

THE
TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

FOR
Improving the Condition of the Poor,

FOR THE
YEAR 1886.

WITH A LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS, ETC.

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THE
HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

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OFFICE-BEARERS.

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W. H. NEAL.

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(With power to add to their number.)

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Auditors :

S. M. BROOKFIELD, JAMES FARQUHAR.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Directors of the Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor beg to present their Twentieth Report. They have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of \$1512.62 in donations, particulars of which will be found in the list appended.

LEGACIES.

Under this head we have nothing to report as having been received this year. As already reported we have 5 shares in the stock of the Bank of British North America from this source, and one-half the property devised by the late Hugh Elliott. There is also a cash balance of \$535.15 shewn in the statement which will be available for investment when the amount has been collected from the city due for broken stone.

The late A. K. Doull's Legacy is in trust, held by the session of St. Matthew's Church, and has not produced any return this year.

STONE SHED.

The sum of \$2624.55 was disbursed during the past winter at the stone shed under the supervision of Messrs. Neal and Burton.

This work would have been discontinued, had not the City Council obtained power to raise a loan for the purpose of keeping the stone shed open. Particulars of the work will be found in Mr. Neal's report appended to this.

Negotiations have been commenced with a view to obtain a contract for the supply of the broken stone needed for the Dry Dock, but as yet no definite offer has been made.

The clerk, Mr. R. G. Halls, and the visitor, Mr. Alexander McDougall, gave close attention to the work of the Association, and the Directors regret that they will be unable to secure the services of the latter for the coming winter as his present engagements will not permit his devoting his time to the service of the Association. His courteous manner, good sound common sense, and careful, painstaking enquiries, enabled the committee to meet the various cases that arose from time to time with a fair measure of success in relieving poverty without being imposed upon by imposters.

OFFICE.

The thanks of the Directors and charitable public of Halifax are due to Mrs. Fishwick for the use of comfortable rooms free of charge at No. 241 Hollis Street, and the following note kindly conveys a like favour for the approaching season :—

HALIFAX, 17th November, 1886.

JOHN DOULL, Esq. :

Dear Sir,—In reply to yours of 15th, I am happy to offer the rooms over the office again for your use for the relief of the poor, which please accept as my small donation for the same.

I am yours, very truly,

E. FISHWICK.

CITY PRESS.

The Directors beg to thank the following papers for services rendered in aid of their work without charge : "The Recorder, Morning Herald, and Morning Chronicle."

OVERSIGHT.

In speaking of the work of the Directors it is simply to point out to contributors that great care is taken in the distribution of funds at their disposal. Every day the office was open from 9 to 12, and 3 to 4 p.m., and in the morning one or two of the Directors were present in turn to consider

the cases of all applicants, and two other directors were appointed for the afternoon.

Wherever there was any one connected with the family capable of working at the stone shed, he was given an order to go there and particular enquiry was made by the visitor into the circumstances of the applicant, and relief was granted without reference to creed or colour.

DONATIONS OF CLOTHING

were acknowledged in the Press upon their receipt, and were distributed to the most needy cases. These very serviceable additions to the stores of the Directors relieved many cases of destitution, among women and children.

J. DOULL, *President.*

STONE SHED REPORT FOR 1886.

The shed was opened on the 19th January, and work was continued in the stone shed until the 3rd of April, 11 weeks in all, giving employment, on an average, to about 100 men each week, and 8 or 10 horses and carts, bringing the stone to the men for breaking.

We used 3562 loads of stone costing.....\$ 712 34
 And paid wages for breaking, repairs of hammers, &c. 1922 22

Total in all.....\$2624 55

Giving an average weekly expenditure of..... 238 65

Or about an average of \$1.90 per week for the men employed in stone breaking, and yet small as this may appear, honest, industrious, hard working men are very thankful for this work in the dull winter months when nothing better is to be had, and will miss this employment very much indeed should the shed not be opened this winter.

The City owes us at present per balance due on stone

broken in 1885	\$1420 14
One year's interest on ditto to Nov. 1st, 1886.....	85 20
Stone broken in 1886, 42,738 bushels at 6 cents....	2564 28
	\$4069 62
Cr. by cash paid on Nov. 22nd, 1886.....	2500 00

Balance now due say.....\$1569 62

We may remark the stone broken 1886, present year,
 cost the Association, as per statement appended . \$2624 55
 Sold to the City for..... 2564 28

At a loss to the Association of..... \$62 27

Apart from the loss arising from interest, as there is always eight or nine months intervening between the time we expend this money and the time it is repaid to us by the city.

