this simple act of justice, but without effect.

Your petitioners therefore hope that your Honorable House will be pleased to order the removal of the Registry Office to Barrie, the District Town of Simcoe.

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th Feb., 1846.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE UPON PETITION OF CERTAIN INHABITANTS OF EUPHRASIA.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Select Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Euphrasia, complaining of the conduct of the Magistrate of St. Vincent for changing the place of the town meeting, and thereby depriving the inhabitants of the township of their privileges, and praying the Council to take their case into consideration, and either appoint another Township Meeting, or continue all the township officers in office another year,—beg leave to recommend that the Council have nothing whatever to do with the acts of Magistrates, whose gentlemen not being under the jurisdiction of the Council.

They also recommend, that under the circumstances, the only course to be adopted, is to continue the officers of the former year in their respective situations; and if there be any impediments in the way of such arrangement, that Mr. Robertson, the Councillor for the township, be requested to use his endeavors to adjust the difficulties.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 12th Feb., 1846.

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee have examined and carefully considered the petition of Henry McKay and others, Trustees of School District No. 5, in West Gwillimbury, praying for an order from the District Council, to enable the Collector of the tax granted for the purpose of purchasing and repairing their school-house, to pay over to them the portion which he the said Collector has already collected, in order to save the Trustees from an action at law by the proprietor of the building; also to know what likelihood there is of the collection of the tax.

Your Committee beg to recommend that the said Collector be desired to pay over to the said Trustees the sum now lying in his hands, and that the Clerk be directed to write to the Trustees and acquaint them that before the next session of the Council they have every reason to expect that the law will be satisfactorily amended.

Your Committee have also considered the petition of Ari Raymond and others, Trustees of School District No. 6, of the Township of Oro, praying for aid to re-establish the school—the schoolhouse having been unfortunately consumed by fire on the 4th of February, 1845,—and beg to observe that it is not in their power to afford any direct relief to the petitioners, as the Council possesses the control of no funds applicable to such purposes; but

would suggest that the Clerk be desired to forward this petition to the County Superintendent, with their recommendation to his favorable consideration.

Your Committee having placed themselves in communication with the Treasurer, to ascertain the reason why the school tax for 1844, for the Township of Tiny, has not been paid to the Superintendent of common schools of that Township, beg to state, that it appears the tax was never collected, and that the Collector, having retired his bonds, refused to collect it, and your Committee regret that they can see no remedy for the aggrieved parties but an action at law.

Your Committee have also examined the following school reports and accounts, and find them correct :—

Mulmur, shewing a balance in hand of \$1.7s.2d.

Tosoroutio, showing a balance in hand of £5.0s.10d.

Mono, showing a balance in hand of £23.1s.0½d.

Flos, showing a balance on hand of £1.1s.5d.

Sunnidale, showing a balance in hand of £2.9s.2½d.

In the account from Innisfil, your Committee find a sum of £2.8s.6½d. deficient, which nevertheless is entered as received; and therefore recommend that the Clerk be requested to send the said accounts and receipts back to the Township Superintendent, in order that he may correct the error which exists in the voucher No. 10.

The report from St. Vincent, with an account of school money received and expended in that Township, your Committee would recommend being sent back, as it is informal and unaccompanied with vouchers; at the same time the Clerk had better be requested to refer the Township Superintendent to the forms and regulations published for the guidance of those Officers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th Feb., 1846.

#### REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON WILD LAND TAX.

*To the Simcoe District Council:*

Your Committee, to whom was deputed the drafting a petition to His Excellency the Governor General, and the other branches of the Legislature, praying them to empower the District Council to levy and collect a tax on the Wild Lands of the District, beg to submit the following:

*To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, in Provincial Parliament assembled:*

The petition of the Chairman and Council of the District of Simcoe, humbly sheweth:

That the District is in such a state of embarrassment, that it can hardly pay the interest of its debt, and provide the heavy expenses attending the administration of Justice.

That the District is taxed as much as the inhabitants can possibly bear, without entirely crushing the settler.

That your petitioners have given the subject their deepest consideration, and the only means they can suggest for their relief, lies in a tax on the Wild Lands of absentees.

Your petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House to take their case into consideration, and grant them the power of levying and collecting a tax on the said lands sufficient for their relief.

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 12th Feb., 1846.

## REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL ACT.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the Municipal Council Act, in order to discover whether a Councillor can or cannot resign his seat, on removing from the Township for which he was elected,—beg to state, that after a careful perusal of the said Act, they recommend that when Mr. McConkey shall have notified his removal from West Gwillimbury to the Clerk of the Council, that Officer be directed to acquaint the Chairman or Warden of the same, in order that a warrant may be issued for a new election ; and Mr. McConkey's resignation of course accepted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 11th Feb., 1846.

## REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON TAX ON TOWN LOTS IN BARRIE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom was deputed the drafting a petition to the Provincial Legislature, praying them to empower the District Council to levy and collect a tax on the Town Lots of Barrie, the District town of Simcoe, beg to submit the following petition, &c. :

*To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, in Provincial Parliament Assembled,*

The petition of the Chairman and Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth :

That the taxes of Simcoe are insufficient for the District purposes, consequently this Council deems it necessary to lay on an assessment of not less than £15 for each lot in Barrie, the District Town of Simcoe. That several of the lots in the said Town of Barrie are now worth £100 ; and the importance of the said town, and value of the lots are daily increasing.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House would grant them the power of assessing the lots in the said District Town of Barrie, at the rate of £15 per lot, and also of collecting the same.

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 12th Feb., 1846.

## REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON A POST OFFICE IN A CERTAIN PLACE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Morris and others, of the Township of Essa, setting forth their want of a post office for the benefit of the settlement, at the four corners of the Townships of Essa, West Gwillimbury, Tecumseth and Innisfil, and praying that this Council may recommend their petition, and the appointment of Mr. James Harper, merchant, there residing, as a fit and proper person to be postmaster at the said place, beg to recommend that the said petitioner be informed by the Council Clerk that the Council have no hesitation in representing the position of the post office sought to be erected as very favorable, and that the inhabitants of the said settlement, owing to their remoteness from any post office, must stand much in need of the same ; and that they further recom-

mend the petitioners to make their application to the Deputy Post Master General at Montreal, to whom they can transmit this recommendation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 12th Feb., 1846.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CASE OF THE TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR OF ORO.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee to whom was referred the cases of Donald Campbell, collector of Oro, and his sureties, (all confined in the District Gaol as temporarily insane) with regard to the safety of the public taxes which the said collector may have the management of, beg to report, that the parties above named having undergone a due investigation by the Magistrates in session assembled, and having been by them liberated, owing to their recovery from such insanity, can only recommend that the Treasurer be requested to press and secure the payment of all arrears of taxes due by the said collector.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GERALD ALLEY,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 12th February, 1846.

REPORT NO. 2 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the several petitions of the inhabitants of Nottawasaga, Collingwood and St. Vincent, praying for opening and repairing roads, beg leave to report,

That they have carefully considered the matter relative to those petitions, and beg leave to recommend the following for the adoption of the Council: that the Clerk of the Council do communicate to the Township Clerk of St. Vincent, requesting him to refund the sum of £50 to the Treasurer, being in part of the Wild Land tax money, for the Township of Collingwood, which he drew from him, in consequence of that township being formerly attached to St. Vincent; but, on the 5th day of January, 1846, that township being attached to the Township of Nottawasaga, we recommend that the sum of £50 be expended within the limits of the Township of Collingwood, on the Lake Shore Road, under the direction of Mr. Stephens, the Councillor for Nottawasaga and Collingwood. We also recommend that the sum of £50.14s.5d., be expended within the limits of Collingwood, on the line known as the upper road, to be established under the direction of Mr. Robertson, the Councillor for St. Vincent; and also that the sum of £4.6s.5d., Wild Land Tax money, belonging to the Township of Euphrasia, be expended within the limits of that Township.

Your Committee would also recommend that the prayer of the petition, signed by William Corley, in behalf of the inhabitants of St. Vincent, be not granted, as their Councillor has the full power to expend the Wild Land tax money for that township where he may deem it necessary.

And further, your Committee much regret to say, that the language used in these petitions is so not coming and improper, that we would recommend that the like be not received into this Council in future.

All of which is respectfully submitted

ALFRED WILLSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th Feb., 1846.

REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of Agnes Adam, praying for a recompense for her late father's services, as Treasurer of the District, beg leave to report :

That they have examined the prayer of the petition, and feel regret at being obliged to state, that they cannot find that any claims sufficiently strong have been brought forward, to warrant your Committee in recommending that any sum be granted, as a recompense for extra services performed by the late Treasurer.

Your Committee, while sympathizing in the peculiarly unfortunate position in which your petitioner is placed, cannot see that any sum can be legally voted by the Council in this matter—the salary of the late Treasurer having been fixed by the Council, and he and his heirs having been paid the full amount of the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th Feb., 1846.

REPORT NO. 5 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the Auditors' report, No. 4, beg to report,

That they have examined the same and find it correct.

Your Committee observe the remark made by the Auditors, respecting the irregular manner in which the Township Clerks' accounts have been hitherto sent in, and would recommend that the Clerk of the Council be instructed to intimate to each Township Clerk that unless the return be made according to the terms of the Act, he will be proceeded against according to law ; and that such intimation is given in consequence of the irregularity of several of the Township Clerks in making their returns at the proper time.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th February, 1846.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE PROPRIETY OF ISSUING WARRANTS FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS FOR ADJALA AND SUNNIDALE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the reporting upon the propriety of the Chairman issuing his warrant for the election of Councillors for the Townships of Adjala and Sunnidale, beg to report, that they have examined the Act relating to this subject, and observe that under the circumstances in which these Townships are situated, the Chairman is fully authorised to issue his warrant for the election of new Councillors ; and your Committee would therefore recommend that such be done.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th, Feb. 1846.

REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of David Seaman and others, of the Township of St. Vincent, praying for a certain road to be established in that Township, beg leave to report:

That they have given the necessary notice required by them, and we recommend the following report and By-Law for the adoption of the Council: All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED. WILLSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Feb., 1846.

REPORT NO. 2 OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Committee on District Property, to whom was referred the report of District Surveyor, No. 2, would recommend the further postponement of the repairs to the walls of the gaol, and consider that at present, there is no absolute necessity for incurring any extra expense—that by care on the part of the gaoler, in securing the prisoners at a proper hour, no danger can accrue.

Your Committee would further recommend that the lumber intended for the fitting up the court house, be put in a place secure from the effects of the weather, at as little expense as possible.

And your Committee would also recommend that the Surveyor be directed to receive plans and specifications for the fitting up of the court room, to be laid before the Council at its next sitting; the work to be of a plain and substantial character.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Feb. 13th, 1846.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

Your Committee on Contingencies having examined the several accounts and allowances necessary to be granted for services performed, would recommend that the Chairman do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums, viz:—

To James Cleland, Printer.....	£4	5	0
" John McWatt, for postage.....	0	10	8½
" " " Candles.....	0	3	4
" " " Stationery.....	0	2	6
" " " Transport of Minutes from Toronto.....	0	3	9
" " " Making out bond for Superintendent of St. Vincent.....	0	2	6
" " " Copying Minutes for Printer, for Nov. quarter, 1845.....	2	0	0
" John Creasor, 2 days as constable.....	0	10	0
" Patrick McKernan, as messenger.....	1	0	0
Total.....	£8	17	0½

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. MCCONEEY,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th Feb., 1846.

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EY,  
CHAIRMAN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the *Warden and Members of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Gentlemen,—

On laying before you my balance sheet for the fourth quarter of the past year, it gives me much satisfaction to report that there are few accounts against the District at present unpaid, and that those few I am prepared to discharge as soon as I shall receive authority from you to do so. The interest on the District debentures is paid in full up to the 1st of this month. The salaries of the District officers have been also paid ; and when a few other small sums connected with the administration of justice shall have been deducted, there will still remain to the credit of the District, a considerable sum to meet the expenses of the current year.

The following taxes also, for 1845, remain yet to be collected : balance from West Gwillimbury, Tecumseth, Vespra, Oro, Adjala, Innisfil, Essa, Nottawasaga, Medonte and Sunnidale, say one-sixth of the amount ; from Stone, Mulmur, Toscorontio and Flos, the gross amount of their taxes ; while the remaining six Townships have paid in full.

The Collectors for Nottawasaga, both for 1843 and 1844, are still defaulters ; and it is to be apprehended that the taxes for that Township will never be collected with sufficient regularity till stringent measures are adopted towards the collectors.

In consequence of no Township Superintendent of Schools having been appointed for the Township of Tay, I have received the school tax for 1845, amounting to £11.3s. 8½d.

With regard to the debentures issued at the last session of Council, I beg leave to report that I have as yet been unable to dispose of them, as the person who holds the two debentures now past due (to whom it was my intention to offer them), is in England, and his agents do not consider themselves authorized to make the exchange.

I further beg leave to report that the collector for the Township of Oro, together with his bondsmen, is confined in gaol, and that a large balance of the taxes for that Township remains uncollected.

In concluding my report, I must beg leave to observe, that although the present state of the finances of the District may appear comparatively satisfactory ; though its liabilities have been discharged of late with tolerable punctuality, and its revenue has increased in a greater ratio than its expenses, it must still be borne in mind, that with the exception of one debenture of £50 (cancelled last May), nothing has been done to reduce the principal of the public debt. That two debentures of £200 each, are now past due, and payment may be demanded at any time ; that two more of £100 each, fall due this year, and that the same amount will be due in 1848.

With these facts before you, it must be evident that additional taxation is called for ; and as the assessed taxes (already sufficiently burdensome), could not be increased without ruin to the poorer class of settlers, and distress to all engaged in commerce or agriculture, it is only to a tax on Wild Lands that the District can look for relief from its present embarrassment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDM. LALLY,

Treasurer, District of Simcoe.

Treasurer's Office, Barrie, Feb. 9th, 1846.



## CURRENT WITH THE DISTRICT OF SIMCOE.

s. d.		PAYMENTS.		Cr.	
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14	2½	Nov. 7—	By paid Mr. Hayter, Jailor, for maintenance of Prisoners	5	0 0
9	5½	13—	" W. Laughton, for conveying a Lunatic and two Constables to the Holland Landing.....	0	11 3
11	5½	23—	" Treasurer, for making sundry Returns.....	5	0 0
3	0	29—	" Clerk of the Peace for making up Assessment Rolls, on account.....	20	0 0
17	6	Dec. 3—	" Interest on Debentures, Nos. 14, 17, 20.....	15	15 0
5	0	—	" Clerk of Peace, on account.....	8	0 0
10	0	—	" Mr. Sheriff Smith, per order of Sessions.....	15	0 0
1	8	—	" Mr. Hayter, Jailor, on account of salary, for 1845	45	0 0
3	4	—	" J. Beardsley, Court House Keeper, on account of salary.....	10	0 0
7	2½	9—	" Collector of Innisfil, for 1844, percentage.....	6	7 0½
2	10½	—	" Collector of West Gwillimbury, on acct. of per centage.....	5	0 0
11	4½	—	" Township Clerk for services.....	4	0 0
0	10	—	" Assessor " percentage.....	11	5 1
19	2	—	" J. Beardsley, balance of salary.....	2	10 0
3	9½	15—	" Henry Creswicke, District Surveyor, on account of salary for 1845.....	0	13 1½
15	3½	—	" Mr. McWatt, Clerk of District Council, salary, for 1845.....	37	10 0
5	8½	—	" Collector of Tiny, for 1845, percentage.....	2	10 0
7	6	—	" Bounty on a Wolf Scalp.....	1	10 0
10	5	—	" Clerk of the Peace, balance of account.....	20	0 0
5	5½	—	" Hugh Scobie, for Printing Assessment Rolls.....	5	5 0
12	6	—	" P. McKearnon, Messenger, per order of the District Council.....	0	10 0
2	9½	—	" Bounty on Wolf Scalp.....	1	10 0
6	2½	—	" Assessor and Collector of St. Vincent, for '45, per cent.....	7	5 5½
3	4	20—	" John Atkinson, salary as Auditor for 1845.....	2	10 0
0	0	—	" F. Martin, Messenger, per order of District Council.....	0	15 0
9	0	—	" Mr. McWatt, for sundries, per order of District Council.....	3	5 11½
0	0	—	" H. Dougal, carpenter, work for the Jail.....	4	17 8
8	6½	—	" Bounty on Wolf Scalp.....	1	10 0
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1	8	—	" Mr. Hayter, Jailor, balance of salary.....	7	10 0
8	0½	—	" E. Lally, Treasurer, salary for 1845.....	100	0 0
		24—	" Assessor of Vespra, for 1845, percentage.....	4	15 8
		30—	" Assessor of Tay, " ".....	1	16 3
		—	" Collector of Tay, " ".....	2	1 6½
		31—	" Township Clerk of Adjala, for 1845.....	4	0 0
			Assets in Commercial Bank.....	165	15 0
			Assets in Bank of Upper Canada.....	257	17 1½
				£789	16 10½

Examined and found correct, as per vouchers.

JOHN ATKINSON, }  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, Feb. 9th, 1846.

## AUDITORS' REPORT NO. 2 ON TOWNSHIP CLERKS' ACCOUNTS.

*To the Chairman and Council Assembled :*

We, the auditors of the District of Simcoe beg leave to report, that we have examined the accounts of several of the Township Clerks for the year 1845, and find them as follows :—

## Account of Edward Jeffery, Township Clerk for Tay.

Moneys received .....	£11	3	0
Moneys expended .....	11	1	6

Balance in hand .....	£	0	1	6
Correct as per vouchers.				

## Account of Chas. T. Rowe, Township Clerk for Orillia.

Moneys received .....	£17	6	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Moneys expended .....	17	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$

Correct as per vouchers.

## Account of Wm. Hunt, Township Clerk for Medonte.

Moneys received .....	£22	7	3
Moneys expended .....	22	8	11 $\frac{1}{2}$

Balance in favor Clerk .....	£	0	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Correct as per vouchers				

## Account of Alfred Thompson, Township Clerk for Tiny.

Moneys received .....	£27	10	7
Moneys expended .....	27	10	7

Correct as per vouchers.

## Account of John Little, Township Clerk for Mulmur.

Moneys received .....	£25	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Moneys expended .....	22	15	7 $\frac{1}{2}$

Balance in hand .....	£	2	7	6
Correct as per vouchers.				

## Account of D. Cameron, Township Clerk for Oro.

Moneys received .....	£12	15	7
Moneys expended .....	12	15	7

Correct as per vouchers.

## Account of Peter White, Township Clerk for Vespra.

Moneys received .....	£	7	15	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Moneys expended .....	6	2	6	

Balance in hand .....	£	1	13	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Correct as per vouchers.				

## Account of Stephen Bishop, Township Clerk for Flos.

Moneys received .....	£	7	7	3
Moneys expended .....	7	7	3	

Correct as per vouchers.

## Account of Wm. Main, Township Clerk, Innisfil.

Moneys received .....	£17	18	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Moneys expended .....	17	14	10

Balance in hand .....			4	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Correct as per vouchers.				

Account of Robt. Murphy, Township Clerk for Tossorontio.

Moneys received.....	£16	2	11
Moneys expended.....	16	2	11

Correct as per vouchers.

Account of John Currie, Township Clerk Sunnidale.

Moneys received.....	£10	0	6
Moneys expended.....	10	0	6

No vouchers produced.  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, }  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, Feb. 12th, 1846.

AUDITORS' REPORT NO. 4, ON TOWN CLERKS' ACCOUNTS.

To the District Council of Simcoe:

We, the Auditors for the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report, that we have examined the account of Adam Goodfellow, Township Clerk for West Gwillimbury, for the year 1845 and find it correct as per vouchers.

Moneys received.....	£	s.	d.
Moneys expended.....	13	9	4
	11	15	0

Balance in hand.....£1 14 4

We would also beg to state that there are three Townships that have not sent their accounts in, besides the new Townships lately annexed.

We would recommend that some step be taken to cause the Township Clerks to send in their accounts at an appointed time, that they may be audited and reported upon to the Council at one time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, }  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, Feb. 12th, 1846.

BY-LAW No. 25.

To establish a Road in St. Vincent.

Be it enacted by the Chairman and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, that the road surveyed by David Seaman, Road Surveyor, commencing at the town plot at the Bighead river, at the westerly angle of the said town plot, running eleven chains on the concession line between the fifth and sixth concessions, being north eight degrees west; thence nine chains northwest; thence north twenty degrees west eleven chains; thence north ten degrees west twenty-five chains; thence north thirty degrees west, nine and a half chains; thence north west thirty chains; thence north thirty degrees west, twenty chains; thence north forty degrees west, ten chains; thence north twenty-five degrees west, thirty-five chains, to a post planted on the line between lots twenty-one and twenty-two in the sixth concession of St. Vincent, be, and the same is hereby established and confirmed as an important road and highway, on condition that the requisitionists to the Road Surveyor do pay the necessary expenses for surveying the same, and that all legal claims for property therein appropriated to the public use become satisfied. The said road tending greatly to the public good.

(Signed) ALFRED WILLSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th Feb., 1846.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

Second Quarterly Meeting,

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 12th May,  
1846.

The Council met.

Present—Agnew, Armson, Dallas, Drury, Hunt, Irwin, Richardson, Sealer, Todd, Walker, E. A., Willson.

In the absence of the Warden, the Clerk called the meeting to order.

Moved by Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

That Mr. Armson take the chair.—Carried.

Mr. Armson took the chair.

Several communications were read and laid on the table.

1st. From the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging a By-Law, to establish a road in St. Vincent.

2nd. From the same, acknowledging receipt of a petition on the subject of a tax being levied on the Wild Lands of Absentees, and on the appointment of a Warden.

3rd. The Treasurer's report and balance sheet.

4th. The District Surveyor's report.

5th. The District Auditors' report.

6th. From the County Superintendent of Common Schools, on the subject of the apportionment of the Provincial Grant for 1846.

7th. From the same, relative to the School Trustees of Sunnidale.

8th. From Thos. McConkey, resigning his seat, as he had come to reside in Barrie.

The deed for the market block in Barrie, together with that for the school house lot in Orillia, were laid before the Council.

Account of school moneys received and expended in the Township of West Gwillimbury, for the year ending 31st December, 1845, laid before the Council.

Petition of School Trustees and inhabitants of Sunnidale, complaining and seeking redress from Donald Shaw, Superintendent of the Township, by Mr. Sealer.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Sealer,

Ordered—That the petition of the School Trustees of Sunnidale be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the deed of the market place of Barrie, and also deed for school house in Orillia, be referred to the Committee on District Property.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Sealer,

Ordered—That the County Superintendent's communication, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Sealer,

Ordered—That the Auditors' report be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the Treasurer's report and balance sheet be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor's report, No. 1, be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That Messrs. Dallas and Irwin be nominated a Select Committee to consider the provisions of the proposed Assessment Act.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,

Ordered—That Messrs. Wilson and Drury be nominated a Select Committee to draft a petition to the Governor-General and both Houses of Legislature, on the road grants for the District.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That Messrs. Irwin and Todd be appointed to act upon the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, during the absence of Messrs. Hamilton and Stephens.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the Chairman appoint a Select Committee of five members to draft a petition to His Excellency the Governor-General and both Houses of Legislature, against depriving the Agriculturists and Manufacturprs of this Province of all protection.

The Chairman nominated Messrs. Walker, Hunt, Irwin, Drury and Dallas.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Sealer,

Ordered—That the accounts of the Superintendent of Common Schools, Township of W. Gwillinbury, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That as this Council has hitherto failed in their efforts by petitions to the Governor-General, to procure the appointment of a Warden; the Chairman do nominate a Committee for the purpose of addressing His Excellency the Governor-General recommending that the present Chairman be appointed Warden for this District.

The Chairman nominated Messrs. Dallas, Wilson and Walker.

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON,

CHAIRMAN.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY, 1846.

The Council met.

Mr. Zenas Rogers took his seat.

Mr. Armson in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The following petitions were presented:

1st. By Thomas Hamilton, collector for Adjala for 1844, praying for protection from the Council, by Mr. Walker.

2nd. Of School Trustees, Orillia, praying for a tax for school purposes, by Mr. Dallas.

3rd. Of Patrick Downey, Adjala, praying for remuneration as a school teacher, by Mr. Walker.

4th. Of the Rev. John McIntyre and Mr. James Sanson, of Orillia, praying for a school tax, by Mr. Dallas.

The District Surveyor's report No. 2, laid before the Council.

- On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,  
 Ordered—That the petition of Thomas Hamilton, of Adjala, be referred  
 to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.
- On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Sealer,  
 Ordered—That the petition of Patriek Downey, be referred to the Stand-  
 ing Committee on Education.
- On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
 Ordered—That the petition of school trustees, Orillia, be referred to  
 the Standing Committee on Education.
- On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
 Ordered—That the petition of Rev. John McIntyre and others, be referred  
 to the Standing Committee on Education.
- On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson  
 Ordered—That the District Surveyor's report, No. 2, be referred to the  
 Standing Committee on District Property.
- School reports from Oro and Medonte, laid before the Council.
- On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr Sealer,  
 Ordered—That school reports from Oro and Medonte, be referred to the  
 Standing Committee on Education.
- Account of school tax, Adjala, for 1844, laid before the Council.
- On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,  
 Ordered—That account of school tax for Adjala, be referred to the Stand-  
 ing Committee on Education.
- The Select Committee on Road grants brought up a report and draft of  
 petition.
- Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd, moves,  
 That the report now read be adopted.
- Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson, moved in amendment,  
 That the petition now adopted, be referred to Committee on the whole.—  
 Carried.
- The Council went into Committee of the whole.
- Mr. Dallas in the chair.
- The Committee of the whole rose and reported draft of petition as amended.
- On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,  
 Ordered—That the draft of petition as amended be adopted, be engrossed  
 by the Clerk, signed by the Chairman, and transmitted to the various branches  
 of the Legislature.
- On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
 Ordered—That as Mr. Stephens is now in his place, Mr. Todd be  
 relieved from the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.
- School apportionment for 1846, laid before the Council.
- The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report  
 No. 1.
- On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.
- On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,  
 Ordered—That the apportionment of Government grant for schools, be  
 referred to the Standing Committee on Education.
- On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Sealer,  
 Ordered—That the account of school money for Innisfil, be referred to  
 the Standing Committee on Education.
- On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Richardson,  
 Ordered—That the Chairman appoint a Committee on Contingencies.
- The Chairman appointed Messrs. Hunt, Rogers and Todd.
- On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,  
 Ordered—That from and after next session, the Auditors be instructed to  
 receive no accounts unless presented at least one week previous to the session,  
 and that public notice to that effect be given by the Clerk.
- The Committee on Education brought up report No. 1.
- On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Sealer,

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Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.  
The Select Committee on the appointment of a Warden, [brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the petition be engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Chairman, and forwarded to His Excellency the Governor General.

The Standing Committee on District Property brought up Report No. 1.

Mr. Hunt moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

That the report now read be adopted.

Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson, moved in amendment,

That the Committee on District Property do reconsider their report, with a view to authorising the fitting up the court room, by the work being performed by some contractor willing to wait one year for his payment after the completion.—Lost.

The original motion was then put and carried.

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

THURSDAY, 14th MAY, 1846.

The Council met.

Mr. Armson in the Chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The following petitions were presented :

1st. Of Alex. Laidlaw and others, No. 6, Mono, praying for a division of said District, by Mr. Walker.

2nd. Of the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, praying for remuneration for certain services.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the memorial of the Rev. S. B. Ardagh be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the petition of Alexander Laidlaw and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Auditors' report No. 2 laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Select Committee on the Manufacturing and Agricultural interests of the Province, brought up a report, together with draft of petition.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,

Ordered—That the report and petition now read be adopted, and the petition be engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Chairman, and transmitted to the various branches of the Legislature.

On motion of Hunt, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the Chairman appoint a Select Committee to take into consideration the best method of demanding from the Treasurer of the Home District, the taxes collected in the Townships of Medonte and Flos, for the year 1842.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Hunt, Irwin and Wilson,

Schedule of Township money expended in Mono, together with a letter from the Collector, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. White,

Ordered—That the letter and schedule now presented, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

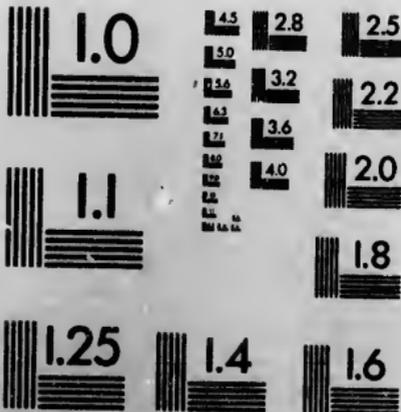
On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the School Accounts, with vouchers, from St. Vincent, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.



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On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,  
 Ordered—That the District Surveyor be immediately required to procure some rough edged boards, for the purpose of constructing a shed to protect the lumber belonging to the Council from further destruction, as there seems to be no immediate prospect of the said lumber being made use of.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,  
 Ordered—That the apportionment of school money for this District, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

The Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of Taxes collected in the Townships of Medonte and Flos, for the year 1842, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Richardson,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up report No. 2.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up reports Nos. 2, 3 and 4.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the reports now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges be requested to draw out a By-Law for establishing a road through Euphrasia, Collingwood, Osprey and St. Vincent, commencing 2nd Lot, 4th Con., St. Vincent, entering Euphrasia, 30th Lot, 4th Con., angling to the Townline of Collingwood, at 24, quitting in 23rd Lot, angling to the 1st Lot, 5th Con., Collingwood; thence entering the unsurveyed land of Osprey, angling to the 25th Lot, 12th Con. Nottawasaga, agreeable to the plan or diagram in possession of the Council, as surveyed and furnished by David Seaman, Road Surveyor.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That Mr. Walker be added to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, during the absence of Mr. Drury.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges reported a By-Law.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read, be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the Council do not go into Committee of the whole on the By-Law now read, but that it be read a third time forthwith, and that the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the By-Law do now pass, be engrossed by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

The following petitions were presented:

Of John Smith and others, praying for advice on School affairs,—by Mr.

Alley.

Of Duncan Reid and others, praying for advice on Road affairs,—by Mr.

Alley.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the petition of John Smith and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of Duncan Reid and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up draft of a By-Law on District and Common School purposes.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the draft of By-Law be read a third time forthwith, and that the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the By-Law read a third time, do now pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed by the Chairman.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 3.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Select Committee on the proposed Assessment Act, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the report and petition now read, be adopted, and that the petition be engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Chairman, and forwarded to the various branches of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the Chairman do accompany the petition now adopted, with a communication to the member of Parliament to whom the said petition is entrusted for presentation, calling his attention particularly to that part of the petition shewing the evils complained of, by the impossibility of levying and collecting upon the recited absentee improved property therein alluded to.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up report, No. 3.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Contingencies brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

J. McWATT, Clerk.

# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the May Session,

A.D., 1846.

WM. ARMSON, ESQ., CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON ROAD GRANTS.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee appointed to consider the conduct of the Board of Works, with regard to the expenditure of the grant for roads for this District, beg to state, that they do not consider any terms too strong to express the indignation they feel at the way in which they have for so many years been cajoled out of their rights; and that if the Council neglect making themselves heard at the present time, irreparable mischief may accrue to the District, from the gross mismanagement and partiality of the Board of Works. Your Committee therefore recommend the following draft of a petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th May, 1846.

*To His Excellency Earl Cathcart, Governor-General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

The humble petition of the District Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioners have for many years hoped that a large sum of money, granted under 4th and 5th Victoria, would be expended to improve their roads, but have been constantly disappointed.

That your petitioners had a most undoubted right to the said grant, amounting to £33,333.6s.8d., but have not been able to obtain it, with the exception of a small sum for the construction of a bridge at the Narrows of Lake Simcoe (which in its present state is utterly useless) and the improvement of the Coldwater Road, at that period one of the least frequented in the District.

That at present some work is being done on the Bond Head road, but so slowly and feebly does it proceed, that it seems as if only undertaken to amuse your petitioners and prevent them from again petitioning for what is lawfully their own.

That your petitioners were faithfully promised, through their member, Mr. Robinson, that not only the above Bond Head road, but also the Innisfil and Penetanguishene roads, should be proceeded with this spring, but the said promise has unfortunately shared the fate of all the promises of the Board of Works made to the District of Simcoe.

That your petitioners cannot but be aware that large sums have been expended in other Districts, not more deserving than the District of Simcoe, particularly Hamilton and Port Dover road, on which has been expended £3397 over and above the grant; the Amherstburg and London road has received £4750 over and above its grant; and Port Sarnia and London road, which obtained a grant of £16,666, and received £20,121, as shown in the report of the Chairman of the Board of Works, while your petitioners can hardly obtain any portion of what has been granted to them.

That your petitioners have received with pain and surprise the report of the Chairman of the Board of Works, in which that gentleman, after acknowledging that the sum of £33,333.6s.8d. was intended for the District of Simcoe, states, that "it was considered expedient by the Executive, as stated in his last report, to suspend further expenditure, and to bring the matter before the Legislature, in order that authority might be had to make a different disposition of the appropriation from that which was at first intended, by which the completion of the main road from Toronto to Holland Landing might be included"—and, consequently, the money taken from the District of Simcoe and expended in the Home District. It was also stated in the said last report, that, if it should be adopted, £6500 additional would be required. (Your petitioners again quote from the report,) "Towards the close of last session a Bill was passed, authorising the unexpended portion of the appropriation being thus applied, but the requisite addition of £6500 to the original vote was not asked for;" thus your petitioners are in a fair way of losing not only what they had been taught to consider unalienably their own, (it having been granted them by a Provincial Parliament,) but also to lose the above sum of £6500.

That your petitioners consider it very unusual and extraordinary for a Legislature to cancel a grant once made for such a purpose.

That a Bill having been passed to that effect, and but a small sum retained for this District, your petitioners would like to have some good reason why the several roads specified in the grant cannot be proceeded with during the present spring.

That certain of your petitioners, upon applying to Officers in the employment of the Board of Works, received no satisfactory replies, but were put off with frivolous excuses; and now your petitioners are deliberately told in the report of the said Board, that the failure of the Yonge Street Contractor, in the Home District, is to prevent the completion of the road from Holland Landing to Barrie, and thus debar your petitioners from all hopes of improvement in the District of Simcoe for some time to come.

That your petitioners would further beg to inform your Excellency, that a long and steep hill at the north end of Yonge Street has been cut down at an enormous expense, (about £2000) with a view to render the road as straight and level as possible previous to macadamizing it—which is now to be abandoned, and the road taken entirely out of line, across farms, to the great damage of the owners, and at far greater expense than the straight line would be. And your petitioners can imagine no other reason for the said deviation being sanctioned by the Board of Works, than to carry the road between the store and mills belonging to Messrs. Thorne & Barwick, Commissioners under the Turnpike Trust; and the influence of the Government if exercised without delay will not be too late to put a stop to so gross a piece of mismanagement.

That your petitioners consider that they have shown strong and sufficient

reason for severely reflecting upon the conduct of the Board of Works respecting its conduct towards this District, and trust that your Excellency will see fit to cause a speedy investigation to be made into these just and reasonable causes of complaint.

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

REPORT No. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the Treasurer's report and balance sheet for the first quarter of the present year, as also the Auditors' report, beg leave to state, that they have examined all those documents, and feel satisfied of their correctness.

The affairs of the District, your Committee are glad to state, are much improved during the last twelve months; and they feel satisfied that the new Assessment Act, if carried into effect, will still further improve its financial position.

The Treasurer has so fully reported upon all the affairs of the District, that your Committee deem further observations unnecessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th May, 1846.

REPORT No. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee have examined the petition of Patrick Downey, now confined in the gaol of this District, stating that he taught a school in the Township of Adjala, six months of 1842, and the whole of 1843, and praying to have the balance due to him for the said service, paid to him, as he is much in want of pecuniary assistance. Your Committee find from the accounts now received from Adjala, of the expenditure of the school tax, that Mr. Ryan, the Superintendent, has placed the sum of £4.11s.10½d. in safe hands, to be paid the petitioner on his being liberated. Your Committee therefore recommend that the Clerk be requested to desire Mr. Ryan to pay the said balance to Patrick Downey's order, and also that Patrick Downey be informed of the same.

