

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

COUNTY OF KENT,

FOR THE

Years 1875, 1876, 1877. 1878,

WITH

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

AT THE

JANUARY SESSION-1875

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

COUNTY OF KENT.

JOHN LEE, - - - - Warden.
DANIEL KERR, - - - - Clerk.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Municipal Council of the County of Kent,

JANUARY SESSION—1875.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to Statute, at the Court House, in the Town of Chatham, on Tuesday the 23th day of January, 1875.

Certificates of the several Clerks in the Municipalities in the County were deposited with the Clerk, whereby it appeared that the following Reeves and Deputy-Reeves were duly elected, and had taken the several declarations required by the Statute:—

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| TOWN OF CHATHAM | HERMAN J. EBERTS, REEVE |
| " | EDWARD J. ROCHE, 1ST DEPUTY-REEVE. |
| " | JOHN L. BRAY, M. D., 2ND " |
| TOWN OF BOTHWELL | THOMAS DILLON, REEVE. |
| VILLAGE OF DRESDEN | ALEX. TRERICE, " |
| " | THAMESVILLE.....ROBT. FERGUSON, " |
| " | WALLACEBURG.....ALEX. McDougall, " |
| " | BLENHEIM.....ALFRED L. BISNETT, " |
| TOWNSHIP OF CAMDEN | MARTHUR ANDERSON, " |
| " | WM. HOPPER, DEPUTY. |
| " | CHATHAM.....EBENEZER BEDFORD, REEVE. |
| " | THOS. W. WRIGHT, DEPUTY. |
| " | DOVER.....FRANCIS BABY, REEVE. |
| " | PETER ROBERT, DEPUTY. |
| " | HARWICH.....GEO. YOUNG, REEVE. |
| " | JOHN A. LANGFORD, DEPUTY. |
| " | JOHN CAMERON, " |
| " | HOWARD.....WM. COLL, REEVE. |
| " | RICHARD WADE, DEPUTY. |
| " | ORFORD.....JOHN LEE, REEVE. |
| " | ARCH. J. McDONALD, DEPUTY. |
| " | RALEIGH.....ROBT. J. MORRISON, REEVE. |
| " | MALCOLM McNEIL, DEPUTY. |
| " | ROMNEY.....GEO. ROBINSON, REEVE. |
| " | TILBURY-EAST.....JOHN RICHARDSON, " |
| " | ZONE.....JOS. ROBERTS, " |

The Roll was called, all the members were present, excepting McNeil and Cameron. The Council then proceeded to the election of a Warden, the Clerk in the chair.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Young, That Robert Ferguson, Esq., Reeve of Thamesville, be elected Warden for the present year.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Baby, That Mr. Lee, Reeve of Orford, be the Warden for the present year, 1875.

The vote was taken on the amendment and lost. The vote was then taken on the motion, which was also lost.

The yeas and nays were called for on the motion and taken down as follows:
YEAS—Councillors Young, McDougall, Morrison, Robinson, Wade, Coll, Dillon, Roberts (Zone), Ferguson, Hopper, Anderson—11.

NAYS—Councillors Langford, Bisnett, Bedford, Wright, Lee, McDonald, Richardson, Trerice, Robert (Dover), Baby, Bray, Roche, Eberts—13.

Mr. Cameron having arrived, had his certificate filed as one of the Deputy-Reeves of Harwich, took his seat.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Young, That Robert Ferguson, Reeve of Thamesville, be Warden for the year 1875.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Baby, That Mr. Lee, Reeve of Orford, be Warden for the present year.

The vote was taken on the amendment and carried.

The Clerk then declared John Lee duly elected Warden for the current year, who, after signing the declaration of office, took the chair and returned thanks for the honor conferred on him.

The minutes of the last meeting of the December session were read and approved.

The following communications were read:

From the Hon. Provincial Secretary acknowledging the receipt of a Petition from this Council respecting the temporary maintenance of Inhabitants by the Ontario Government, &c.; also, his reference to a Petition respecting Houses of Industry.