W. H. NEAL, } *Managers of*
 H. P. BURTON, } *Stone Shed.*

REPORT.

RECAPITULATION OF WORK.

Week ending.	Bushels of Stone Broken.	Amount paid for Breaking.	Paid for Measurers and Overseers wages.	Sundry expenses, Repairs to hammers, etc.	Paid for Stone.	Total.
January 23	2466	\$ 96 70	\$ 11 00	\$ 5 84	\$ 41 10	\$ 154 64
“ 30	4662	180 04	15 00	62 80	77 70	335 54
February 5	4522	177 18	15 00	2 64	75 49	270 22
“ 12	5418	209 01	15 00	.....	90 30	344 31
“ 19	4592	180 40	15 00	.....	15 00	272 29
“ 26	4766	187 38	15 00	1 00	79 43	282 81
March 5	4246	167 76	15 00	.....	70 78	253 54
“ 12	4378	172 04	15 00	25	72 97	260 26
“ 19	3154	125 14	14 25	.....	52 56	191 95
“ 26	2946	116 80	12 00	.....	49 10	177 90
April 3	1588	62 86	12 00	9 77	26 46	111 09
Total	42738	\$1675 31	\$154 25	\$ 82 66	\$712 33	\$2624 55
42,738 bushels @ 6 cents, City contract price						2564 28
Loss to Association						\$60 27

This is quite apart from the loss on interest on sum expended which is eight or ten months on above total sum.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor in account with Treasurer.

REPORT.

Dr.	Cr.
To paid out in distribution of Relief	By Balance
" Labor stone breaking and stone	1885.
" Expenses, Clerk and Visitor, Heating, Printing, etc	Dec. 31. By Estate H. Elliott
" Interest on loans	1886.
" Balance forward	Feb. 2. " Estate H. Elliott
	April 7. " Bank of B. N. America—dividend.
	Mch. 6. " Loan—J. Doull
	April 7. " "
	" 13. " "
	Nov. 4. " Bank of B. N. America—dividend.
	" Contributions per list
\$4239 10	\$2500 00
	\$4239 10
	By Balance forward
	\$ 26 57

[Examined and found correct.] JAMES FARQUHAR, } *Auditors.*
 December 1st, 1886. SAMUEL M. BROOKFIELD, }

W. L. LOWELL, *Treasurer.*
 Per J. LYLE, *Att'y.*

AN ACT

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

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

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

1. John Doull, William H. Neal, Samuel M. Brookfield, William L. Lowell, and such other persons as now are or shall hereafter become members of the Association hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of "The Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor."

2. The Association hereby incorporated may take, purchase and hold real estate and personal property, and may sell, mortgage or otherwise dispose of the same for the purposes of the said Association.

3. The Association hereby incorporated shall have power to make by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of the said Association, the admission of members, the appointment of officers, and for the promotion and carrying out of its purposes.

4. The Annual Meeting of the said Association shall be held in the month of November in each year, and at such Annual Meetings the officers of the Association for the then next ensuing year shall be appointed. The persons who at the passing of this Act hold office in the said Association shall continue to be the officers thereof until the first Annual Meeting is held.

5. No officer or member of the Association hereby incorporated shall be liable for any debt or obligation of the said Association, unless he shall agree to be answerable therefor.

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

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

until they can be referred to the Commissioners of the Poor, or the churches to which they belong.

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

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

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

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

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

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who cannot be relieved without injury to them and the community; still have a recourse in the legal relief provided by the Commissioners of the Poor; so that all are cared for. Second, the Association does not supercede existing charities but so far as is practical, makes them available for those for whom they are designed. Third, that it is governed by such humane and economical considerations as have most important moral and social bearings on the individuals concerned, and the public.

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

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

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

DONATIONS RECEIVED, 1885-6.