With regard to the account of school tax received and expended by the Superintendent of Common Schools of Adjala, for the years 1844 and 1845, your Committee find them correct, shewing that the balance of £4.3s.9½d. on the year 1845, arises from some of the school teachers not having kept their schools open during the whole year.

Your Committee have also examined the school returns, with their accompanying vouchers, from the Townships of Medonte, West Gwillimbury, and Oro, and find them correct.

Your Committee having carefully considered the petition of the Rev. J. McIntyre, and Mr. J. Sanson, and also the petition of Trustees of Orillia school, both praying for power to levy a tax of £10, in addition to the tax of £40 already granted for the same purpose, that is to say, for payment of school site, and building of school house, your Committee would recommend that the matter be allowed to remain over till next session, as there is a clause in the proposed School Act which will more accurately define the powers of the Council with regard to the raising of taxes—legal men being of opinion that under the present act a tax cannot legally be collected.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th May, 1846.

## REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A WARDEN.

*To the Chairman and Council Assembled :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the drafting a petition to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that the present Chairman of this Council be appointed the Warden of the District of Simcoe, beg leave to offer the following for the consideration of the Council :

*To His Excellency Earl Cathcart, Governor-General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

The petition of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth :

That this is now the fifth session which your petitioners have met and transacted the important business of the District without a Warden. That your petitioners have repeatedly addressed His Excellency the late Governor-General, (likewise, during the last session, your Excellency) but without effect. That it appears to your petitioners, that, from the unaccountable period which has been allowed to elapse without this highly important office being filled up, your Excellency has some difficulty in being enabled to come to a satisfactory conclusion on the subject, and they would now very respectfully suggest that William Arnson, Esq., who, ever since the resignation of late Warden, has very efficiently acted as their Chairman, be appointed Warden of the District of Simcoe.

Your petitioners have only further to remark, that their said Chairman has been a Councillor during the whole period that the District Council Act has been in operation, and from the experience he has thus obtained of the nature of the routine of its business, he is well qualified to act as Warden ; and lastly, the fact of his having been invariably elected their Chairman, proves that he possesses the unanimous confidence of this Council.

Your petitioners would therefore most respectfully recommend that your Excellency do appoint William Arnson, Esq., to be the Warden of the District of Simcoe, or to do in the matter as your Excellency may see fit.

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 13th May, 1846.

## REPORT NO. 1 OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee to whom was referred the District Surveyor's reports, Nos. 1 and 2, beg leave to state, that as the season for prosecuting with advantage the repairing the roof of the court house, has now arrived, the District Surveyor be ordered to let the same by tender ; that care be taken that it be not let above its real value. They have examined the plan and estimate, and approve of the same. They would observe that payment for the above work could not be made until next winter.

They consider that to proceed with the fitting of the court room might embarrass the District at the present time, and that it may stand over till the next meeting of the Council.

With regard to the locks of the gaol, it appears from a letter the District Surveyor has shown us, that they cannot be procured in Toronto.

They recommend that the District Surveyor be ordered to procure 20 cords of fire wood for the gaol, and that the two forms which were ordered by the Council be paid for, and also the glazing the windows, be paid.

That the deed of the market square, and also the deed for the school land in the Village of Orillia, be placed with the records of the District.  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 12th May, 1846.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION TO AGRICULTURAL AND  
MANUFACTURING INTERESTS.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom was referred the drafting a petition for continuing a sufficient protection to the agricultural and manufacturing interests of these Provinces, beg to recommend the following petition :

*To the Honorable the Legislative House of Assembly :*

The petition of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth :

That your petitioners have heard with much concern that a Bill is now before your Honorable House for taking the duties off articles imported into this Province.

That your petitioners, residing in an Agricultural District, and many of them depending on Agriculture for subsistence, consider the duties on wheat imported from the United States as a great safeguard.

That in spite of the protection afforded by the said duties to the Canadian Agriculturist, the price of wheat hardly remunerates him.

That your petitioners, consider that by abolishing the duty of three shillings on United States wheat, the British farmer also will be injured, and the delay of three years allowed by Sir Robert Peel, anticipated, as it will admit American wheat at once into England at a nominal duty.

Your petitioners sincerely trust that your Honorable House will see fit to disallow the passing of an Act so palpably injurious to the interests of the agricultural and manufacturing community of this Province.

May it therefore place your Honorable House to refuse to pass the Act by which it is proposed to take the duty off foreign produce, or to do in the matter as you may see fit.

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th May, 1846.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE RESPECTING TAXES COLLECTED IN THE  
TOWNSHIPS OF MEDONTE AND FLOS.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Select Committee to whom was referred the subject of money due this District, for taxes collected in the Townships of Medonte and Flos, for the year 1842, would recommend, that the Treasurer of this District do communicate with the Treasurer of the Home District, respecting the taxes collected in the Townships of Medonte and Flos, which are still due this District for that year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. HUNT,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th May, 1846.

REPORT No. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of School Trustees and others, of the Township of Sunnidale, praying for redress from the Superintendent of the Township, beg to state, that the difference complained of does not come within the jurisdiction of the Council; and your Committee are happy to say that it has been amicably adjusted by the parties themselves, in consequence of which no further action need be taken on the communication received from the County Superintendent, on the same subject.

With regard to the communication from the County Superintendent, containing the amount of school money apportioned to the District, amounting to £567 15s.7d., your Committee can only remark that it has been referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment, who will take the necessary action upon it.

Your Committee have considered, with much attention, the memorial of the County Superintendent for some remuneration to his present small salary, in consequence of the several new Townships lately added to this District, and which lie so very distant. They have come to the conclusion, that in common justice, a sum of not less than £7.10s. should be added to the salary of that officer.

Your Committee have examined the school reports and accounts for Innishil for 1845, and find them correct; these reports were presented to the Council last session, but were sent back in consequence of what appeared to be an error, but which is now sufficiently explained. Also school accounts for St. Vincent, which were presented last session and sent back for want of vouchers; these are now forthcoming, and are correct.

With regard to the petition of Alexander Laidlaw and others, praying for a division of No. 6 School District of the Township of Mono, your Committee would recommend the Council to order the Superintendent to make the division prayed for, on or before next session, unless he can show sufficient reason for a contrary proceeding; and that the Clerk be requested to notify the Superintendent of the decision of the Council, if adopted.

On examining the Schedule of Township money for Mono, your Committee find it to be an account of money expended on roads, and therefore out of the jurisdiction of this Committee, and your Committee recommend it being sent to the Auditors.

With regard to the letter of the Collector for Mono, as it relates neither to schools nor education, and your Committee know nothing whatever of the subject contained in it, they recommend that it be returned to Mr. White, as it appears to be a private communication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th May, 1846.

REPORT No. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the Auditors' report No. 2, beg to state that they have examined the following accounts, and recommend that they be discharged:—

Henry Douglas.....	£0 7 6
Hugh Scobie.....	5 5 0
Daniel McDavitt.....	0 4 7
Total.....	£5 17 1

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th May, 1846.

## REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Hamilton, Collector for Adjala, praying for advice and protection from the Council, beg to report—

That as it appears that your petitioner is only *threatened* with disagreeable consequences, by having collected certain moneys for school purposes in that Township, it is unnecessary for this Council to interfere in the matter. Should said petitioner meet with loss, it will then be for the Council to consider what should be done in his behalf.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th May, 1846.

## REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Committee on Finance and Assessment would beg leave to recommend, that the following rates of Assessment be adopted for the present year:

For District purposes, and defraying the expenses of the Administration of Criminal Justice, the rate to be the same as preceding year.

Your Committee would also recommend that there be levied for support of

Common Schools, the sum of.....	£567	15	9
Salary of the County Superintendents.....	32	10	0
For Township Superintendents.....	20	5	0
Additional Allowance to Six Township Clerks.....	8	0	0
Percentage for Collecting, &c.....	31	19	5 $\frac{1}{2}$

Total amount..... £660 10 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

And they recommend that the said sum be apportioned as follows:

West Gwillimbury.....	£119	9	7
Medonte.....	29	16	11
Tecumseth.....	97	10	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mono.....	61	10	10
Adjala.....	55	3	0
Innisfil.....	52	C	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Essa.....	22	18	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Vespra.....	29	13	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oro.....	56	2	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mulmur.....	13	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tiny.....	13	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sunnidale.....	8	11	1
Fles.....	10	14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Orillia.....	15	16	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nottawasaga.....	32	5	3
Tossorontio.....	9	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tay.....	9	10	9
St. Vincent.....	9	14	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Euphrasia.....	7	4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Collingwood.....	7	4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$

Total..... £660 10 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th May, 1846.

## REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, [to whom was referred the petition of John Smith and others, of the Township of Oro, complaining against Charles Lang, proprietor of west half No. 8, in the 3rd Concession of Oro, having blocked up the road between the lots 7 and 8, in the said 3rd Concession of Oro, which appears to have been in uninterrupted use for upwards of eight years as a public thoroughfare, are of opinion that the said road should be left undisturbed, and would recommend that the Clerk of this Council do write to the said proprietor of west half No. 8, admonishing him against any such interference as that complained of, and directing the re-opening of the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED. WILLSON,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th May, 1846.

## REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ACT.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom was referred the drafting a petition to both Houses of the Legislature, respecting the proposed Assessment Act, beg to submit the following petition :

*To the Honorable the Legislative House of Assembly.*

The humble petition of the District Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioners have read the proposed new Assessment Act, and beg to state, that they are of opinion that if the said proposed act were to take effect according to its spirit, your petitioners would consider it a great boon to the Province; but if passed in its present form, your petitioners fear that it will leave them in a worse position than they were under the present Assessment Act, and therefore beg to offer the following remarks:

That by the 3rd clause, it is proposed that the District Council shall nominate one assessor and one collector for each Division.

Your petitioners would beg to suggest that, in the appointment of any number of assessors and collectors, it might happen that as a quorum of the Council might not be obtained, in such a case the Warden might be empowered to make such appointments, as otherwise these officers could not be nominated.

That by the 16th clause it is proposed, that "absentee lands shall in no case exceed the *lowest* value put upon the unimproved lands of residents in the assessment division, wherein such absentee lands are situated." Your petitioners would beg to observe, that by this arrangement, wild lands of great value would be assessed at the value of other lands worth little or nothing; and your petitioners would beg to enquire, how certain wild lands could be ascertained to be the property of the crown or of private individuals?

That by the 21st clause it is proposed that the Council shall appoint two Councillors and a Justice of the Peace to form a Board of Appeal, for all matters of complaint connected with assessment. Your petitioners would beg to ask, what remedy could be found in the event of such Councillors and magistrates refusing to act in said matter?—And your petitioners are of opinion that such Councillors and Magistrate would not feel inclined to devote their time, and be at an actual outlay, without any remuneration.

It also appears to your petitioners that no provision is made for a fair and equal assessment of the improved assessable property owned by a person residing in a different division from that in which such improved property may be situated, and from which omission in the present Assessment Act,

together with the impossibility of collecting, this District is now suffering severe loss, owing to a Collector not being empowered to levy out of his own Township, thereby making improved property of no more value to the District than Absentee Wild Lands.

May it therefore please your Honorable House to investigate into these observations, and cause the proposed Act to be so worded, as to confer the great benefit upon the Province which it is intended it should, or to do in the matter as you may see fit.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th May, 1846.

REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom was referred the petition of Duncan Reid and others, of Union School District No. 5, of Oro and Medonte, complaining of the division of the said Union School District, have to report, that upon examining the same, and investigating the matters therewith connected, as far as in their power lies, are of opinion, and would recommend, that the Clerk of this Council do communicate with the Township Superintendents of Oro and Medonte, to ascertain whether the Councilors of said Townships have concurred in the division of the said Union School District, as complained of in the said petition, in accordance with the provisions of the Common School Act, and the resolutions of this Council, in order that this Council may, at a future session, grant such relief to the petitioners as they may deem advisable.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th May, 1846.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee on Contingencies having examined the several accounts and allowances necessary to be granted for services performed, would recommend that the Chairman do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums, viz. :—

To James Cleland, for Printing Minutes February Quarter, 1846.	£ 7	6	0
" John McWatt, paid for Minute Book .....	1	3	9
" " " Transport of Minutes .....	0	3	9
" " " Stationery .....	0	6	2
" " " Postage .....	0	18	4½
" " " Copying Minutes for Printer, for Feb. quarter, 1846 .....	2	0	0
" " " Candles .....	0	1	8
" John Creaser, 3 days' attendance as constable .....	0	15	0
" Frances Martin, 3 days' attendance as messenger .....	0	15	0
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. HUNT,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 14th May, 1846.

TREASURER'S REPORT, FIRST QUARTER, 1846.

To the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe:

Gentlemen,—

On submitting for your inspection my balance sheet for the first quarter of the current year, it gives me much satisfaction to report, that, with the exception of the debt for the gaol and court house, to reduce which the present rates and assessments are (as I have before, stated) quite inadequate, the general liabilities of the District have been discharged as they became due, and that we may now reasonably expect, that by the exercise of proper diligence in collecting the revenue of the District, and a due regard to economy on the part of those who direct the outlay of the same, the credit of the District be firmly established.

With regard to any process by which the District could be freed from the heavy debt contracted in the erection of the public buildings, I confess that I could see no other than that which I recommended in my last report, viz:—“a Wild Land Tax.” It appears probable, however, that the Assessment Act now before the Provincial Parliament, will afford us material relief as regards the mode of assessing Wild Lands and the collection of the taxes for which they may be liable; and, as in addition to that, it is proposed by the Government, that the expenses of the Administration of Criminal Justice should be paid out of the Provincial funds, there seem just grounds for expecting, at no very distant period, a termination of our financial embarrassments.

It will be seen by my balance sheet, that on the 31st of March, there was a large sum to the credit of the District; and I would beg leave to state, for the information of the Council, why, with that sum in my hands, I did not proceed at once to reduce the principal of our debt. In the first place, all the assessed taxes for 1845, with the exception of, say £160, having been received, it could not be expected that the funds of the District could receive any important augmentation till December next, while on the other hand, the expenses of the Administration of Justice, the interest on the debentures, and the contingent expenses of the District, extending over a period of eight months, was to be provided for; and having since reduced the balance in hand, by the payment of £257, I feel that I should not have acted prudently, in retaining less than I did, till a greater portion of the current year had passed, and its expenses consequently ascertained.

I further beg leave to report, that in compliance with your instructions, I commenced legal proceedings against the Collector of Nottawasaga, for the year 1844, which, however, have since been stopped, in consequence of his sureties having paid the balance of his taxes.

With regard to the four debentures issued by the Council in January last, as they have not been disposed of, and as the holders of those debentures, now due, do not appear desirous of changing their investment, I should recommend, that previous to offering them again, it should be ascertained whether those Government measures, now in contemplation, and to which I adverted in a former part of my report, may not do away with the necessity for using them.

I am not aware of any thing further connected with the financial affairs of the District that is necessary to be brought before the Council at present, but shall be ready to furnish any explanations that may be required.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDMUND LALLY,

Treasurer, District of Simcoe.

Treasurer's Office, Barrie, May 8th, 1846.

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CURRENT WITH THE DISTRICT OF SIMCOE.

		PAYMENTS.		Cr.	
1846.		£.	s.	d.	
Jan.	2—	By paid Bounty on three wolves' scalps.....	4	10	0
	3—	" " " on one wolf ".....	1	10	0
	7—	District Surveyor, on account of salary.....	0	10	0 1/2
	"	Assessor of Oro, on account of per cent. for '45....	0	8	9
	"	Collector, Assessor and Township Clerk of Orillia for 1845.....	9	18	10
	"	Mr. Sheriff Smith, per order of Sessions.....	47	11	2
	"	Clerk of Peace, " " ".....	48	2	7
	9—	Dr. Pass, medicine and attendance to prisoners.....	12	6	3
	9—	Township Clerk of Sunnidale for 1845.....	4	0	0
	12—	J. Creaser, constable, per order of sessions.....	3	13	6
	"	H. Scobie, printing schedule of convictions.....	4	2	0
	"	J. Beardsley, constable, per order of sessions....	9	11	6
	"	M. Hayter, gaoler per order of sessions.....	29	8	7
	"	P. McKearnon, constable, per order of sessions.....	1	0	0
	"	Interest on Debentures, Nos. 4, 5, 6, 15, 16, 18, 19, and 21 to 38.....	165	15	0
	13—	A. Campbell, for work at the pump in gaol.....	1	10	0
	14—	J. M. Young, collector of Oro for 1844, amount overpaid the District.....	11	8	4 1/2
	"	Collector of Oro, percentage for 1844.....	7	7	4
	"	Township Clerk of Essa for 1845.....	4	0	0
	"	Bounty on three wolves' scalps.....	4	10	0
	16—	Township Clerk of St. Vincent, for 1845.....	4	0	0
	18—	Assessor of Tny, percentage for 1845.....	2	3	7
	"	John Atkinson, high constable, salary for 1845.....	3	17	5
	23—	J. McGinerty, constable, per order sessions....	1	16	4
	"	Bounty on Wolf Scalp.....	1	10	0
	"	Township Clerk of Oro, for 1844.....	1	0	0
	26—	Assessor of Vespra, percentage for 1844.....	3	19	5
	"	Assessor of Oro, " " 1843.....	8	6	8
	27—	R. Playtor, constable, per order of sessions.....	3	0	0
	"	A. Morrow, constable, " " ".....	3	2	0
	29—	Assessor of Innisfil, percentage for 1845.....	5	10	11
Feb.	2—	Township Clerk of Mulmur for 1845.....	4	0	0
	"	" " Tossorontio, for 1845.....	4	0	0
	4—	James Moore, constable, per order of sessions....	1	19	10
	5—	Assessor and Collector of Adjala, percentage for 1845.....	7	19	9
	"	J. Hamilton, constable, per order of sessions....	0	12	0
	"	Interest on Debentures, Nos. 1 to 7.....	25	18	9
	"	Crier of the Court.....	7	1	8
	9—	Interest on Debentures Nos. 8 to 12.....	27	0	0
	"	W. Graham, auditor, salary for 1845.....	2	10	0
	10—	District Surveyor, balance of salary for 1845.....	23	16	10
	"	Collector and Assessor of Tossorontio, percentage for 1845.....	2	5	2 1/2
	"	Township Clerk of Medonte for 1845.....	4	0	0
	12—	Assessor of Nottawasaga, percentage for 1845....	5	11	11
	13—	Township Clerk of Tay for 1845.....	4	0	0
	"	" " Oro for 1845.....	4	0	0
	"	F. Skelly, constable, per order of sessions.....	2	11	6

Carried forward.

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**EDMUND LALLY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT**


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Dr.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.
1846	Brought forward.	
Mar 21—	To Wild Land Tax, as per Wild Land Tax Book . . . . .	0 3 4
27—	" Collector of Nottawasaga, on account of Taxes, 1845	19 0 11½
28—	" Wild Land Tax, as per Wild Land Tax Book . . . . .	0 3 4
30—	" A. Goodfellow, Esq., J.P., amount of fine . . . . .	0 10 0

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 £1338 18 8½

Examined and found correct, as per Cash Book.

 JOHN ATKINSON, } AUDITORS.  
 WILLIAM GRAHAM, }

Barrie, May 6th, 1846.

*CURRENT WITH THE DISTRICT OF SIMCOE.*

a. d.		PAYMENTS.	Cr.
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1846.		Brought forward.	
3 4		Feb. 17—By paid error, wild land tax received for Collingwood and St. Vincent, for the years 1842, 1843 and 1844, now placed to the credit of the Home District.....	3 7 6
0 11½		— " Treasurer, for expenses of a journey to Toronto, in April, 1845, on District business.....	3 15 0
3 4	18—	" Township Clerk of Flos for 1845.....	4 0 0
10 0	Mar. 1—	" Bounty on Wolf Scalp.....	1 10 0
	—	" Township Clerk of Vespra for 1845.....	4 0 0
	2—	" Collector and Assessor of Essa, percentage for 1845.....	9 5 1
	—	" Township Clerk of Innisfil for 1845.....	4 0 0
	3—	" Collector of West Gwillimbury, balance of percentage.....	9 12 1
	5—	" J. Holdsworth, on account wood for court house.....	2 10 0
	—	" Township Clerk of Sunnidale, for 1845.....	4 0 0
	—	" Collector of Sunnidale, percentage for 1845.....	0 8 8
	10—	" Collector of Sunnidale, amount overpaid the District.....	0 6 0
	14—	" J. Cleland, printer, per order of D. Council.....	4 5 0
	17—	" Collector and Assessor of Mulmur, percentage for 1845.....	3 5 0
	25—	" Assessor of Oro, bal. percentage for 1845.....	8 7 0
	30—	" Assessor of Sunnidale, per cent. for 1845.....	0 13 1½
		Assets in Cank of Upper Canada.....	738 15 8½

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£1338 18 8½

Examined and found correct, as per vouchers.

AUDITORS.

JOHN ATKINSON,	}	AUDITORS.
WILLIAM GRAHAM,		

Barrie, May 6th, 1846.

## BY-LAW No. 26.

*A By-Law for establishing a Road through parts of St. Vincent, Euphrasia, Collingwood and Osprey.*

Be it enacted by the District Council of the District of Simcoe, that so much of the road surveyed and laid out by David Seaman, one of the District Road Surveyors, of the Township of St. Vincent, as shewn in his plan or diagram in the possession of this Council, extending from the 2nd lot in the 4th concession of St. Vincent, and angling to the 30th lot in the 4th concession of Euphrasia, thence angling to the townline of Collingwood, thence proceeding up the said townline to the 23rd lot, thence angling to the 1st lot in the 5th concession of the said Township of Collingwood, thence entering the unsurveyed land of Osprey, and angling to the rear of the 25th lot in the 12th concession of Nottawasaga, be, and the same is hereby established and confirmed as a public highway.

And be it further enacted, that the petitioners for surveying said road, shall pay to the said Surveyor his legal charges for the same; and further, that all claims for land, or damage to land, shall be fully and fairly paid or settled by the same parties; further, any other claim of any description whatever.

Council Hall, 14th May, 1846.

W. ARMSON, CHAIRMAN.

## BY-LAW No. 27.

*A By-Law for raising a Tax for District and School Purposes.*

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, that there be raised, levied, and collected in the usual manner, on all the ratable property belonging to the inhabitants of the District of Simcoe, liable to be assessed during the present year, the rate of one penny halfpenny in the pound on the assessed value of all such property, for the purposes of, and towards defraying the expenses of the Administration of Justice, and to provide for other liabilities of the said District.

Be it further enacted, that for the support of Common Schools, the payment of teachers, allowance to County Superintendent, extra allowance to certain Township Clerks, and allowance to Township Superintendents, for the year 1846, there shall be raised, levied and collected on the ratable or assessed property of all the townships contained in the District of Simcoe, except *Matchedash*, the sum of six hundred and sixty pounds, ten shillings and two-pence three farthings, currency, over and above all other rates and assessments raised for other purposes, and which said sum shall be raised, levied and collected from the said townships in the following proportion:

West Gwillimbury.....	£119 9 7
Medonte .....	29 16 11
Tecumseth.....	97 10 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mono.....	61 10 10
Adjala.....	55 3 0
Innisfil.....	52 0 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Essa.....	22 18 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Vespra.....	29 13 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oro.....	56 2 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mulmur.....	13 0 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tiny.....	13 0 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sunnidale.....	8 11 1
Flos.....	10 14 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Orillia.....	15 16 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nottawasaga.....	32 5 3
Tossorontio.....	9 1 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tay.....	9 10 0
St. Vincent.....	9 14 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Euphrasia.....	7 4 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Collingwood.....	7 4 11 $\frac{1}{2}$

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which said rate or assessment of six hundred and sixty pounds, ten shillings and twopence three farthings, currency, shall be assessed, levied or collected in the like manner, and at the same time as all other rates and assessments for the use of the said District are by law now assessed, levied and collected, to be recovered by the Collector from all persons neglecting or refusing to pay such rate for assessment, as provided for by the 12th clause of an Act passed in the seventh year of the reign of Victoria, cap. 29, entitled "an Act for the establishment and maintenance of Common Schools in Upper Canada." And further, that out of the said moneys to be so raised and collected, the Treasurer shall pay to the County Superintendent the sum of thirty-two pounds, ten shillings, according to the proper proportion of each township; and further that out of the said moneys to be so raised and collected, there shall be paid by the Treasurer, certain sums to Township Clerks and Superintendents, at the same rates, and in the same manner as passed by the By-Law of last year; and which allowance to County Superintendent, and certain allowances to Township Clerks, the Treasurer of the District shall pay over to them on demand.

W. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Council Hall, 14th May, 1846.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

Third Quarterly Meeting,

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 11th August,

1846.

The Council met.

Present—Messrs. Alley, Armson, Dallas, Drury, Hamilton, Hunt, Irwin, Jeffery, Keenan, Richardson, Rogers, Seeler, Stephens, Todd.

In absence of the Warden, the Clerk called the meeting to Order.

Moved by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

That Mr. Armson take the chair.—Carried.

Mr. Armson took the chair.

Several communications were read and laid on the table.

1st. From the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of two By-Laws passed at the last session of the Council.

2nd. From the same, acknowledging receipt of a petition recommending alterations in certain clauses of the Assessment Act.

3rd. From the same, on the appointment of a Warden.

4th. From the same, on the subject of levying a tax on absentee wild lands, saying that His Excellency does not deem such an Act expedient.

5th. From the same, acknowledging receipt of a memorial protesting against the reduction of duty on foreign produce imported into this Province, and saying that such a step could not be entertained.

Treasurer's report and appendix, together with balance sheet, laid before the Council.

Auditors' Reports Nos. 1 and 2 laid before the Council.

District Surveyor's report No. 1, on the state of the court house roof, laid before the Council.

Memorial from George Lount, Esq., Registrar of this County, representing that as the Public Records have been removed to Barrie, it will be necessary for the Council to furnish him with an office with as little delay as possible.

A circular from the Board of Education to the Municipal Council of the several Districts and cities in Upper Canada, recommending free education to two young men with a view to their becoming school teachers, laid before the Council.

The following petitions were presented.

1st. Of the inhabitants of the Township of Essa, praying to be assessed to raise a sum of money to build a bridge, by Mr. Todd.

2nd. Of Charles Long, of Oro, praying for remuneration for the land

taken up by the road running through his lot, or to order the proper line of road to be opened by Statute Labor, by Mr. Drury.

3rd. Of the Trustees of School District No. 14, Township of King, being a Union District with Tecumseth, praying that the said part of Union District in Tecumseth may be assessed for school purposes, by Mr. Irwin.

4th. Of the School Trustees and inhabitants of No. 2 School District, Tecumseth, praying against any sub-division of their District, by Mr. Rogers.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the petition of Charles Long be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the petition of the inhabitants of Essa be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the petition of Geo. Lount, Esq., be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees and inhabitants of School District No. 2, Tecumseth, and accompanying explanatory note of the Township Superintendent, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the memorial of the Trustees of School District No. 14, of King, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Todd,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor's Report, No. 1, be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the Treasurer's report, balance sheet and Auditors' reports, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That Mr. Rogerson's communication be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the petition of the School Trustees of Orillia, presented at last session, be reconsidered by the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

Ordered—That the Chairman do name members to fill the vacancies occurring upon Standing Committees during the absence of members.

The Chairman nominated Mr. Rogers for Education, Mr. Keenan for Roads and Bridges and Mr. Irwin for District Property.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Todd,

Ordered—That the Treasurer be requested to prepare and lay before this Council, at its next sitting, in a balance sheet, the exact state of the District financial accounts, showing not only the assets and expenditure but the actual liabilities of the same, and as far as practicable, the separate items of each account, to whom moneys have been paid and for what purpose.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the communication from the Township Superintendent of Common Schools for Oro, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education, The Standing Committee on Education brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Irwin,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the letter of the Superintendent of Education for Adjala be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the report of the Superintendent of Education for Sunnidale be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the Auditors' Report, No. 3, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up the draft of a By-Law to levy a tax of fifty pounds, cy., over and above the expenses of levying, on the inhabitants of No. 1 School District, Orillia.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the By-Law be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the Council do not go into Committee of the whole on the By-Law now read, but that it be read a third time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the By-Law read a third time do now pass, be engrossed by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman.

The Standing Committee on District Property brought up reports Nos. 1 and 2.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the reports now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the Chairman do nominate a Committee on Contingencies.

The Chairman nominated Messrs. Hunt, Irwin and Todd.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Contingencies brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Todd,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON,  
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# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the August Session,

A.D., 1846.

WM. ARMSON, ESQ., CHAIRMAN.

### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the Treasurer's report, balance sheet and Auditors' reports, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined these documents.

With respect to the communication which the Treasurer has had with the Treasurer of the Home District, concerning the Taxes of Medonte and Flos for the year 1842, your Committee would respectfully recommend that this Council do take legal advice touching the responsibility of the Treasurer of the Home District to refund to this District the sum which ought to have been paid so long since to its Treasurer.

Your Committee would further suggest that the Clerk be requested to take down in writing all the information which the Councillor for Medonte is enabled to afford upon the subject, for the information of the legal adviser.

In conclusion, your Committee beg to observe that they are of opinion that the Treasurer of the Home District has rendered himself legally liable to this District for the sum in dispute, by having acted illegally.

Your Committee have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer for the last quarter, and upon the whole feel satisfied with the financial affairs of the District. They would recommend that the Treasurer be requested to pay off as much as possible of the debt of the District with the funds which are or may be in his hands, as your Committee believe that no interest is allowed by the Bank for the surplus funds of the District, whereas the District pays interest for every shilling of its debt.

Your Committee would also beg leave to remark that they observe several sums paid to the Treasurer by order of the Court of Sessions, which appear to them extraordinary, but over which they, of course, have no control—such as the charge of Mr. Scobie, for printing, £34.5s.4d., &c.

Your Committee have also examined the Auditors' accounts and approve of them.

Your Committee recommend that the account of Patrick McKernan and others, amounting to £25.13s.6d. be discharged by warrant of the Chairman. All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th August, 1846.

REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom was referred the memorial of George Lount, Esquire, requesting a suitable place for a Registry office, would recommend that the office lately occupied by the Clerk of the District court be applied to his immediate use, and that the surveyor be required to furnish a suitable desk for the same.

With respect to the building of the vaults, your Committee would recommend that the matter do lie over until next session, so that they may be enabled to examine the act relating to the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th Aug., 1846.

REPORT NO. 2 OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom was referred the District Surveyor's report, No. 1, beg leave to report that they recommend that this Council take no steps in the matter at this session—with the view that the Surveyor may be enabled to report fully upon the subject, by the work being completed, prior to the next Sessions. Your Committee would recommend that the District Surveyor be requested to attend strictly to the interests of the Council in this matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th August, 1846.

REPORT NO. 5 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Long, of the Township of Oro,

Beg leave to report, that the Clerk of the Council do notify Mr. Long to apply to the Councillors of the Township of Oro, for a sufficient share of Statute Labor to open the road between lots Nos. 5 and 6 in the 3rd Concession of said Township.

Your Committee also beg leave to report that they have examined the petition of W. Todd and others, of the several Townships as follows:—Esea, Tossorontio, Adjala, Mono, Mulmur and Nottawasaga, and do recommend that the petition be referred back for more signatures from the respective Townships.

All which is respectfully submitted.

RICH. DRURY,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th Aug., 1846.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

Your Committee having carefully considered the petition of the Rev. J. McIntyre and J. Sanson, and also the petition of the Trustees of Orillia school, both praying for a tax of fifty pounds for the purpose of purchasing a site for a school house, and for building said school house, and as it appears by the new School Act now in force, sufficient power is vested in the Council for such purposes, your Committee would recommend that the said sum of fifty pounds be levied and collected on all the ratable inhabitants of said School District, and that the necessary by-law be enacted for that purpose, the said sum of fifty pounds to be raised clear of all costs of collection.

Your Committee would recommend that the consideration of the other documents referred to them be deferred till next session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ARMSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th August, 1846.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

Your Committee on Contingencies having examined the several accounts and allowances necessary to be granted for services performed, would recommend that the Chairman do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums, viz.:-

To James Cleland, for Printing Minutes for May Session.....	£ 7 11 0
" John McWatt, stationery.....	0 13 7½
" " " Transport of Minutes .....	0 3 9
" " " Candles.....	0 1 8
" " " Postage.....	0 12 1
" " " Copying Minutes for Printer, for May Session, 1846.....	2 0 0
" John Creaser, as constable .....	0 5 0
" Frances Martin, as messenger .....	0 5 0

£11 12 1½

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. HUNT,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 11th August, 1846.

AUDITORS' REPORT NO. 2, ON ACCOUNTS CHARGED TO THE DISTRICT.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

We, the Auditors for the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report, that we have examined several accounts charged to the District and find them as follows :

Account of Patrick McKernan, for work at the gaol and lime for the same .....	£11 4 0
Account of Michael McKernan, for work at the gaol and cleaning chimneys .....	4 10 0
Account of James Johnston, mason, for work done at the gaol ....	3 1 3
Account of Thos. Meldrum, for lumber and teaming, &c.....	1 3 2
Account of Andrew Graham, for teaming .....	0 15 0
Total .....	£ 25 13 5

The above are all correct as signed by Surveyor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, }  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, August 8th, 1846.

## AUDITORS' REPORT NO. 4, ON ACCOUNTS CHARGED TO THE DISTRICT.

To the District Council of Simcoe:

We, the Auditors of the District of Simcoe, beg leave to state that we have examined two accounts charged to the District, and find them as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Account of Obadiah Gager, for cordwood.....	5	0	0
Correct as per order of Surveyor.			
Account of Francis Martin, for a box for Treasurers office.....	0	10	0
Correct.			
Total .....	£5	10	0

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, } AUDITORS.  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, }

Barrie, August 11th, 1846.

## AUDITORS' REPORT NO. 4, ON TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

We, the Auditors for the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report, that we have examined the accounts of the District Treasurer for the 2nd Quarter 1846, and found them perfectly correct.

	£	s.	d.
Amount of moneys received, as per cash book.....	1047	17	0½
Amount of moneys paid, as per vouchers.....	608	10	4
Balance in hand.....	£441	6	3¾

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, } AUDITORS.  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, }

Barrie, August 8th, 1846.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe.

Gentlemen,—

I beg leave to report that in accordance\* with the requisitions of the statute 6 Geo. 4th, Chap. 7, I laid before the court of quarter sessions, holden last month, a return of all lands within the District liable to sale for arrears of taxes, comprising more than 600 lots or portions of lots. In making out this account I found that some lands were upwards of twenty years in arrear, from which circumstance I considered it more than probable that such lots might have reverted to the Crown. In order therefore to avoid exposing for sale, lands the property of the Crown, I forwarded (on the 10th ult.) to the Commissioner of Crown lands, a copy of the said return, requesting him to point out such Lots as might be now owned by the Government, but regret to state that up to the present date the receipt of my letter has not been acknowledged.

I further beg leave to report that in compliance with the instructions of the Council, transmitted to me by your Clerk, I placed myself in communication with the Treasurer of the Home District on the subject of the taxes of Medonte, for the year 1842. For his explanation I beg leave to refer you to the appendix to this report.

A balance of taxes for 1846 still remains due from Oro; Tecumseth and

Nottawaaga, but having lately addressed letters to the collectors of those Townships insisting on an immediate settlement, I trust it may not be necessary to resort to harsher measures to enforce the claims of the District.

It gives me much satisfaction to be able to report, that (with the exception of one trifling account) no claims upon the District up to this date remain unliquidated, and that notwithstanding two heavy bills will have been contracted for repairs of the gaol and court house, (extraordinary expences) to meet which it is necessary to make provision, I expect to be able to cancel at least one debenture before the expiration of the present year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDM. LALLY,

Treasurer of District of Simcoe.

Treasurer's Office, Barrie, August. 10th, 1846.

BY-LAW No. 28.

