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# Fifteenth Annual Report

OF THE

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

FOR

Improving the Condition of the Poor,

FOR THE

YEAR 1881,

WITH A LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS, &c.

ORGANIZED DECEMBER 27, 1866.

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# HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

Emproving the Condition of the Poor.

# OFFICE-BEARERS.

President :

JOHN DOULL.

Dice-President :

W. H. NEAL.

Members of the Central Board:

S. M. BROOKFIELD, H. P. BURTON,

JOHN ERVIN, A. M. BELL.

Treasurer :

W. S. STIRLING.

Secretary :

DAVID BLACKWOOD.

Auditors:

S. M. BROOKFIELD, JAMES FARQUHAR.

Superintendent of Stone Shed:

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# REPORT.

In presenting the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, the Board of Directors thankfully acknowledge the donations made to the funds under their control.

The claims of the Poor have been considered and a measure of relief has been granted, through the hearty and willing response of the Contributors, whose charity is recorded in the list of funds received by the Treasurer.

# CONTRIBUTIONS

have been received amounting to the sum of \$1635.72. This also includes Mrs. Wilson's legacy and the interest on Mr. A. K. Doull's bequest.

# THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT

is made up to 1st Nov. 1881, and shows a balance due the Union Bank of \$2032.84, to meet which there is an account due by the City for broken stone of \$2812.64. The difference of these two items \$779.80 represents what remains of \$900 received in Bequests. The subscriptions for the year not being sufficient to meet the expenditure.

# THE STONE SHED.

The Directors in a former report have called attention to the fact that the broken stone is sold at a loss of three quarters of a cent on each bushel. The city is well able to pay for it at what it costs. There is a saving from a mere money point of view, to the City in having men honestly employed earning their daily food. The work, though humble, prevents the labor-

ers from becoming pauperized. It keeps them out of temptation. It helps to make them sober and industrious.

The Chairman's Statement is appended and shows details. It is the best branch of the Association's work.

## INSPECTOR.

Mr. Alexander McDougall visited a large number of those getting relief and was of much assistance in preventing fraud.

# THE SOUP KITCHEN

was removed to 96 Creighton Street, under the charge of Mr. Charles Newington, and a branch office for the sale of it was opened by Mrs. Bonyman at 171 Albermarle Street. Although the Soup was made with care, and was of good quality, there was not that demand for it which the Directors expected. This fact shows that there could not have been very pressing want among the class of persons relieved.

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RELIEF.

In 1880 the amount of funds disbursed was \$1646.25. In 1881 there was distributed by grant, and by the surplus of cost of stone shed over earnings, together, the sum of \$1743.71.

## APPEAL.

The Directors confidently appeal to the sympathies of their former patrons to furnish them with the funds necessary to the proper carrying out of the work of relief, both by opening the Stone Shed and by supplying the destitute with Coal and other absolute necessaries of life, in accordance with the rules of the Association. There are no running expenses to waste the funds and the strictest ecomony is practiced in their disbursement. The Treasurer, Mr. W. S. Stirling, will continue to receive at the Union Bank all sums sent to him, and acknowledgment will be made in the daily press as usual. The thanks of the Directors are due to the many

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Our thanks are due to the Press for kindly inserting notices relating to the work, without charge.

JOHN DOULL, President.

# STONE SHED REPORT FOR 1881.

I regret I have to again record a financial loss on the part of the Stone Shed for the past year, owing to the causes pointed out in the Report of 1880, and which can only be avoided either by reducing the price paid the men employed for their labor,—a proceeding very undesirable, and not in accord with the spirit of our Association,—or else by persuading the Civic Authorities to increase the price paid for broken stone from 4 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cents per bushel. This latter course would again place the Stone Shed in a position to be nearly self-supporting. However, I do not by any means regard even the large deficiency shown in the past year's

work as all lost, as at present we have no fitter means of helping industrious men to help themselves, and the men, as a rule, are very grateful for this work given to them when they can find no other work to do. Appended will be found the usual Tabular Statement.

