# Fourteenth Annual Report

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THE

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

FOR

# IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE POOR,

# YEAR 1880,

FOR THE

WITH A LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS, &c.

#### ORGANIZED DECEMBER 27, 1866.

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## OFFICE-BEARERS.

President : JOHN DOULL.

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Members of the Central Board : S. M. BROOKFIELD, JOHN ERVIN, H. P. BURTON, A. M. BELL.

> Treasurer : W. S. STIRLING.

Secretary : DAVID BLACKWOOD.

Anditors:

S. M. BROOKFIELD, JAMES FARQUHAR.

Superintendent of Stone Shed: W. H. NEAL In pres ciation for of Director response w the destitu

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In presenting the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, the Board of Directors desire to express their thanks for the liberal response which the charitable public has given to the cry of the destitute and suffering.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

have been received, as per detailed list, from 115 contributors, amounting to the sum of \$1,776.00.

#### THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

The Treasurer's statement is made up to the 1st Nov., 1880, and shows a balance due him of \$1,669.49. To meet this there is an account due by the city for broken stone for \$2,527.28. If this had been paid before the closing of the account, the balance at the credit of the Association would have been \$857,79.

#### BEQUESTS.

Bequests in former years, amounting to \$800, are included in that sum. It was intended to invest the bequests and use the interest only. But as advances have every year to be obtained for the purchase of stone for the Stone Shed, it was more convenient to allow the amount to remain in the Treasurer's hands, but it is not the intention of the Directors to expend it.

### THE STONE SHED .

During the last season, owing to the scarcity of work, the number of applicants was very large. As the rate for breaking had been advanced to three cents per bushel, and the

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stone, with other necessary charges, costs one and threequarter cents, whilst the city was only paying four cents, the result was a loss on the Association's operations of threequarters of a cent on each bushel sold the city. The full particulars will be learned from the lucid statement of the Chairman which is appended hereto. No doubt that this is the best branch of the Association's work, as it affords an opportunity for those willing to work to obtain sufficient to keep them from starving.

#### INSPECTOR.

In accordance with the resolution of the directors, Mr. James Graham was appointed inspector. He visited a large number of those relieved. His report aided materially in the proper distribution of relief and in checking attempted frauds. His management of the

#### SOUP KITCHEN

gave good satisfaction. The quality of the soup was excellent, and the large quantity of 6834 quarts was distributed by sale and grants.

#### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RELIEF.

In 1879 the sum of \$1244.94 was disbursed. In 1880 owing to the larger number of applicants, and the pressing need for relief, although every effort was made to distribute it prudently, the sum expended reached \$1646.25.

#### POSITION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Owing to the loss on the stone broken and to the increased relief granted, whilst the contributions were only about \$70 in advance of 1879, the funds at the disposal of the Directors have been reduced as compared with last year by \$248.

#### APPEAL.

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by voluntary offerings, the needed funds are forthcoming. This year the prospect is that work will be still scarcer than it was last year. The directors are determined to use the utmost vigilance to have the relief reach the deserving, according to the rules of the Association. It is hoped, therefore, that a larger sum than was contributed last year may be given this, and that new friends who have not made this a channel for their benefactions may now do so. With the exception of the trifling sum which the necessary stationery costs, and a small amount paid for interest on a loan to buy the stone at the beginning of the season, and the necessary wages of an Inspector, every dollar given is spent upon the poor, and the amount of suffering which is relieved

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approved of by its supporters. Every year, without collectors,

cannot be ascertained, nor can human language adequately express it. Mr. W. S. Stirling, Union Bank, Hollis street, is Treasurer, and will gladly receive all contributions.

## JOHN DOULL, President.

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## STONE SHED REPORT FOR 1880.

In presenting the report of the work of the Stone Shed for the past year, I have to record the great loss the Association has sustained by the death of Mr. Joseph Donoghue, who so faithfully discharged the duties of Superintendent for many years, and whose deep interest in everything connected with this work added largely to its success, while his practical knowledge of all its details, and the strict economy he practised in all expenditure made the duty of Chairman comparatively easy. It will be difficult to obtain a successor to discharge the duties required so satisfactorily. In accordance with the resolution passed at last annual meeting, the wages for breaking stone was advanced to 3 cents per bushel, any lower rate not affording a fair remuneration to the men employed for

their labor. As the City Board of Works only allows us four cents per bushel for the broken stone, which does not quite cover the cost of the stone and the labor of breaking, it leaves the whole cost of management, procuring and repairing hammers, sledges, wheelbarrows, etc., to be borne by the funds of the Association, and shows a loss of \$309 on the sale of broken stone, without any allowance for interest due the Union Bank for the necessary advances required.

Record fo week endin	-	Number of men employed.	Bushels of stone broken.	Wages paid for breaking stone.	Loads of stone used.	Amount paid for stone.	Total weekly payments.
January	9	91	5006	\$186 48	417	\$54 21	\$240 69
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January Loaves of Bread	1749
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JanuaryLbs. Corn Meal	
February " " "	397
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	561 Lbs.
JanuaryLbs. Oat Meal	504
February " "	1049
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	1719 Lbs.
January Quarts Molasses	190
February " "	446
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	679 Quarts.
January Quarts Soup	1701
February " "	9579
	797
	5160 Quarts.

#### SICK POOR.

Tea.	Sugar.	Rice.	Butter.	Soap.
22 lbs.	53 Ibs.	9 lbs.	1 lb.	1 lb.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

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

Treasurer

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Auditors.