*A By-Law imposing a Tax upon the Inhabitants of a certain School Districts in the Township therein named, to be applied to the Building of a School House therein.*

WHEREAS, it is required to raise the sum of fifty pounds currency over and above all expenses of levying the same, for the purpose of erecting a school house in the District No. 1, of the Township of Orillia,

It is hereby enacted, that in order to raise the money for the said purpose the Assessor in said Township of Orillia for the present year shall, and he is hereby required to furnish the Clerk of the District Council within one calendar month from and after the passing of this Act, with a certified copy of the Assessment Roll of his township, distinguishing the ratable property in said School District separately, with the valuation of such property extended. Upon delivery of which said copy of Roll to the said Clerk, the said Assessor shall be entitled to demand and receive from the Treasurer of the District, upon production of the Clerk's receipt for said copy of Roll, the sum of two shillings and sixpence for every hundred names therein contained,

And it shall be the duty of the said Clerk of the District Council to make out a copy of such Roll, and to assess the following sums equally upon all ratable property in the said School District, that is to say:—Upon all persons possessing ratable property in said School District the sum of fifty pounds currency, over and above the expense of levying.

And it shall be the duty of the said District Council Clerk, as soon as the said Roll shall have been completed, to cause the same to be delivered to the Collector of the before named Township.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Collector of the said Township shall, and he is hereby authorized and required to ask, demand and receive from all persons named in the said roll, the sum therein named as their proportion of the said assessment, and to raise, levy and collect the same in the same manner as the other assessed taxes are now raised, levied and collected; and he shall pay the same over to the Treasurer of the District, for which service the said Collector shall be paid by the said Treasurer at the rate of five per cent. on the amount so levied, collected and paid.

WM. ARMSON,

CHAIRMAN.

Council Hall, 11th August, 1846.

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

Fourth Quarterly Meeting,

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 6th October,

1846.

The Council met.

Present—Messrs. Agnew, Armson, Cody, Dallas, Drury, Hunt, Irwin, Richardson, Robertson, Todd, Walker, Willson, White.

In the absence of a Warden, the Clerk called the meeting to order.

Moved by Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

That Wm. Armson, Esq., be chosen Warden for the District of Simcoe.

Carried unanimously.

The Warden took the chair.

A communication from the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging receipt of a By-Law, was read and laid on the table.

The Treasurer's report, balance sheet, abstract, appendix, account Nos. 1 and 2, together with A. and B., laid before the Council.

The District Surveyor's report No. 1, with Auditors' reports No. 1, 2, 3, laid on the table.

The following petitions were presented:

Of certain inhabitants of Euphrasia and Collingwood, praying for a Township meeting and Councillor, by Mr. Robertson.

Of Edmund Lally and others, praying for the establishing of a road in Innisfil, by Mr. Wilson.

Of the Trustees and inhabitants of School District No. 6. West Gwillimbury, praying to be taxed for the erection of a school house in said District, by Mr. Walker.

Of the inhabitants of School District No. 6, West Gwillimbury, praying that they may not be taxed for the erection of a school house in said District, by Mr. Walker.

Of Trustees of School District No. 5, West Gwillimbury, praying that the tax for the erection of a school house in said District, ordered by the District Council, may be collected—by the same.

Of the Trustees of Union School District in Tecumseth praying for aid to build a school house, by Mr. Irwin.

Of the Trustees of School District No. 18 Tecumseth, praying for aid to finish a school house—by the same.

Of the Trustees of School District No. 3, Essa, praying that the tax for

repairing school house in said District, ordered by the Council, may be collected—by Mr. Walker.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the several petitions on school matters, received from the Township of West Gwillimbury, be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the several petitions received from the Township of Tecumseth, relating to schools, be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the petition of Edmund Lally and others, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the petition of the inhabitants of Euphrasia and Collingwood, be referred to a Select Committee to be appointed by the Warden.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Dallas, Walker and Robertson.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,

Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 3, Essa, be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the thanks of this Council be voted to William Armson, Esq., the late Chairman, for his very efficient services during the several sessions of Council at which he has presided.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That Edmund Lally, Esq., be appointed Treasurer for the District of Simcoe

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the thanks of this Council be voted to Edmund Lally, Esq., the late Treasurer of this District, for his zealous and very valuable services while acting in that capacity.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Warden do appoint a Committee to enquire particularly into the nature and extent of the duties of the Treasurer with a view to the Finance Committee recommending the amount to be fixed for his future salary.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Dallas, Drury and Walker.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Treasurer's report and documents connected therewith, also the Auditors' reports, be referred to the committee on Finance and assessment.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Finance Committee do report upon the salaries of the different officers for the present year.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That whereas by an amendment of the late "Municipal Council Act," power is given to District Councils to grant an allowance to their members during their attendance as such—the following draft of a By-Law for that purpose be submitted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read, be read a second time tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor's report No. 1, be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the thanks of this Council be voted to James Dallas, Esq., our late Warden, for his able and valuable services while in that capacity.

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON,

WARDEN.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1846.

- The Council met.  
 The Warden in the chair  
 The minutes of yesterday read.  
 A communication from the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, tendering his resignation as County Superintendent of Common Schools, was laid before the Council.  
 The legal opinion of Mr. James Patton, barrister, regarding the taxes of Medonto, laid before the Council.  
 The following petitions were presented :  
 Of S. Baxter, praying alteration of a road through petitioner's land in Vespra, by Mr. Walker.  
 Of Patrick A. Smith and others, praying for an alteration of a road in Vespra—by Mr. Walker.  
 Of John Doan and others, praying for assistance to repair a school house and furnish a stove for School District No. 12, West Gwillimbury, by Mr. Rogers.  
 Of School Trustees of No. 2 District, Flos, praying for certain school moneys withheld from said District, by Mr. Richardson.  
 Of the inhabitants of Essa, praying for a tax to build a bridge—by Mr. Todd.  
 The memorial of Edmund Lally, Esq., Treasurer of the District, applying for an increase of salary, laid before the Council.  
 On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffery  
 Ordered—That the Treasurer's memorial just read, be referred to the Special Committee appointed to report upon the said Treasurer's duties.  
 On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Stephens,  
 Ordered—That the petitions from Vespra, now received, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.  
 On motion of Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
 Ordered—That the petition of John Doan and others, be referred to the Committee on Education.  
 On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hunt,  
 Ordered—That the petition of School Trustees, No. 2 District, of Flos, be referred to the Committee on Education.  
 On motion of Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Walker  
 Ordered—That the petition from the inhabitants of Essa, praying for aid to build a bridge, now before the Council, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.  
 On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffery,  
 Ordered—That the legal opinion of Mr. Patton, respecting certain liabilities of the Treasurer of the Home District, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment.  
 The Draft of a By-Law on District Councillors' allowance, read a second time.  
 On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. White,  
 Ordered—That the resignation of the Rev. S. B. Ardagh be accepted, and Mr. Clifford be appointed Superintendent of Common Schools for the County of Simcoe, and that that gentleman be notified by the Clerk, and requested to make known his securities to the Warden as soon as possible, in order that the necessary Bonds may be completed.  
 On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,  
 Ordered—That a Committee consisting of Messrs. Armonson and Walker, be appointed to report upon the District Council Act as amended.  
 On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. White,  
 Ordered—That the same Committee be appointed to report on the new School Act.  
 On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Rogers,  
 Ordered—That the petition of the inhabitants of Essa, praying for a tax to be levied for the purpose of building a bridge, be read.  
 On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. White,  
 Ordered—That the communications received from the government,

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whether answers to petitions or other documents, be in future printed in the minutes of the following session, if received.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the Warden do nominate a Committee for the purpose of petitioning the three branches of the Legislature, respecting the attempts which have been hitherto, and will most probably again be made, to take from this District a portion of the same, for the purpose of being attached to the Home District, and that the Warden do hold such petitions until Parliament meets, to be then forwarded to their several destinations.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Dallas, Stephens and Irwin.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the Council do now go into Committee of the whole upon the By-Law for the purpose of authorizing the paying the members of this Council six shillings and three pence per day.

The Council went into Committee of the whole. Mr. Walker in the chair. Committee rose and reported the draft of By Law, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the By-Law upon the subject of Members' Wages, be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the Finance Committee be requested to obtain from the Treasurer of the District the necessary securities for his intrusions, as required by law, in order that he may be enabled to assume the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That action be taken on all documents referred to Committees at last session of the Council, and not acted on.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That at the close of each session, the Clerk do inform the Council of the names of all absent members, for the purpose of the same being inserted in the minutes thereof.

Report of the Township Superintendent of Common Schools for Vespra, for the year 1845, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,

Ordered—That the report of Superintendent of Common Schools for Vespra, now received, be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the Warden do fill up the vacancies now existing in the Standing Committees, caused by the absence of the members thereof.

The Warden nominated Mr. Irwin for Education and Mr. Rogers for Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the communication now received from the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That a messenger be sent to Mr. Clifford, the County Superintendent of Education, informing him of his appointment to that office, with a view to his entering into the necessary securities.

The District Surveyor's report No. 2, laid before the Council.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 1, accompanied by a memorial to His Excellency the Governor-General.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the report and memorial now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the memorial now adopted be engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Warden and forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report

No. 2.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Treasurer's duties, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee appointed to report upon the amended District Council Act, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 3.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Education brought up report No. 1.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. White,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Presented the petition of Trustees of No. 3 School District, Mono, praying for a tax to complete a school house, by Mr. White.

On motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of Trustees of School District No. 3, Mono, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 1, accompanied by a draft of By-Law.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Irwin,

Ordered—That the reports now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Irwin,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read, be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Irwin,

Ordered—That the Council do not now go into Committee of the whole, on the draft of By Law now read, but that it be read a third time forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Irwin,

Ordered—That the By-Law do now pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor's report No. 2, be referred to the Committee on District property.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That all powers formerly vested in the members of this Council individually, by the District Council as a Body—by authority of the District Council Act, previous to amendment, regarding the affairs of the roads of the District, as well as all powers which the amended Act, 9th Vict., Chap. 40, authorises this Council to invest in its members, be now and they are hereby accordingly conferred upon them individually, for their respective Townships.

Letter and school report from Superintendent of Mono, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Stephens,

Ordered—That the letter now received from Mr. McMann, Superintendent of Common Schools for Mono, also the report of School Expenditure for the same Township, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the Clerk be requested to give to each member of this Council a copy of the last Provincial Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That as it appears that one or more members of this Council are absent, from being unacquainted with the actual day of meeting, the Clerk be instructed to intimate to each member any alteration which may take place in its periods of meetings (*i.e.*) if held at other times than the first Tuesdays of February and October.

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON,

WARDEN.

THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1846.

The Council met.

Mr. Warden in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The Standing Committee on District Property brought up Report No. 1.

A communication from Jno. Pearson, builder, Barrie, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the Warden appoint two additional members to the Committee on District Property to reconsider the foregoing report, and that the communication from the contractor be referred to said Committee.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Dallas and Irwin.

The By-Law fixing allowance to District Councillors, was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the place in each Township for the annual meetings be committed to the hands of the Councillor or Councillors for the respective Townships.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Stephens,

Ordered—That the Clerk be instructed to procure fifty copies of the Rules of the Council for the use of its members.

A communication from the Chief Superintendent of Education, laid before the Council.

Presented, the report and petition of James Tndhope, Road Surveyor, Oro—by Mr. Alley.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the report and petition now received, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Presented, the petition of the Township Clerk of Nottawasaga, praying for an increase of salary—by Mr. Walker.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keenan,

Ordered—That the petition of the Township Clerk of Nottawasaga, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up report No. 2.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keenan,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Education brought up report No. 3.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keenan,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Select Committee on petition of inhabitants of Euphrasia and Collingwood, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee appointed to report on the taking away from this District a portion of the same, brought up a report, accompanied by a draft of petition to the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffery,

Ordered—That the report and petition now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Cody,

Ordered—That the petition now adopted, be engrossed, signed by the Warden, and forwarded to the different branches of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Cody,

Ordered—That as the Warden has expressed doubts as to his eligibility to address the Council as one of its members, it is the opinion of this Council that as such, he is intitled to do so, as by the amended Act it is imperative that the Warden be a member of the Council.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 4, accompanied by Draft of a By-Law.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Cody,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Cody,

Ordered—That the By-Law fixing the salaries of the District Officers, be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Cody,

Ordered—That the Council do to-morrow go into Committee of the whole, upon the By-Law for fixing the salaries of District officers, after the order of the day is gone through with.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up reports Nos. 4 and 5.

On Motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Cody,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

A communication from the County Superintendent of Common Schools, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Cody,

Ordered—That the communication from the County Superintendent, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

The Committee upon the new School Act brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Cody,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Cody.

Ordered—That the respective School Districts and parts of Districts, laid out and numbered by the several Township Superintendents of Education, in this District, be confirmed by this Council, and that such Districts do now constitute School Sections and parts of sections, according to the terms of the new School Act, and that the Clerk do furnish a copy of the description and numbers of such sections and parts of sections, to the County Superintendent of Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Cody.

Ordered—That Mr. Agnow be nominated to the Finance Committee, in room of Mr. Stephens, now absent.

The Committee on District Property brought up report No. 1, as reconsidered.

Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

That the report now read be adopted.

Mr. Dallas, in amendment, moved, seconded by Mr. Cody,

That the report just read, be not now adopted, but referred to a Committee of the whole to-morrow.—Carried.

The Committee on District Property brought report No. 2.

Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

That the report now read be adopted.

Mr. Walker, in amendment, moved, seconded by Mr. Keenan,

That the report now read, be not adopted, but referred back to the Committee for reconsideration.—Carried.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up reports Nos. 2 and 3.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Cody,

Ordered—That the reports now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Alley,

Ordered—That the Warden appoint a Select Committee to draft a petition to the various branches of the Legislature, for a portion of the sum of £640,000, which has lately been obtained from the Imperial Government, by the Honorable Mr. Cayley, (Inspector General) and which is to be applied to Public Works in this Province.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Walker, Alley and Irwin.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. White,

Ordered—That all items chargeable upon the Administration of Justice, be not interfered with by this Council, but be left for adjustment by the Magistrates in Sessions assembled.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,

Ordered—That whereas several of the Townships of this District are much inconvenienced by the want of resident Magistrates, a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Armson and Dallas, be appointed to draft a petition to His Excellency the Governor-General on the subject.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. White,

Ordered—That Messrs. Alley and Dallas be appointed a Select Committee to report upon the defective state of the mails of this District, and to recommend such action as they may see fit.

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON,  
WARDEN.

FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1846.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Warden appoint a Select Committee to draft a petition to the several branches of the Legislature for a more equitable assessment.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Walker, Irwin and Keenan,

Mr. Alley moved, seconded by Mr. White,

That the Warden do appoint a Select Committee, to report upon and arrange measures for the establishment of a wild land tax, and the consideration of a commutation of statute labor.

Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd, moved in amendment,

That Messrs. Alley and Drury be added to the Select Committee on a more equitable assessment, to consider and report on all three subjects.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cody,

Ordered—That the Clerk inform the Council what petitions or other communications, if any, remain unanswered by the Government from the session of last May.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the subject of postage rates be added to the duties of the Select Committee named for the post office mail business.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the draft of By-Law on District Officers Salaries. Mr. Willson in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the draft of By-Law as amended.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

The Council resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the report No. 1 of Committee on District Property. Mr. Jeffrey in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

A communication from one of the Trustees of School District No. 1, Innisfil, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Irwin,

Ordered—That the resolution of this Council regarding the receiving of petitions be suspended so far as regards the communication of one of the School Trustees of No. 1 District, Innisfil, and that the petition alluded to be received.

Presented, the petition of School Trustees No. 1 District, Innisfil, praying for a tax to erect a school house—by Mr. Willson.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Irwin,  
Ordered—That the petition of the Trustees No. 1 School District, Innisfil,  
be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 6.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the Warden do name a Select Committee to examine and  
report, how far it will be practicable to transfer the making and extend-  
ing the Collectors' Rolls, to the hands of the Clerk of this Council.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Alley, Drury and Jeffrey.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the Clerk do forthwith prepare a warrant for the signature  
of the Warden, for the payment of the sum recommended in the second report  
of the Committee on Education, in order that Mr. Keenan may receive from the  
Treasurer the balance of school tax for the years 1842 and 1843, due to his  
Township.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the following gentlemen's bonds of security for the per-  
formance of the duties of the County Superintendent be accepted, viz.:

John Craig, Esq. ....	£1000
Richard Drury, Esq. ....	250
Jonathan Lane, Esq. ....	250

And that the County Superintendent's own bond for £1000, be now accepted,  
and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare the necessary documents.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the County Superintendent be allowed to occupy one of  
the committee rooms in the court house as an occasional office, while such  
room is not otherwise occupied.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the names of Messrs. Dallas and Richardson, be added to  
the Committee appointed on matters connected with collectors' rolls.

A communication from the County Superintendent of Education, laid  
before the Council.

The Council resolved itself into Committee of the whole, on report No. 1,  
District Property. Mr. Jeffrey in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and brought up report No. 1, District  
Property, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on District Property brought up report No. 2, as recon-  
sidered.

On motion of Richardson seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 4.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Education brought up report, No. 4.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Select Committee appointed to draft petitions to His Excellency the  
Governor General and Legislature, on the subject of mails and postage rates,  
brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the report and petitions now read be adopted, and the  
petitions be engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Warden and transmitted to  
their several destinations.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 7.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.  
 Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON,  
 WARDEN.

SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1845.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Keenan,

Ordered—That Messrs. Dallas and Hunt be added to the Committee specially appointed, to report upon and draft petitions regarding assessment, wild land tax, and commutation of statute labor.

A communication from the contractor for the roof of the court house, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey.

Ordered—That the communication of Mr. Pearson be referred to the Committee on District Property.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the Warden do appoint a Committee on Contingencies.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Robertson, Todd and Rogers.

The Select Committee on the appointment of additional Magistrates for the District brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keenan,

Ordered—That the report and draft of petition now read be adopted, and that the petition be engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Warden and transmitted to His Excellency the Governor General.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered that the Clerk be desired to intimate to the several Clerks of the townships whose Councillors necessarily retire, that such election take place at the township meeting for 1847.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That all public documents, accounts, and plans of Township School Districts, now in the possession of the Township School Superintendents, be ordered to be handed over to the County Superintendent, upon his application, at the termination of the current year, that said officer may be enabled to proceed with the duties of his office; and that the Clerk of this Council do intimate the same to the said County Superintendent.

The Select Committee on Collectors' and Assessors' Rolls brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Keenan,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Select Committee on road grant brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keenan,

Ordered—That the report and petition now read be adopted, and the petition be engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Warden and transmitted to the several branches of the Legislature.

The Select Committee on the Assessment Act and Wild Land Tax, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Agnew,

Ordered—That the report and draft of petition now read be adopted, and the petition be engrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Warden and transmitted to the various branches of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That as by an adopted report of the Council, it is contemplated to impose a tax upon the Wild Lands of this District at the next session of Council, the Clerk be instructed to write to the Clerks of the different District Councils of the western portions of the Province, requesting information re-

specting what has been done in their several Districts, with regard to the subject of imposing wild land taxes, and that their several replies be laid before the Council at its next meeting.

The Committee on District Property brought up report No. 3.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Alley, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That a copy of the petition upon an amendment to the Assessment Law, lately transmitted from this Council to the Legislature, do accompany the present petition now adopted upon the same subject, to the several branches of the Legislature.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up the draft of a By-Law imposing a tax on certain School Districts.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read, be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the Council do not now go into Committee of the whole on the draft of By-Law, but that it be read a third time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey,

Ordered—That the By-Law do now pass, be engrossed by the Clerk and signed by the Warden.

The Committee on Contingencies brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Members absent during the whole of the meeting:—Messrs. Gilmore, Hamilton and Seeler.

Adjourned until the first Tuesday in February, 1847.

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# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the October Session,

A.D., 1846.

WM. ARMSON, ESQ., WARDEN.

REPORT No. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom were referred the following documents, viz. :—Treasurer's Report, 30th Sept., 1846 ; Balance Sheet ; Abstract Account, No. 1 ; Abstract Account, No. 2 ; Appendix A. to Report ; Appendix B. to Report—beg leave to state that they have examined with care these various documents, and would respectfully call the attention of the Council to the following observations :

Your Committee feel much pleasure in being enabled to report that the debt of the District is about to be further reduced to the extent of £400—that a saving of about £183 will this year be effected—about £286 next year—and £550 in the following year—by the new arrangement, whereby the expenses of the Administration of Criminal Justice will, after the expiration of three years, be entirely defrayed from the Provincial Revenue ; that the gross increase of taxes since 1843, amounts to £564 ; and lastly, that an increase of the taxes at, at least, the same ratio, may reasonably be calculated upon. Under all these circumstances, your Committee do not consider that they take too sanguine a view of the affairs of the District, when they state, that (under the efficient management of the Treasurer) they are of opinion that, in the course of a few years, this District will owe little, or it may be, nothing.

Your Committee have also examined into the Treasurer's statement, in reply to the desires expressed by the Council at last session, that he should specify all the items in his Balance Sheet in a separate account,—and feel satisfied that he is quite unable to be more minute than heretofore in this respect—as an order of the Court of Quarter Sessions is a compulsory warrant, which he is bound by law at once to honor ; and such orders do not particularize the nature of the services performed.

Your Committee have also observed the Treasurer's remarks respecting the conduct of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and would beg to recom-

ment that the following memorial upon the subject be addressed to His Excellency the Governor-General.

*To His Excellency the Earl of Elgin, Governor-General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

The memorial of the Warden and District Council of Simcoe, respectfully sheweth :

That your memorialists are informed by their Treasurer that he has addressed two applications to the commissioner of Crown Lands for the Province, requesting information with respect to certain lands now under patent, of which no returns have been made, either to the Treasurer of the Home or Simcoe Districts—but that upon each occasion the information requested was refused.

That by Statute 59 Geo. 3rd, Chap. 7, the Surveyor General of the Province is required to furnish the Treasurer of each District with an annual return of lands described for patent, but which returns, in some instances, have not been made—under which circumstances the Treasurer of this District considered himself legally intitled to receive these returns, so as to enable him to recover all arrears of taxes

Your memorialists, under these circumstances, would therefore most respectfully solicit your Excellency to cause the Commissioner of Crown Lands to furnish the Treasurer of the District of Simcoe with a return of all lands, the property either of corporate bodies or individuals, which may be hereafter applied for by the said Treasurer—should it appear that such lands have been omitted in all former returns.

And your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.  
All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 7th Oct., 1846.

REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom were referred the Auditors' reports Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, beg leave to report,

That they have examined the same and have found them correct, and recommend that the Warden do authorize the several accounts therein alluded to, to be paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 7th Oct., 1846.

REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the legal opinion given by Mr. Patton, respecting the liability of a Treasurer to make good certain taxes under particular circumstances, beg leave to report,

That the opinion now submitted to your Committee refers to the case of the late Collector for the Township of Medonte, which subject, upon several occasions, has been brought under the notice of the Council.

As Mr. Patton distinctly expresses by his opinion, that the Treasurer of the Home District has laid himself open to an action at law, your Committee feel bound, in justice to this District, to recommend that the Treasurer be required to demand, in the name of the District, the amount which the Treasurer of the Home District has (apparently) rendered himself liable to pay

to the Treasurer of this District; and at same time, intimate to him that this Council has taken legal advice upon the subject, and will feel bound to act upon the same, if *that money* be not shortly paid to the Treasurer of this District.

Your Committee would further recommend, that the matter be not proceeded further with until next session, when the reply to the above demand will (if received) be laid before them, and the Council may then adopt such measures as may be deemed expedient.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 7th Oct., 1846.

#### REPORT No. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the recommending the amounts of the salaries of the several officers for the present year, beg leave to report,

That they have drafted a By-Law for the approval of the Council, fixing the salaries of the different officers at the following sums, for the said present year, viz.:-

The Treasurer of the District.....	£125	0	0
The Clerk of the Council.....	40	0	0
The District Surveyor.....	25	0	0
The District Auditors, each.....	2	10	0
The Keeper of the Court House.....	12	10	0

In recommending the above appropriation, your Committee would beg leave to make the following observations:-

Your Committee have taken into consideration the report of the Special Committee appointed to report upon the nature and extent of the duties of the Treasurer of the District, with respect to this Committee recommending the amount to be allowed him for his services, and are of opinion that that Committee has shown sufficient reasons for warranting your Committee in recommending to the Council, that his salary be raised to the sum above named. Your Committee have likewise proposed that the salary of the Clerk of the Council be altered from £37.10/ to £40, and trust that this proposed small increase will meet with the approbation of the Council, that individual's services being efficient, and occupying a much larger portion of his time than some members of the Council may be aware of; as, during its recess, he has to conduct all the correspondence connected with the affairs of the District, &c., &c.

Your Committee have only to add that they trust that the reasonable alterations in the salary bill now submitted to the Council may meet with its approbation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 8th Oct., 1846.

#### REPORT No. 5 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment to whom was referred the reporting upon the securities required, by the Amended Municipal Act, to be furnished to this Council by the Treasurer of the District, beg leave to report,

That they have received a communication from the Treasurer, of which the following is a copy :

*To the Chairman and Members of the Committee on Finance :*

Gentlemen,—

I beg leave to report that the following gentlemen have undertaken to become my sureties, under the provision of the amended Municipal Council Act, the Honorable William B. Robinson and James Dallas, Esquire, and so soon as I shall be notified that the same have been approved of, I shall be prepared with them to enter into security in the amount prescribed by law.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

EDM. LALLY,

Treasurer of District of Simcoe.

Your Committee would recommend that the above sureties be accepted of by this Council, and that the Clerk do intimate the same to the Treasurer—and prepare the necessary bonds.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 8th October, 1846.

REPORT NO. 6 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the communication of the County Superintendent of Education, beg leave to report,

That they have carefully examined the said communication, and are of opinion that it is only fair and reasonable, that the Superintendent of Education should be made acquainted with the probable amount at which his salary will be fixed, at the session of Council in February next.

The duties of the office of the County Superintendent are of the very highest importance to the welfare of this District, and are, (as that gentleman in his letter to the Council states) by the terms of the new School Act, greatly increased.

Your Committee while they keep in view the necessity of economizing the funds of the District as much as practicable, consistent with having its affairs ably conducted, would particularly call the attention of the Council to the very great necessity which exists, of giving the Superintendent of Education such remuneration as will enable this Council, with justice, to demand that gentleman's whole time and attention.

As by the new School Act, the duties of the former Township Superintendents, as well as those of the Township Clerks, in business relating to school affairs, do now devolve upon the County Superintendent of Education, your Committee are of opinion, that under these circumstances, it would be an act of simple justice to award to that gentleman the amount, or nearly so, formerly given to those individuals, whom, your Committee would observe, were very indifferently paid.

Under all these circumstances, your Committee would recommend that the Superintendent be informed, that the amount which the Council will probably award for his services annually, at the session of February, will be

£60.

In order to arrive at such conclusion, your Committee go upon the following data:—

Sum allowed to the former County superintendent.....	£ 32 10 0
Amount of Township Superintendents' salaries.....	25 0 0
Allowance to Township Clerks.....	6 0 0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>£ 63 10 0</b>

Thus leaving a balance in favor of the District, of £3 10 0.

Your Committee would only further remark, that with a view to the duties of the County Superintendent being efficiently performed, your Committee cannot recommend that that gentleman be paid a less amount than above stated.

With respect to the amount of security to be given to the District, for the due fulfilment of the duties of the said County Superintendent, your Committee would recommend that good personal sureties to the amount of £1500, and himself to the amount of £1000, be required.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th Oct., 1846.

REPORT NO. 7 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the petition of John Curry, praying for remuneration for certain services performed by him as Township Clerk, beg to report,

That they cannot recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, as the law only allows a certain sum for the services of township Clerks, and makes no provision for a larger remuneration being given, in cases where a township Clerk performs the duties of two or more townships, in consequence of such being respectively unable to hold township meetings, from not containing the required number of inhabitants, or otherwise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th Oct., 1846.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ENQUIRE INTO THE TREASURER'S DUTIES.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Committee to whom was referred the examining into, and reporting upon the nature and extent of the duties of the Treasurer of the District, beg leave to report,

That they have made the necessary investigation, and feel satisfied that the duties of the Treasurer are in themselves complicated and arduous, and are increased at least 50 per cent. since 1843. The business of collecting the arrears of taxes for the District, forms a very serious amount of duty which may in a manner be termed extra, in so far as, at the original period of fixing upon the salary of the Treasurer, such was not taken into account.

Your Committee have only further to remark, that the Treasurer's books and accounts appear to be kept with great accuracy,—that the amount of security required by law is very large,—and they are of opinion that Mr. Lally is justly entitled to a reasonable increase of salary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN,

Committee Room, 7th Oct., 1846.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO REPORT UPON THE AMENDED DISTRICT COUNCIL ACT.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the reporting upon the amended law relating to District Councils, beg leave to report,

That they have carefully examined the said amended law, and beg to call the attention of the Council to the following particulars :—

The Council is empowered to pass a By-Law for the purpose of paying the members of Council 6s.3d. per day, while employed in actual duty; to appoint a Warden, annually, from among themselves, at the commencement of each year, so that that office again falls to be filled up at the first meeting of the Council in 1847. To appoint a Treasurer for the District, who may be re-elected at the expiration of three years—or the Council may, if they see fit, choose another person to fill that office.

In the event of the demise of any Treasurer, during the recess of the Council, the Warden is empowered to summon an extra meeting of the Council for the purpose of filling up such vacancy.

To meet half yearly, during the months of February and October, commencing on the first Tuesday of each of these months, and to sit, if necessary, during nine successive days (Sunday excepted); but may pass a By-Law, to be approved of by the Governor-General, altering the period of holding such biennial meetings.

To compound, by By-Law, with the land holders of the District for the Statute Labor liable to be performed by such persons, at the rate of 2s.6d. per day, for a period of not more than five years; and to direct to what officer, in each township, such commutation money shall be payable, and in what manner it shall be expended; also, to regulate by By-Law, the manner and the divisions in which the Statute Labor should be performed, or to empower the respective Township Councillors to direct the laying out and performance thereof.

Upon application of a majority of persons qualified to vote at the election of Township Officers, in any Township in the District, to pass a By-Law for the purpose of raising by Assessment, on the taxable property of such township, such sum as may be required for the purpose of affording relief to sick or indigent persons in such township, in such manner, and under such regulations, as may be embodied in said By-Law.

It is lawful for any township to elect any Councillor or Councillors, although such person or persons may not be resident in such Township.

That the District Council shall elect the District Surveyor at their first meeting in 1847, and may from time to time remove him and appoint another.

That the Clerk of the District Council shall go out of office from the period when his successor shall be appointed; and said appointment to be made at first session of Council in 1847. That in case of any vacancy occurring in the office of the District Clerk, during the recess of the Council, the Clerk of the Peace shall be, ex-officio, the District Clerk, until another be appointed.

There are other matters contained in this Act relating to District Councils, but your Committee consider that the foregoing altered or additional powers, vested in this body, comprise all absolutely required to be generally known.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 7th October, 1846.

F. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

REPORT NO. I OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, after careful examination of the petition of Trustees and

inhabitants of School District No. 6, West Gwillimbury, praying for a tax of fifty pounds to build a school house, also a counter petition from the same District against the said tax, beg to recommend that the tax be granted for the following reasons:—

1st.—That the petition is signed by so large a majority, amongst which are the whole of the freeholders, except five, while the counter petition is signed by the said five freeholders and one householder only.

2nd.—That a deed can be obtained for school purposes free from all encumbrances.

With regard to petition of Trustees of Union School District of Tecumseth and King, praying for a tax of ten pounds to aid in building a school house, your Committee beg to recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the Trustees be requested to guard against any loss of property which may accrue to their District, in case of a separation, as the site of the school house is in the Home District.

On examination of the petition of Trustees and inhabitants of School District No. 12, West Gwillimbury, praying for aid to furnish a stove for school, recommend the prayer of the petition be granted, and the said district assessed in the sum of five pounds.

With regard to petition of School District No. 3, Township of Essa, praying for power to collect a tax of six pounds, granted by the Council for repairs of school house, beg to recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted, under the provisions of the 9th Vic., Cap. 20, Sec. 11—a By-Law of the Council existing for that purpose—and the Clerk be directed to notify the Township Collector of the same, that he may procure the Assessment Roll already issued, in order that the tax may be collected at the same time and in the usual manner as all other taxes for the current year.

The petition of School District No. 5, West Gwillimbury, praying that the tax ordered for the erection of a school house be collected. It appears that the tax has been partly collected and that some others refuse to pay—some again have left the township. Your Committee would beg to recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, on the same terms as the preceding petition.

We beg also to recommend the prayer of petition be granted to Trustees of School District No. 18, Township of Tecumseth, praying for a tax of £17. 10s., to complete a school house.

Your Committee beg to decline acting on the petition of the Trustees of the Second School District of Flos—the subject petitioned for being out of the jurisdiction of the Municipal Council.

The report of Superintendent of Common Schools for Vespra, appears to your Committee to be right, shewing a balance of £3.17s. 6½d., and recommend that all the necessary By-Laws be prepared.

All which is respectfully submitted,

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 7th Oct., 1846.

#### REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee having considered the petition of the Trustees of School District No. 3, of the Township of Mono, praying for a tax on all ratable property in said District, of two pence per pound, for the purpose of finishing the school house, beg to recommend that said petition lie over till next session of the Council, and that the Clerk be requested to write the said Trustees, in order that they may have the opportunity of satisfying the Council that the inhabitants are willing to submit to the said tax, by sending in a petition for the purpose, signed by a majority of them.

With regard to the letter from Mr. Clifford, Township Superintendent of Common Schools for Oro, concerning a new division of Union School District, No. 5, your Committee recommend the proposed alteration to the favorable consideration of the Councillors for that Township, feeling convinced that it would be attended with favorable results.

Your Committee have examined the letter received from Mr. McMann, Superintendent of Common Schools in the Township of Mono, relative to the division of School District No. 6, and see no reason to alter their former recommendation, but would beg that the Superintendent of schools for that Township be again ordered to make the division. The account of school moneys expended in the said Township, appears to be correct, shewing a balance of £22.8s. 1<sup>3</sup>d.

With regard to the letter from Superintendent of Common Schools in Sunnidale, shewing that the inhabitants of the 12th, 13th and 14th Concessions wish to be set off as a School District by themselves, your Committee would recommend that the wished for separation be granted, and the Superintendent be notified to that effect.

Your Committee having read the communication from Mr. Ryan, Superintendent of schools in Adjala, stating that he had not been able to pay Patrick Downey, now in jail, formerly a school teacher in Adjala, the sum of £4.11s. 10<sup>3</sup>d. due to him for his services, in consequence of the money remaining in the Treasurer's hands since the time when Mr. Bailey represented the Township, beg to recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to pay to Patrick Downey his balance of £4.11s. 10<sup>3</sup>d. and the remainder of the school money in his hands to Mr Keenan, the present Councillor of Adjala, taking of course all sufficient receipts.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,

Committee Room, 8th Oct., 1846.

CHAIRMAN.

REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Standing Committee on Education having read and considered the circular from the Board of Education at Toronto, dated August 4th, 1846, and to them referred, beg leave to report,

That it is a pleasing subject to contemplate that so much benefit is likely to accrue from the establishment of even one Normal School in Canada West, and that the liberal sum of £1500 has been granted by Parliament for outfitting the same, as also the further grant of £1500 per annum, for the current expenses thereof. Your Committee therefore recommend that the said circular be filed and preserved among the records of the Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 8th October, 1846.

REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Trustees of School District No. 1, Township of Innisfil, praying that the tax of £18, granted in 1844 by the Municipal Council, for the purpose of completing their school house, and partly collected, may be now put into the hands of the collector for the present year, beg to recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, so far as concerns the collection of the above tax, and that the Trustees be duly notified, that they may procure the roll now extant, and hand it over to the

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Your Committee also recommend that the Clerk be desired to write to the collector and acquaint him with this resolution of the Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th October, 1846.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PETITION OF INHABITANTS OF EUPHRASIA  
AND COLLINGWOOD, PRAYING FOR A TOWN MEETING AND COUNCILLOR.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Euphrasia and Collingwood, praying for a Township Meeting and Councillor, beg to observe, that on referring to the Act, they find it does not rest with the Council to grant the prayer of this petition, as the Act now in force leaves the matter in the petitioner's own hands, with the exception of naming the place of meeting, which has been already provided for under the Amended Municipal Acts; and Mr. Robertson, who now represents the said townships, will notify the petitioners. Your Committee would therefore recommend that no further action be taken in the matter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 8th October, 1846.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE RESPECTING THE TAKING FROM THIS DISTRICT A  
PORTION OF THE SAME.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee to whom was referred the drafting a petition to the three branches of the Legislature, upon the subject of the attempt which have been, and may again be made, to sever from this District a portion of its southern extremity, beg leave to suggest that the following be adopted :

*To the Honorable the House of Assembly of Canada, in Parliament assembled :*

The petition of the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth :

That, during the session of Council, in February, 1845, your petitioners addressed your Honorable House upon the subject of a measure then in progress in your Honorable House, having for its purpose the annexing that portion of the Township of West Gwillimbury, in the District of Simcoe, styled, "the Old Survey," to the Home District; and upon that occasion your Honorable House was pleased to disallow the said proposed measure.

That your petitioners have reason to believe that a similar attempt will be again made at the next meeting of Parliament, and your petitioners therefore lose no time in addressing your Honorable House for the purpose of remonstrating against the gross and shamefully unjust nature of such a step.

Your petitioners would respectfully, but with much earnestness, call the attention of your Honorable House to the following facts :—

The portion of this District above alluded to, is of the most vital im-

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portance, being the most populous and wealthy in the District of Simcoe,—that this District is as yet very thinly inhabited, and its debt, incurred for the erection of public buildings, large, thus rendering it unable to bear any portion being cut off, far less the said most wealthy and populous part of it.

That a portion of Yonge street is situated in the part of this District now proposed to be severed from it; and your petitioners would consider it an act of palpable injustice, to be deprived of any part of this most important thoroughfare, while they are at the same time involved in its responsibilities.

Your petitioners would therefore earnestly beseech your Honorable House to disallow any measure which may be introduced into your Honorable House, having for its object the cutting off from this District any portion of it, under any plea whatever.

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

All which is respectfully submitted.

FREDK. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 8th October, 1846.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE UPON NEW SCHOOL ACT.

To the Simcoe District Council:

The Committee to whom was referred the drafting a report upon the subject of the new School Act, beg to report,

That they have carefully examined the said Act, and now submit the following observations to the consideration of the Council. It is enacted that the Council shall appoint a Superintendent of Education for this District, and provide for his salary by By-Law. That the amount of school tax collected shall be paid to the District Superintendent, instead of the Township Superintendents, as heretofore. That the Council of each District shall divide the Townships into proper School Districts. That each District Council may levy money for the purpose of purchasing school sites, but such is not to prevent any School District from adopting voluntary means.

That the Councillor of his Township shall be one of the visitors of the different schools in such Townships. That the Council shall fill up vacancies occasioned by reason of there being no surviving Trustees. That the District may establish a male and female school in any School Section.

All which is respectfully submitted

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 8th Oct., 1846.

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Edmund Lally and others, of the Township of Innisfil praying for a certain road to be established in that Township, beg leave to report, that they have carefully considered the subject of the petition, and recommend that the road be established by By-Law.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED WILLSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 7th Oct. 1846.

## REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Baxter and others, of the Township of Vespra, praying that a road may be altered from its present site, situated in the Township of Vespra, beg leave to state that the above road has been established by a By-Law, passed by this Council on the 10th of August, 1843, and therefore recommend that the prayer of petitioner be not granted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED WILLSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 8th Oct., 1846.

## REPORT NO. 3 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of Walter Todd and others, of the Townships of Essa, Tossorontio, Adjala, Mono, Mulmur and Nottawasaga, praying for the construction of a bridge over the Nottawasaga River, beg leave to state,

That they have considered the same, and find that it is not in their power to levy a tax upon the inhabitants of the above Townships, as they have not mentioned what amount will be required, nor have they sent in any plan on which the bridge is to be constructed.

Your Committee recommend that the petition do lie over until next Council, in order that the inhabitants may get a plan drawn out, and estimates for what amount the bridge can be erected.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED WILLSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 8th October, 1846.

## REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Tndhope and others, inhabitants of the township of Oro, praying that a road may be altered and established in that Township, beg leave to recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted, as it appears that the petitioners have not given the necessary notice required by the Council, but if the Council will allow the petition to lie over until the next sitting of the Council, then your Committee see no reason why the prayer of the petition may not be allowed, as the necessary time will then have elapsed, required by the Council for that purpose.

ALFRED WILLSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th Oct., 1846.

## REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on District Property, with the members added to it by order of the Council, for the purpose of reporting fully upon the subject of the repairs performed upon the roof of the court house, beg leave to report,

That they have carefully perused the District Surveyor's report, the report of John Sihhald, carpenter, and the communication of the contractor, John Pearson, to the Council, upon the subject.

Your Committee have also examined Mr. Pearson upon this matter, and now beg to lay before the Council the result of this investigation.

Your Committee are perfectly satisfied that the work has not been at all performed according to contract, but consider any minute detail of the same unnecessary. They are therefore of opinion that the contractor has no legal claim upon the District whatever. Your Committee however cannot come to the conclusion of recommending the Council to avail itself of the hold which it thus has upon the contractor, to the extent of withholding all remuneration.

Your Committee would recommend that the contractor do forthwith fill up with bricks and mortar the gable walls of the building, so as entirely to preclude all drifts of snow; that he alter the rafters so as to give them their proper bearings; that all leakages in the roof be effectually stopped; the roof shall otherwise be rendered efficient in so far as such is now practicable, and these several improvements and alterations shall be performed under the superintendence, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

Your Committee would recommend that the said contractor, in addition to perform the foregoing work, do enter into bonds of security to the satisfaction of the Treasurer of the District, himself in £50, and two securities in £25 each, guaranteeing the upholding of the said roof, during a period of seven years, excepting accidents by fire or the like; such bonds to be obtained by the District Surveyor, and given into the hands of the Clerk of the Council.

That upon all these terms being faithfully complied with, the said contractor be paid the sum of £30, and the sum of £59, 4 months afterwards, together £89; upon receiving which said sum of £89, the contractor shall give an acquittance of all claims whatever, which he may have upon the District for repairs to the roof of the court house, whether for heightening chimneys or otherwise.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 8th Oct., 1846.

REPORT No. 2 OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on District Property to whom were referred the District Surveyor's reports, Nos. 1 and 2, beg to report,

That they would recommend that the Council do authorize the payment of the locks which have been procured.

Your Committee cannot recommend that the 40 cords of wood be ordered by this Council, as they consider that it is the duty of the Court of Quarter Sessions to see to all matters connected with the Administration of Justice.

As also that the amount for repairing the windows of the court house and gaol be discharged, and that the Warden issue his warrant accordingly.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 8th October, 1846.

REPORT No. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee upon District Property, to whom was referred the communication addressed to the Council, by Mr. Pearson, beg to report,

That they have examined that document, and consider the contractor's

request, that the Council should define the precise nature and amount of work to be yet performed on the roof of the court house, unreasonable, as it is the distinct duty of the District Surveyor to attend to business of the nature complained of.

And with respect to the contractor's endeavoring to throw the responsibility of the non-fulfilment of the terms of his agreement upon others, your Committee consider such attempt so absurd as to require no comment.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. RICHARDSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th October, 1846.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON MAILS AND POSTAGE RATES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Select Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the defective state of the mails of this District, and also the postage rates, beg leave to report the following draft of a petition to His Excellency the Governor-General :—

*To His Excellency, Earl Elgin, Governor-General, &c.,*

Humbly sheweth :

That your petitioners have great reason to complain of the slowness of the mails of this District.

That Yonge street has been repaired at an immense expense, and out of the thirty-three miles of which it consists, upwards of twenty are macadamized, and it is now, so far, one of the best roads in the Province.

That nevertheless the speed of the mails is not improved, but remains the same as previous to such improvements taking place.

That the distance between Toronto and Holland Landing is 33 miles, and the mail takes from seven to eleven hours.

That though a penalty is attached to the irregular performance of the contract, yet the mails are delivered at all hours, and no penalty has been enforced.

That your petitioners complain much of the frequent stoppages for frivolous purposes, irregularity of starting, and consequently, irregularity of arrival.

Your petitioners would therefore humbly request your Excellency to adopt such measures as your Excellency may think proper for furthering the prayer of this petition, by causing the Deputy Post Master General to be made acquainted with the complaint of your petitioners, or otherwise, or to do in the matter as your Excellency may see fit.

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

With regard to the postage rates your Committee beg to recommend the following :

*To the Legislative Assembly :*

Humbly sheweth :

That your petitioners regret to observe that while the Imperial Government has conferred the inestimable boon of an excessively low uniform rate of postage on the inhabitants of Great Britain and Ireland, that no reduction has taken place in the Colonial postage rates. Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House would please to use your most strenuous endeavors to rectify, as speedily as possible, this evil so justly and loudly complained of.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th October, 1846.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MAGISTRATES FOR THE DISTRICT.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Special Committee appointed to draft an address to His Excellency the Governor General, upon the subject of requesting His Excellency to appoint additional Magistrates to this District, beg leave to submit the following.

*To His Excellency the Right Honorable Earl of Elgin, Governor-General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

The petition of the Warden and Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth:

That there are many Townships in this extensive District, without a single Magistrate, while others contain one or two. That by such being the case, the ends of justice are much retarded, and the inhabitants of such Townships otherwise seriously inconvenienced.

Your petitioners would call your Excellency's attention to the state of the following Townships with respect to the evil now complained of:

In the County Town of Barrie there are but two Magistrates, one of whom being the Judge of the District Court and Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions, feels, as such, not called upon to act in certain cases—and he is necessarily absent a great part of the year in presiding over forty-eight courts in various parts of the District.

The Townships of Essa, Toronto, Euphrasia, Collingwood, Sunnidale, Nottawaga, Mono, Fios, Tiny and Tay, (in which Township is situate the important village of Penetanguishene,) do not contain a single Magistrate—Adjala, Mulmur, Tecumseth and St. Vincent, contain only one each.

Your petitioners would also respectfully represent to your Excellency, that unless Magistrates are appointed before the 1st of January next ensuing, some of these Townships will suffer further inconvenience in carrying on the business of elections for Councillors, Township meetings, &c., which is required by Law to be transacted in the first week of the year.

Under these circumstances your petitioners would respectfully request your Excellency to rectify all defects of the nature now complained of in this District, as speedily as possible.

May it therefore please your Excellency to appoint additional Magistrates to the District of Simcoe, or to do in the matter as your Excellency may see fit.

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

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee room, 9th Oct 1846.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE UPON COLLECTORS' AND ASSESSORS' ROLLS.

*To the District Council of Simcoe :*

The Committee to whom was referred the reporting upon the subject relative to the powers of the Council, concerning the transferring, making and extending Collectors' Rolls from the Clerk of the Peace to the hands of the Clerk of the Council, beg leave to report.

That they have carefully examined the Acts of Parliament relating to the powers of the Council in the above matter, as well as sundry Statutes defining the duties of the Clerk of the Peace, and have arrived at the following conclusions:

Your Committee exceedingly regret, that by the new tariff of fees for District Officers, established by the Provincial Judges in the year 1845, the

charge of the Clerk of the Peace for the extra duties on assessment rolls has since last year very nearly doubled.

The amount paid that officer for this part of his duties for the present year is, £32.9s.7d.; his allowance by Statute, £27; printing, &c., £5.5s.—total £64.14s.7d.; being for 18 assessment rolls.

That in former years the payment of the charges for assessment rolls was authorized by this Council; but during the present year such has been done by the Court of Quarter Sessions, under the said new tariff act.

Your Committee would observe, that it appears that by this new arrangement, the Court of Quarter Sessions is authorized to interfere directly with the financial affairs of the District Council, in opposition to the spirit of the Municipal Council Act; and your Committee would recommend that the Warden do obtain the opinion of the Attorney-General with respect to the legality of the said interference of the Court of Quarter Sessions with those affairs of this Council.

Under these circumstances, your Committee cannot recommend that any further action be at present taken in this matter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GERALD ALLEY,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 10th Oct., 1846.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON GRANT FOR ROADS.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the draft of a petition to the various branches of the Legislature, to pray for a portion of the sum of money lately obtained from England by the Inspector-General, to be applied to public works, beg to recommend the following:

*To His Excellency, &c., &c.*

Humbly sheweth:

That under the Administration of the late lamented Lord Sydenham, the sum of £33,333, was granted to your petitioners for the improvement of their roads.

That under a subsequent administration it was considered expedient to withhold from your petitioners the said sum and expend it in the Home District—(as shewn by the last report of Mr. Hamilton Killaly, the Chairman of the Board of Works) and petitioned against by this Council in their session of May last, to which petition no answer has been received.

That after a long delay your petitioners have received but a small sum for the improvement of their District—to the best of their belief not more than £9000 in the whole.

That all other Districts have received the full amount granted to them, out of the £1,500,000 guaranteed by the Imperial Parliament, in the Administration of Lord Sydenham, while the District of Simcoe was neglected.

That your petitioners have heard with much satisfaction of the success of the Honorable the Inspector-General in obtaining in England a large sum of money for the improvements of the Province.

That your petitioners feel that the time is now arrived, when your Excellency has the power to restore the remaining portion of the original sum granted, and enable them to complete those improvements which have been so long contemplated.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Excellency will be pleased to grant them such a sum as will, at least, make good their original grant—and also such additional sum as may be considered their just portion



of the sum now received, when it shall be divided amongst the various Districts of the Province, or to do in the matter as your Excellency may see fit. All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th Oct., 1846.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT ACT AND WILD LAND TAX.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

Your Committee to whom was referred the consideration of a more equitable mode of assessment, and the means of obtaining a tax on wild lands, beg leave to recommend the following draft of a petition on the former subject.

The petition of, &c.,—humbly sheweth,

That your petitioners had great hopes that at the last session of the Provincial Parliament, a law would have been passed, granting to the Province a more equitable mode of assessment on all ratable property.

Your petitioners therefore humbly beg your Honorable House to bestow on this matter your fullest consideration, and grant some measure for the purpose, or to do as your Honorable House may see fit.

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

With regard to the tax on wild lands, your Committee would beg to observe, that it is a subject of the highest importance to the welfare of the District, but encompassed by so much difficulty in its execution, that it behoves the Council to bestow its closest attention to it, and after due deliberation, your Committee beg to recommend that as there is reason to suppose the Government intend to make some alteration in the mode of assessment, by which Municipal Councils may be empowered to tax wild lands—and a petition in favor of said alteration in the Assessment Act is in this present report—that the Treasurer be desired to furnish the quantity of all taxable lands in the District, distinguishing the cultivated from the wild, to be laid before the Council at its next session, as it will be impossible to levy a tax without the possession of such information.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDW. A. WALKER,  
— CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th October, 1846.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

Your Committee on Contingencies, having examined the several accounts and allowances necessary to be granted for services performed, would recommend that the Warden do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums, viz. :—

To James Cleland, for Printing Minutes for August Session . . . . .	£ 4 11 0
" John McWatt, Postage . . . . .	0 8 10½
" " " Candles . . . . .	0 4 8
" " " Stationery . . . . .	0 8 4
" " " Transport of Minutes . . . . .	0 3 9
" " " Copying Minutes for Printer, for August Session, 1846 . . . . .	2 0 0
" Paid wharfage, storage and cartage of Statutes . . . . .	0 1 9
" F. Martin, as constable, 5 days' attendance . . . . .	1 5 0
" John Creasor, messenger, 1 day's attendance . . . . .	0 5 0
" Patrick McKernan, messenger, 4 day's attendance . . . . .	1 0 0
	£10 8 4½

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ROBERTSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 10th October, 1846.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe

Gentlemen,—

I beg leave to report that I have been duly furnished with an extract from the Report of the Committee on Finance, adopted by the Council at its last session, to the effect that it was desirable that the Treasurer should commence paying off the principal of the Public Debt, as far as the funds in his hands rendered the same practicable.

With regard to this, I beg leave to state that I am now prepared to cancel Debenture No. 4, of £200; but as the time for payment of interest (July) has elapsed, and as it would now be incumbent on me to pay the interest on the same up to the 1st of January, 1847, thereby saving nothing to the District, I have considered it advisable to postpone the payment to that period, when I trust I shall be prepared to cancel also No. 5, of £200. And now that the District is about to be relieved from the expenses connected with the Administration of Criminal Justice, it may reasonably be expected that we shall be able to decrease yearly the principal of our Public Debt, in the amount prescribed by law. I have also, in accordance with a resolution of the Council to that effect, prepared, in addition to my quarterly balance sheet, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the District, on the 30th September, 1846. With regard to that part of the same resolution which directs me "to state the separate items of each account, and for what purpose the payment has been made," I would observe, that with regard to payments ordered by the Court of Quarter Sessions, I have no means of ascertaining more than my balance sheet shows, and I beg leave to refer you to the order for payment of the second item as a proof of the same. I have collected all the information in my power respecting the Taxes of Medonte, for the years 1841 and 1842, but am not prepared at present to report decisively upon what steps it may be necessary for the Council to take in the matter. It is my duty to call your attention to the conduct of H. M. Commissioner of Crown Lands, which has been the means of causing me much embarrassment in my official duties, and continues to prevent my collecting a large amount of taxes due to the District. In December, 1845, I was applied to by an individual for a statement of the taxes due on certain lots in the Township of Tecumseth, and finding that they had not been returned as described for Patent, either to this office or that of the Treasurer of the Home District, I wrote on the 14th January, 1846, to the Commissioner of Crown Lands on the subject, who indirectly refused me any information, as you will find by referring to his reply, Appendix A. These lands were the property of Robert Stanton, Esq. By Statute 59 Geo. 3rd, chap. 7, the Surveyor General is required to furnish the Treasurer of each District with an annual return of lands described for Patent, and these lands having been omitted, and the requisitions of the law not complied with, I only called upon the proper officer to correct an error which had originated in his office, and which I contend it was most undoubtedly his duty to do. On the 11th of July last, I forwarded to the same department a list of lands apparently liable to sale for taxes, requesting to be informed if any of the said lands were the property of the Crown, and I was again refused any information, as will be shown by referring to Appendix B. As my duties as District Treasurer, under Statute 4th and 5th, Vict. Chap. 10, have now ceased, I have considered it right to lay before you an abstract account of my liabilities and assets, in order that the Council may be enabled to see how I am situated with regard to the Government, Roads, Schools, &c., as well as with the District.

I have now only to add, that I trust the manner in which I have discharged the duties of my office, has met with the approbation of the Council; it has always been my desire to discharge those duties faithfully, to the best of my ability and judgment, and should it please the Council to re-appoint me,

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TSON, CHAIRMAN.



ABSTRACT ACCOUNT No. 1.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

Assets and liabilities of the District of Simcoe, on the 30th September, 1846.

		LIABILITIES.	
Cash in Treasury.....			£425 10 4½
		ASSETS	
Debentures due, viz.: Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 8.....			600 0 0
Amount of sundry payments, ordered but not claimed.....			21 13 10
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Amount of liabilities.....			£621 13 10

REMARKS.

Debenture No. 4 became due in 1844, No. 5 in 1845 and Nos. 6 and 8 in August, 1846. No 13, which became due in 1844, is paid.

This account exhibits the liabilities of the District, being the amount of four debentures, and sundry small accounts, the payment of which has not been demanded. These liabilities will be lessened by the immediate payment (if demanded) of £21.13s.10d., and on the 1st January, 1847, by the further payment of £400.0s.0d., the amount of debentures Nos. 4 and 5.

The remaining debentures cannot be termed a part of our present liabilities, they only become a liability when due, and as each time of payment arrives, it may reasonably be expected that our taxes now annually increasing in amount, and our expenses lessened by the payment of the expenses of the administration of Criminal Justice out of the Provincial Funds, the District will be enabled promptly to meet the same, and cancel the amount of debenture required by law.

EDM. LALLY,

Treasurer, District of Simcoe.

Barrie, October 1st, 1846.

ABSTRACT ACCOUNT No. 2.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

Assets and Liabilities of Edmund Lally, Treasurer of the District of Simcoe, on the 30th September, 1846:

		LIABILITIES.	
DR.			£ s. d.
To amount due to the District.....			425 10 5½
" " " Schools.....			16 0 7½
" " " School Superintendent.....			7 3 4
" " " The Home District.....			39 8 10½
" " " The Roads.....			152 10 1½
" " " The Lunatic Asylum.....			86 0 4
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			£726 13 8½
		ASSETS.	
By amount in the Treasury.....			£ 664 10 4½
" Receipt from Government on account of Lunatic Asylum.....			60 0 0
" Amount overpaid the Township of Orillia for road.....			2 3 4½
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			£726 13 8½

EDM. LALLY,

Treasurer of District of Simcoe.

Treasurer's Office, Barrie, October 1st, 1846.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Chairman of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe.*

Sir,—

In consequence of the increased duties devolving upon the County Superintendents under the new act, and feeling that too large a portion of my time would be abstracted from my professional duties, I beg to notify the Municipal Council that I purpose to retire from the office of County Superintendent at the close of the present year.

I have endeavored to discharge the important duties of the office conscientiously, and in strict accordance with the act of the Legislature, and I trust to the satisfaction of the Municipal Council.

I have received the thanks of the Chief Superintendent of Education, with a request that I would continue in the office—which is gratifying to me, after having to contend with various difficulties, which few besides the Chief Superintendent can understand.

I can give to my successor the precise character of each school in the District, and shall feel most happy to afford him every information which an experience of three years can supply.

I have nearly completed my inspection and examination of schools for this year, and am of opinion that education is making some progress, though from various causes, slowly.

I desire particularly to mark my approbation of many of the schools in W. Gwillimbury, and without meaning to be invidious, to mention that of No. 8, of which Mr. Thomas Johnson is teacher. From the efficient state of this school, I could judge of the great advantage of retaining the services of the same teacher, when efficient, as from other schools I could perceive the disadvantage to the pupils, of a frequent change of masters.

As the Council will be anxious to procure a person to fill the office, who can devote to it most of his time, necessary in consequence of the increased duties imposed by the new School Act, I would beg respectfully to recommend Mr. Henry Clifford, Superintendent of Oro, as a person adapted and fully competent, to fulfil the duties, in the present state of education in the District.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient humble servant,

S. B. ARDAGH,

Superintendent of C. Schools, District of Simcoe.

Barrie, Oct. 6th, 1846.

BY-LAW No. 29.

*A By-Law to establish a Road in Innisfil.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, that the road surveyed by William Gibbard, Esq., Road Surveyor, commencing at the post between Lots Nos. 13 and 12, on the twelfth and thirteenth concessions, Innisfil; thence on the side line between Nos. 12 and 13, a distance of forty chains and thirty-seven links; thence north seven degrees east, fourteen chains and eighty-one links; thence north twenty-eight degrees, thirty-nine minutes east, twenty-six chains and eighty links, more or less, to the intersection of Colborne street; thence on a continuation of Colborne street down to the edge of the lake; be and the same is hereby established and confirmed as an important road and highway, on condition that the requisitionists to the Road Surveyor do pay the necessary expenses for the surveying of the same, and that all legal claims for property therein, appropriated to the public use, become satisfied. The said road tending greatly to the public good.

W. ARMSON,  
WARDEN.

Council Hall, 7th October, 1846.

## BY-LAW No. 30.

*A By-Law to fix Allowance to Members of the District Council of Simcoe.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, and it is hereby enacted by authority thereof,

That there be allowed and paid to the members of this Council the following sums as remuneration for their services, as authorized by Act 9th Vict., chap. 40.

Be it therefore enacted, that the Treasurer of this District shall pay unto every member of this Council the sum of six shillings and three pence, Halifax currency, for every day which said Councillors shall be employed as such in Council assembled.

And be it further enacted, that the Clerk of the said District shall, at the close of each session, make up an account of the sums payable to the different members of the Council—to be certified by the Warden—and said certified account shall constitute the warrant to the Treasurer for his paying such sums.

And be it further enacted, that the said allowance of six shillings and three pence, currency, per day, shall apply to this present session of Council.

WM. ARMSON,  
WARDEN.

Council Hall, 7th October, 1846.

## BY-LAW No. 31.

*A By-Law to fix allowances to certain District Officers.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, and it is hereby enacted by authority thereof.

That there shall be allowed and paid to the several District officers and servants hereinafter named, the following sums for their services, per centages, allowances, emoluments and fees, which the said officers and servants shall be entitled to, and which shall be payable out of the funds or revenues of the District of Simcoe, for and during the year, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, for the due and faithful performance and fulfilment of their respective duties, as such officers individually, for all services belonging and appertaining to their several offices, usually and ordinarily performed, or required or contemplated by law, custom and usage, to be performed.

And be it further enacted, that the said several sums of money shall, and may be payable by the Treasurer of the District, out of the funds or revenue of said District.

And be it further enacted, that it shall not be lawful for the said Treasurer to pay any other or greater salary to such officers and servants, for such services usually and ordinarily performed, out of the funds or revenue of the District, than are herein named:—

The Treasurer of the District, one hundred and twenty-five pounds, currency, for his services.

The Clerk of the District Council, forty-five pounds, currency, for his services.

The District Surveyor, twenty-five pounds, currency, for his services.

The District Auditors, each, two pounds ten shillings, currency, for their services,

WM. ARMSON,  
WARDEN.

Council Hall, October 8th, 1846.

## BY-LAW No. 32.

*A By-Law imposing a Tax upon certain School Districts in the several Townships therein named, to be applied to School purposes, in compliance with an Act for the establishment and maintenance of Common Schools in Canada West.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe,

that in order to raise the money required for the hereinafter mentioned purposes, and to defray the expense of raising, levying and collecting the same, the assessors of each and every Township, hereinafter mentioned, for the present year, shall, and they are hereby required to furnish the Clerk of the District Council within 20 days from and after the passing of this Act with a certified copy of the assessment roll of their respective Townships, so far as regards the limits of the several school sections herein mentioned in the said Township, distinguishing the ratable property in each school section separately, with the valuation of such property extended; upon delivery of which copy of roll to the said Clerk every Assessor shall be entitled to demand and receive the sum of two shillings and six pence currency for every hundred names therein contained, so soon as the Collector shall have collected the several sums herein ordered to be levied. And it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the District Council for the time being, to make out a fair copy of such rolls and to assess the following sums equally upon all ratable property in each of the following school sections respectively, that is to say:—Upon all persons possessing ratable property in the Township of West Gwillimbury, residing in school section No. 6, the sum of sixty pounds currency; upon all persons possessing ratable property residing in school section No. 12, the sum of five pounds currency; upon all persons possessing ratable property residing in the union school section in Tecumseth, attached to section No. 14, King, the sum of ten pounds currency. Upon all persons possessing ratable property residing in school section No. 18, the sum of seventeen pounds ten shillings currency.

And be it enacted that the before named sums are to be raised, over and above all expenses for levying the same: and it shall be the duty of the said District Council Clerk, as soon as the said rolls shall have been completed, to cause the same to be delivered to the Collectors of the several before named Townships.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Collectors of the said Townships shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to ask, demand and receive from all persons named in the said rolls, the sums therein stated as their proportion of the said assessment, and to raise, levy and collect the same, in the same manner as the other assessed taxes are now raised, levied and collected, and they shall pay the same over to the Trustees of their respective school sections, first deducting the sum of two shillings and sixpence currency, to be paid over by them to the Assessors, and also the rate of five per cent. on the amount so levied, collected and paid, as their remuneration for collecting the same.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Trustees of the several school districts hereinbefore mentioned, shall account to the District Council for the sums of money falling to the management of each, within six months from the date of the receipt of such sums.

WM. ARMSON,  
WARDEN.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

First Meeting,

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 2nd February,

1847.

DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR 1847.

WM. ARMSON, WARDEN.

Bishop, Stephen	.....	<i>Flos.</i>
Cody, Peter	.....	<i>Toscorontio.</i>
Dallas, Fredk.	.....	<i>N. &amp; S. Orillia.*</i>
Drury Richard	.....	<i>Oro.</i>
Eaton, John	.....	<i>Euphrasia.</i>
Hamilton, W. B.	.....	<i>Tiny.</i>
Gilmore, John	.....	<i>Mulmur.</i>
Hunt, William	.....	<i>Medonte.</i>
Jeffery, Edward	.....	<i>Tay.</i>
Irwin, Jared	.....	<i>Tecumseth.</i>
Keenan, Robert	.....	<i>Adjala.</i>
Lane, Jonathau	.....	<i>Oro.</i>
McGlashan, Jno. F.	.....	<i>Nottawasaga.</i>
Robertson, James	.....	<i>St. Vincent.</i>
Rogers, Zenos	.....	<i>W. Gwillimbury.</i>
Seeler, Henry	.....	<i>Sunnidale.</i>
Stephens, Jas. D.	.....	<i>Nottawasaga.</i>
Stephens, Fred. S.	.....	<i>Tecumseth.</i>
Todd, Walter	.....	<i>Essa.</i>
Walker, Edward A.	.....	<i>Vespra.</i>
White, John	.....	<i>Mono.</i>
Whitley, James	.....	<i>Mulmur.</i>
Willson, Alfred	.....	<i>Innisfil.</i>

\*Robert, Rowe, Clerk.

TUESDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1847.

The Council met.

Mr. Armson in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Todd,

That William Armson, Esquire, be reappointed Warden for the District of Simcoe.

Carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

Ordered—That Mr. John McWatt be reappointed District Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That Mr. Henry Creswicke be reappointed District Surveyor.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Warden do nominate the members of the different Standing Committees for the present year.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Walker, McGlashan and Armson for Education,

Messrs. Hamilton, and J. D. Stephens for Finance and Assessment.

Messrs. Drury, Wilson and Lane for Roads and Bridges.

Messrs. Irwin, Bishop and F. S. Stephens for District Property.

The Warden appointed Mr. John Atkinson one of the District Auditors.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That Mr. William Graham be appointed an Auditor for the District.

Several Communications were read and laid on the table.

1st. From the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of a Memorial to His Excellency the Governor General, representing the want of Magistrates in certain Townships within the District.

2nd. From the same, acknowledging the receipt of four By-Laws passed at the last session of the Council.

3rd. From the same, acknowledging the receipt of a Memorial to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that the Treasurer may be furnished with certain returns of lands within the District.

4th. From the Assistant Chief Superintendent of Education, regarding the Provincial Grant for the year 1847.

5th. From certain District Clerks, regarding a wild land tax.

The Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet, together with accounts Nos. 1, 2 and 3, laid before the Council.

Auditors' reports Nos. 1, 2 and 3, laid before the Council.

District Surveyor's report No. 1, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That all papers now read, relating to the Committees on Finance and Assessment, or Education, be referred to these Committees respectively.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Cody,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor's report No. 1, be referred to the Committee on District Property.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the Finance Committee, with Messrs. Armson, Walker, Drury and Lane, added to it for the present occasion, do take into consideration the subject of a wild land tax—and that they be empowered to take such advice of Counsel as they may see fit.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

Ordered—That the Clerk be requested to acknowledge the receipt of the letters from the other Districts, with the thanks of the Council for the courtesy of the writers, and remitting them the sums they may have charged.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That Messrs. Hamilton and McGlashan be a Committee, for the purpose of drafting an address of congratulation to His Excellency the Governor General upon his safe arrival in this Province.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That Messrs. Drury and Walker be a Committee to consider the propriety of addressing the Legislature, respecting the construction of a road betwixt the Town of Barris and the Village of Orillia.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor furnish the Committee on District Property, with the plans and papers connected with the fitting up of the Court Room, to enable said Committee to report upon the propriety of such being completed as speedily as possible.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the Treasurer be instructed to procure a map of this District, of the latest and best description, for the use of the Council.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

Ordered—That the Treasurer's Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, also the Auditors' Reports.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1847.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair

The minutes of yesterday read.

The following petitions were presented:

Of John Pearson, on the subject of the roof of the court house—by Mr. Walker.

Of Wm. Lloyd and others, praying for the establishment of a road in Orillia—by Mr. Dallas,

Of J. Drin'water and others, inhabitants of Orillia, as to the mole of making grants for school house—by the same.

Of the Trustees of No. 4 School Section, Innisfil, praying for a sum of money to repair a school house—by Mr. Wilson.

Of the Trustees of Union School Section, West Gwillimbury and Tecumseth, praying the Council to order the payment of certain back taxes to be paid them for articles furnished by them for said School Section—by Mr. Armson

Of Thomas Crow and others, inhabitants of Sunnidale, on the subject of their school—by Mr. McGlashan.

Of Thomas Mulligan and others, of School Section No. 5, Tecumseth, praying for an alteration in their School section—by Mr. F. S. Stephens.

Of John McMahon and other, inhabitants of Adjala, praying against their being taxed for the erection of a bridge in the Township of Essa—by Mr. Keenan.

Of Wm. McCracken and others, inhabitants of Tossorontio, praying that they be not taxed for the erection of a bridge in Essa—by Mr. Cody.

Of George Baycroft and others, of the Township of Tecumseth, praying for a School Section—by Mr. F. S. Stephens.

Presented—The estimate for building a bridge across the Nottawasaga river, in the Township of Essa—by Mr. Todd.

The memorial of Gerald Alley, Esq., on the subject of taxation, laid before the Council.

The memorial of the Barrie hook and ladder and fire company, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,

Ordered—That the petition of John Pearson, be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the petitions connected with school affairs, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the memorial of Gerald Alley, Esq., be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the report and petition of James Tullhope, Road Surveyor, Oro, presented by Mr. Alley at the last session of this Council, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of the inhabitants of Adyala, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

Ordered—That the memorial of the Barrie Hook and Laddler Company, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. McGlashan,

Ordered—That the estimate for the erection of a bridge in Essa, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Cody, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the petition of Wm. McCracken and others of Tosorontio be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr Todd,

Ordered—That the petition for a bridge in the Township of Essa, presented at the last session of this Council, and postponed for the want of the estimate, be now taken into consideration by the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

Ordered—That the Committee on Roads and Bridges, be requested to consider the provisions of the 13th Section of the Amended Municipal Act, and report upon the same to this Council.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Warden do nominate members to such Committees as may not be now filled up.

The Warden nominated Mr. Jeffrey to the Committee on District Property, during the absence of Mr. Irwin.

The following petitions were presented :

Of inhabitants and Trustees of School Section No. 6, Vespra, praying for a tax of thirty pounds for building a school-house,—by Mr. Walker.

Of Wm. Gibbard and others, praying for a road into the Town of Barrie, from the 3rd and 4th concessions of Vespra.—by the same.

Of John McGlashan and others, praying that the Township of Nottawa-saga be not taxed to build a bridge in the Township of Essa,—by Mr. J. D. Stephens.

Of Trustees of School Section No. 10, in the Township of Oro, praying for enforcement of a tax already imposed for the completion of a school-house,—by Mr. Drury.

Of John McGlashan and others, of the Township of Nottawa-saga, praying that part of the seventh line in that Township be opened,—by Mr. J. D. Stephens.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That four days from the time of meeting of Council, be the period allowed for the presenting of petitions, instead of three as hitherto.

The Committee appointed to recommend an address to His Excellency the Governor-General, brought up a report, accompanied with draft of address.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the report and draft of address now read be adopted, and that the address be engrossed, signed by the Warden, and forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up Reports Nos. 1 and 2.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the reports now read be adopted, and that the Warden do issue his warrant accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. J. D. Stephens,

Ordered—That the petition of Wm. Gibbard and others, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. J. D. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of John McGlashan and others, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

Ordered—That the petition of Trustees of School Section No. 6, Vespra, be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the petition of Trustees, No. 10, School Section, Oro, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the Treasurer do furnish this Council at each of its sessions, with the gross amount of the District debt and liabilities, and that the same be inserted in the minutes of the Council, for the public information.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up reports Nos. 1 and 2.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keenan,

Ordered—That the reports now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That each Committee shall, for the future, prepare any By-law it may recommend, and not the Committee on Finance and Assessment as hitherto.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the salaries of the different District officers be fixed at this session of the Council, and that the Committee on Finance be required to report on the same.

Adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1847.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

Presented—The petition of Hugh Stodders and Robert Parker, praying to be disunited from School Section No. 12, West Gwillimbury, and annexed to the next section West,—by Mr. F. S. Stephens.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. J. D. Stephens,

Ordered—That the petition of Hugh Stodders and Robert Parker, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on District Property brought up report No. 1.

Mr. Jeffrey moved, seconded by Mr. Bishop,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Mr. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Dallas, in amendment,

That the report now read be referred back for reconsideration, and the plans and estimates for fitting up the Court Room, be laid on the table.

Carried in the affirmative.

Memorial No. 2, from the Barrie Hook and Ladder Company, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keenan,

Ordered—That the Memorial No. 2, of the Hook and Ladder Company of Barrie, be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

The District Surveyor's report No. 2, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor's report No. 2, be referred to the Committee on District Property.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Lane,

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Ordered—That the District Surveyor be instructed to furnish by the next meeting, two tables for the use of the Council, to be of the same description as those used in the Committee Rooms.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, with the additional members, brought up a report on the subject of a wild land tax.

Mr. Dallas moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

That the report now read be adopted.

Mr. Drury moved, seconded by Mr. Robertson, in amendment,

That the report now read be referred back for reconsideration, with respect to the appropriation for the use of roads being altered from one half-penny to one penny per acre, on the absentee wild lands.

YEAS—1. Bishop, Colv., Drury, Eaton, Hunt, Keenan, Robertson.—7.

NAYS—Armstrong, Dallas, Hamilton, Jeffery, Lane, McGlashan, Rogers, Stephens, F. S. Stephens, J. D. Todd, Walker, Wilson.—12.

Decided in the negative by a majority of 5.

The original motion was then put and carried.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 3.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Education brought up report No. 3.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That a Committee consisting of Messrs. F. S. Stephens and McGlashan be appointed to draft an address to the Legislature, praying that the period of the returns of Collectors being made to the Treasurer, be altered from the second Tuesday of December to the same Tuesday of February following.

The Standing Committee on District Property brought up Report No. 1, as reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Jeffery, seconded by Mr. Bishop,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1847.

The Council met.

Mr. Warden in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The following petitions were presented:

Of Henry Smith and others, praying to be separated from Orillia and joined to Oro School Section,—by Mr. Dallas.

Of the Trustees of School Section No. 18, West Gwillimbury, praying to be enlarged from section No. 19 of same Township,—by Mr. Armson.

Of James Law and others, of Tecumseth, praying for the sum of £25 to make a road on the 10th and 11th concessions in said Township,—by Mr. Keenan.

Of Elijah Collard and others, inhabitants of Tecumseth, praying for the sum of Five Pounds to enable them to cut down a certain hill,—by Mr. F. S. Stephens.

Of John Pearson, Barrie, praying to be heard on the subject of the work done to the roof of the Court House,—by Mr. Keenan.

Of James Ross, Senior, West Gwillimbury, praying for exemption from paying his taxes for the year 1846,—by Mr. Armson.

Of Trustees of School Section No. 17, West Gwillimbury, praying that no part of their School Section be attached to any other,—by Mr. Armson.

Of George Lount, Esq., Registrar of the County of Simcoe, praying that the Council take into consideration the necessity of building fire-proof offices and vaults for the safe keeping of all books, records, and other papers belonging to the offices of registrar,—by Mr. Armson.

An account of Peter Hyman of Nottawasaga, for expenses incurred in collecting taxes, laid before the Council.

On Motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the petition of Henry Smith and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. J. D. Stephens, seconded by Mr. McGlashan,

Ordered—That the account of Peter Hyam be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the petition of Trustees of School Section No. 18, West Gwillimbury, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. F. S. Stephens, seconded by Keenan,

Ordered—That the petition of Elijah Collard and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, seconded by Mr. F. S. Stephens,

Ordered—That the petition of James Law and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, seconded by Mr. F. S. Stephens,

Ordered—That the petition of John Pearson, be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Rogers,

Ordered—That the communication of Mr. Lount be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. J. D. Stephens and Drury.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. McGlashan,

Ordered—That the petition of School Trustees, Section No. 17, of West Gwillimbury, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the petition of James Ross be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

The District Surveyor's report No. 3, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor's report, No. 3, be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report

No. 4, accompanied by a By-Law.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted, and that the By-Law be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Council do go into Committee of the whole, on the By-Law now read a second time.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the By-Law for fixing allowance to District Officers. Mr. Walker in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the By-Law without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the By-Law be now read a third time forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That a Committee consisting of Messrs. Walker and McGlashan be appointed for the purpose of drafting a memorial to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that a sufficient number of coroners be immediately appointed for this District.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the Warden do nominate a Select Committee for the purpose of drafting an address to the several branches of the Legislature, on the subject of Registry Laws.

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The Warden nominated Messrs. Hamilton, J. D. Stephens and Rogers.  
The District Surveyor's report No. 4, laid before the Council.

The following petitions were presented:

Of the Collector of West Gwillimbury, praying for advice, relating to the collection of taxes—by Mr. Arnson.

Of Wm Allen and others, complaining of the Township Clerk of Mono—by Mr. Keenan.

Of inhabitants of No. 4, School Section of Mono, praying for a tax of two pence per pound on all ratable property, for school purposes—by Mr. Walker.

Of inhabitants of No. 8, School Section of Mono, praying that their section may not be divided—by Mr. Walker.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the petition of John Ferguson be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, seconded by Mr. White,

Ordered—That the petition of William Allen be referred to a Select Committee to be appointed by the Warden for that purpose.

The Warden nominated Messrs. J. D. Stephens, Todd and McGlashan.

The Committee on District Property brought up report No. 2.

On motion of Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. Bishop.

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. McGlashan,

Ordered—That the petitions from Mono, now received, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education reported by draft of a By-Law.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. McGlashan,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read, be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

Ordered—That the Council do not now go into Committee of the whole on the draft of By-Law, but that it be read a third time forthwith, and the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. McGlashan,

Ordered—That the By-Law do now pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up draft of a By-Law relating to the School Assessment.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keenan,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read, be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,

Ordered—That the Council do not now go into Committee of the whole on draft of By-Law, but that it be read a third time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Cody,

Ordered—That the By-Law do now pass, be engrossed by the Clerk and signed by the Warden.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment reported by draft of By-Law, relative to a wild land tax.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the By-Law be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the Council do now go into Committee of the whole on the draft of the By-Law now read.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the draft of By-Law relating to the wild land tax. Mr. Hamilton in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the By-Law without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Lane,  
Ordered—That the By-Law be now read a third time forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Lane,  
Ordered—That the By-Law read a third time, do now pass, be engrossed  
by the Clerk, and signed by the Warden.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That, as the general imposition of a tax on land is a new  
measure, deeply affecting this District, it is very desirable that the report of  
the Finance Committee, which embraces the nature, extent, purposes and ad-  
vantages of this mode of taxation, (and also the By-Law), be widely disseminated,  
and that for this purpose, the Clerk be instructed to procure with the least  
possible delay, 750 copies of the said Report and By-Law, to be forwarded to  
the different members of this Council, for general distribution.

The Committee appointed to draft an address to His Excellency, on the  
subject of coroners, brought up a report, accompanied by draft of address.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the report and address now read, be adopted, that the ad-  
dress be engrossed, signed by the Warden, and forwarded to His Excellency  
the Governor-General.

The Committee appointed to draft an address to the Legislature, respect-  
ing a road between Barrie and Orillia, brought up a report, accompanied by  
draft of address.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the report and address now read be adopted, and that the  
address be engrossed, signed by the Warden, and forwarded to the Legislative  
Assembly.

The Committee appointed to report on Collectors' returns, brought up a  
report, together with draft of address to Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the report and address now read be adopted, and that the  
address be engrossed, signed by the Warden, and forwarded to the Legislative  
Assembly.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 5.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Committee on Roads and Bridges reported by By-law.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the draft of By-law now read, be read a second time forth-  
with, and the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the Council do not now go into Committee of the whole  
on draft of By-Law, now read a second time, but that it be read a third time  
forthwith and the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed,  
and signed by the Warden.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up reports Nos.  
1 and 2.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the reports now read be adopted.

The Select Committee relative to Registry Office, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up report No. 4.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

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SATURDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1847.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Standing Committee on District Property brought in reports Nos. 3 and 4.

On motion of Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the reports now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 3.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

Ordered—That all expenditure of school moneys in the hands of the Clerk, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 4.

Mr. Lane moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

That the report now read be adopted.

Mr. Keanan moved, seconded by Mr. McGlashan, in amendment,

That the report now read be referred back for reconsideration, in order that the particular sum necessary for building the bridge over the Nottawasaga River, in the Township of Essa, may be stated.

Decided in the negative.

Mr. Robertson then moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton,

That the report now read be not adopted, but that the Townships of Colingwood, Euphrasia, and St. Vincent, be exempt from paying any part of the expenses of said bridge.

Also decided in the negative.

The original motion was then put and carried.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the By-Law upon the subject of providing for the building a bridge in Essa, be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Council do not now go into Committee of the whole on the draft of By-law, but that it be read a third time forthwith, and that the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Drury.

Ordered—That the By-Law, now read a third time, do pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Committee on Finance and Assessment do take into consideration the proper steps to be taken for the recovery (from the Treasurer of the Home District) of the taxes collected in the Townships of Medonte and Floe, for the year 1842, and report on the same.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 5, accompanied by a draft of By-Law.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read, be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Council do not now go into Committee of the whole on the draft of the By-Law now read, but that it be read a third time, forthwith, and that the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the By-Law do now pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

On motion of Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the By-Law which has now passed this Council, relating to the commutation of Statute Labor, be sent, with the report and By-Law

as to the wild land tax, for immediate publication,—the whole to be done in pamphlet form.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

Ordered—That the Treasurer be requested to furnish the Clerk with one cheque for the whole sum to which Councillors are entitled for their services this session, and that the Warden do issue the necessary warrant.

A communication from Mr. Townsend, of Toronto, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Clerk be requested to employ Mr. Townsend to print the minutes of the present session, provided that the charge be not greater than hitherto.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the Warden do nominate a Committee on contingencies.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Robertson, Todd and Keenan.

The District Surveyor's Report No. 5, laid before the Council.

The Select Committee on the petition of William Allen, of Mono, brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. McGlashan, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. McGlashan,

Ordered—That the District Surveyor's report No. 5, be read a second time, and that the power wished for be granted to the District Surveyor, provided it does not increase the expenditure.

A communication from John Pearson, of Barrie, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,

Ordered—That John Pearson's request be complied with, as it appears the District is secured by him, in double the amount agreed upon by the Court.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up report, No. 5.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. White,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 6.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, reported by By-Law.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the By-law be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the Council do not now go into Committee of the whole, upon the By-Law, but that it be read a third time forthwith, and that the 34th Rule be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the By-Law do now pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed by the Warden.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the By-law just passed, be sent, with the report, and By-Law relating to a wild land tax, for immediate publication.

The Committee on Contingencies brought up a report.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Cody,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Members absent the whole of the meeting—Messrs. Gilmore and Irwin.  
Adjourned until the first Tuesday in October.

WM. ARMSTRONG,

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# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the February Session,

A.D., 1847.

### WM. ARMSON, ESQ., WARDEN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO RECOMMEND AN ADDRESS TO HIS  
EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee to whom was referred the drafting an address to His Excellency the Governor General, upon the occasion of his arrival in this Province, beg leave to recommend that the following be adopted:—

*To His Excellency, the Right Honorable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Governor-General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

May it please your Excellency,—

We, the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, having been apprised of the arrival of your Excellency in this portion of Her Majesty's dominions, hasten to congratulate your Excellency upon this happy event.

We would assure your Excellency of the high respect entertained by us towards the representative of Her Gracious Majesty, and that we hail with pleasure your Excellency's appointment to the administration of the exalted and highly responsible duties of Governor-General of British North America.

Although your Excellency be personally a stranger in these Provinces, the distinguished character which your Excellency had attained as a statesman, was nevertheless known and appreciated previous to your Excellency having landed on our shores, and we fervently trust, that by the will of Him who is the ruler of princes, your Excellency may long efficiently govern these extensive and valuable colonies.

That Canada has, notwithstanding many difficulties and drawbacks, made rapid progress in civilization, is most evident. Large and beautiful farms have been formed from the *rudé forest*; roads and canals constructed; enterprising and prosperous towns have sprung up; commerce astonishingly increased; and it will undoubtedly be most gratifying to your Excellency to use those high privileges with which you have been invested by your Sovereign, in patronizing whatever tends to the promotion of public morals and public intelligence; soothing the asperity of party feeling; forwarding all important improvements, particularly the construction of great leading roads, and the education of the people, and thus advancing the permanent welfare and best interests of this remote but *loyal* portion of the British Empire.

Descendants of a great and illustrious nation, which has ever been foremost in promoting true freedom, and the refuge of the persecuted, within whose realms no slave groans beneath the yoke of oppression, never can we cease to regard the land from which we have sprung, with other than the warmest feelings of affection.

We would, convey, through your Excellency, the heartfelt loyalty with which we regard our beloved Sovereign; we would express our admiration of the *unrivalled* Constitution of Britain; the noble code of laws by which she is governed; the spirit and enterprise which distinguish her people, and our sincere desire, that the connection between Great Britain and her American Colonies, may long remain firm and inviolate.

The Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe earnestly trust, that the talents and virtues which adorn your Excellency's name, will render you for many years respected and esteemed, while holding with justice and mercy the reins of government in this Province.

Signed in name and behalf of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 3rd Feb., 1847.

#### REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the memorial of the Hook and Ladder Company of the Town of Barrie, beg leave to report,

That they have taken into consideration the purport of the said memorial, and are of opinion that the object the Company have in view is highly necessary.

That your Committee consider that the Council ought to give such encouragement as its finances will allow, as the safety of the valuable property of the District will be greatly increased by a fire engine, being kept in the Town of Barrie.

Your Committee would therefore strongly recommend that the sum of twenty-five pounds (£25) be granted to the Hook and Ladder Company of Barrie, for the purpose of assisting them to carry out the objects contained in their memorial.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 3rd Feb., 1847.

#### REPORT NO. 2 OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ASSESSMENT, ON THE TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET AND REPORT.

To the Simcoe District Council:

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the Treasurer's Balance Sheet and Report, beg leave to state,

That they have carefully examined the said Balance sheet, and find it to be quite correct.

Your Committee are glad to find from the Treasurer's Report, that he has been enabled to reduce the debt of the District by the payment of £400.

Your Committee also consider, that the leniency shewn to collectors under the circumstances stated in the report, is judicious.

Your Committee would recommend that the Treasurer be instructed to take legal steps for the recovery of the balance of taxes for the year 1845, from Don Id Campbell, Collector for Oro, and his securities, unless there be an immediate prospect of the said balance being received.

Your Committee would further recommend, that for next year, one per cent. be added to the percentage now paid to the Collectors, but that should any Collector be three months behind the time allowed by law in making his return, he shall not then be allowed any percentage for such sums paid in after the expiration of this period.

The information contained in the Treasurer's report respecting the wild land tax, as also the reports referring to other subjects connected with that highly important measure, will be considered by this Committee when enlarged, for the purpose of reporting upon that subject, and no doubt will be found extremely useful.

Finally, your Committee approves of the Treasurer's recommendation, that the District Officers be paid their salaries half-yearly instead of yearly as heretofore.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 3rd Feb., 1847.

#### REPORT NO. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee have considered with great attention, the communication received from the chief Superintendent of Common Schools, stating as his opinion, that the District School Assessment for last year, may be taken as the basis of that for the present year, but, as the chief Superintendent also states, that if the census should happen to shew an increase, our apportionment will be larger—in that case the District assessment (if the same as last year,) will not be sufficient to cover the apportionment.

Your Committee therefore recommends that the District assessment of last year be increased by the sum of fifty pounds, clear of all expenses of collection, as it must be evident to the Council that the census is rapidly increasing, and that consequently the number of schools must increase in proportion.

Your Committee would also remind the Council, that they acted on supposition in this matter once before, and a deficiency was the result.

Your Committee would further observe, that as far as they can judge, there is no remedy for this dilemma, that it must occur annually, and the School District assessment be made entirely on supposition, unless some alteration takes place in the Common School Act now in force, or the Council changes the time of its session.

Your Committee of course intends the said additional sum of forty pounds to be levied from each Township in their just proportions.

Your Committee has no remarks to make on the communication from the County Superintendent on the same subject.

All which is respectfully submitted,

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 3rd Feb., 1847.

#### REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee having examined the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Orillia, praying the Council to be more cautious in future, in granting

taxes for schools, on petitions of a minority of the inhabitants, begs to observe, that they have a distinct recollection of the particular tax referred to, and complained of—that it was signed by the Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township, and others—and that so far from having acted hastily in the matter, the said petition, by the advice of your Committee, did lie over for six months, or two sessions, for the express purpose of giving a fair chance to any counter petition which might be sent in; and further, your Committee took great pains to discover whether every proceeding connected with the petition for the tax was according to law—when your Committee found they could not very well withhold the tax, and recommended it accordingly.

Your Committee has considered the petition of the Trustees of Union School District of West Gwillimbury and Tecumseth, praying the Council to order the payment of certain back taxes to be paid by them for articles furnished for the said school, and begs to recommend that the collector be desired to collect the same, and pay it over to the petitioners—who must account for the same, and pay any balance which may remain to the present Trustees; and further, that the Clerk be desired to notify the several parties.

With regard to the petition of Thomas Milligan and others, complaining of the incompetency of the teacher of School Section No. 5, of the Township of Tecumseth, and praying for his removal, or to be annexed to some other section, your Committee begs to recommend that the petitioners be notified by the Clerk, that they had better apply to the County Superintendent, who will examine the teacher, and dismiss him if incompetent.

Your Committee has considered the petition of Thomas Crow and others, of the Township of Sunnidale, praying to be allowed to have two schools taught by one teacher,—the said teacher to attend alternate quarters at each school,—as the settlement is too thin to be able to afford two teachers for the whole year. Your Committee recommends that the petitioners be notified by the Clerk, that in this matter they can suit themselves; but if they wish to obtain their apportionment from the Government grant, they must take care to keep each school in operation six months.

With respect to the petition from trustees and inhabitants of School Section No. 4, of the Township of Innisfil, praying for a tax of eight pounds, for the purpose of repairing and furnishing their school house, your Committee begs leave to recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Your Committee has considered the petition of George Baycroft and others, inhabitants of Tecumseth, praying for an alteration in their School Section, and begs to recommend that no action be taken upon it, as there is not sufficient evidence to show, that if the prayer of the petition be granted, it would be of any benefit to the petitioners, but might cause confusion in the adjoining sections.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,

Committee Room, 3rd Feb., 1847.

CHAIRMAN.

#### REPORT NO. 1 OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the District Surveyor's report No. 1, begs leave to report:

That we have carefully examined the same, and find that the work of the court house has been completed in as far as the practicability of it would admit

Your Committee has also had the opinion of the Treasurer on the sufficiency of the bondsmen of John Pearson, which he considers good and sufficient.

Your Committee has also taken into consideration the District Surveyor's report, upon the probable amount required for fitting up the court room according to his plan, now laid before the Council, but with circular table for

Barristers, begs leave to state, that the probable amount, according to the said plan, will be £53.0s.10d. For giving it two good ground works of paint, and a plain oak grain, with two coats of varnish, the probable amount will be £18.10s.; for fitting up the sittings for the public, the probable amount will be £9.9s.4d.; for the repairing of the ceiling in the court room, the Committees', Registrar's and the Treasurer's room, the probable amount will be £4, making in all, the sum of £85.0s.3d.

Your Committee therefore recommends that the Council do authorise the District Surveyor to receive tenders, and proceed with the work forthwith, so that it may be finished (except perhaps as respects painting) within three months from this date, having a due regard to neatness and economy, and that the charge do not exceed the probable amount herein mentioned, and also that he has proper security for its due performance.

Your Committee has also examined the petition of John Pearson, praying for the sum of £25 which was deducted from his account, in consequence of his not fulfilling his contract, and recommend that it be not granted, as we consider it was finally settled at the last sitting of the Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. JEFFERY,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 4th Feb., 1847.

#### REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee on District Property to whom was referred the petition of the hook and ladder company of the town of Barrie, praying that the Council will be pleased to grant them permission to erect a station-house on the market square of the said town of Barrie, for the safe keeping of the apparatus of the said Company, beg leave to report:

That your Committee has carefully examined the petition in all its various bearings, touching the benefits that may be derived from the erection of said house in a central position of the town, thereby affording great protection to the Public Buildings of this District.

Your Committee do recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, subject, nevertheless, to the removal of said house from the market square, by the said petitioners, at any time that they may be required so to do, by notice in writing, signed by the Warden of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. JEFFERY

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 4th Feb., 1847.

#### REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the Auditors' reports, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, beg leave to state:

That they have carefully examined Reports Nos. 1 and 2, and find them correct.

Of Report No. 3, your Committee would beg leave to remark, that with respect to an account of Mr. Lount's, for writing three Bonds of indemnity to secure the District against John Pearson, for the defective roofing of the court house, it is the opinion of your Committee that the said John Pearson should

pay the one-half of Mr. Lount's charge, & Mr. Pearson engaged to enter into security to the satisfaction of the Council  
All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 4th Feb., 1847.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the recommending the amounts of salaries of the several officers for the present year, beg leave to report:—

That they have drafted a By-Law for the approval of the Council, fixing the salaries of the different officers at the following sums, for the present year, viz:—

The Treasurer of the District.....	£125	0	0
The Clerk of the Council.....	40	0	0
The District Surveyor.....	25	0	0
The District Auditors, each.....	2	10	0
The Keeper of the Court House.....	12	10	0

Your Committee would respectfully remark, that the above salaries are the same as those fixed on at the last session of the Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 4th Feb., 1847.

REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of School Section No. 10, in the Township of Oro, praying enforcement of Tax already imposed, for completion of school house, begs to recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, and the necessary steps taken, when the Trustees shall have sent a deed of the land to the Clerk.

With regard to the petition of Trustees and inhabitants of School Section No. 6, Township of Vespra, praying for a tax of thirty pounds for the purpose of building a school house, your Committee recommends that the sum of twenty pounds be granted, and the necessary roll prepared—upon a deed for the land being completed, upon which the said school house is to be built—and lodged in the hands of the Clerk.

Your Committee cannot recommend any notice to be taken of the petition of Robert Lister and Hugh Stoddart, praying to be removed from School Section No. 1, and annexed to the next Section west, as the petitioners state no reasons, and give no information.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 4th February, 1847.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ASSESSMENT,\* (WITH ADDITIONAL MEMBERS FOR THE PRESENT OCCASION,†) UPON THE SUBJECT OF A WILD LAND TAX.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The great importance of this subject to the District of Simcoe, arising from the large debt in which it is now involved—the excellent position which

\* Messrs Dallas, Hamilton and Stephens.

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the finances would almost immediately assume on its adoption—and the great assistance which the Council would soon be enabled to afford towards the improvement of roads, a matter of such unspeakable value in developing the resources of the backwood Townships, and towards which, (unlike other Districts) they have hitherto been unable to contribute *one shilling*—these, with other weighty reasons, will render it imperative upon your Committee to enter upon this subject at some length. It will be necessary for them, in recommending immediate action on this deeply important subject, not only to be themselves convinced of its necessity and practicability, but, to represent to the Council such arguments and facts as may entitle your Committee to ask for the adoption of such course as they shall see it to be their duty to recommend.

After the many debates and arguments which have arisen, as to the powers of District Councils to levy and enforce a "Wild Land Tax," your Committee have much pleasure in stating, that not only from the District Council Act itself, but from different returns made from other Districts, as well as from a highly important document, which will afterwards be alluded to, they believe that they will be enabled to show, to the satisfaction of the Council, that doubt no longer exists as to the extent and nature of the powers of the Council in carrying out, *fully and entirely*, the measure now in contemplation. On reference to the minutes of the Simcoe District Council, it will be found, that, on former occasions, the subject of this tax commanded the attention of that body.

On the 17th May, 1844, a By-Law was enacted, imposing a tax of one penny per acre "on all Wild Lands belonging to persons not residing on them, nor entered on the Township Assessment Rolls."

On 18th February, 1845, the Council petitioned the Legislature upon a Wild Land Tax.

On 14th February, 1845, the Council, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, ordered the collection of the Wild Land Tax by the Treasurer to commence on the 17th May following.

On the 15th of May, 1845, the Council petitioned Parliament, to the same effect as formerly.

Your Committee will only here observe, that the Council failed in the attempt to impose the tax from an error as to the *manner* of laying it on, which will be afterwards spoken of; and, being doubtful of the powers conferred on them by the Act, with respect to this tax, it was natural and proper for them to petition that these powers should be more clearly defined.

Your Committee can have no doubt, that after repeated favorable declarations on the subject, the Council will most willingly adopt this tax; still, in speaking of its propriety, or rather *necessity*, it may be well to bear in mind, that there has existed for many years, a strong, and, as it appears to your Committee, a just feeling of indignation towards the Canada Company and other speculators, who, having purchased large tracts of land for a mere trifle, hold them on from year to year, until they can realize the enormous profit of from two hundred to a thousand per cent. on their original cost; thus retarding improvement—discouraging the settlement of the country—preventing or obstructing the formation of roads—and proving, in fact, a *dead weight* upon the entire resident community—while, during successive years, the hard working settler, who purchases land at a high price in the neighborhood, is, by *his industry*, adding to the *wealth* of these *already wealthy* speculators.

The right to impose a tax of this kind is found in the latter part of the 41st section of the Act, 4th and 5th Vic. cap 10; and is thus stated, "But it shall be lawful for any District Council, by any such By-Law as aforesaid, to direct that all the lands within the District shall be rated and assessed for such parts of the sum to be raised under such By-Law as to the said Council shall seem expedient, provided the total amount of rates or taxes levied for District purposes in any one year, on the land within the District, shall not exceed one penny half-penny, currency, per acre."

In compliance with a resolution passed at the last session of Council, your Clerk addressed circulars as to the imposition and mode of working of this tax, to many of the Clerks of the Districts of Canada West, and received replies from those of the Districts of Wellington, Gore, Niagara and London. From those documents your Committee have derived much valuable information, both as to the wisdom and justice of such a measure.

In addition to the information derived from these documents, it is most evident, that, from the Act 9th Vic., cap. 18, providing for the recovery of taxes imposed by certain By-Laws of the Huron District Council, the power of taxing Wild Lands *does* exist in District Councils. It appears from this Act, that certain taxes on land were imposed by the Council of the District of Huron—that the great majority of land holders had paid those taxes, while others refused—the reason assigned for this refusal appears to be, because “The total sum or sums to be raised under such By-Laws, and the purposes to which they were to be applied, were *not first determined* by the said District Council, and the sums afterwards apportioned and rated on the lands in the District; but a certain rate or tax of so much per acre was at once imposed on them; and the said By-Laws may therefore be deemed not to have been strictly in accordance with the *letter* of the said Act, and certain parties have on that ground refused payment of the rates or taxes thereby imposed.” The Act proceeds to state, “And whereas it appears that the rates or taxes intended to be imposed by the said By-Laws, did not exceed the amount which the said District Council were legally authorized to impose on lands, and therefore that the said By-Laws, if defective in point of form were not inconsistent with the *intent and spirit* of the Act above cited, and their enforcement can do no injustice to any party, while it will be an act of justice to those inhabitants of the District, who have paid the taxes thereby imposed; be it therefore enacted, &c., That all By-Laws heretofore passed by the District Council of the District of Huron, and not disallowed, by which any rate or tax not exceeding one penny half-penny, currency, per acre, was *intended* to be imposed on lands in the said District, shall be, and shall be deemed to have been valid and in force, according to the intent thereof.” In this case the District Treasurer was authorized to recover the tax.

It is therefore evident, that the Legislature itself declares that no obstacle exists to the collecting and recovering a wild land tax, if imposed according to the terms of the Act of Parliament; and the Simcoe District Council have therefore only to avoid the error committed by the Council of the District of Huron, in order to impose such a tax, which may easily be accomplished by, *1st*, determining that a *certain sum* be raised—*2nd*, by clearly defining the *purpose* to which it shall be applied.

It thus appears, that any objection to the collection of the tax has been found to arise from a *partial* mode of levying it; that is, by attempting to make the absentee proprietor pay at *one rate*, and the actual settler at *another*. In making such assessment, in order to obviate any such legal objections, it will be necessary to place *all* lands on the same footing.

In order to do every justice to the farmer, over whose interests the District Council is bound to watch, your Committee, contemplating the adoption of a wild land tax, would strongly recommend to the Council such reduction of the present taxes as, after the imposition of the new tax, will equalize as nearly as practicable, the old and the new rates; and with this view, your Committee would recommend that, in lieu of the present tax of one penny per pound for the payment of the District debt, and three half pence per pound for general purposes, assessed on all ratable property, including cleared and uncleared lands—a tax of two pence per pound on all property *except lands*, be imposed.

Your Committee, considering that it would be expedient to pay off the debt of the District by a portion of the produce of the wild land tax—and

considering also the large share of the expenses of the Administration of Justice now payable by Government, do not hesitate to recommend this reduction.

That a small additional taxation would fall on a portion of the actual settlers, were the proposed plan carried through, is true;—but such would amount to a comparatively small sum—others again would be *relieved* of a portion of what they at present pay; and your Committee would, in illustration of the manner in, and extent to which parties would be affected, call the particular attention of the Council to the following cases:—A. B. is assessed for 90 acres of wild land—10 acres of cleared land—three cows, a yoke of oxen and a horse; the value upon which he is at present assessed for these is £53— which at 2½d. per pound, amounts to 11s. 0½d.—by the proposed measure he would pay as a land tax 8s. 4d., and 2d. per pound on his stock, 4s. 2d.—together, 12s. 6d.; shewing an increase of only 1s. 5½d. Again, C. D. is assessed for 70 acres of wild land—30 acres of cleared land—and stock as above. The value upon which he is at present assessed is £69, which at 2½d. per pound, amounts to 14s. 4½d.—by the new arrangement he would pay as a land tax 8s. 4d. and 2d. per pound on his stock, 4s. 2d.—together, 12s. 6d.; showing a *decrease* of 1s. 10½d. On the other hand, the non-resident owner of a block of 5000 acres of land, who is at present taxed £8 15s. 5d., would by the proposed measure, pay £20 16s. 8d.

The small addition which would in some instances be made to the taxation of the actual settler, would be compensated to him in a *tenfold* degree, by the improvement of his roads, which would enable him to carry his produce to market, purchase goods, and go to mill at all seasons of the year—in a word, render his land of much greater intrinsic value—his produce of additional worth—and the greatest inducement which Canada can hold out to the new settler would be offered, namely, *good roads*.

In contemplating the adoption of such a measure, your Committee were naturally anxious to ascertain the *extent* to which the District would be benefited by the tax. To ascertain this important fact as nearly as can be done, your Committee have been furnished by the Treasurer with many important statements and calculations, shewing (as nearly as can be ascertained) the amount of lands under patent from the Crown—the total amount of assessed wild and improved lands in the District—the sums received for some years back for wild land taxes, &c., &c., &c. Your Committee have maturely considered all these documents, and beg to submit the following results of their investigations for the consideration of the Council. The total amount of lands for which patents have been issued, and returns made to this District, is computed to be 620,502 acres:

The wild land now on the Assessment Roll is, 257,756 acres—and the improved lands, 62,015 acres.

The deeded lands, exclusive of those on the rolls, are estimated at 300,731 acres; but a large quantity of land has been deeded by the Crown, and not returned to the Treasurer of the District by the Commissioner of Crown Lands; steps are, however, being now taken to procure these returns from the Government, and this land, of course, will fall to be added to the quantity just stated.

The amount of tax on the lands on the Assessment Rolls at one penny per acre, is £1,332 7s. 7d., and that on the absentee lands, £1,253 0s. 11d. at the same rate—together £2,585 8s. 6d. A considerable portion of the £1,253 0s. 11d., (or estimated absentee land tax) could not be calculated on being received for some time to come; but the whole must *eventually* fall into the revenue of the District—finally, the property of the District, *exclusive of all lands*, is valued at £81,934, which at 2d. per pound, amounts to £382 15s. 8d. In advising the laying on the tax of one penny per acre on all lands, your Committee has arrived at the conclusion of recommending the

following data to be gone upon, as the safest, and in every respect, the most beneficial to the District:—

Amount of 319,771 acres of wild and cultivated lands on the Assessment Rolls, at 1d. per acre.....	£1,332 7 7
Amount of 1d. per pound on £31,934, being the ratable property of the District, other than lands.....	682 15 8
Apparent income, exclusive of any tax on absentee wild lands,	£2,015 3 3
Amount of last year's taxes per Assessment Rolls.....	1,929 2 10½
Apparent increase by new arrangement, exclusive of absentee lands.....	£ 86 0 4½

Your Committee would recommend that the amount arising from taxes on *absentee lands* be applied to the following purposes:—One half for the improvement of the roads and bridges of the Townships respectively, from which such taxes shall be derived—and the other half for District purposes.

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend, that the Council do pass a By-law declaring that it is highly necessary that the sum of £1000 be raised for the purpose of constructing and repairing such roads and bridges in the District of Simcoe, as the District Council, by any By-Law to be passed for that purpose, shall determine—the sum of £1,250 in order to pay off a portion of the debt now due by the District—the sum of £500 for the payment of the salaries of the District officers and contingencies—and £250 for the expenses of the Administration of Criminal Justice—in all £3,000; as also the sum of £682.15s.8d., currency, by a tax of 2d. per pound on all the assessable property of the District, *other than lands*, for general District purposes; and which said tax shall be collected in the usual manner. That for the purpose of raising the above sum of £3,000, there be imposed on *all lands* in the District of Simcoe, for which patents have been issued by the Crown, without respect to actual settlement or improvement, for the current year, a tax of one penny, currency, per acre. That the said tax be collected from the actual settlers, in the usual manner; and that the Treasurer of the District do collect the same from all parties *not* named in the assessment rolls. Your Committee would respectfully suggest, that in the event of this measure being carried into effect, every publicity ought to be given to it, by directing the Treasurer to insert a notice of the imposition of the tax in the different Toronto newspapers; and by such other means within the District, as the Council may see fit.

Your Committee would finally state, that they have given their utmost attention to the subject—that they have endeavored to express their views fully, and that, in the confident hope that the Simcoe District Council will approve of, and follow up the measure—they ardently anticipate, that in the course of a few years, the debt of the district will be *much* reduced, and a striking change effected in the character of the roads—developing the resources of the country, and doing justice to that enterprise and industry, which distinguish the settlers of this rising and extensive District.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 4th Feb., 1847.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DRAFT AN ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, ON THE SUBJECT OF CORONERS.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

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Excelsiency the Governor-General, praying for the appointment of coroners for this District, recommend that the following be adopted:—

*To His Excellency, the Right Honorable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Governor-General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

May it please your Excellency,—

We, the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, would most respectfully solicit that your Excellency would be pleased to appoint to the District of Simcoe, such number of coroners as your Excellency may see fit, as the said District does not, this Council believes, at present, contain one such individual.

And this Council, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 5th Feb., 1847.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DRAFT AN ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATURE RESPECTING A ROAD BETWEEN BARRIE AND ORILLIA.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of addressing the Legislature, praying for the formation of a road between the Town of Barrie and the Village of Orillia, beg to recommend the adoption of the following memorial:—

*To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of Canada:*

The memorial of the Warden and Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth:

That your memorialists would respectfully state to your Honorable House, that while many of the leading roads of this District are now being formed, no appropriation has hitherto been made for one, between the Town of Barrie and the Village of Orillia.

That a road has been formed from the said Village of Orillia to Sturgeon Bay,—and another is being constructed from Windsor Harbor\* to Orillia, in connection with the said Sturgeon Bay road, but that the highly important link between the County Town of Barrie and these roads is still wanting.