Record for week ending.		Number of men employed.	Bushels of stone broken.	Wages paid for breaking stone.	sto pai		Total weekly payments.		
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From this Statement it will be seen we have paid for stone\$ 878.74 Paid wages for breaking	
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Sold to the City 70,316 bushels @ 4c 2,812.64	
Showing a loss of \$ 495.17	

W. H. NEAL, Chairman.

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# TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

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

- I. To consider each applicant for relief as entitled to charity until a careful examination proves the contrary.
- 2. To give relief only after a personal investigation of each case, by visitation and enquiry.
- 3. To relieve no one except through the visitor of the section in which the applicant lives.
- 4. To give the necessary articles, and only what is immediately necessary.
  - 5. To give what is least susceptible of abuse.
- 6. To give only in small quantities, and in proportion only to immediate need; and of coarser quality than might be procured by labor, except in cases of sickness.
- 7. To give assistance at the right moment; not to prolong it beyond the duration of the necessity which calls for it; but to extend, restrict and modify relief according to that necessity.
- 8. To require of each beneficiary abstinence from intoxicating liquors as a drink; of such as have young children of a proper age that they be kept at school, unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances; and that those of suitable years be apprenticed to some trade, or sent to service. The design being to make the poor parties to their own improvement and elevation; the wilful violation or disregard of these rules shall debar them from further relief.
- 9. To give no aid to persons who, from infirmity, imbecility, old age, or any other cause, are likely to continue unable to earn their own support, and consequently to be permanently dependent, except in extreme cases, for two or three days, or until they can be referred to the Commissioners of the Poor, or to the churches to which they belong.

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mity, imbecility, tinue unable to be permanently three days, or ers of the Poor, 10. To discontinue relief to all who manifest a purpose to depend on alms, rather than on their own exertions for support, and whose further maintenance would be incompatible with their good and the objects of the Institution.

In all cases of want coming to the notice of the visitors, they will be expected to perform the same duties, although no application has been made. It shall be their duty moreover, to render a written report of their labors, and also an account of their disbursements, to their respective Committees, at the stated monthly meeting. No visitors neglecting these duties will be allowed to draw on the funds of the Association.

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

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

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

The complaints of unrelieved applicants who have been sent to the Association should not be listened to, until they have procured a card from the visitor, for a card assigning the reason of refusal should always be given to the unrelieved applicants, which if produced will show why he was not relieved; and, if unproduced, a proof that he has been attended

to. In either case, the member will thus be made acquainted with the action of the visitor, and the reason for it.

Two or three important results involved in the observance of the foregoing rules deserve notice. First, by refusing aid to the persons described, none are necessarily left to suffer. Even those who constantly persist in their vicious courses, and cannot be relieved without injury to them and the community, still have a recourse in the legal relief provided by the Commissioners of the Poor; so that all are cared for. Second, the Association does not supercede existing charities but so far as is practical, makes them available for those for whom they are designed. Third, that it is governed by such humane and economical considerations as have most important moral and social bearings on the individuals concerned, and the public.

Visitors, in complying with the foregoing rules, should carefully direct their attention to such particulars bearing on the different classes indicated therein, as will qualify them for an intelligent and judicious discharge of their highly important and responsible duties.

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

It will be noted that relief is granted without distincof class or creed.

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# LIST OF VISITORS-1882.

# DISTRICT ONE. WARDS ONE AND TWO.

SAMUEL BROOKFIELD, Chairman.

Auditing Committee-C. F. REYNOLDS, JOHN McInnis.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Albermarle Street, 1 to 39 Argyle Street, 1 to 38, 2 to 28 Grafton Street, 1 to Sackville Sackville Street, south side	John Grierson.	Sailors' Home.
Albert Street and Gas Lane	Dr. Woodbury.	147 South Park Street.
Blowers and Fawson Streets	David King.	29 Barrington Street.
Salter and Wallace Streets	C. F. Reynolds.	7 Foundry Lane.
Brenton St., Briar Lane, Dresden Row, Rottenburg Street	Fletcher Hennigar. Wm. Lawson.	17 Birmingham Street. Victoria Read.
Green, Smith, Tobin, and Lower Water ( Streets, east side	W. D. Harrington.	131 Hollis Street.
Tower Road, Inglis Street, and all the district south of Inglis Street.	John McInnis. Geo. E. Boak.	McIntosh & McInnis' wf. Artz Street.
Ominnool and Studley Roads	Havelock Hart,	L. Hart & Co., Water St.

# DISTRICT TWO. WARDS THREE AND FOUR.

H. P. BURTON, Chairman.

Auditing Committee-J. W. Allison, K. J. Matheson, James Forrest.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Address.
Albermarle Street, 49 to 177	. E. A. Wood.	35 Bedford Row. 107 and 109 Granville St. 60 Bedford Row. 193 Hollis Street.
do. 211 to 259	William Crowe.	135 Barrington Street.
Argyle Street, from Sackville St. to end . Brunswick St., from Sackville to Jacob	James Forrest. Simon McDonald.	173 Hollis Street. 185 Hollis Street.
Barrington St., " "	J. W. Allison.	34 Bedford Row.
Bell's Lane Buckingham Street Duke Street	H. W. Barnes.	Sackville, cor. Granville.
George StreetGranville Street, from Sackville St. to end	R. J. Sweet.	Cor. Duke and Hollis Sts.
Grafton Street, 59 to 133	Dr. W. C. Delaney.	84 Hollis Street.
do. 135 to 245	A. F. Buckley.	230 Brunswick Street.
Jacob Street, south side Prince Street. Sackville Street, north side Tr Water St. from Sackville to Jacob St.	Lewis Payzant.	Corner Bedford Row and Sackville Streets.