From the County Clerk of the County of Elgin respecting the auditing and paying of accounts connected with the administration of Criminal Justice.

From the Secretary of the Board of High School Trustees, with annual accounts and Report for 1874.

From John Duck, Esq., ex-Reeve of Howard, enclosing Report, &c., of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the charges against the School Inspector, which, on motion, were ordered to lay on the table.

From David A. Maxwell, asking to be re-appointed as a member of the Board of Examiners of School Teachers.

Various notices of motion were given, and various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

DANIEL KEER, Clerk,

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27TH, 1875.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Bisnett, Bray, Cameron, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Ferguson, Hopper, McNeil, Morrison, Richardson, Robinson, Roche, Roberts (Zone), Wade, Wright and Young.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Various notices of motion were given, and various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A communication from C. G. Charteris, County Treasurer, was read, with copies of the following accounts for 1874: Copy of Cash Book, Abstract of Accounts, Balance Sheet, Statement of Liabilities and Assets of the Corporation, Statement of Accounts with the different Municipalities.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the report relating to the old abutment and the railing of the new Tecumseh Bridge, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Cameron, That Messrs. Young, Eberts, Roberts, Ferguson, Coll and the mover be a Committee to strike the standing Committees for the present year.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Cameron, That the Council do now go into Committee of the Whole to consider the necessary repairs to be made at the High School; also, to make an annual appropriation for the benefit of said School. Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the two following Resolutions, Mr. Bedford in the chair:

That the Committee on Public Buildings be and are hereby instructed to have the High School building put in a good state of repair, and enclose the grounds with a good new fence, with suitable gates thereon, and build two new privies for the use of the pupils.

That this Council grant annually for the support of the High School the sum of \$400, payable to the Treasurer of the High School Board, in two equal instalments, on the 14th day of March and on the 14th day of December in each year.

After being in committee for some time, on motion the Council resumed, the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called.

On motion of Mr. Young, the Report of the Board of Audit was read and adopted. Various accounts were put in and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Young, the Council again went into Committee of the Whole on the resolutions relating to the High School, Mr. Bedford in the chair.

The Council resumed; the Chairman reported the resolutions passed.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Cameron, That the Resolutions passed in Committee of the Whole be the report of this Council, & that the same be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Langford, That J. J. J. Thompson and S. White be the Auditors to audit the Criminal Justice Accounts for the current year.

Moved in amendment by Dr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Baby, That J. J. J. Thompson and H. J. Eberts be the Auditors to audit the Criminal Justice Accounts for the present year.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr. Roberts (Zone), seconded by Mr. Dillon, That J. J. J. Thompson and Mr. Young, Reeve of Harwich, be Auditors for the Criminal Justice Accounts for the current year.

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried. The motion and amendment to the amendment were lost.

Moved by Dr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Richardson, That Geo. Young, Esq., be re-appointed by this Council as High School Trustee. Carried unanimously.

Various notices of motion were given.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

— THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, THURSDAY, JAN. 28TH, 1875.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Baby, Cameron, Goll, Dillon, Eberts, Ferguson, Hopper, McNeil, McDougall, Morrison, Richardson, Robinson, Roberts (Zone), Terrence, Wade, Wright, Young.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Various notices of motion were given, and various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Report of the Committee to select the Standing Committees, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Young, the report of the Board of Examiners was read & adopted.

A communication from the Clerk of the Township of Chatham, with a copy of the Report of J. W. Shackleton on the proposed Roe Drain, in the Otter Creek in the Tp. of Chatham, showing that \$200 is the amount charged against the County, was, on motion of Mr. Bedford, read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Langford, That J. B. Rankin, Head Master of the High School, and John McCabe, Head Master of the Central School, Chatham, and Jas. Duncan, Teacher, Windsor, be appointed Examiners for the Examination of Common School Teachers for the current year. Carried.