<p>His Lordship Bishop Binney, two donations, \$40, \$15.....\$55 00</p> <p>F. D. Corbett..... 50 00</p> <p>Doull & Miller..... 50 00</p> <p>A Friend, per the Mayor..... 50 00</p> <p>J. P. Mott..... 35 00</p> <p>John Gibson..... 30 00</p> <p>Brown & Webb..... 30 00</p> <p>Sir Wm. Young..... 30 00</p> <p>Y. T. S..... 25 00</p> <p>His Grace the Archbishop..... 25 00</p> <p>His Worship the Mayor..... 25 00</p> <p>Farquhar & Forrest..... 25 00</p> <p>His Honor the Lieut. Governor..... 25 00</p> <p>M. P. Black..... 25 00</p> <p>Burns & Murray..... 25 00</p> <p>S. Cunard & Co..... 25 00</p> <p>W. H. Brown, Sydney, C. B..... 25 00</p> <p>Hon. R. Boak..... 25 00</p> <p>A. & W. Mackinlay..... 20 00</p> <p>W. Jordan..... 20 00</p> <p>Judge Ritchie..... 20 00</p> <p>Pickford & Black..... 20 00</p> <p>H. Hesslein & Son..... 20 00</p> <p>H. McD. Henry..... 20 00</p> <p>Anderson, Billing & Co..... 20 00</p> <p>Col. Black..... 20 00</p> <p>T. A. Ritchie..... 20 00</p> <p>R. McDonald..... 20 00</p> <p>Dr. Avery..... 20 00</p> <p>D. Cronan..... 20 00</p> <p>T. S. Reid, Hamilton, Bermuda "Better late than never," (two donations \$10)..... 20 00</p> <p>T. & E. Kenny..... 20 00</p> <p>Frank Field..... 20 00</p> <p>Lawson, Harrington & Co..... 20 00</p> <p>J. N. Ritchie..... 15 00</p> <p>R. W. Fraser..... 10 00</p> <p>T. Ritchie..... 10 00</p> <p>Mrs. W. P. West..... 10 00</p> <p>Dun, Wiman & Co..... 10 00</p> <p>James Gordon..... 10 00</p> <p>Major Marshall..... 10 00</p> <p>Mrs. L. Marshall..... 10 00</p> <p>John Crerar..... 10 00</p> <p>Mrs. J. B. Duffus..... 10 00</p> <p>W. J. Coleman..... 10 00</p> <p>Mrs. C. E. Wiswell..... 10 00</p> <p>Mrs. Moren..... 10 00</p>	<p>J. R. L.....\$10 00</p> <p>W. & C. Silver..... 10 00</p> <p>Peter Jack..... 10 00</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Burns..... 10 00</p> <p>Peter Lynch..... 10 00</p> <p>Mrs. J. Northup..... 10 00</p> <p>S. S. B. Smith..... 10 00</p> <p>A Friend..... 10 00</p> <p>Mrs. H. Hesslein..... 10 00</p> <p>Muir & Blackadar..... 10 00</p> <p>John Farquharson..... 10 00</p> <p>Thomas B. Akins..... 10 00</p> <p>Mrs. J. N. Ritchie..... 10 00</p> <p>W. H. Odell..... 10 00</p> <p>R. W..... 10 00</p> <p>M. B..... 10 00</p> <p>W. J. Fraser..... 8 00</p> <p>Sunday evening class of Extern. mutes, per J. S. Hutton.... 6 60</p> <p>C. C. Blackadar (two don. \$5). 10 00</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Pollok..... 5 00</p> <p>D. H. MacGarvey..... 5 00</p> <p>Wm. Twining..... 5 00</p> <p>No Name..... 5 00</p> <p>E. D. Adams..... 5 00</p> <p>G. E. Faulkner..... 5 00</p> <p>T. A. S. DeWolfe & Son..... 5 00</p> <p>M. S. R..... 5 00</p> <p>A..... 5 00</p> <p>Mrs. Wilmot..... 5 00</p> <p>Miss Black..... 5 00</p> <p>Thomas Forhan..... 5 00</p> <p>F. H. Reynolds..... 5 00</p> <p>Wm. Dunbar..... 5 00</p> <p>Mr. Ronald..... 5 00</p> <p>Peter Ross..... 5 00</p> <p>George Thomson..... 5 00</p> <p>T. S. H..... 5 00</p> <p>J. S..... 5 00</p> <p>C. M..... 5 00</p> <p>A. P. Reid, M.D..... 5 00</p> <p>J. H. Symons..... 5 00</p> <p>James Roue..... 5 00</p> <p>W. J. Alexander..... 5 00</p> <p>M. F. Eagar..... 5 00</p> <p>C..... 5 00</p> <p>J. G. Schurman..... 5 00</p> <p>Mrs. J. G. Schurman..... 5 00</p> <p>A stranger..... 5 00</p> <p>Creighton & Marshall..... 5 00</p>
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