# DISTRICT THREE. WARD FIVE.

JOHN ERVIN, Chairman.

Auditing Committee-T. H. Peters, Robert Theakston.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Agricola and West Streets	James Harris.	55 Charles Street.
James and John Streets	John Grierson.	51 Charles Street.
Maynard, from Cogswell to Cunard and Falkland Streets	John M. Geldert.	69 Cunard Street.
Creighton and North Park Streets	John Grierson.	51 Charles Street.
Cornwallis, from Gottingen to Water Sts.)  Gottingen, from Cogswell to Gerrish	Robert Theakston.	19 Moran Street.
Maitland and Prince William Sts	John E. Hills.	69 Maitland Street.
Jerrish Street, south side	Wm. Lynch.	27 Lockman Street.
Barrington Street, north from Jacob	John Grierson.	51 Charles Street.
Gray's Lane	W. Bliss.	262 Upper Water Stree

## DISTRICT FOUR. WARD SIX.

A. M. BELL, Chairman.

Auditing Committee-James Farquhar, E. Boreham.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Upper Water Street, to Knight's Road Lockman Street, Gerrish to North	Henry D. Blackadar. A. M. Bell.	107 Lockman Street. 405 Brunswick Street.
Brunswick Street, Gerrish to North \\ North Street, Water to Kempt Road \\	Captain Coffin.	23 North Street.
Gottingen Street, Gerrish to North Creighton Street, Gerrish to North	G. J. Kline. Thomas Burton.	72 North Street. 40 Brunswick Street.
Maynard Street, Gerrish to North	E. Boreham.	116 Creighton Street.
Artz Lane, both sides	James Farquhar.	181 Lockman Street.
Bloomfield, Almon, Bilby, Mary & McCara   Streets	Jas. Dalton.	28 Kempt Read.
Gottingen Street, north to Duffus Street. Russell, Kaye, Young and Duffus Street.	John Eckersley.	46 Russell Street.

# DISTRICT FOUR. SUBURBAN SECTION, WARD SIX.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Kempt Road, from King's Corner to	John A. Bell.	City Auditor.
All the Settlements lying to the north of Knight's Road along the line of Rail- way, including Africville, to Three Mile House	Geo. McKinlay.	Western Counties Freight Depot, Richmond.
North Street, King's Corner to head of N. W. Arm.  East side of Dutch Village Road from N. W. Arm to Archbishop's Road, and Archbishop's Road.	Wm. McKinlay.	6 Chebucto Road.
District lying north of North Street and west of Kempt Road, and not included in any other Section.	W. Theakston.	7 Compton Avenue.

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Est. late Mrs. Bishop Binne Doull & Mille John Gibson J. A. Moren Sir Wm. You Sir Edwd. K J. P. Mott & W. P. West do. A friend

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# CONTRIBUTIONS

TO

# "Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor,"

1880-81.

Est. late Mrs. Wilson, Be	edford.\$	100	00			\$100	00
Bishop Binney		50	00	Mrs. C. E. Wiswell		10	00
Doull & Miller		50	00	R. W. Fraser		10	00
John Gibson .		50 (	00	P. Crichton		10	00
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Duffus & Co.			00	Miss Celia H. Black			00
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Judge Ritchie			00	J. Farquhar			00
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Visitor's Residence.

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27 Lockman Street.

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46 Russell Street.

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Visitor's Residence.

City Auditor.

Western Counties Freight Depot, Richmond.

6 Chebucto Road.

7 Compton Avenue.

## REPORT.

S. S. B. Smith		\$5	00	Mrs. C. Fletcher			00
W. D. Harrington		5	00	"S"		_	00
A. P. Reid, M. D.		5	00	Friend		4	00
Mrs. Burmester		5	00	Creighton & Marshall		4	00
Hon. S. Creelman		5	00	A friend		2	00
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Jas. Thomson, Pleasant	-	5	00	Halifax Histrionic Club		155	72
Mrs. H. Y. Clarke			00	Int. on A. K. Doull bequ	uest	118	00
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