The Warden appointed Andrew Heyward, County Auditor for the current year.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Langford, That Geo. D. Ross be appointed Auditor for the current year. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Goll, That the sum of \$20 be and is hereby appropriated to repair planking on Bothwell bridge, and that the Reeve be a Committee to expend the same. Referred to Roads and Bridges Com.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Morrison, That whereas the Treasurer, Chas. G. Charteris, Esq., has reported to this Council that the balance of Registry office fees due by the Registrar, P. D. McKellar, Esq., for the year 1873, amounting to the sum of \$939.87, is not yet paid; also, that the return of fees collected by said Registrar for the year 1874, which returns should have been made to said Treasurer by the 15th day of January, now past. Be it therefore resolved, That if the payment of the said sum of \$939.87, due for fees in 1873, is not paid to said Treasurer within 14 days from this date, together with the proper return of fees by said Registrar for 1874, then that the whole matter be placed in the hands of the County Solicitor to take such steps as he may consider necessary for the collection of said fees & enforcing said returns.

Moved as a first amendment by Dr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Roche, That Mr. McKellar have until the first day of April to make his return of fees due this County by him as Registrar, and if not paid by that time, the matter be placed in the hands of a Solicitor for collection.

Moved as a second amendment by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Goll, That the time be extended to one month from this date before any action be taken with the Registrar.

Moved as a third amendment by Mr. Eberts, seconded by Mr. Hopper, That the Registrar have until the 15th March next to make returns of monies due by him to this Corporation, and if not then paid, then the Warden be empowered to place the matter in the hands of Mr. Atkinson for collection.

The vote being taken on the amendments and on the original motion they were lost.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. A communication from P. D. McKellar, Esq., was read.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Trerice, That the 18th Rule be suspended for the purpose of re-considering the motion relating to the payment of monies in the hands of the Registrar of the County of Kent. Carried.

The motion having been read, it was—

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Langford, That the original motion be so amended as to strike out the words "fourteen days," and that the matter be placed at once in the hands of the Warden or County Attorney, to take such steps as they may think proper in the matter. Lost.

Moved by Dr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Roche, That the original motion be amended by striking out the words "within 14 days from this date," and inserting the words "on or before the 14th day of March next." Carried.

The motion was then read as amended, and on being put to the vote was carried.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Cameron, That this Council do now go into Committee of the Whole to consider the necessity of building a new superstructure on the stone piers of the Kent Bridge, and whether it should be built of wood or iron; and, also, if it would be better to erect a new centre stone pier in the middle of the river. Carried.

The Council then went into Committee, Mr. Anderson in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Eberts, That Councillors Anderson, Young, Trerice, Coll and the mover, be a Committee to investigate the safety of Kent Bridge as to public travel, and providing they find it not safe, that they shall have power to procure plans and specifications for a new superstructure, and that they submit their report and plans to this Council at its June Session for adoption.—Carried.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that a Resolution passed in Committee.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Cameron, That the Resolution passed in Committee of the Whole be the report to this Council, and that the same be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Eberts, seconded by Dr. Bray, That the Council do now go into Committee of the Whole, to consider the advisability and expediency of erecting a House of Industry and Refuge on the land now held by this Council for that purpose, with the view, if so found, of introducing a By-law empowering the Council to proceed with the erection thereof.—Carried.

The Council went into Committee, Mr. Langford in the chair.

Various motions were made and lost. The following was passed:—

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Wade, Whereas the Council at its last Session in December petitioned the Government to make it imperative on all County Councils to build Poor Houses, it is hereby resolved, That this Council take no action toward erecting a Poor House till we find out what the Government will do in the matter.—Carried.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported a Resolution passed in Committee.

On motion, the Council adjourned, to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, 29TH JANUARY, 1875.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Bedford, Cameron, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Ferguson, Hopper, McNeil, McDougall, Morrison, Richardson, Robinson, Roche, Roberts (Zone), Wade, Wright, Young.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Various notices were given and accounts put in referred to Finance Committee.