That about two months since, Mr. Gzowski,† the officer of the Board of Works, examined different lines between said Town of Barrie and Village of Orillia, with the view (as your memorialists understand) of the aforesaid road being constructed early in spring.

That this road would be found to be highly valuable to a considerable portion of the inhabitants of this District.

May it therefore please your Honorable House, to grant a sum sufficient for the construction of a road between the Town of Barrie and the Village of Orillia, at as early a period as possible, or to do in the matter as your Honorable House may see fit.

And your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 5th Feb., 1847.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO REPORT UPON COLLECTORS' RETURNS.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petitioning the Legislature

\*Now (1895.)

†Now Sir C. S. Gzowski

respecting the alteration of the period of Collectors making their returns to the Treasurer of the District, beg leave to submit the following for the consideration of the Council:—

*To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of Canada :*

The petition of the Warden and Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioners understand that the Legislature contemplate the alteration of the Assessment Act at its next session; and your petitioners would respectfully recommend that the following subject be then taken into consideration by your Honorable House.

By the present Act, the different Township Collectors are bound to return the amount of taxes to the Treasurer of the District, by the second Tuesday of December in each year. That by such an arrangement the farmer is compelled to procure the necessary sum during the fall of the year, when the roads of the backwood townships are nearly, or altogether impassable, rendering it next to impossible for him to reach market with his grain, and thereby frequently causing serious consequences.

Your petitioners, under these circumstances, would respectfully recommend to your Honorable House that the period for making the returns of taxes by the Collectors to the Treasurer, be changed from the second Tuesday of December to the second Tuesday in February in each year.

May it therefore please your Honorable House to take this matter into consideration.

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

All which is respectfully submitted.

FREDK. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 5th Feb., 1847.

REPORT NO. 5 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom were referred the account of Peter Hayman, Collector of Nottawasaga, and the petition of James Ross, praying for assistance, beg leave to report,

That your Committee have examined the account of Peter Hayman, find it correct, and recommend its being paid: also that the Warden do issue his warrant to the Treasurer for the amount.

Your Committee have carefully examined the petition of James Ross, praying for relief. The case is no doubt a hard one, but your Committee, in the present state of the finances of the District, cannot recommend that any assistance be afforded. It may be well to observe, for the information of the public, that by the amended Municipal District Council Act, on application of a majority of the persons qualified to vote at the election of township officers, the Council may raise by By-Law, on the taxable property of such township, such a sum as may be necessary to afford relief to the indigent persons of such township.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 5th Feb., 1847.

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the requisition of certain inhabi-

tants in the Township of Oro, to James Tudhope, Surveyor of Highways, requesting him to survey a certain road between lots Nos. 10 and 11, from the 5th to the 11th concession in the Township of Oro, and the draft of such survey made by him—which documents were, at the last meeting of the Council, recommended (by the Committee on Roads and Bridges) to lie over, and which, in consequence, were laid over until the present session, in order that time should be allowed to give the usual notice—beg leave to report,

That they recommend that the intentions of the requisitionists be carried out, and that said road be established by the Council, agreeable to a By-Law herewith submitted for the approval of the Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 5th Feb., 1847.

REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom were referred the various petitions on road subjects, beg leave to report,

That as regards the petition of Mr. McGlashan and others of the Township of Nottawasaga, praying the Council to order the opening of a road in that township, your Committee recommend the petitioners to call on one of the District Road Surveyors to examine the road, and report to the Council accordingly.

They have also examined the petition of Elijah Collard and others, and the petition of James Law and others, praying for sums of money for the repairs of roads in the Township of Tecumseth.

Your Committee cannot recommend the prayers of the petitioners, as there are no disposable funds in the hands of the Council for that purpose.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee room, 5th Feb, 1847.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRY OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT.

*To the Simcoe District Council:*

Your Select Committee, to whom was referred the petition of George Lount, Esq., Registrar of the District of Simcoe, beg to report, that we have taken into consideration the object of the petition, and beg leave to recommend the following to the consideration of the Council:

It appears incumbent upon this Council, according to the 19th clause of the 9th Victoria, chap. 34, that safe and proper fire-proof offices and vaults shall be provided within eighteen months after the passing of the said Act, in each and every County in this Province, for the keeping of all books, records and other papers belonging to said office of Registrar.

It appears to your Committee, that it is not the intention of the petitioner to avail himself of that part of the clause that authorises him to build the said office or vault.

On account of there being no plan, draft, specification, or estimate of the said work now before them, your Committee recommend that the work be postponed to the next sitting of this Council; and in the meantime, that the

District Surveyor be authorized to inform himself of the best plan, draft the same, and make an estimate thereon, and lay the same before the Council at its next sitting.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. WILLSON,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 5th Feb., 1847.

REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee has received a petition from the Trustees of School Section No. 19, of West Gwillimbury, praying for an enlargement of their Section.

Also a petition numerously signed, from the inhabitants of School Section No. 17, of the same Township, praying against the same. Your Committee therefore after due consideration of the case, recommend that no action be taken in the matter.

Your Committee has also had referred to it a petition from the inhabitants of the first concession of Orillia, praying to be separated from School Section No. 1, of that Township, and joined to School Section No. 9, in the Township of Oro, and the said petition is supported by a strong recommendation from the Trustees of the School Section to which petitioners at present belong.

Your Committee therefore begs to recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, and the necessary order given for that purpose.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 5th Feb 1847.

REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the District Surveyor's report No. 2, beg leave to state that they have carefully perused the same.

Your Committee think it necessary that some steps should be taken for the safety of the jail from fire, in consequence of the chimneys being so constructed that it is impossible to sweep them clean.

We would recommend wove wire tops, which is an effectual preventative of sparks of fire of any size falling on the shingles—probable amount £3.15. Your Committee has also taken into consideration the state of the court house; from the great quantity of water which falls from the eaves, the earth is washed from the foundation, and the water runs under the foundation of the building.

Your Committee therefore recommends that tin eave troughs be put up, together with conductors—probable amount £7.10s.; also that ladders over the roof of the court house, and one to ascend by, be procured—probable amount £3 11s.3d.; with regard to the fifty cords of wood, your Committee recommends that it be contracted for, and delivered during the sleighing.

We therefore recommend that the Council do authorize the District Surveyor to provide the wove wire tops for the chimneys—to contract for the tin eave-troughs, &c., and for fitting up the same—to contract for the ladders and the fifty cords of wood—the work to be performed as soon as the weather will permit.

Your Committee declines taking any action on the petition of John Pearson, as the Committee on District Property has decided the matter, after giving it due consideration.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. JEFFERY,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 5th Feb., 1847.

REPORT NO. 4, OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the District Council of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the District Surveyor's report No. 3, beg to inform the Council that they have examined the parties, and are of opinion that Mr. Pearson is clearly indebted to the District in the sum of £3 7s. 6d.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the said sum of £3 7s. 6d. be deducted from the sum of £50 ordered to be paid to him for work done and performed at the Court House, under certain restrictions recommended by the Committee on District Property, on the 8th day of October, 1846, and adopted by the Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. JEFFERY,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 6th Feb., 1847.

REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of W. Gibbard and others, praying that a certain line of road be established by the Council of the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report :—

That they recommend the matter to lie over till the next meeting of the Council, in order that the notice required, previous to the establishment of any road, may be given in this case, when your Committee can see no objection to the prayer of the petition being granted.

Your Committee beg leave further to recommend, that such also be done in the case of the petitioners, William Lloyd and others, from the like cause, and for the like purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 6th Feb., 1847.

REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee to whom have been referred the various petitions, notices and other papers, in relation to the bridge required to be built over the Nottawasaga River in the Township of Easa, beg leave to report :—

That we recommend that the tax prayed to be imposed for the purpose, be not granted, but that a portion of the wild land tax, arising in the vari-

ous Townships named, be applied to the purpose of building the required bridge, in the proportion as follows: that is to say:—

In the Township of Essa.....	£ 28 0 0
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" " Mulmur.....	19 0 0
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" " St. Vincent.....	2 10 0
" " Collingwood.....	3 0 0
" " Nottawasaga.....	5 0 0
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That the following gentlemen be appointed a Board to carry out the required purpose, viz:—

Messrs. Todd, Cody, Gilmore, White, Keenan, Irwin, and F. S. Stephens, —the said bridge to be built under their superintendence and direction, having due regard to the best interests of the public; and they submit the accompanying By-Law for the approval of the Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 5th Feb., 1847.

OF SELECT COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REMITTED THE PETITION OF WILLIAM ALLAN AND OTHERS, AGAINST THE TOWNSHIP CLERK OF MONO.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

The Select Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Allan and others, against the Township Clerk of Mono, have carefully considered the said petition, but from the very indifferent manner in which the petition is worded, your Committee are unable to comprehend its meaning. They therefore recommend that the Council take no action in the matter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. F. McGLASHAN,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 6th Feb., 1847.

REPORT No. 5 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of inhabitants of No. 6 School Section, Mono, praying that their section may not be divided, beg to recommend that the prayer of the petition be not granted, because your Committee see no reason for altering their decision of a former session on this subject; and also because the school-house and a church have been already built, in consequence of that decision.

Your Committee have considered the petition of No. 4 School District of Mono, praying for a tax of twopence in the pound on all ratable property, for the purpose of completing the school-house.

Your Committee cannot recommend compliance with the prayer of said petition—as no definite sum is named—but that the Clerk be requested to acquaint the petitioners, that when they inform the Council of the necessary sum for their purpose, your Committee do not anticipate the slightest objection to their prayer being complied with—also to send their deed to the Council.

Your Committee have examined the accounts of expenditure of school

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All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 6th Feb., 1847.

REPORT No. 6 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the consideration of the subject of certain claims of this District upon the Treasurer of the Home District, as also the petition of John Ferguson, praying for advice respecting the recovery of taxes in certain cases, begs leave to report,

That with regard to the claims of this District upon the Treasurer of the Home District, your Committee is informed that the Treasurer of this District has not received any reply to the communication addressed to that gentleman, at the request of the Council at its last session.

Your Committee, under these circumstances, cannot recommend that any further action be taken on this subject at the present time, but that it be further seen to at the October session.

Your Committee has observed the prayer of the petition of John Ferguson, and are of opinion that all persons having possession of property which has been assessed, while in the possession of another, must be held responsible for the taxes of such property—at least the property itself is held to be a guarantee for all assessed rates.

Your Committee recommends that the Clerk do intimate to the petitioner that such is the opinion of this Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 6th Feb., 1847.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

Your Committee on Contingencies, having examined the several accounts and allowances necessary to be granted for services performed, would recommend that the Warden do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums, viz. :—

To James Cleland, for Printing Minutes for October Session.....	£14	1	3
" John McWatt, Postage .....	1	14	8
" " " Stationery .....	1	2	0
" " " Candles .....	0	4	2
" " " Transport of Minutes .....	0	3	9
" " " Making out Bond for Treasurer .....	0	5	0
" " " Copying Minutes for Printer, for October Ses- sion, .....	4	0	0
" F. Martin, as constable, 5 days' attendance.....	1	5	0
" John Creasor, 3 days as messenger.....	0	15	0
" Patrick McKearnon, 2 days as messenger.....	0	10	0
	£24	0	10

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ROBERTSON,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 6th February, 1847.

## AUDITORS' REPORT NO. 2 ON TOWNSHIP CLERKS' ACCOUNTS.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe:

We, the auditors of the District of Simcoe beg leave to report, that we have examined the accounts of three Township Clerks (for year 1846) and find them as follows:—

Account of Peter White, Township Clerk for Vespra.

Amount of moneys received.....	£14 2 0
Amount of moneys expended.....	13 10 0

Balance in hand.....	£ 0 12 0
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Correct as per vouchers.

Account of Alex. Gillespie, Township Clerk for Sunnidale.

Amount of moneys received.....	£10 6 8½
Amount of moneys expended.....	10 4 6½

Correct as per vouchers.

Account of Robert Murphy, Township Clerk for Tossorontio.

Amount of moneys received.....	£13 4 8
Amount of moneys expended.....	13 4 8

Correct as per vouchers.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON,  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

Barrie, February 1st, 1847.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe

Gentlemen,—

I beg leave to report, that I have this year commenced reducing the public debt, in the amount required by statute 7 William 4th, chap. 32, by retiring two debentures, Nos. 4 and 5, of £200 each. It will be seen by my balance sheet, that the amount of money in the Treasury, is not so large as might be expected at a period when by law all the taxes for the past year should have been received. This however, has not been owing to a want of due exertion on the part of the several collectors, but to the great scarcity of money throughout many of the back Townships, caused by the low price of produce, and to the distance at which many of the rate payers reside from a market, where they can realize cash for the same; for these reasons (and having funds sufficient to meet the current expenses of the District for some time) I have not considered it necessary to insist upon an immediate settlement with the collectors.

I feel it my duty to draw your attention to the case of the only defaulter for 1845, Donald Campbell, collector of Oro for that year, who is still indebted to the District. As the District was legally secured from any loss by him, I did not consider it necessary to have recourse to law without the sanction and authority of the Council being first obtained. I would here beg leave to suggest, that to insure more punctuality on the part of the collectors, it would be advisable to make a deduction from the percentage of a collector, in proportion to the time he should be in default,—say one per cent. for each month, commencing at the expiration of the third month from the time

appointed by law, for the payment of taxes. As I consider that in some large Townships, where the population is widely scattered, and the collectors have to travel a great distance to collect a small amount, (as is the case in Mulmur, Nottawasaga, and some other Townships) such collectors are very inadequately remunerated for their trouble, I would beg leave to recommend, that some additional percentage be allowed them.

In compliance with your directions, as communicated to me by the Clerk of the Council, I have prepared an account, shewing the amount of taxable land in the District, distinguishing the cultivated land from the uncultivated—(account No. 1.) With regard to this return, I would beg leave to observe, that though I have bestowed the greatest care and labor in preparing it, I cannot sufficiently depend upon the correctness of the data upon which it is founded, to vouch for its accuracy in every respect, since, on the one hand, some of the lands may have reverted to the Crown, and so have caused me to overrate the quantity; while on the other hand, as there is a vast quantity of land under patent, which has never been returned by the Surveyor General, as liable to taxation, I may have considerably underrated it; between the two, I believe the quantity of land I have set down, will be found a near approximation to the truth. As I conclude that some change in the assessment will claim the attention of the Council at its present session, I submit for your inspection, the amount of wild land tax at one-fifth of a penny per acre, levied under the authority of statute 59 Geo. 3rd, chap. 7—(account No. 2) received between the periods of January 1st, and December 31st, 1846. For the same purpose, I have shown (in account No. 3) the aggregate amount of receipts and disbursements for the year 1846, and subjoined a few explanatory notes. Should any other accounts or returns be requested by the Council, they shall be furnished with all the expedition practicable.

I believe that in many Districts the salaries of the District officers are paid half-yearly. Should the Council be pleased to adopt that system, it would doubtless be a convenience to the recipients, without any injury to the District.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDMUND LALLY,  
Treasurer, District of Simcoe.

Treasurer's Office, Barric, Jan. 30th, 1846.

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## TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

## EDMUND LALLY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT

Dr.		RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
1846						
Oct. 22	To Wild Land Tax, as per wild land tax book	3	11	4		
22	" Capt. Moberly, J. P., amount of sundry fines	1	0	0		
24	" Wild Land Tax, as per wild land tax book	0	10	5		
26	" Capt. Moberly, J. P., amount of fine	0	5	0		
29	" Collector of Nottawasaga, bal. of taxes for 1845	8	15	0		
Nov. 4	" Wild Land Tax as per wild land tax book	2	4	10½		
6	" Clerk of Division Court No. 5, amount of fine	0	5	0		
9	" Collector of Innisfil, balance of taxes for 1845	11	6	9½		
14	" James Wickens, Esq., J.P., amount of fine	0	5	0		
17	" A. Cunningham, Esq., J.P., amount of fines	4	5	0		
17	" P. White, Esq., J.P.	1	5	0		
17	" W. Stephenson, Esq., J.P.	0	15	6		
17	" B. Ross, Esq., J.P.	1	0	0		
18	" Collector of Mono, balance of taxes, 1845	17	10	9		
18	" Wild Land Tax, as per wild land tax book	0	1	8		
19	" F. Dallas, Esq., J.P., amount of sundry fines	0	19	9		
30	" Wild Land Tax, as per wild land tax book	4	8	7½		
30	" Collector of Orillia, on account of taxes, 1846	23	16	2		
Dec. 5	" Wild Land Tax, as per wild land tax book	0	13	4		
7	" Collector of St. Vincent, on account of taxes, 1846	59	2	10		
16	" Sunnidale, on account of taxes, 1846	5	14	3½		
16	" Medonte, " 1846	21	18	10		
21	" M. Ryan, Esq., J.P., amount of fine	0	5	0		
21	" Wild Land Tax, as per wild land tax book	0	10	0		
21	" Collector of Tecumseth, on acct. of taxes, 1846	78	11	5		
21	" Wild Land Tax, as per wild land tax book	6	0	8		
21	" Collector of Orillia, on account of taxes, 1846	19	0	10½		
28	" Wild Land Tax, as per wild land tax book	0	6	8		
30	" Collector of W. Gwillimbury, on ac. of taxes, 1846	155	15	3½		
31	" Tiny, amount of taxes, 1846	50	15	6		
31	" Capt. Moberly, J.P., amount of fine	0	8	9		
1847.						
Jan. 4	" Wild Land Tax, as per wild land tax book	1	10	0		
4	" A. Cunningham, Esq., J.P., amt. of sundry fines	2	1	0		
5	" Wild Land Tax, as per wild land tax book	1	1	8		
5	" Collector of Innisfil, on account of taxes	95	15	0		
6	" Wild Land Tax, as per wild land Tax book	1	0	11		
6	" Collector of Nottawasaga, on ac. taxes, 1846	27	1	11		
6	" " Tay, amount of taxes, 1846	17	5	9½		
9	" Wild Land Tax, as per wild land tax book	1	15	6		
16	" Collector of Tay, taxes of an absentee	0	6	6		
16	" Collector of Oro, on account of taxes, 1846	90	9	6½		
16	" Wild Land Tax, as per wild land tax book	2	3	4		
16	" Collector of W. Gwillimbury, on account of taxes, '46	176	3	10		
19	" " Essa, on account of taxes, 1846	35	18	10		
19	" " Sunnidale, on account of taxes, 1846	4	8	11½		
22	" Wild Land Tax, as per wild land tax book	0	0	10		
26	" Collector of Tecumseth, on ac. of taxes, 1846	72	7	7½		
	Balance from last Quarter	425	10	4½		
		£1435	18	4½		

## TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

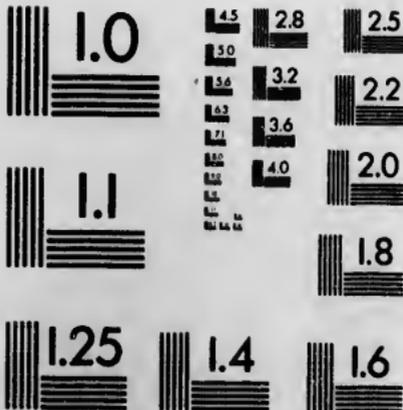
## CURRENT WITH THE DISTRICT OF SIMCOE.

		PA	PTS.	CR.
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1846.				
Oct. 9—	By paid Members of Municipal Council for Oct. Session.	25	12	6
12—	Mr. McWatt, Treasurer's postage account.....	2	6	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
22—	James Johnson, mason, per order of D. Council.	8	1	3
22—	P. McKernan, labourer, balance of account.....	2	1	3
22—	A. Morrow, constable, per order of sessions.....	3	9	8
22—	W. Simpson, Esq., coroner, for services.....	2	16	0
26—	R. Watson, for advertizing lands in the <i>Gazette</i> .	8	10	0
29—	Collector of Nottawasaga, for 1845, percentage..	4	0	0
31—	T. H. Mulock, Esq., M.D., for attending inquest	2	0	0
Nov. 5—	Bounty on a wolf scalp.....	1	10	0
6—	Interest on Debentures, Nos. 14 and 21.....	54	10	0
9—	Collector of Innisfil, for 1845, percentage.....	8	1	1
14—	H. Scobie, for printing Assessment Rolls.....	5	5	0
18—	Township Clerk of Mono, for 1845.....	4	0	0
18—	Collector and Assessor of Mono, percentage.....	14	8	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
20—	J. Pearson, for new roof to court house, on acct.	14	11	5
23—	District Surveyor, on account of salary for 1846.	15	10	0
23—	Thos. Meldrum, per order of District Council....	1	3	2
25—	F. Martin, for a box for Treasurer's Office.....	0	10	0
25—	F. Martin, for services, as messenger to District Council.....	1	5	0
23—	O. Gager, for wood for the Jail.....	5	0	0
23—	Mr. McWatt, for sundries, per order of District Council.....	3	7	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
23—	J. Cleland, printer.....	4	11	0
23—	John Croasor, messenger.....	0	5	0
23—	P. McKernan, messenger.....	1	0	0
23—	J. Pearson, on account.....	14	11	5
23—	P. Thornton, for mason work at the Jail, on acct	5	1	0
24—	Mr. Sheriff Smith, for services per order of Ses.	27	11	7
26—	Clerk of the Peace.....	21	13	10
26—	Edmund Lally, late coroner.....	4	18	3
30—	J. Beardsley, services as constable, and on account of salary as court house keeper.....	17	11	4
Dec. 1—	John Croasor, constable, for services.....	1	6	8
6—	J. Atkinson, salary, as Auditor for 1846.....	2	10	0
15—	P. Thornton, balance of account.....	13	6	6
16—	Clerk of District Council, salary for 1846.....	40	0	0
23—	Treasurer, salary for 1846.....	125	0	0
30—	Township Clerk of West Gwillimbury, for 1846.	4	0	0
30—	Bounty on a wolf scalp.....	1	10	0
31—	Collector and Assessor of Tiny, for 1846, per cent.	4	18	5
1847.				
Jan. 4—	District Surveyor, balance of salary.....	9	10	0
4—	A. Graham, for work for the Jail.....	0	15	0
4—	James Evenden, constable, per order of Sessions	0	10	0
6—	Assessor of Nottawasaga, for 1846, percentage..	4	2	1
6—	Assessor and Collector of Tay, for 1846 per cent.	1	14	3
7—	Wm. Graham, salary, as Auditor for 1846.....	2	10	0
9—	J. Holmes, constable, per order of Sessions.....	2	12	8
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## TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

*EDMUND LALLY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT*

Dr.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.
1847.	Brought forward .....	1435 18 4½

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Examined and found correct, as per Cash Book.

 JOHN ATKINSON, }  
 WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

CURRENT WITH THE DISTRICT OF SIMCOE.

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		PAYMENTS.	Cr.
		£.	s. d.
1847.	Brought forward.		
Jan. 11—	By paid Township Clerk of Oro, for 1846.....	4	0 0
11—	" Retired Debenture No. 4, £200. Interest on Debentures Nos. 4, 5, 6, Nos. 22 and 38, and Nos. 1 and 7, S. D., £152 13s. 9d .....	352	13 9
16—	" Bounty on a wolf scalp.....	1	10 0
19—	" Assessor of Innisfil, for 1846, percentage.....	6	1 3
19—	" Assessor of Sunnidale.....	0	13 0½
22—	" Bounty on a wolf scalp.....	1	10 0
22—	" Assessor of W. Gwillimbury, for 1846, percentage	11	8 8
22—	" Retired Debenture No. 5 .....	200	0 0
	Error in amount paid J. Pearson, Nov. 20th.....	0	17 2
	Amount in the Treasury.....	359	19 0½

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Examined and found correct, as per vouchers.

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JOHN ATKINSON,  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, No. 1, DISTRICT OF SIMCOE.

## Amount of land liable to taxation.

TOWNSHIPS.	NO. OF ACRES.	TOWNSHIPS.	NO. OF ACRES.
Essa.....	40796	Collingwood.....	42319
Tay.....	25112	Mono.....	41050
Tiny.....	29388	Mulmur.....	35290
Flos.....	20232	Adjala.....	26316
Sunnidale.....	15886	West Gwillimbury.....	42817
Euphrasia.....	7900	Medonte.....	38688
Vespra.....	28625	Matchedash.....	1300
Nottawasaga.....	58220	Oro.....	52222
Innisfil.....	51362	Amount.....	682517
South Orillia.....	11126	Less amount of cultivated land.....	62015
North Orillia.....	12527	Amount of wild land....	620502
St. Vincent.....	34067		
Tecumseth.....	48240		
Tossorontio.....	21034		

EDMUND LALLY,  
Treasurer, District of Simcoe.

Treasurer's Office, Barrie, January 30, 1847.

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, No. 2, DISTRICT OF SIMCOE.

Amount of Wild Land Tax, at the rate of one-fifth of a penny per acre, imposed by Statute 59th Geo. 3rd, chap. 7, received between the 1st of January and the 31st December, 1846..... £231 16s. 4½d.

EDMUND LALLY,  
Treasurer, District of Simcoe.

Treasurer's Office, Barrie, January, 1847.

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, No. 3, DISTRICT OF SIMCOE.

Abstract Account of Receipts and Disbursements between 1st January and 31st December, 1846.

Receipts.....£1799 5 1¼      Disbursements.....£1794 2 0½

## REMARKS.

The amount of the assessed taxes for 1846, in the above, is £414 13s. 5½d. There is still due from the Collector of Oro, for 1845, about £25.

The one-third of the amount expended by the District for the Administration of Criminal Justice, for the half year ending June 30th, has not been yet received from Government.

No part of the principal of the Public Debt was paid out of this; £460 is the amount required to be paid annually with the interest, at present amounting to £447 17s. 7d.; in all, principal and interest, £847 17s. 7d.

It must be remembered, that this year we shall be relieved from two-thirds of the expenses of the Administration of Criminal Justice, and that from and after 1847, the whole will be paid out of the Provincial funds.

EDMUND LALLY,  
Treasurer, District of Simcoe.

Treasurer's Office, Barrie, January 30, 1847.

## DISTRICT OF SIMCOE.

Amount of Wild Land Tax received, 1844, 1845, 1846.

NO.	1844, Received	£ 29 18 7
ACRES.	1845, Received	145 1 3
	1846, Received	231 16 4½
		£606 16 2½
	Average for one year	£135 12 0½

EDMUND LALLY,  
Treasurer, District of Simcoe.

Treasurer's Office, Barrie, Feb. 2, 1847.

## BY-LAW No. 33.

*To raise and levy Taxes for the current year in the District of Simcoe.*

WHEREAS it is found expedient to raise the sum of three thousand six hundred and eighty two pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence, currency, for defraying the expenses of the Administration of Justice, for the formation and improvement of roads and bridges, for payment of the salaries of District officers, for the reduction of the debt of the District, and for general purposes for the current year,

It is therefore hereby enacted by the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, now in Council assembled, under and by virtue of an Act of Parliament, entitled, "an Act to provide for the better internal Government of that part of this Province which formerly constituted the Province of Upper Canada, by the establishment of local or Municipal authorities therein,"

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that there be raised and levied for the current year, the sum of three thousand pounds, currency, to meet the following expenses, namely:—For the payment of the the Administration of Justice, the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, currency—for the liquidation of the debt of the District, the sum of one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, currency—for the formation and improvement of Roads and Bridges, the sum of one thousand pounds, currency—and for the payment of the salaries of District Officers and Contingencies, the sum of five hundred pounds, currency.

And it is further enacted, that for the above purpose, there shall be raised, levied and collected, the sum of three thousand pounds, currency, from all ratable lands within the District of Simcoe, by a tax of one penny, currency, per acre, for the current year, to be assessed and collected, as respects residents, in the usual manner—and as regards absentees, to be recovered by the Treasurer of the District.

And be it further enacted, that the further sum of six hundred and eighty two pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence, currency, shall be raised, levied and collected from all District property, *other than lands*, by a tax of two pence, currency, in the pound, upon all such property, for general District purposes—which shall be collected in the usual manner.

W. ARMSON,

WARDEN.

Council Hall, 5th Feb., 1847.

## BY-LAW No. 34.

*To alter and establish a certain Road in the Township of Oro.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Council of the District of Simcoe, that that part of a certain road in the Township of Oro, between lots Nos. 10 and 11, from the 5th to the 11th concessions, be altered, agreeably to the survey made by James Tudhope, Road Surveyor, which survey is as follows:—Com-

mencing on the west side of the 6th concession, between lots Nos. 10 and 11, north 60 degrees east, 32 chains 50 links; thence south, 76 degrees east, 3 chains 90 links; thence south 76 degrees east, 16 chains 33 links; thence south, 81 deg. east, 9 chains; north, 82½ degrees east, 16 chains 94 links; thence north 34½ degrees east, 5 chains 64 links; north, 43 degrees east, 5 chains 36 links; north 61 degrees east, 1 chain 65 links; north, 46 degrees east, 4 chains 92 links; north, 25 degrees east, 8 chains 31 links; north 40½ degrees east, 4 chains 72 links; north, 23 degrees east, 1 chain 90 links; north, 7½ degrees west, 4 chains 81 links; north, 24½ degrees west, 4 chains 98 links; thence north, 6½ degrees east, 3 chains 9 links; north, 38 degrees east, 2 chains 59 links; north, 2½ degrees east, 3 chains 54 links; north, 9½ degrees east, 3 chains 16 links; north, 10½ degrees east, 3 chains 54 links; north, 20 degrees east, 2 chains 27 links; north, 60 degrees east, 25 chains 48 links; north, 60 degrees east, 22 chains 57 links; north, 18 degrees east, 13 chains 63 links; north, 20½ degrees east, 5 chains 61 links; north, 71½ degrees east, 2 chains 49 links; south, 78½ degrees east, 4 chains 40 links; north, 59½ degrees east, 4 chains 53 links; north, 64 degrees east, 12 chains 58 links;—terminating at the east side of the 10th concession—be, and the same is hereby established as an important road and highway, on condition that the requisitionists to the road surveyor do pay the necessary expenses for the surveying of the same; and that all legal claims for property therein appropriated to the public use, become satisfied;—the said road tending to the public good.

WM. ARMSON,

WARDEN.

Council Hall, 5th Feb., 1847.

BY-LAW No. 35.

*To levy a Tax on the inhabitants of certain Townships, for the purpose of Building a Bridge across the Nottawasaga river, in the Township of Essa.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, and it is hereby enacted by the authority thereof, that the following portions of the wild land tax be retained in the hands of the Treasurer of the District, subject to the order of a majority of the following gentlemen, viz.:—Messrs. Walter Todd, Peter Cody, John Gilmore, John White, Robert Keenan, Jared Irwin, and F. S. Stephens, who are hereby appointed a board, for the purpose of building the required bridge over the Nottawasaga river in the Township of Essa.

The sum to be reserved in the Township of

Essa .....	£ 28 0 0
Tossorontio .....	19 10 0
Mono .....	12 0 0
Adjala .....	7 0 0
Mulmur .....	19 0 0
Euphrasia .....	2 10 0
St. Vincent .....	2 10 0
Collingwood .....	3 0 0
Nottawasaga .....	5 0 0
Tecumseth .....	1 10 0
Total .....	£100 0 0

These sums to be reserved for the said purpose, from the funds arising from the taxes directed to be appropriated to the making of roads and bridges in the said Townships, for the present year, or so soon as the required amounts shall be in the hands of the Treasurer.

And be it further enacted, that that portion of a By-Law provided to direct the expenditure of the moneys arising from the tax upon absentees'

wild lands, and all the Acts repugnant to the meaning and intent of this By-Law, be repealed, as far as relates to this matter.

WM. ARMSON,  
WARDEN.

Council Hall, 5th Feb., 1847.

BY-LAW No. 36.

*To fix Allowances to certain District Officers.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, and it is hereby enacted by the authority thereof, That there shall be allowed and paid to the several District officers and servants hereinafter named, the following sums for their services, percentages, allowances, emoluments, and fees, which the said officers and servants shall be entitled to, and which shall be payable out of the funds or revenues of the District of Simcoe, for, and during the year A.D., one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, for the due and faithful performance and fulfilment of their respective duties, as such officers, individually, for all services belonging and appertaining to their several offices, usually and ordinarily performed, or required, or contemplated by law, custom and usage, to be performed.

And be it further enacted, that the said several sums of money shall, and may be payable by the Treasurer of the District, out of the funds or revenues of the said District

And be it further enacted, that it shall not be lawful for the said Treasurer to pay any other, or greater salaries to such officers and servants, for such services usually and ordinarily performed, out of the funds or revenue of the District, than are herein named :—

The Treasurer of the District, one hundred and twenty-five pounds, currency, for his services.

The Clerk of the District Council, forty pounds, currency, for his services.

The District Surveyor, twenty-five pounds, currency, for his services.

The District Auditors, each, two pounds ten shillings, currency, for their services.

The Keeper of the Court House, twelve pounds ten shillings, currency, for his services.

WM. ARMSON,  
WARDEN.

Council Hall, 5th February, 1847.

BY-LAW No. 37.

*Imposing a Tax upon the Inhabitants of certain School Districts in the Townships therein named, to be applied to the Building and Repair of School Houses.*

WHEREAS it is required to raise the sum of twenty pounds, currency, in School Section No. 6, of the Township of Vespra, for the purpose of building a school house ; also the sum of eight pounds, currency, in School Section No. 4, of the Township of Innisfil, for the purpose of repairing school house therein—the said sums to be levied over and above all expenses of levying and collecting the same,

It is hereby enacted, That in order to raise the money for the said purposes, the Assessors of said Townships of Vespra and Innisfil shall, and they are hereby required to furnish the Clerk of the District Council, within one calendar month from and after the passing of this Act, with a certified copy of the Assessment Roll of their respective Townships, distinguishing the ratable property in said several School Sections, separately, with the valuation of such property extended—upon delivery of which said copies of rolls to the said Clerk the said Assessors shall be severally entitled to demand and receive

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from the Collectors, respectively, upon production of the Clerk's receipt for said copies of rolls, the sum of two shillings and sixpence for every hundred names therein contained; and it shall be the duty of the said Clerk of the District Council to make out a copy of such roll, and to assess the following sums equally upon all the ratable property within said respective School Sections, that is to say, upon all persons possessing ratable property in said School Section No. 6, of the Township of Vespra, the sum of twenty pounds, currency, over and above the expenses of levying and collecting; and in School Section No. 4, of the Township of Innisfil, the sum of eight pounds, currency, over and above all expenses of levying and collecting. And it shall be the duty of the said Clerk of the District Council, as soon as said roll shall have been completed, to cause the same to be delivered to the several Collectors of the Townships before named.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Collectors of said Townships shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to ask, demand and receive from all persons named in the said roll, the sums therein named as their proportions of said assessment, and to raise, levy, and collect the same, and shall pass the same over to the Trustees of the respective School Section, for which service the said Collectors shall be paid by the said Trustees, at the rate of five per cent. on the amount so levied, collected and paid.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Trustees of said School Section shall account for the expenditure of their respective sums so raised, levied and collected, to the District Council, at or before its next session.

W. ARMSON,

WARDEN.

Council Hall, 5th February, 1847.

BY-LAW No. 38.

*To provide a suitable sum for the maintenance of Common Schools in certain Townships of the District, and for paying the Salary of the District Superintendent.*

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to provide a reasonable allowance for the support and maintenance of Common Schools in this District:

Be it therefore enacted by the Simcoe Municipal Council, constituted and assembled under and by virtue of an Act of the Parliament of this Province, entitled "An Act for the better internal government of that part of this Province which formerly constituted the Province of Upper Canada, by the establishment of Local or Municipal Authorities therein," and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That there shall be raised, levied, and collected in the several townships of this District, hereinafter named, in the current year, for the support and maintenance of Common Schools, and for payment of the salary of the District Superintendent, the several sums as follows, that is to say:—

In the Township of

West Gwillimbury .....	£126	18	4
Medonte .....	31	13	9½
Tecumseth .....	103	11	5
Monc .....	64	16	9
Adjala .....	58	11	4½
Innisfil .....	55	4	5
Essa .....	24	6	7½
Vespra .....	31	9	8
Oro .....	59	12	3
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St. Vincent	10 6 5
Euphrasia	7 13 10
Collingwood	7 13 10

And be it enacted, that it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Peace of this District, to make out tax rolls for each of said Townships, and apportion the above sums upon the taxable property of inhabitants of said Townships, respectively, by placing the amount in an additional column in the Collector's roll, for the current year.