JAMES FARQUHAR, SAM'L M. BROOKFIELD,

Audited and found correct,

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

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

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 labour, 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 medify relief according to that necessity.

8. To require of each beneficiary abstinence from intoxicating liquors 7.5 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.

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 uo 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 dependant 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 gratuitious 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 eit with the a

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have been , until they *assigning unrelieved* e was not en 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 supersede 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 distinction of class or creed.

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# LIST OF VISITORS-1881.

#### DISTRICT ONE. WARDS ONE AND TWO.

SAMUEL BROOKFIELD, Chairman.

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

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Albernarle Street, 1 to 39 Argyle Street, 1 to 33, 2 to 28 Grafton Street, 1 to Sackville Backville Street, south side	Charles E. Putner.	Dispensary]
Albert Street and Gas Lane Pleasant Street, 1 to 103, 2 to 48 South Hollis Street, Victoria Street	David King.	29 Barrington Street.
Barrington Street, 1 to 49, 2 to 40 Blowers and Fawson Streets Granville Street, 1 to Sackville Hollis Street, 1 to Sackville Salter and Wallace Streets	Ohas. Stayne	170 South Park Street.
Birmingham, Park and Queen Streets Spring Garden Road	C. F. Reynolds.	7 Foundry Lane.
Brenton St., Briar Lane, Dresdon Row, Rottenburg Street.	Fletcher Hennigar.	17 Birmingham Street.
Church, Dundonald, South, Harvey, Kent and Morris Streets, Victoria Road	Wm. Lawson.	Victoria Road.
Green, Smith, Tobin, and Lower Water Streets, east side	I. S. Murray.	73 Iuglis Street.
Lower Water Street, west side	Jno. McInnis.	McIntosh & McInnis' whf
Tower Road, Inglis Street, and all the district south of Inglis Street	C. Franklyn.	Lovett House.
Quinpool and Studley Roads	S. M. Brookfield.	Inglis Street.

#### 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 St	reet, 49 to 177	Jas. M. Oxley.	85 Bedford Row.
do.		A. Stephen, Jr.	103 Barrington Street
do. do.		Thomas Goudge. George S. Yates.	60 Bedford Rew. 23 George St.
de.	211 to 259 1		
do,	178 to 214	C. J. Spike.	156 Hollis Street.
Brunswick St.	from Sackville St. to end, from Sackville to Jacob St.	James Forrest. Simon McDonald.	173 Hollis Street. 185 Hollis Street.
Bedford Row.	reet, " " }	J. W. Allison.	34 Bedford Row.
Buckingham S	street	H. W. Barnes.	Sackville, cor. Granville
George Street Granville Street	et, from Sackville St. te end	R. J. Sweet.	Cor. Duke & Hollis Sts.
do.	, 59 to 133} 36 to 108}	R. E. Saunders.	24 Argyle Street.
do.	135 to 245	O. M. Hill.	39 George Street.
Prince Street Sackville Street	south side"	Lewis Payzant.	Corner Bedford Row and Sackville Street.

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#### DISTRICT THREE. WARD FIVE. JOHN ERVIN, Chairman.

Auditing Committee-T. H. PETRRS, ROET. THEAKSTON.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Agricola and West Streets	James Harris.	28 John Street.
James and John Streets	Louis Somers.	Cor. Agricola and Cunard
Maynard, from Cogswell to Cunard and Falkland Streets.	John M. Geldert.	69 Cnnard Street.
Creighton and North Park Streets Cornwallis, from Park to Gottingen Sts	William Bliss.	85 Cornwallis Street.
Cornwallis, from Gottingen to Water Sts. Gottingen, from Cogswell to Gerrish	. T. H. Peters. Robert Theakston.	68 Gerrish Street. 19 Moran Street.
Maitland and Prince William Sts Brunswick Lane Brunswick, from Jacob to Gerrish Sts	John E. Hills.	69 Maitland Street.
Gerrish Street, south side Jacob Street, north side Proctor's Lane	Wm. Lynch.	190 Albermarle Street.
Hurd's Lane, Starr Street	T. H. Peters.	68 Gerrish Street.
Gray's Lane) Upper Water Street)	T. W. Offen.	O'Connor's Wharf.

#### DISTRICT FOUR. WARD SIX.

A. M. BELL, Chairman.

Auditing Committee-JAS. FARQUHAR, D. H. STARR.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Upper Water Street, to Knight's Road Lockman Street, Gerrish to North	Henry D. Blackadar. Jas. B. Cormack.	107 Lockman Street. 198 Lockman Street.
Brunswick Street, Gerrish to North }	Capt. 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 }	D. H. Starr,	377 Brunswick Street.
Artz Lane, both sides. Bloomfield, Almon, Bilby, Mary & McCara Streets	James Farquhar. A. M. Bell. Jas. Dalton.	181 Lockman Street. 405 Brunswick Street. 28 Kempt Road.
Gottingen Street, north to Duffus Street.   Russell, Kave, Young and Duffus Street.	John Eckersley.	46 Russell Street.

### DISTRICT FOUR. SUBURBAN SECTION, WARD SIX.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitors Residence.
Kempt Road, from King's Corner to Three Mile House	John A. Bell.	City Auditor.
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 includ- ed in any other Section	Samuel Boreham.	28 Agricola Street.

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