A letter was read from Edmund B. Harrison, Inspector of Schools, recommending the appointment of an Inspector for each Riding of this County.

The Report of the Board of Directors of the Rond Eau & St. Clair Plank & Gravel Road Company, was read. From A. McDonell, making application to be appointed County Engineer for this County.

On motion of Mr. Young, a By-law to confirm the annual grant of \$400 in support of the County High School, was read a first time.

Mr. Young gave notice of the second reading.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Wright, That the sum of \$200 be granted to aid the Village of Wallaceburg in the removal of the Drill Shed from the Village of Corunna, in the County of Lambton, to the Village of Wallaceburg, in the County of Kent.—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Young, That an Inspector of Public Schools be appointed for each Riding of the County of Kent.—Lost.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, a By-law for assuming the various Town Lines and County Lines in the County of Kent, was read a first time.

Mr. Richardson gave notice of the second reading.
On motion, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called—the same members present. Various notices of motion were given.

On motion of Mr. Roberts (Zone), the Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges was read and adopted.

Moved by Dr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Roche, That the names of Messrs. Langford and Bedford be added to the Committee for examining into and reporting on the state of Kent Bridge.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Wright, That the Rules be suspended for the remainder of the Session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Eberts, seconded by Mr. McDougall, That the Building Committee be empowered to examine the Plans submitted by Mr. Young relative to the erection of Houses of Industry or Refuge in the County, and also be empowered to procure other plans and specifications if these are considered not sufficient; and that they shall procure all necessary information and data relative to the cost of erection and the maintenance of similar institutions in the Province; and that they shall have the power to send two of their number to Berlin, or any other Institution, to examine the working of the Institution; and that they submit their reports with the Plans and Specifications of the Building to this Council at its June Session for their adoption and approval.—Carried.

The Yeas and Nays were called for, and taken down as follows:—

YEAS—Councillors Young, Langford, Bisnett, Morrison, McNeil, Richardson, Bedford, Wright, McDougall, Dillon, Trerice, Hopper, Anderson, Robert (Dover), Baby, Bray, Roche, Eberts, and the Warden—19.

NAYS—Councillors Robinson, Wade, Coll, Ferguson, Roberts (Zone)—5.

On motion of Mr. Young, a By-law to confirm the annual grant of \$400 in support of the County High School, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the By-law for assuming the Township and County Lines was read a second time.

The Council went into Committee on the aforesaid By-laws. Mr. Anderson in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the two By-laws passed in Committee of the Whole without amendment.

On motion of Dr. Bray, the By-law to confirm the annual grant of \$400 in support of the County High School, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, That the By-law assuming the various Town Lines and County Lines, be read a third time and passed.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Bisnett, That the By-law be not now read, but be laid over till the June Session.

On the amendment being put to the vote, it was lost. Motion carried. The Yeas and Nays were called for, and taken down as follows on the amendment.

YEAS—Councillors Langford, Bisnett, Wade, Coll, and the Warden—5.

NAYS—Councillors Bedford, Wright, McDougall, Morrison, McNeil, Richardson, Robinson, Roberts (Zone), Robert (Dover), Baby, Bray, Eberts, Ferguson, Hopper, Dillon, Anderson—16.

On motion of Mr. Roberts (Zone), a By-law to grant the sum of \$20 to repair planking on Bothwell Bridge, was read a first and second time.

The Council went into Committee on said By-law. Mr. Eberts in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law as having passed in Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, said By-law was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Wright, Whereas by virtue of the provisions of the Municipal Act of Ontario, the two Bridges spanning the River Sydenham at Wallaceburg have become, and are now County property, and whereas the said Bridges obstruct a navigable stream, making it necessary during the season of navigation to have proper parties to attend to the opening and closing of the said Bridges; Be it resolved, That the Reeve of Wallaceburg and the Reeve of the Township of Chatham, be and is hereby appointed Commissioners to take charge of said Bridges in behalf of this County, and to employ suitable persons to attend to the

opening and closing of said Bridges during the season of navigation, and attend to the keeping of said Bridges in working order.