And be it further enacted, that it shall be the duty of the Collectors of each of said Townships, respectively, and they are hereby authorized and required to collect the rates set forth in the said tax rolls, respectively, and to pay over the amount, deducting their percentage, to the District Superintendent, in the manner, and within the time now prescribed by law.

And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the District Superintendent, to retain out of the moneys so to be paid as aforesaid, for his own proper use, as a remuneration for his services as District Superintendent, the following sums, viz. :—

West Gwillimbury	£10 19 5
Medonte	2 14 6
Tecumseth	8 19 0
Mono	5 12 0
Adjala	5 0 9
Innisfil	4 15 4
Essex	2 1 9
Vespra	2 14 6
Oro	5 2 11
Mulmur	1 3 10
Tiny	1 3 10
Sunnidale	0 13 6
Flos	0 18 5
Orillia	1 9 0
Nottawasaga	2 19 0
Tossorontio	0 14 7
Tay	0 16 6
St. Vincent	0 16 9
Euphrasia	0 12 3
Collingwood	0 12 3

And be it further enacted, that the said sums so received, levied and raised, after deduction of the sums as aforesaid, shall be repaid by the District Superintendent to the several teachers in the aforesaid townships, respectively, on the production of the necessary orders and receipts given by the Trustees of said several townships.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all the sums herein named shall be assessed, raised, levied, and collected, in and according to the same mode in which such sums were assessed, raised, levied and collected, during the past year, in this District.

WM. ARMSON,  
WARDEN.

Council Hall, February 5th, 1847.

By-LAW No. 39.

To impose an additional Tax upon persons in arrears for Land Taxes.

Whereas a By-Law was passed by the Municipal Council of the District of

Simcoe, on the fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, wherein all lands in this District were taxed at one penny per acre, to raise certain sums for certain purposes for the current year; and whereas it is expedient that such rates be collected with as little delay as possible,

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, now in Council assembled, under and by virtue of "an Act of this Province" for the better internal Government of that part of this Province which formerly constituted the Province of Upper Canada, by the establishment of "local and municipal authorities therein;" and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that when the said rates and assessments upon any lot, piece, or parcel of land, shall be suffered to remain in arrear and unpaid for the space of two years—the rates and assessments so in arrear shall be increased in the proportion of one-half; that is to say, to one penny half-penny, currency, per acre.

WM. ARMSON,  
WARDEN.

Council Hall, 6th Feb., 1847.

BY-LAW No. 40.

*For the appropriation of Commuted Statute Labor Money.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this By-Law, any person liable to perform Statute Labor in the District of Simcoe, may commute such labor at the rate of two shillings and sixpence per day, which composition money shall be payable to, and received by the several Town Clerks, on or before the first Monday in May, in each or any year. The moneys thus received to be expended subject to the direction of the Councillor or Councillors of the township in which such moneys are received; and they shall be applied in such ways as the Councillors may direct, in the improvement of the roads and bridges in the respective townships. The said Town Clerks to account for such moneys received and expended, in the same way as the law directs them to account for all moneys received by them to be expended on the roads; and the same is hereby enacted as a By-Law of the District of Simcoe.

W. ARMSON,  
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Council Hall, 6th Feb., 1847.

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OF THE

## Simcoe District Municipal Council.

Second Meeting.

Held at the Court House, Barrie, 5th October,

1847.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair

Present—Messrs. Arinson, Bishop, Cody, Dallas, Drury, Eaton, Hunt, Irwin, Lane, Rogers, Stephens, F. S., Todd, Walker, Willson, Whitley.

Several communications were read, and laid on the table.

1st. An autograph letter from His Excellency the Governor-General, acknowledging receipt of an address of congratulation from this Council, on His Excellency's arrival in this country.

2nd. From the Provincial Secretary, relating to the Census Act.

3rd. From the same, relating to the transmission of mails between Toronto and Holland Landing.

4th. From the Commissioner of Crown Lands, accompanying a copy of an Order of the Honorable the Executive Council, on the subject of furnishing schedules of patents issued for land in the District of Simcoe.

5th. From the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of seven By-Laws passed at last meeting of Council.

6th. From the same, acknowledging receipt of certain petitions from the Municipal Council, which had been laid before His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.

7th. A circular from the Chief Superintendent of Education, dated 17th June, 1847, relating to the establishment of Normal Schools in this Province.

8th. From the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging receipt of a petition from the Municipal Council, on the subject of the grant of £33,333 for roads north of Toronto.

9th. From the Warden of the Newcastle District, relating to the present School Act.

The Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet, accompanied by a memorial, laid before the Council.

The District Surveyor's Report No. 1, as also the Auditors' Reports, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That all the papers now read be referred to the respective Committees.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
Ordered—That the autograph reply of His Excellency the Governor-General to the address to His Excellency from this Council, be inserted in the minutes of the present session.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That the minutes of this Council be in future sent to the editors of the "Barrie Magnet," to be by them printed, in order that they may be distributed by the Clerk to the various Councillors, with as little delay as possible,—provided the original motion, for not exceeding the sum of £25, be adhered to.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1847.

The Council met.

Mr. Warden in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The following petitions were presented:

Of B. K. Rows, praying to be removed from an Oro to an Orillia School District.—by Mr. Dallas.

Of W. Dunsmore, of the Township of Oro, praying compensation for loss sustained by the cross road passing through his land.—by Mr. Lane.

Of Duncan Cameron and others, concerning cross road between Lots Nos. 5 and 6, in the Township of Oro.—by Mr. Drury.

Of George Ramsay and others, of the Township of Tecumseth, praying for a School Section.—by Mr. F. S. Stephens.

Of George Bell and others, of the Township of Tecumseth, praying for a Union School Section.—by Mr. F. S. Stephens.

Of Trustees, No. 6 School Section, West Gwillimbury, praying for further aid to complete their school-house.—by Mr. Armon.

Of W. Watson and others, of the Townships of Vespra and Flos, praying for assistance to open the townline of Flos and Vespra.—by Mr. Bishop.

Of the inhabitants of School Section No. 1, Township of Essa, praying for a Union School with No. 2 section of said township.—by Mr. Todd.

Of W. Rose and others, of the Township of Tessorontio, praying for a Union School with section No. 1, of Essa.—by Mr. Cody.

Of Trustees of No. 5 School Section, Innisfil, praying for a tax of fifteen pounds, for the purpose of repairing school house.—by Mr. Wilson.

Of Hugh Miscampbell and others, praying to be removed from No. 4 School Section. and attached to section No. 5, Township of Innisfil.—by the same.

Of the inhabitants of School Section No. 2, Township of Essa, praying to form a Union School Section with No. 1, of said township.—by Mr. Todd.

Of the Trustees of Union School, situated on lot No. 1, 10th concession West Gwillimbury, praying for a tax of £14.18s.2d., for repairing school house.—by Mr. F. S. Stephens.

Of Edward Quirk and others, of the Township of Tessorontio, praying for a Union School Section with that of section No. 5, of Adjala.—by Mr. Cody.

Of the inhabitants of Essa and Tessorontio, praying for a tax to raise the sum of fifteen pounds, to complete the bridge erected over the Nottawaasaga river, in the Township of Essa.—by Mr. Todd.

The District Superintendent of Schools' report laid before the Council.

A communication from the Barrie Hook and Ladder Company, conveying a vote of thanks to the Municipal Council, for the liberal donation of £25, granted by the Council to that Company, for the purpose of assisting them to purchase a fire engine.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Dallas,

Ordered—That all the petitions received be referred to their respective Committees.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Drury,

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Ordered—That the petition of C. S. Robinson and others, praying for the establishment of a road in Orillia, as also that of Wm. Gibbard and others, praying for the establishment of a certain road, which, owing to informality, did not pass the Council at its last session—be reconsidered by the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the bonds of persons who have entered into securities for District and Township Superintendents of Common Schools, placed in the hands of the District Council, be returned or otherwise cancelled, provided they have passed their accounts.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Stephens,

Ordered—That Mr. Clifford's report be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That for the future all public notices relating to this Council, hitherto required to be exhibited at the court house in Barrie, be inserted in the "Barrie Magnet" in lieu thereof.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Todd,

Ordered—That the Committee on District Property be instructed to draft a petition to His Excellency the Governor-General, for the purpose of obtaining the deed of lot No. 74, at the corner of Collier and Owen streets, Barrie, which has been granted by the Government for a Common school.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. McGlashan,

Ordered—That the Warden do fill up all vacancies now existing in the different Standing Committees.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Irwin and Keenan to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

The following petitions were presented:—

Of Daniel Markle and others, praying for the establishment of a road through certain Lots in Mulmur,—by Mr. Walker.

Of James Flynn and others, of School Section No. 4, Atjala, praying for a grant of money to repair their school house—by Mr. Keenan.

Of John Coleman and others, praying that the sum of six pounds, formerly assessed on the inhabitants of Union School Section in Innisfil and Essa, be now collected—by Mr. Wilson.

Of Trustees of School Section No. 12, West Gwillinbury, praying that a tax of £9. 1s. 9d. be assessed on the inhabitants of said School Section, for the purpose of completing their School house—by Mr. Rogers.

Of James Gray and others, praying for a Tax to build a school house—by Mr. Irwin.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. McGlashan,

Ordered—That the several petitions presented be referred to their respective Committees.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 1.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. McGlashan,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up report, No. 1.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges reported by By-Law.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read, be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Council do not go into Committee of the whole on the By-Law now read a second time, but that it be read a third time forthwith, and that the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Drury,  
Ordered—That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 2.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, with two other gentlemen to be named by the Warden, do form a Committee for the purpose of making the necessary alterations in the "Abstract of the Duties of Township Officers," laid before the Council, to make it applicable to this District, in order to the printing and circulating the same.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Dallas and Walker.

An account of school moneys, with vouchers, for 1846, from the Township of Adjala, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Keenan,

Ordered—That the account of school moneys, with accompanying vouchers for 1846, from the Township of Adjala, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1847.

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 3.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

Accounts of School Funds from West Gwillimbury and Sunnidale, with accompanying vouchers, for 1846, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. F. S. Stephens,

Ordered—That the accounts of school funds from West Gwillimbury and Sunnidale, with accompanying vouchers, for the year 1846, be referred to Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Walker.

Ordered—That the manner in which the court-room is now fitted up, being extremely inconvenient to the members of this Council, the Committee on District Property be requested to report upon the matter, with a view to such alterations being made as may be considered necessary.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up report No. 4.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Willson,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted, and that the Clerk be instructed to inform the petitioner of the purport of the report.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up Report No. 5, accompanied by By-Law.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read, be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the Council do not now go into Committee of the whole, on By-Law now read a second time, but that it be read a third time forthwith, and the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the By-Law now read a third time, do pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

The following petitions were presented:  
 Of George Lount and others, praying for a road from the Town of Barrie to the mouth of the Nottawasaga River, on the shore of Lake Huron,—by Mr. Walker.  
 Of Thomas A. Ferguson, praying to be recommended to the Toronto Normal School,—by Mr. Dallas.  
 Of the inhabitants of No. 1 School Section, Tiny, praying for a tax to build a school-house,—by Mr. Jeffery.  
 On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Irwin,  
 Ordered—That the several petitions be referred to their respective Standing Committees.  
 On motion of Mr. McGlashan, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
 Ordered—That Archibald McNab, Provincial Land Surveyor, be appointed by this Council a District Road Surveyor of the District of Simcoe.  
 A communication from the District Treasurer laid before the Council.  
 On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the communication from the District Treasurer be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.  
 Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1847.

The Council met.  
 The Warden in the chair.  
 Minutes of yesterday read.  
 Petitions read,  
 Of John Moore and others, praying that School Section No. 3, Township of Nottawasaga, be divided,—by Mr. Walker.  
 Of Joseph Bannerman and others, praying that the line between the 8th and 9th Concessions of Nottawasaga, as laid down in the accompanying diagram, be established,—by the same.  
 On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Stephens,  
 Ordered—That the petitions now presented be referred to the Standing Committees.  
 On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. McGlashan,  
 Ordered—That the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment be requested to consider whether some mode of extending the Assessment Rolls might not be devised, which would effect a material saving to the District.  
 On motion of Mr. McGlashan, seconded by Mr. Dallas,  
 Ordered—That the Warden of the District be requested to communicate with the Chairman of the Board of Works, regarding a reported grant of money, to the extent of £1000, for road purposes in the Township of Nottawasaga.  
 The District Surveyor's report No. 2, laid before the Council.  
 The Standing Committee on Education brought up report No. 2.  
 On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Robertson,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.  
 The Standing Committee on District Property brought up report No. 1.  
 On motion of Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Hunt,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.  
 The Standing Committee on District Property brought in report No. 2, accompanied by draft of petition to His Excellency the Governor-General.  
 On motion of Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Hunt,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted, that the petition be engrossed, signed by the Warden, and transmitted to His Excellency the Governor-General.  
 The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 2.  
 On motion of Mr. Dallas, seconded by Mr. Walker,  
 Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up Report No. 6, accompanied by a By-Law.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Drury,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up Reports Nos. 7 and 8.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Ordered—That the reports now read be adopted.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1847.

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

The minutes of yesterday read.

The District Surveyor's reports Nos. 2 and 3, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. McGlashan, seconded by Mr. Walker,

Ordered—That the reports now read be referred to their respective Committees.

The Committee on District Property brought up report No. 3.

On motion of Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The Committee on District Property brought up draft of an address to the Legislature, on the subject of the Registry Office.

Ordered—That the draft of address be adopted, engrossed, signed by the Warden, and forwarded to the Legislature.

The Committee on Education brought up report No. 3.

Ordered—That the report be adopted.

The Special Committee on "Abstract of Township Officers' Duties" brought up a report.

Ordered—That the report be adopted.

The Warden nominated Messrs. Keenan, Rogers and Whitley, a Committee on Contingencies.

Ordered—That the rule of the Council, providing that no petitions be received after the fourth day of its sitting, be suspended, in reference to the petition of Thomas McConkey and others, received this morning by post.

Petition presented.

Ordered—that the petition of Thomas McConkey and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Ordered—That the Clerk be instructed to notify the several Township Clerks of this District, that in future no taxes will be imposed by this Council for building, repairing, or purchasing sites for school-houses, until the deeds for such houses and lands are made out in favor of the District Council, and that the Township Clerks be requested to take immediate steps to make this resolution known in their respective Townships.

Ordered—That the Warden issue his warrant to the Treasurer, for the payment of the amount of the Councillors' salaries for the present session.

Account of school moneys, with vouchers, from Mono, laid before the Council.

Ordered—That in future the names of members present at this Council, be inserted in the minutes of each day during the session.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up report No. 3.

Ordered—That the report be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up reports Nos. 4 and 5: the latter accompanied by draft of a By-Law.

Ordered—That the reports be adopted,—that the By-law be read a second and third time forthwith, and that the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

Ordered—That the By-Law do now pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up reports Nos. 9 and 10, accompanied by draft of a By-Law,

Ordered—That the reports be adopted,—that the draft of By-law be read a second time forthwith, and that the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

Ordered—That the Council do now go into Committee of the whole on the draft of By-law read a second time.

The Committee rose and reported draft of By-Law amended.

Ordered—That the By-Law be read a third time forthwith, and that the 34th rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

Ordered—That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

The Committee on District Property brought up report No. 4.

Ordered—That the report now read be sent back for reconsideration.

Ordered—That the Warden be requested to take such measures as may be necessary, for ensuring new elections to fill the places of those Councillors, whose time shall have expired at the close of the present year.

Ordered—That the By-law establishing a road through the Townships of Vespra, Flos, and Sunnidale, (now lying on the table) be read a third time forthwith, and that the 34th rule of this Council be suspended for that purpose.

Ordered—That the By-Law, now read a third time, do pass, be engrossed, and signed by the Warden.

The Committee on District Property brought up report No. 4, as reconsidered.

Ordered—That the report be adopted.

The Committee on Contingencies brought up a report.

Ordered—That the report be adopted.

Members absent the whole of the session—Messrs. Hamilton and J. D. Stephens.

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON,  
Warden.

JOHN MCWATT,  
Clerk.

# APPENDIX

TO THE

## Minutes of the October Session, A.D., 1847.

WM. ARMSON, ESQ., WARDEN.

### REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet and Memorial; as also the Auditors' Reports Nos. 1, 2 and 3, beg leave to submit the following observations to the consideration of the Council:—

Your Committee have carefully perused this document, and have to express their approbation of the very full manner in which the different subjects therein contained have been commented upon by the Treasurer. Your Committee would observe—

1st. That, with respect to the Government refusing to pay the whole of the amounts recommended by the Board of Audit for the expenses of the Administration of Criminal Justice, interpreting the Act differently from the said Board, your Committee much regret that the benefit accruing to the District from this measure will not be to the extent formerly anticipated. Your Committee are informed that in consequence of the great delay occasioned by the detention of all documents relating to this subject at the seat of Government, serious inconvenience has arisen to claimants, from the length of time which these persons have been compelled to wait before their accounts could be discharged by the Treasurer, particularly in the cases of constables. Your Committee are of opinion that such a system materially tends to retard the ends of justice; as, in most instances, constables, being poor men, can ill afford to wait a year or more before receiving payment for their services; particularly as it is to be remembered, that those persons are obliged to advance the funds necessary for the support of the prisoners and themselves, during the discharge of their duties, as well as to find conveyances, when necessary. Under these circumstances, your Committee would recommend that for the future, all claims of this nature, after passing the Board of Audit, be immediately afterwards discharged by the Treasurer.

2nd. With respect to the apparent impracticability of obtaining the return of the lands under patent from the office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, your Committee understand that the Registrar of the District is about to be supplied with documents containing these returns, from which source the Treasurer will probably find no difficulty in obtaining the information he desires.

3rd. Your Committee have made diligent enquiry into the subject of the claim heretofore made upon the Treasurer of the Home District, for taxes not

recovered from the collector of the Township of Medonte, and would recommend that no further action be taken in the matter, as it appears very doubtful that the Council could make good its claim. Your Committee, while they are aware that it is the bounden duty of the Council to look strictly after the funds of the District, cannot in the present instance recommend hazarding the serious expenses necessarily attending litigation.

## BALANCE SHEET.

Your Committee have examined this account, and feel happy in being enabled to say, that, upon the whole, the affairs of the District appear to be in a prosperous condition. The debt of the District has, during the present year, been reduced £400; the balance of £55 for the repairs of the roof of the court house; £25 voted for the Barrie Hook and Ladder Company; and a portion of the salaries of the District officers for the past year have been paid; nevertheless the Treasurer has a balance of £468.6s.5d. at the credit of the District.

The following will (as nearly as can be ascertained) be the position of the affairs of the District at the close of the year, i.e., previous to the receipt of any of the taxes of the present year:—

To Contingent Accounts, including fitting up the court rooms, &c.	£135	0	0
Interest on Debentures	57	10	0
Fees of Clerk of the Peace, say	25	0	0
Fees of Sheriff, say	40	0	0
Fees of Constables, say	25	0	0
Salaries	97	10	0
	380	0	0
By cash on hand	468	0	0

Balance in favor of the District..... £ 88 0 0

Your Committee would further observe, that the Treasurer anticipates being enabled to pay off the further sum of £500 of the debt of the District early in the ensuing year; and they feel satisfied that so soon as the new mode of taxation is brought fully into operation, the debt of the District will be rapidly reduced, and its roads materially improved.

## MEMORIAL.

Your Committee are informed that the information therein required has been supplied by the Standing Committee on District Property.

## AUDITORS' REPORTS.

Numbers 1 and 3 are correct, and No. 2 contains various accounts amounting to £123.7s.0½d., of which sum £88.1s.1½d. is for fitting up the court room. This amount exceeds the sum apportioned for that purpose at last sessions by £7.0s.10½d., exclusive of painting, which is estimated at £16. All these accounts are certified to be correct by the District Surveyor, who has stated to your Committee that it was impossible for him to ascertain the exact expense of having the necessary improvements efficiently done—that he found it necessary to deviate somewhat from the original plan—and that, as the work has been well executed, he trusts that the Council will consider that he was justified in incurring the additional outlay. The other accounts are for certain necessary improvements, which were authorized to be performed, by the Council at former sessions. Your Committee would therefore recommend that the Warden do issue his warrant for the payment of said accounts, amounting in all to £123.7s.0½d., currency.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. DALLAS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 6th Oct., 1847.

AUTOGRAPH REPLY TO ADDRESS OF FEBRUARY 4TH, LAST.  
*To the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe.*

Gentlemen:

I have perused with much satisfaction your address, which contains such gratifying indications of your devoted loyalty to our gracious Queen, and proves that you are so fully alive to the vast capabilities of this very interesting portion of her Majesty's Dominions.

I am truly obliged to you for the kind sentiments of regard and consideration which you express towards myself, and I can assure you that it will be my earnest desire to aid in promoting those important objects to which you have directed my attention.

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition, &c., of William Gibbard and others, praying that a road should be established in the Township of Vespra, agreeably to a diagram furnished, beg leave to report, that they recommend the same should be established; and that the accompanying By-Law be passed for that purpose.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee room, 5th Oct, 1847.

REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Edmund Quirk and others, of the Township of Tossorontio, praying to be united to School District, No. 5, of Adjala, in consequence of not being able to maintain a separate school in their own section, cannot recommend a compliance with the prayer of the petition, for three reasons. 1st—That all the signatures are written by the same hand, except one. 2nd—That your petitioners have not stated the number of their section; and 3rd—That the 5th section of Adjala appears to have as many children attending the school as the teachers can do justice to. But your Committee would recommend that the County Superintendent be requested to give his attention to the case, and see whether a more convenient division of the township can be made.

With regard to the petition of School Trustees of No. 6, West Gwillimbury, praying for a further tax of £20, to enable them to pay all debts for building a school house, your Committee recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted, upon condition of the Trustees furnishing to the Council a perfect deed—there being some doubts as to the legality of the one submitted.

With reference to the petition of the inhabitants of Tecumseth, praying for a union school district, partly of Tecumseth, and partly of King, in the Home District, your Committee recommend that the prayer of the petition be not granted.

Your Committee have considered the petition of John Dickey and two others, of school section No. —, of Innisfil, praying to be removed to No. 5; your Committee would reject the prayer of the petition, as no sufficient reason appears for any such alteration.

Also, the petition of Trustees of School District No. 5, of Innisfil, praying for a further tax of £15, to complete their school house, has been considered by

your Committee, and they recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, provided the deed be forthcoming by the next session of the Council.

With regard to the petition of the inhabitants of a School District in Tecumseth, praying to be set off in a separate district, to be called No. 19, your Committee recommend that the petitioners be written to by the Clerk, and desired to correspond with the District Superintendent on the subject, as the petition in its present form is too vague and contradictory to be acted upon by the Council.

Your Committee have examined the petitions of No. 1, of Essa, No. 2, of Essa, and No. 3, of Tossorontio, praying to be united in one school district, your Committee beg to recommend that the prayers of these petitions be granted at the next session of the Council, provided the deed for the school site be forthcoming at that time, when no objection will exist to setting off and describing the said union district.

Your Committee have examined the petition of Basil Rowe, Esq., praying the Council to amend the Act of the last session which united part of school district No. 1, of Orillia, to No. 9 of Oro, and to re separate them. Your Committee can see no reason for recommending a compliance with the prayer of this petition, until the County Superintendent shall have visited those sections, and afforded the Council some further information on the subject; and your Committee would beg that the Clerk be desired to write to Mr. Rowe and acquaint him with this decision.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 6th Oct., 1847.

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REPORT NO. 1 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of William Watson and sixty-five others, praying this Council to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of assisting to open the road on the townline, between Flos and Vespra, beg leave to report,—

That as the Council has empowered the individual Councillors of the different townships, to expend the funds applicable to such purposes, they can only recommend the subject to the most favorable consideration of the Councillors of Flos and Vespra.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 5th Oct., 1847.

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REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom has been referred the petition of William Dunsmore, of the Township of Oro, praying compensation for loss sustained by a road established by your Council, passing through his land, beg leave to report :—

That your Committee have examined into the matter, and find that at the first sitting of the Council, in the year 1843, (from a report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges) the survey, diagram, and petition for the establishment of a road between 15 and 16, in the Township of Oro, passing through the petitioner's land, was before the Council, but that in consequence of the obscurity of the Surveyor's diagram, the Committee recommended that no action should be taken in the matter. That on the 9th of May (second

sitting) another report and survey, from the same surveyor, upon the same matter, was referred to the Committee, and on the 11th the Committee reported, which report was adopted. That the matter was laid over to the following meeting in August, when, on the 10th of that month, the said road was confirmed by By-Law, without any obligation being imposed upon the requisitionists to satisfy the claim of petitioner.

Further—That on the 16th of February, in the same year, the petitioner had objected to the road passing through his land, or if confirmed, requiring compensation from the Council, to the amount of £39 10s., as appears by this petition.

These appear to be the circumstances of the matter.

Your Committee have reason to believe that this is the only case of the kind that exists; that, subsequent to this case a By-Law was passed, making it imperative upon requisitionists for any such road, to satisfy the legal and proper claims in such cases.

This not having been the rule in this case, the petitioner has no power to claim from the requisitionists, nor can he expect any compensation but from this Council.

Your Committee have a document before them, (under the hand of the District Surveyor, Mr. Henry Creswicke,) an estimate of the just value of the property resigned to the public by the petitioner, which estimate amounts to £16 10s.

The petitioner, your Committee consider, has a legal and proper claim for a reasonable compensation. Your Committee, therefore, taking into consideration the advantages the petitioner receives from the road, and the previous use he had had of the land, would recommend that the sum of £12 10s. be allowed him, and that the Warden do issue his warrant for the same.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,

Committee Room, 6th Oct., 1847.

CHAIRMAN.

REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Markle and others, praying the Council to give permission for the opening out a new road from Lot No. 11 to Lot No. 32, in the 1st Concession, along Hurontario-street, in the Township of Mulmur, to the base line of the 2th Concession of the Township of Nottawasaga, beg leave to report:—

That the petitioners possess all the requisite power within themselves, by requisition to a District Road Surveyor, to examine, survey, and report to this Council at some of its future sittings, taking care to give three months' notice of their intended application to this Council, in some conspicuous places in their own neighborhood and in the "Barrie Magnet" newspaper.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,

Committee Room, Oct. 7th, 1847.

CHAIRMAN.

REPORT NO 5 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom has been referred the petition of Thomas Drury and 40 others, praying that the sum of £15 (for the purpose of perfecting the approach to the bridge over the Nottawasaga river) should be levied and collected from the inhabitants residing in the 6th and 7th Concessions of

Tossoronto, and in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and so much of the 5th Concession of Essa as lies on the western side of the Nottawasaga River, beg leave to report :—

That they recommend the sanction of the prayer of the petitioners, with this exception, viz.:—That the inhabitants residing south of No. 4, in the sixth concession, be exempted ; and they further recommend the annexed By-Law being passed for the purpose contemplated.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 7th Oct., 1847.

REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the District Superintendent for Common Schools, beg to state, that the sum appointed for Common Schools this year amounts to £648.3s.7½d., being a greater sum than the District has ever yet received, by about £60 or £70—which is highly satisfactory. With regard to obtaining the Government apportionment quarterly, and making arrangements for collecting the taxes quarterly, your Committee are of opinion that it cannot at present be entertained, among other reasons, for the great increase in the cost of collection ; but they see no reason why the said apportionment cannot be paid quarterly, independent of the tax, when once the amount of the latter is known to the Government to have been actually assessed. The eighth clause in the amended School Act empowers municipal authorities to impose on any school district or section, taxes to any amount for school purposes. Your Committee does not think it necessary to make any remark on this clause, as it is not likely, and even hardly possible to suppose that a Council would take such a step, without the consent of the inhabitants themselves.

The Superintendent of Common Schools also states, that much confusion is found to ensue from the present dilatory mode of collecting the school taxes, rendering it impossible to close the accounts of the year within the time required by law ; for this your Committee can see no remedy, except that already recommended by them on a former complaint of the same nature, viz. : to insist on the punctuality of collectors ; and if they fail in that, to proceed against their securities ; and your committee accordingly feel bound to recommend that course ; more especially as many persons have given security for township superintendents, and ought now to have their bonds returned to them, according to a motion passed in the present session of the Council, but which cannot in several cases be acted upon, as the superintendents cannot procure the balances due to them from the collectors.

As the printed circular from the Chief Superintendent of Common Schools, concerning Normal schools, will be referred to in the report No. 3 of your Committee, they do not think it necessary to say anything at present on the subject.

Your Committee have also had referred to them a circular from the Warden of the Newcastle District, requesting to be favored with the views of the Warden and Council of this District upon the new School Act, inviting us to a co-operation with them, to obtain material alterations in it, or to abolish it altogether. Your Committee has certainly had much to complain of former common school Acts, particularly with regard to want of power to enforce payment of taxes laid on by the Council. Your Committee are also aware of the great difficulty the Legislature must have, in framing an Act to meet so complicated a machinery as that of the schools of this Province, and would therefore recommend that the Warden be requested to communicate

with the Warden of the Newcastle District, and state the above reason for the Council wishing to give the present Act a fair trial.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Oct. 8th, 1847.

REPORT NO. 1, OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the District Council of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the motion of the Council on the manner in which the court-room is fitted up, with a request to report thereon, would beg to state, that the manner in which the court-room is now fitted up is extremely inconvenient to the members of the Council at their sittings, on account of the members having to sit apart, and having no convenient place to write on. Your Committee would beg to submit to the Council the following small alterations to be made, viz.:—The dock and the floor that the dock stands on to be removed, and that there be movable seats and writing tables (of the like form as those that are now made), to suit the space, for the use of the Council during their sittings, and that the dock be left movable, so that it can be replaced in the same form that it now stands, at any time when required. Your Committee would recommend that the said alterations be made previous to the painting of the court-room, and that the Surveyor be authorized to cause the above alterations to be made.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. S. STEPHENS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Barrie, 8th Oct., 1847.

REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the order of the Council to draft a petition to His Excellency the Governor-General, for the purpose of obtaining the deed of Lot No. 74, on the corner of Collier and Owen-streets, Town of Barrie, District of Simcoe, which appears to your Committee to have been granted by the Government for Common School purposes, beg leave to submit the following draft of a petition :

*To His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Governor-General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

The petition of the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth,—

That a grant of Lot No. 74, corner of Collier and Owen streets, in the Town of Barrie, District of Simcoe, has been made by the Government for Common School purposes : Your petitioners therefore pray, that your Excellency will be pleased to order the patent for said Lot No. 74, to be issued to this Council.

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

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. S. STEPHENS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 8th Oct., 1847.

REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ASSESSMENT.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred the motion as to "whether some mode of extending the Assessment Rolls might not be devised, which would effect a material saving to the District," beg leave to report,

That they have investigated this subject as fully as the means now at their disposal will allow, and beg to make the following observations :

Your Committee are clearly of opinion that the Legislature contemplates that the Council shall have the Rolls extended by their Clerk, as, in the "Judges Tariff of Fees" certain fees are allowed to the Clerk of the Peace, as remuneration for extension of the Rolls, where the services are necessary, and the District Council has not provided by their By-laws for their being otherwise performed.

Your Committee are unable to ascertain the exact amount of District funds at present applied to this purpose, but believe that the sum is about £80 per annum.

This amount appears to your Committee to be large ; but, as the Clerk of the Peace is paid for this portion of his duties at rates fixed by Act of Parliament, of course no overcharge can possibly be attributed to that gentleman. Nevertheless, it is the undoubted duty of the Council to effect every saving to the District, which can be legitimately accomplished.

Your Committee are of opinion that the extension of the Rolls could be efficiently done for £50 per annum, and if so, a saving of £30 per annum would of course arise to the District.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the only action taken in this important matter, during the present session, be, that the Clerk be instructed to communicate with such District Councils as have employed their clerks to extend the Rolls, for the purpose of ascertaining whether such arrangements were made before or after the passing of the Act Vict. 8, chap. 38 ; under which Act the Judge's Tariff of Fees, before alluded to, was passed—what saving has arisen to these Districts by such changes—and any other information upon the subject which they may be enabled to afford ;—and these communications laid before the Council at its next session, when the propriety of making alterations of the nature alluded to may, if found expedient, be more satisfactorily carried into effect.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 8th Oct., 1847.

REPORT NO. 6 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Council of the District of Simcoe :

Your Committee, to whom has been referred the petition, &c., of George Lount, Esq., and others, praying your honourable body would be pleased to establish a certain line of road in the Townships of Vespra, Flos and Sunnidale, agreeably to a diagram furnished, beg leave to report,—

That your Committee with the utmost satisfaction recommends the sanctioning the application of the petitioners, by the establishing of the line of road prayed for. Nor can they here deny themselves the pleasure of expressing their satisfaction at the public and enterprising spirit of George Lount, Esq., and others, for the public service, evinced herein.

That the advantages noticed in the petition, and many others, will arise to the public from the perfecting such a line of road, your Committee are satisfied, and would gladly, if they thought the circumstances of the District would have allowed it, recommend the grant of a sum of money to assist the purpose.

As it is, your Committee with pleasure recommend the establishment of the road, by the accompanying By-Law being passed for the purpose.  
All which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 8th Oct., 1847.

REPORT NO. 7 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom has been referred the communication of Duncan Cameron and others, beg leave to report,

That the said communication sets forth, that the said Duncan Cameron and others labor under great inconvenience from the want of a certain road being opened between lots 6 and 9, across several concessions, to the eastern side of Oro.

Your Committee find that the road required was duly established by this Council in November, 1844, by By-Law, subject to the requisitionists paying the Surveyor's expenses.

That one person, and only one, made, to this Council, objection to this road passing through his land, or prayed for compensation, viz.: Peter McCallum.

That the Council refused to entertain or accede to his request, on the ground of the increased value of his land, arising from such a road.

Such being the state of the case, the pathmasters have every authority to proceed with the opening out the said road, and expending what labor or money may be applicable, thereon:

And that the Clerk do communicate with Mr. Duncan Cameron, to inform the petitioners that they are fully empowered by this Council to carry out the said road, and that they will be fully sustained in so doing by the Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 8th Oct., 1847.

REPORT NO. 8 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition, &c., of Joseph F. Bowerman and others, in relation to the establishment of a road in the Township of Nottawasaga, begs leave to report,

That the required notice in such cases not having been given in this one, your Committee recommends that the subject do lie over until the next session of the Council, to allow of such notice being given.

Your Committee would state that they have given the necessary instructions to the parties interested, to do so.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 8th Oct., 1847.

REPORT NO. 3 OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Surveyor's report No. 1, beg to state that they have examined the same, and find that the court room has

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been fitted up, but not exactly in accordance with the plan submitted by the Surveyor to this Council at its last session, nor is it yet painted, on account of part of the lumber not being fit to receive the same. The scavetrough, pipes, and covers for stove holes, have been placed at the court house, as directed. The forty cords of wood have been delivered at the court house; as also two committee tables, for the use of the Council, one wheelbarrow, for the use of the court house, and desk for the Registrar.

Your Committee would further beg leave to state, that they have examined the Surveyor's report on the plan of a Registry office, and according to the plan now before your Committee, nothing but the vault would be fire-proof, and the probable cost of the same would be £256. Your Committee is of opinion that the Act passed, 8th Victoria, chapter 34, sec. 1, requires both offices and vaults to be fire-proof, and limits the expense of the same to £250, an amount quite too small to cover the expense of such a building. Your Committee would therefore recommend there be no action taken on the same until the next meeting of the Council, and in the meantime that the Parliament be memorialized on the subject of the same.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED'K S. STEPHENS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th Oct., 1847.

REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petitioning the Legislature on the subject of a Registry office in this District, beg leave to submit the following for the consideration of the Council:—

*To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of Canada:*

The petition of the Warden and Council of the District of Simcoe, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioners are of opinion, that according to the Act passed, 9th Victoria, chapter 34, sec. 19, both Registrar's office and vaults require to be fire-proof, and as the amount allowed for the same is only £250, a sum inadequate to cover the expense of erecting such buildings, your petitioners, under these circumstances, would respectfully solicit your Honorable House, that such amendments be made in the said Act as will invest a more discretionary power in your petitioners.

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

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED'K S. STEPHENS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th Oct., 1847.

REPORT NO. 3 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of School Trustees of Union School, composed of Section No. 10, in W. Gwillimbury, and Section No. 16, of Tecumseth, praying to be allowed a tax for repairs done, and to be done, to the amount of £14.18s.2d., to their school house; your Committee see no objection to granting the prayer of this petition, so soon as the Trustees shall have satisfied the Council that the inhabitants generally of their Union School Section are willing to be so taxed, and also that the said Trustees shall have furnished to the Council a proper Deed for the site of their school house.

Your Committee would recommend that the petition of the inhabitants of No. 1 School Section, Township of Tiny, praying for a tax of £30 for school purposes be granted, as it appears to be the general wish of the inhabitants, and the Council is in possession of the Deed for the site of the school house.

Your Committee have considered the petition of Trustees of School Section No. 12, W. Gwillimbury, praying for a tax on their school section for £9.1s.6d., for school purposes, and beg to recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, so soon as the Deed for the school site shall be furnished to the Council.

Your Committee recommend the granting of the petition of J. Gray and others, of School Section No. 3 in Tecumseth, praying for a tax of £37 for school purposes, when the deed for the site shall be in the hands of the Council.

Your Committee recommend the same course with regard to the petition of inhabitants of No. 4 School Section of Adjala, praying to be taxed to the amount of £10 for repairs of school house.

With regard to petition of Union School Section No. 4 Essa, No. 1 Innisfil, and No. 17 West Gwillimbury, praying for the collection of the sum of £6, which has been previously assessed but not collected, owing to the insufficiency of the School Act, your Committee would recommend that the prayer be granted when the deed for school site shall be furnished to the Council.

After a careful consideration of the petition of J. More and others of School Section No. 3, of Nottawasaga; praying for a division of their School Section, beg to observe that they can glean so little information from the evidence at their command, and the Councillor for the Township who has signed it being unfortunately absent, they have come to the conclusion that it would be better to allow the said petition to lie over until next session of the Council, when, if it should appear that a division of the section would confer any benefit upon the inhabitants, further action may be taken upon it.

Your Committee have considered with much attention, the petition of Thomas A. Ferguson, praying for pecuniary assistance to enable him to attend the Normal School in Toronto, for the purpose of being educated for a teacher of common schools. Your Committee feel much delicacy in recommending any specific course with regard to the petitioner,—they would like much to make the experiment, but as there may possibly be other young men in the District who may wish for the same advantage, your Committee would recommend on this point, that notice be given through the District of the intention of the Council to send one or more young men to the Normal School. Candidates may be examined when and where the Council may see fit, and the most deserving will of course gain the benefit to be derived from such an Institution.

Farther, as the sum required for each person so sent will be one dollar per week, and some means should be devised of securing to the District the services of the young men educated at their expense,—all which are serious considerations,—your Committee would wish that they should be discussed more fully in the Council, and therefore recommend the Council to form themselves into committee of the whole on the accompanying resolution.

Your Committee have examined the accounts of school moneys for townships of Sunnidale, Adjala, and West Gwillimbury, and find them correct.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

RESOLVED,

That some one young man, or more, be sent at the expense of the District, to the Normal School in Toronto, for the purpose of being educated for a common school teacher, upon the following conditions:—

1st. That the whole expense shall not exceed the sum of one dollar per week for each.

2nd. That some sufficient guarantee be given by the person so sent, for his returning to teach a school for the District of Simcoe, for at least four years, upon his completing his time at the Normal School.

3rd. That all candidates for admission to the Toronto Normal School from this District, shall personally appear on the Wednesday of the first week of next session of the Council, with certificates of good moral character, &c., as required by the Board of Education, and that the County Superintendent be requested to attend upon that day, with a view to afford the Council such assistance as they may require.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ABSTRACT OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS' DUTIES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Special Committee, to whom your Honourable Council deputed the duty of making the necessary alterations in the "Abstract of the Duties of Township Officers," to make it applicable to this District, beg leave to report,—

That they find their time far too limited to do justice to the matter, and recommend that it be deferred to the next sitting of the Council, and then entered upon. And would also call the earnest attention of each member of the Council, in the meantime, to this important subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, Oct. 8th, 1847.

REPORT NO. 2 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ASSESSMENT.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

The Committee on Finance and Assessment to whom was referred the District Surveyor's Report No. 2, beg leave to state,

That they have examined the same, and recommend that the 50 coils of wood be obtained at as reasonable a rate as possible.

Your Committee are of opinion that the allowance of one pound ten shillings, desired by the District Surveyor, for necessary travelling on business of the Registry Office is reasonable; and recommend that the Warden do issue his warrant for payment thereof,

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. DALLAS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th Oct., 1847.

REPORT NO. 4 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee, to whom were referred the school accounts of the Township of Mono, beg to state that they have examined and found the same correct,

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. WALKER,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th Oct., 1847.

REPORT No. 5 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee beg to submit the following draft of a By-Law for the purpose of raising the sum of £20 in No. 6 School Section, West Gwillimbury, and the sum of £30 in No. 1 School Section, of the Township of Tiny, for school purposes,—the said sums having been granted by the District Council, during its present session.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDW'D A. WALKER,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th Oct., 1847.

REPORT No. 9 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom has been referred the petition of Thomas Maconchy, J.P., and other inhabitants of the village of Bradford, praying that the statute labor of that place should compulsorily be commuted, beg leave to report,—

That they fully concur with the views of the petitioners, but that in order to investigate the subject, with a view to apply the principle to other towns in the District, (if found desirable,) they recommend the petition to lie over until the February session, the present one being so near its conclusion.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th Oct., 1847.

REPORT No. 10 OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*To the Simcoe District Council:*

Your Committee, to whom has been referred the petition of William Lloyd and others, praying for the establishment of a road in the Townships of North and South Orillia, which matter was recommended (at last sitting of the Council) by the committee, to lie over, in order to allow time for due notice, beg leave to report,—

That they recommend the adoption of the accompanying By-Law.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN LANE,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th Oct., 1847.

REPORT No. 5 OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred District Surveyor's Report, No. 3, beg to recommend, that with regard to the painting of court house, it should lie over until next session of the Council, in consequence of the contemplated alteration in the wood work.

Your Committee cannot recommend the building of a wood shed, because no estimate for the same has been furnished to the Council; nor the fencing in the ground appertaining to the gaol and court house, for the same reason.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED'K S. STEPHENS,  
CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th Oct., 1847.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

Your Committee on Contingencies, having examined the several accounts and allowances necessary to be granted for services performed, would recommend that the Warden do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums, viz. :—

To James Cleland, for Printing.....	£19 15 3
" J. Patton, Barrister, for advice and attendance.....	2 10 0
" John McWatt, Stationery.....	0 10 5½
" " " Candles.....	0 3 4
" " " 4 pair snuffers.....	0 4 0
" " " Transport of Minutes.....	0 3 9
" " " Postage.....	2 12 6½
" " " Copying Minutes for Printer, for February Session, .....	4 0 0
" F. Martin, 5 days' attendance as messenger, 5s. per day,....	1 5 0
" John Cresor, 3 days' attendance as constable, 5s. per day ..	1 5 0
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All which is respectfully submitted.

ZENOS ROGERS,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, 9th October, 1847.

## AUDITORS' REPORT No. 3 ON TOWNSHIP CLERKS' ACCOUNTS.

*To the Council of the District of Simcoe :*

We, the Auditors of the District of Simcoe, beg leave to report that we have examined a few more Township Clerk's accounts, and find them as follows :

Account of Stephen Bishop, Township Clerk for Flos.		£	s.	d.
Moneys received from Treasurer.....		1	7	6
Moneys expended as per vouchers.....		1	7	6

Account of Robert Rowe, Township Clerk for Orillia.		£	s.	d.
Amount of balance in hand from last year, and moneys received from Treasurer .....		12	2	8½
Amount of moneys expended as per vouchers.....		10	8	9

Balance in hand.....£ 1 13 11½

Account of Edward Jeffrey, Township Clerk for Tay.		£	s.	d.
Moneys received from Treasurer.....		16	3	2
Moneys expended, as per vouchers.....		10	0	0

Balance in hand.....£ 6 3 2

Account of Adam Goodfellow, Township Clerk for West Gwillimbury.		£	s.	d.
Moneys received.....		17	0	2
Moneys expended, as per vouchers.....		10	1	0

Balance in hand.....£ 6 19 2

Account of David Evans, Township Clerk for Tecumseth.

Amount of Moneys received from Treasurer and fines.....	20	7	0
Moneys expended, as per vouchers .....	14	15	0

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All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ATKINSON, } AUDITORS.  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, }

Barrie, October 5th, 1847.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe

Gentlemen,—

I beg to report that I have been duly furnished by the Clerk of the Council, with your instructions regarding the payment for the Essa Bridge, the legal proceedings to be instituted in the matter of the defaulter, (Donald Campbell), the public advertisement of two By-Laws, Nos. 33 and 39, and various other matters connected with the duties of my office, all of which have been attended to.

It appears from the letter addressed to the Warden of the District by Her Majesty's Commissioner of Crown Lands, dated 27th March, that the object of the memorial referred to in that communication has been altogether misunderstood. It will be remembered, that in consequence of the Commissioner of Crown Lands having in two instances refused certain information required by me, (the particulars of which are on the records of the Council) a memorial was addressed to the Government on the subject, to which the letter in question is a reply. Having been furnished by the Warden with a copy of that communication, (now before you) I beg leave to make the following observations upon it:

In the report of the Honorable the Executive Council it is stated, "that the Municipal Council desires to be furnished with schedules, agreeable to the provisions of Statute 59 George III, cap. 7, comprising all lands described for patent." On this I would remark, that it is not these schedules themselves that are required, but a list of certain lands omitted in these schedules. The report further sets forth, "that some of the said schedules containing returns of lands in this District having been sent to the Treasurer of the Home District, that hence arises the present application." On this portion of the report I beg to remark, that this office has been furnished by the Treasurer of the Home District with a return of all lands described in the said schedules up to 31st December, 1842; but the lands in question (though undoubtedly under patent), are not included in that return. Further the report states, "that those schedules having been once furnished, it is not reasonable that the Province should be put to the charge of preparing new schedules for the use of the District." On this I would only observe, again, that it is not duplicates of schedules already furnished which are required, it is the faultiness of these schedules that is complained of: it is not asserted that those schedules have not been furnished, but that the schedules so furnished have in some instances not contained a full and perfect return: it is the correction of such omissions which is required, in order that the District officer may be enabled to collect the taxes on all lands liable for the same.

I regret to state that the District has not derived the benefit which might have reasonably been expected from the Statute regulating the payment of the expenses of criminal justice, in consequence of the interpretation which the Government has been pleased to put on that portion of the said Statute which defines those expenses. Up to the month of July, 1847, the amount for which

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the Government was apparently liable, was £268.17s.4d., of which I have only received £144.14s.7d., leaving a balance of £124.2s.9d., over and above the share chargeable to the District, from which it would appear that the District will not be a gainer to the extent expected, even when altogether relieved from what are now understood to be the expenses of the administration of Criminal Justice. I would also beg leave to observe, in reference to this arrangement, that the difference between the decisions of the District Board of Audit and those of the Government, together with the time which has been suffered to elapse before the Government proportion was paid, has not only been the means of adding greatly to the duties of my office, by making the accounts necessary to be kept of a more complex nature, but has been the source of annoyance and serious inconvenience to the claimants.

Agreeably to your instructions, I communicated to the Treasurer of the Home District, an extract from a report of the Committee on Finance, regarding the taxes for Melonte. His reply has been to the effect, "that he considers himself responsible to the Municipal Council of the Home District, and to that body only, liable for the sums actually received by him"—showing also what have been the usages in that District as to receiving the Collector's bonds and issuing Collector's Rolls. When the smallness of the sum in question is taken into consideration, and the apparent difficulty of proving many material points after the lapse of so many years, I should question the wisdom of engaging the District in a long (and it may be an expensive) law suit, the result of which can not be foreseen. And it should not be forgotten that but for the diligence of the present Treasurer of the Home District in the collection of arrears, several large sums would have been lost to us.

I have received from the Sheriff £600, on account of sales of lands, but as he has not furnished me with the necessary official returns, I have not yet been able to apportion the same.

The By-Law imposing a tax of 1d. per acre on all lands, having so recently come into operation, of course the District has not yet derived any material benefit from it. The assessed taxes for 1847 exhibit an increase of £138, only, beyond those of 1846.

I am not aware at present, of any other matter necessary to be laid before you. I have, therefore, only to add, that should any additional information, beyond that contained in my Balance Sheet and Report, be required by the Council, I shall, at all times, be ready to furnish it, so far as the books of my office may render the same practicable.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDMUND LALLY,

Treasurer, District of Simcoe.

Treasurer's Office, Barrie, Oct. 4th, 1847.

## TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

## EDMUND LALLY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT

Dr.		RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
1846						
Jan. 30	To	Collector of Oro, on account of taxes, 1846	.....	19	0	11½
Feb. 2	"	Collector of Orillia, balance of taxes for 1846	.....	25	15	8
8	"	Collector of Tossorontio, amount of taxes for 1846	.....	18	5	7
8	"	Collector of Vespra, on account of taxes for 1846	.....	30	2	2
10	"	" Medonte, " " " " 1846	.....	19	0	11½
10	"	Collector's percentage, from Lunatic Asylum Fund, for 1845	.....	5	3	2
20	"	Collector of Tecumseth, on acct. of taxes, 1846	.....	59	10	6
20	"	Collector of Mono, " " " " " "	.....	24	13	4
22	"	Collector of Innisfil, balance of taxes for 1846	.....	56	4	7
23	"	Collector of Nottawasaga, on acct. of taxes for 1846	.....	23	18	2½
Mar. 1	"	Amount of Wild Land Tax received in February	.....	7	15	6
4	"	Collector of Sunnidale, balance of taxes, for 1846	.....	3	1	3½
4	"	Collector of Adjala, amount of taxes for 1846	.....	81	14	0
4	"	Collector of Oro, on account of taxes for 1846	.....	35	4	9
5	"	Collector of W. Gwillimbury, on account of taxes, 1846	.....	59	0	11½
5	"	Collector of St. Vincent, balance of taxes, 1846	.....	19	14	5
6	"	Collector of Essa, balance of taxes, 1846	.....	32	7	7
11	"	Collector of Adjala, taxes of two defaulters	.....	1	2	9
17	"	Collector of Mulmur, amount of taxes for 1846	.....	31	2	8¾
18	"	Collector of Nottawasaga, on acct. taxes, 1846	.....	24	15	4
26	"	Collector of Mono, " " " " " "	.....	93	10	0
26	"	Collector of Vespra, " " " " " "	.....	24	5	7
31	"	Amount of Wild Land Tax received in March	.....	37	9	5
Apr. 1	"	Collector of Orillia, taxes of a defaulter	.....	1	19	6½
3	"	Collector of Fles, on account of taxes, 1846	.....	23	16	2
6	"	Collector of Tecumseth, on account of taxes, 1846	.....	23	16	2
7	"	Collector of Nottawasaga, " " " " " "	.....	5	14	3½
16	"	Collector of Medonte, " " " " " "	.....	36	18	4½
30	"	Amount of Wild Land Taxes received in April	.....	36	12	2½
May 7	"	Collector of Oro, balance of taxes for 1846	.....	17	6	6
7	"	Collector of Oro, balance of Wild Land Tax	.....	0	13	1½
31	"	Amount of Wild Land Tax received in May	.....	1	18	5
31	"	Amount of Fines, received in May	.....	5	10	0
June 24	"	Collector of Medonte, balance of taxes 1846	.....	12	2	1
30	"	Amount of Wild Land Tax received in June	.....	2	0	5
30	"	Amount of Fines received in June	.....	0	15	0
July 31	"	Amount of Wild Land Tax received in July	.....	130	3	3
31	"	Amount of fines received in July	.....	3	0	0
Aug 10	"	Collector of Nottawasaga, balance of taxes 1846	.....	4	14	1
24	"	Collector of Mono, on account of taxes 1846	.....	5	0	0
30	"	Amount of Wild Land Tax received in August	.....	9	2	7½
Sep. 1	"	Collector of Fles, balance of taxes 1846	.....	3	17	4
23	"	Collector of Tecumseth, on account of taxes 1846	.....	23	16	2
25	"	Collector of Essa, " " " " " "	.....	13	1	8
30	"	Amount of Wild Land Tax received in September	.....	5	9	1
30	"	Amount of Fines received in September	.....	0	5	0
		Balance from January	.....	359	19	0½
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TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

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29	" Township Clerk of Tossoronto for 1846	4	0	0
Feb. 2	" Township Clerk of Tiny for 1846	4	0	0
3	" Ass'e'r, Col., and Township Clerk of Orillia for '46	10	15	9½
3	" Crier of the Courts, per order of the Sessions	4	3	0
3	" Township Clerk of Adjala for 1846	4	0	0
5	" Township Clerk of Nottawasaga for 1846	4	0	0
5	" Township Clerk of Sunnidale for 1846	4	0	0
6	" Township Clerk of St. Vincent for 1846	4	0	0
6	" Township Clerk of Flos for 1846	4	0	0
6	" J. D. Stephens, Esq., District Councillor	0	12	6
6	" Members of Municipal Council, for Feb. Session	30	0	0
6	" Township Clerk of Tay for 1846	4	0	0
8	" Assessor of Oro for 1846, percentage	6	8	1
8	" Col. and Ass'r of Tossoronto for '46, percentage	1	16	0
8	" Assessor of Vespra for 1846, percentage	4	16	1
8	" Collector of Innisfil, amount over-paid	0	8	8
8	" Error in Folio 34 of Ledger	1	16	2
13	" J. Pearson, for roof to court house, balance	55	12	6
15	" In't on Debentures Nos. 8 to 12, £27, on No. 5 £1	23	0	0
19	" Township Clerk of Vespra for 1846	4	0	0
22	" Collector of Innisfil for 1846, percentage	7	7	0
22	" Township Clerk for 1846	4	0	0
Mar. 1	" Amount transferred to the credit of the Home District, W. L. Cash Book, folio 46	0	8	9
4	" Ass'r and Col. of Sunnidale for 1846, percentage	1	8	0½
4	" Assessor and Col. of Adjala " "	7	18	1
4	" Bounty on a wolf scalp	1	10	0
5	" Collector of W. Gwillimbury for '46, percentage	12	17	4½
5	" Collector of St. Vincent for 1846, percentage	3	17	1
5	" Assessor of St. Vincent, on account	1	3	1
6	" M. Currie, amount of W. L. Tax, over-paid	0	8	1½
6	" Township Clerk of Essa for 1846	4	0	0
Mar 17	" Col. and Ass'r of Mulmur for 1846, percentage	3	0	5½
20	" Bounty on a wolf scalp	1	10	0
26	" Township Clerk of Mono for 1846	4	0	0
26	" Col. and Ass'r of Mono, for percentage	12	13	6½
26	" Bounty on a wolf scalp	1	10	0
Apr. 9	" Clerk of the Peace, per order of Sessions	41	17	4
9	" H. Scobie, for printing, per order of Sessions	5	8	5½
9	" Mr. Sheriff Smith, per order of Sessions	19	10	3½
9	" J. Beardsloy, constable, per order of Sessions	7	0	10
9	" P. McKearnon, constable, per order of Sessions	0	9	3
9	" M. Hayter, gaoler, per order of Sessions	58	1	8½
9	" Dr. A. Pass, per order of Sessions	13	0	10
12	" O. Gager, for wood, per order of Sessions	1	16	8
13	" D. Currie, constable, " "	1	3	9
13	" Mr. McWatt, Treasurer's postage account	3	3	7

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TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

*EDMUND LALLY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT*

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TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

*EDMUND LALLY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT*

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Examined and found correct, as per Cash Book.

JOHN ATKINSON, }  
WILLIAM GRAHAM, } AUDITORS.

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE DISTRICT.

To the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe :

Gentlemen, —

I have the honour to transmit, for the information of the Council, an abstract account of the Assets and Liabilities of the District.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

EDMUND LALLY,

Treasurer, District of Simcoe.

Treasurer's Office, Barrie, Oct. 7, 1847.

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Gaol and Court-house .....		7980	0	0
Seven and a half acres of land in the Town of Barrie .....		1600	0	0
Cash in Treasury .....		468	6	5
Total .....		9948	0	5
		7650	0	4½
Balance of Assets over Liabilities .....		2298	0	0½
LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Amount of Debentures unpaid .....		7404	13	2
Interest due .....		54	15	0
Sundry accounts ordered to be paid by Quarter Sessions .....		7	5	2
Accounts passed by the Council this Session .....		123	7	0½
Total .....		7650	0	0½

EDMUND LALLY,

Treasurer, District of Simcoe.

Treasurer's Office, Barrie, Oct. 7, 1847.

BY-LAW No. 41.

*To establish a Road from the 3rd and 4th Concessions of Vespra, into the Town of Barrie.*

WHEREAS certain persons have petitioned for the establishment (by the District Council of the District of Simcoe) of a road in the Township of Vespra, commencing at the northern extremity of Market street in the Town of Barrie, thence north 1 deg., east 5 chains, then north 52 deg., east 38 chains 10 links, to the concession line between the 3rd and 4th concessions.

Be it therefore enacted that the same be and it is hereby established and confirmed as a public road and highway, on the conditions of requisitionists to this Council, paying the necessary expenses for surveying, and all legal claims for property therein appropriated to the public use.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. ARMSON,  
WARDEN.

Council Hall, 5th Oct., 1847.

BY-LAW No. 42.

*For raising Sums of Money for School Purposes in West Gwillimbury and Tiny.*

WHEREAS it is required to raise the sum of £20 currency in School Section No. 6, Township of West Gwillimbury, for completing their school-

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house,—also the sum of £30 currency in School Section No. 1, of Township of Tiny, for the purpose of building a school-house therein,—the said sums to be levied over and above all expense of levying and collecting the same.

It is hereby enacted, that in order to raise the money for the said purposes the Assessors in the said Townships of West Gwillimbury and Tiny shall, and they are hereby required to furnish the Clerk of the District Council, within one calendar month from and after the passing of this Act, with a certified copy of the Assessment Rolls of their respective Townships, distinguishing the ratable property in said several School Sections separately, with the valuation of such property extended, upon delivery of which said copies of Rolls to the said Clerk, the said Assessors shall be severally entitled to demand and receive from the Collectors respectively, upon production of the Clerk's receipt for said copies of Rolls, the sum of two shillings and sixpence for every hundred names therein contained. And it shall be the duty of the said Clerk of the District Council to make out a copy of such Roll, and to assess the following sums equally upon all the ratable property within said respective School Sections, that is to say, upon all persons possessing ratable property in said School Section No. 6 of the Township of West Gwillimbury, the sum of £20 currency, over and above the expenses of levying and collecting; and in School Section No. 1 of the Township of Tiny, the sum of £30 currency, over and above all expenses of levying and collecting; and it shall be the duty of the said Clerk of the District Council as soon as said Roll shall have been completed to cause the same to be delivered to the several Collectors of the Townships before named.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Collectors of said Townships shall and they are hereby authorized and required to ask, demand and receive from all persons named in the said Roll, the sums therein named in their proportion of said Assessments, and to raise, levy and collect the same, at the same time, in the same manner and under the same liabilities as any other tax for the current year, and they shall pass the same over to the Trustees of the School Section: for which service the said Collectors shall be paid by the said Trustees at the rate of five per cent on the amount so levied, collected and paid.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Trustees of said school Sections shall account for the expenditure of their respective sums so raised, levied and collected, to the District Council, at or before its next session.

W. ARMSTRONG,  
WARDEN.

Council Hall, 9th Oct., 1847.

BY-LAW No. 43.

*For the purpose of raising the sum of £15 upon the inhabitants of a certain locality in the Townships of Tossoroutio and Essa, for the purpose of completing the approaches to the bridge, lately erected on the Nottawasaga River.*

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, and it is hereby enacted, that the sum of Fifteen Pounds, over and above all other rates and assessments, and over and above the expenses of collecting the said sum, be levied and collected upon all ratable property (land not excepted) in the following locality, viz., the 8th and 7th con., of the Township of Tossoroutio, and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and so much of the 5th con., of Essa, as lies on the western side of the Nottawasaga River—with the exception of those Lots south of No. 4 in the 8th concession of Essa.

And be it enacted, that in order to raise the money for the said purpose, the Assessors in the said Townships of Tossoroutio and Essa, shall and they are hereby required to furnish the Clerk of the District Council within one calendar month from and after the passing of this Act, with certified copies of the

Assessment Rolls of the aforesaid concessions of the respective Townships, distinguishing the ratable property in the said several concessions, with the valuation of such property extended.

Upon delivery of which said copies of Rolls to the said Clerk, the said Assessors shall be severally entitled to demand and receive from the Collectors respectively, upon production of the Clerk's receipt, (for said copies of Rolls) the sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence for every hundred names therein contained.

And it shall be the duty of said Clerk to make out a copy of such Rolls and to assess the sum of Fifteen Pounds equally upon all the ratable property within the said concessions of the aforesaid Townships of Tossorontio and Essa, over and above all expenses of assessing, levying and collecting: And it shall be the duty of the said Clerk of the District Council, as soon as said Rolls shall have been completed, to cause the same to be delivered to the Collectors of the said Townships.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Collector of the said Townships shall and they are hereby authorized to ask, demand, and receive from all persons named in the said Rolls, the sums therein named, as their proportions of said assessments, and to raise, levy, and collect the same, and they shall pay the same over to the Council for the Township of Essa for the time being, for which service the said Collectors shall be allowed to retain the sum of five per cent. upon the sum so levied and collected for their services. And, be it further enacted, that the said Councillors be empowered to expend the said money so collected, for the purposes intended and hereinbefore named, and report thereon to this Council.

WM. ARMSON,  
WARDEN.

Council Hall, 7th Oct., 1847.

BY-LAW No. 44.

*To establish a certain Road in the Townships of Vespra, Flos and Sunnidale, in the District of Simcoe.*

WHEREAS application has been made to this Council for the establishment of a certain road in the Townships of Vespra, Flos and Sunnidale, notice of which application has been made as required, by law, and to which there has been no opposition.

And, whereas the said road would be of great and manifest advantage and utility to the public.

Be it therefore hereby enacted by the Municipal Council of the District of Simcoe, now in Council assembled, under and by virtue of an Act of Parliament, entitled "an Act to provide for the better internal Government of that part of the Province which formerly constituted the Province of Upper Canada, by the establishment of Local or Municipal Authorities therein,"

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the road surveyed by George Lount, Esq., commencing at the Town of Barrie, running along the line between the 4th and 5th concessions of the Township of Vespra, to the north-east angle of Lot No. twenty-one in the said fifth concession, then on a course about north, sixty deg., west, crossing the fifth and sixth concessions (to the road leading to Mr. Boys' mills) upon the westerly part of Lot No. fourteen in the sixth concession of the said Township of Vespra, then westerly to the allowance for road between the sixth and seventh concessions of Vespra, then on a course about north, seventy degrees west, to the allowance for road at the west end of Lot No. eleven in the seventh concession of Vespra, then along the allowance for road between the seventh and eighth concessions of Vespra to where a line has been run crossing the allowance for road at the west end of Lot No. nine in the seventh concession of Vespra, on a course about north, sixty degrees west, then westerly and northerly, following the said line to its intersection with another line crossing the

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easterly limit of Lot No. five in the ninth concession of Vespra, on the said course of about north, sixty deg. west, then following the said line on a course about north, sixty deg. west, to the head of a certain ravine upon Lot No. twenty-one in the third concession of Flos, leading to the Nottawasaga river, at or near the Big Bend thereof, then westerly following the said ravine, and crossing the said river, then southerly and westerly following the line lately run by G. Lount, Esq., to the allowance for road between the twelfth and thirteenth concessions of Sunnidale, then along the line allowance to the Sunnidale road, be, and the same is hereby established and confirmed as an important road and highway, on the condition that the applicants do satisfy all legal claims and expenses arising thereon.

WM. ARMSON,

WARDEN.

Council Hall, 8th Oct., 1847.

## BY-LAW No. 45.

*To establish a certain Road in the Townships of North and South Orillia.*

Be it enacted by the Warden and Councillors of the District of Simcoe, and it is hereby enacted by the authority thereof, that the following surveyed line, commencing upon the south limits of Lot No. 6, in the 5th concession of South Orillia, at twenty chains westward from the lake shore, upon the south side-line of Lot No. 6, then north 30° west 30 chains, across said No. 6 lot, then north 40 chains across Lot No. 5, then north 20° east 18 chains, upon Lot No. 4 to the 6th con., and about 11 chains northward, from the south-west angle of said No. 4 lot, 6th concession, then north 11° east 106 chains 32nd lot, angling across the 6th concession, upon No. 2, 3 and 4 lots, to near the south-west angle of Lot No. 1, in the 7th concession, then north 14° east 39 chains 66 links, upon the west half of Lot No. 1, in the 7th concession, to the road between North and South Orillia, then north 60° east, along said road 70 chains 66 links, then north 26° east 52 chains 40 links, angling across No. 1 lot, in the 8th con., North Orillia, to the 9th concession, near the north-west angle of Lot No. 1, on the said 9th concession, then north 11° east 46 chains 91 links, angling across Lot No. 2, also across part of Lot No. 3, in the 9th concession of North Orillia, and to the lake shore, then northwards and easterly along the lake shore, upon the top of the bank, less or more upon Lot No. 3, in the 9th concession of North Orillia, to the south limits of east half of Lot No. 4, in the said 9th concession of North Orillia—be, and the same is hereby established and confirmed as an important road and highway, on condition of the petitioners paying all expenses which may legally be required.

WM. ARMSON,

WARDEN.

Council Hall, 9th Oct., 1847.

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Adam, James.....	Oro
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Carswell, John.....	Tecumseth
Dallas, James.....	N. and S. Orillia
Garbutt, John.....	West Gwillimbury
Jeffs, Robert.....	Tiny
Morris, Henry.....	Easa
McCullough, Henry.....	Adjala
Ross, Robt.....	Vespra
Snell, George.....	Mono
Walker, Edward A.....	Vespra
Walker, William.....	Tecumseth
Wilson, George.....	Medonte
Willson, Alfred.....	Innisfil

DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR 1844.

JAMES DALLAS, WARDEN.

Adam, James.....	Oro
Agnew, William.....	Tecumseth
Armson, William.....	West Gwillimbury
Alley, Gerald.....	Oro
....., John.....	Adjala
Craig, John.....	Medonte and Matchedash
Dallas, Fred'k.....	N. and S. Orillia
Frame, John.....	Nottawaaga
Garbutt, John.....	W. Gwillimbury
Jeffs, Robert.....	Tiny
Morris, Henry.....	Easa
Richardson, John.....	Flos
Richey, Wellesley.....	Sunnidale
Snell, George.....	Mono
Walker, Edward A.....	Vespra
Walker, William.....	Tecumseth
Willson, Alfred.....	Innisfil

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JAMES DALLAS, WARDEN

<i>Councillors.</i>	<i>Clerks.</i>	<i>Municipality.</i>
Agnew, Wm.....	David Evans.....	<i>Tecumseth</i>
Alley, Gerald.....	Donald Cameron.....	<i>Oro</i>
Arinsson, Wm.....	Adam Goodfellow.....	<i>W. Gwillimbury</i>
Bayly, John.....	Patrick Patton.....	<i>Adjala</i>
Dallas, Frederick.....	Chas. J. Rowe.....	<i>N. and S. Orillia</i>
Drury, Richard.....		<i>Oro</i>
Gilmore, John.....	John Little.....	<i>Mulmur</i>
Hunt, Wm.....	John Craig.....	<i>Medonte</i>
Jeffery, Edward.....	Israel Munday.....	<i>Tay, Medonte &amp; Matchedash</i>
Jeffs, Robert.....	Alfred A. Thompson.....	<i>Tiny</i>
Morris, Henry.....	Wm. Strong.....	<i>Essa</i>
McConkey, Thos. D.....		<i>W. Gwillimbury</i>
Richardson, John.....	Stephen Bishop.....	<i>Flos</i>
Richey, Wellesley.....	Alex. Gillespie.....	<i>Sunnidale</i>
Robertson, James.....	John Williams.....	<i>St. Vincent</i>
Stephens, Jas. D.....	John Currie.....	<i>Nottawasaga</i>
Walker, Edward A.....	Peter White.....	<i>Vespra</i>
Walker, Wm.....		<i>Tecumseth</i>
White, John.....	Abram Martin.....	<i>Mono</i>
Willson, Alfred.....	Wm. Main.....	<i>Innisfil</i>

## DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR 1846.

WM. ARMSON, WARDEN.

(Elected in October.)

Agnew, William.....	<i>Tecumseth</i>
Alley, Gerald.....	<i>Oro</i>
Cody, Peter.....	<i>Tossorontio*</i>
Dallas, Fred'k.....	<i>N. and S. Orillia</i>
Drury, Richard.....	<i>Oro</i>
Gilmore, John.....	<i>Mulmur</i>
Hamilton, Wm. B.....	<i>Tiny</i>
Hunt, Wm.....	<i>Medonte</i>
Irwin, Jared.....	<i>Tecumseth</i>
Jeffery, Edward.....	<i>Tay</i>
Keenan, Robert.....	<i>Adjala</i>
McConkey, Thos. D.....	<i>W. Gwillimbury</i>
Richardson, John.....	<i>Flos</i>
Robertson, James.....	<i>St. Vincent</i>
Rogers, Zenos.....	<i>W. Gwillimbury</i>
Stephens, James D.....	<i>Nottawasaga</i>
Seeler, Henry.....	<i>Sunnidale</i>
Todd, Walter.....	<i>Essa</i>
Walker, Edward A.....	<i>Vespra</i>
White, John.....	<i>Mono</i>
Willson, Alfred.....	<i>Innisfil</i>

\*Robert Murphy, Clerk.

Bishop,  
Cody, P  
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WM. ARMSON, WARDEN.

Bishop, Stephen	Flos
Cody, Peter	Tossorontio
Dallas, Fred'k.	N. and S. Orillia*
Drury, Richard	Oro
Eaton, John	Euphrasia
Gilmore, John	Mulmur
Hamilton, W. B.	Tiny
Hunt, William	Medonte
Irwin, Jared	Tecumseth
Jeffery, Edward	Tay
Keenan, Robert	Adjala
Lane, Jonathan	Oro
McGlashan, Jno. F.	Nottawasaga
Robertson, James	St. Vincent
Rogers, Zenos	W. Gwillimbury
Seeler, Henry	Summitale
Stephens, Jas. D.	Nottawasaga
Stephens, Fred. S.	Tecumseth
Todd, Walter	Essa
Walker, Edward A.	Vespra
White, John	Mono
Whitley, James	Mulmur
Willson, Alfred	Innisfil

\*Robert Rowe, Clerk.

## DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR 1848.

WM. ARMSON, WARDEN.

Bishop, Stephen	Flos
Cody, Peter	Tossorontio
Corley, Wm.	Collingwood Tp
Dallas, Frederick	N. and S. Orillia
Drury, Richard	Oro
Frazer, Samuel	Tay
Hamilton, Wm. B.	Tiny
Hunt, Wm.	Medonte
Irwin, Jared	Tecumseth
Jackson, George	St. Vincent
Keenan, Robert	Adjala
Lane, Jonathan	Oro
Montgomery, Samuel	Mono
McGlashan, Jno. F.	Nottawasaga
Rogers, Zenos	W. Gwillimbury
Stephens, Jas. D.	Nottawasaga
Snell, George	Mono
Todd, Walter	Essa
Walker, Edward A.	Vespra
Whitley, James	Mulmur
Willson, Alfred	Innisfil

\* Edmund Moon, Clerk.



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