On motion of Mr. Young, the Council adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, SATURDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1875.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Baby, Bedford, Bisnett, Bray, Cameron, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Hopper, McNeil, McDougall, Richardson, Robinson, Roberts (Zone), Wade and Young.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Dr. Bray, the Report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

On motion, Mr. McDougall's Resolution relative to the Bridges at Wallaceburg, was again read.

It was moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Richardson, That the matter in reference to the Wallaceburg Bridges be laid over until the June Session of this Council, and that the Reeve of Wallaceburg be empowered to procure some person to take charge of said Bridges from the time the present lease expires until the June Session.—Carried.

On motion, the Report of the Committee appointed to audit the Gaol accounts, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Coll, seconded by Mr. Roberts (Zone), That this Council grant \$300 to the East Kent Agricultural Society. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Roche, seconded by Dr. Bray, That the sum of \$300 be granted to the West Kent Agricultural Society by this Council. Referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Young, a By-law to confirm the appointment of Henry Robinson as Care-taker of the County offices, &c., was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, a By-law to confirm the appointment of certain Officers of the County of Kent for the current year, was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the two aforesaid By-laws. Mr. Anderson in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law to confirm the appointment of certain Officers as having passed with blanks filled up and a clause added, also the By-law relating to the Care-taker for the County offices as having passed, with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Young, a By-law to confirm the appointment of Henry Robinson as Care-taker of the County offices, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, a By-law to confirm the appointment of certain Officers of the County of Kent for the current year, was read a third time and passed.

On motion, the Council adjourned a short time, to allow the Finance Committee to meet.

The Council resumed. On motion of Mr. Eberts, the second and third Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Wade, That the Building Committee be instructed to have the platform in front of the Warden's chair enlarged, by making the platform half round in front of the chair, that the desk or stand may be in front of the Warden.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Coll, seconded by Mr. McDougall, That this Council request each Township, Town and Village Council in this County, to instruct and request their various Assessors to assess the lands and property in each Municipality to its actual cash value, and that the Clerk of this Municipality communicate with the various Councils immediately, by transmitting a Copy of this Resolution to them.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Baby, That the Assessors of the several Municipalities in this County may assess said Municipalities as they think proper.

On the amendment being put to the vote, it was carried. Motion lost.

Moved by Mr. Eberts, seconded by Mr. Roche, That this Council do now adjourn, and stand adjourned till the second Monday in June next.—Carried.

The Council adjourned accordingly.

REPORTS.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, Chatham, 26th Jan., 1875.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor herewith to lay before your Honorable body the Accounts of the County of Kent for the past year, embracing as usual—

1. Copy of Cash Book, giving in detail the monetary transactions of the year,
2. Abstract of Accounts stating the total receipts and expenditure under each head,
3. Balance Sheet.
4. Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the County on 1st inst.
5. Statement of Accounts with the different Municipalities.

I have to report that, in accordance with a resolution passed by your Honorable body in December last, I have called upon the Registrar for payment of balance of Fees due by him for the year 1873, which, however, I regret to state, he has not yet made.

Your Honorable body will observe that after including as an available Asset the amount due by the Registrar, the expenditure in 1874 exceeded the estimate by upwards of \$2,000, which will have to be provided for in the current year.

Mr. McKellar not having yet made his return of Fees derived from the Registry Office in 1874, I am unable to say whether the County will be entitled to anything from this source.—I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obt. servant,

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

CHARLES GEORGE CHARTERIS, Treasurer, in Account with the County of Kent, for the Receipt and Expenditure of County Funds during the year 1874.

| RECEIPTS. | |
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| Cash on hand, 1st Jan'y, 1874..... | \$4115 17 |
| Debiture acct., received for Debitures | 3000 00 |
| Treas. Orford, received from him..... | 746 51 |
| " Tilbury East, received from him..... | 2936 09 |
| " Camden & Gore, received from him..... | 1521 26 |
| " Raleigh, received from him..... | 2589 96 |
| " Harwich, received from him..... | 2705 75 |
| " Town of Bothwell..... | 312 09 |
| Industrial Farm, received for rent..... | 145 00 |
| Registrar Kent, rec'd from on acct. of fees | 950 00 |
| Treas. Romney, received from him..... | 533 96 |
| Interest account, received under this head | 700 17 |
| Moravia Bridge, received for rent..... | 40 00 |
| Trustees Sch. S. No. 11, Howard, received from them, Arbitration fees..... | 10 90 |
| High School, received from Government | 507 50 |
| Moravia Bridge Toll house, amt. for which sold..... | 75 00 |
| Payment of Jurors, rec'd for fines and fees | 83 00 |
| | \$72,532 79 |
| EXPENDITURE. | |
| Selectors of Jurors..... | \$ 106 00 |
| Council Room furnishings..... | 156 75 |
| Medicine for Prisoners..... | 22 78 |
| Office Furniture..... | 81 40 |
| Aid to Immigrants..... | 470 87 |
| Debitures retired..... | 2000 00 |
| Kateigh, Survey of Concession Lines..... | 317 54 |
| Bridge, Town of Chatham..... | 2590 09 |
| Interest on Debitures..... | 1475 00 |
| Moravia Bridge repairs..... | 60 80 |
| Coroners' Orders..... | 135 20 |
| Councillors' wages..... | 2001 80 |
| High School, for Master..... | 917 50 |
| Insurance on Public Buildings & Bridges..... | 276 25 |
| Grant to Bothwell Agricultural Society..... | 200 00 |
| School Superintendence..... | 600 00 |
| Payment of Jurors..... | 1448 70 |
| Board of Examiners..... | 28 71 |
| Poor School, Raleigh and Tilbury East..... | 65 00 |
| Tecumseh Bridge repairs..... | 226 61 |
| John Mercer, Sheriff, advances to convey prisoners..... | 200 00 |
| Registry Office for Books..... | 138 00 |
| Chatham and Dover East T. L. Drain..... | 3000 00 |
| Goal and Court House furnishings..... | 84 21 |
| Miscellaneous expenses..... | 403 63 |
| County Printing..... | \$134 21 |
| Adm. Justice not Criminal..... | 3294 40 |
| Engineering and Surveying..... | 120 00 |
| Fuel for Offices..... | 69 25 |
| Kent Bridge, North Approach..... | 148 29 |
| Salary account..... | 1760 00 |
| Kent Bridge repairs..... | 6 00 |
| School Sec. No. 13, Harwich..... | 50 00 |
| Big Creek Drain, Chatham..... | 100 00 |
| New Registry Office..... | 7058 83 |
| Bothwell Lock-Up..... | 250 00 |
| Lands redeemed..... | 1543 78 |
| Adm. Criminal Justice..... | 2848 36 |
| Public Buildings repairs..... | 1018 00 |
| Returning Officers, H. & E. Rail. By-law..... | 132 00 |
| Tecumseh Bridge (new)..... | 7922 59 |
| Miller Drain..... | 110 00 |
| Office Rent..... | 452 50 |
| Dresden Lock Up..... | 250 00 |
| Legislative School grant..... | 4394 65 |
| Wild Land Tax account..... | 15354 36 |
| Town and County Line grants..... | 1718 40 |
| Cash on hand to 1875..... | 3509 92 |
| | \$72,532 79 |

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

BALANCE COUNTY OF KENT LEDGER, AS AT 1ST JAN'Y, 1875.

| | | Dr. |
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| Goal & Court House account..... | \$2481 04 | |
| do do Wall..... | 6561 09 | |
| Grammar School..... | 6302 85 | |
| Office furniture account..... | 585 20 | |
| Registry Office furniture..... | 289 00 | |
| Treasurer Orford..... | 1713 88 | |
| Treasurer Camden and Gore..... | 1365 06 | |
| Treasurer Raleigh..... | 2500 18 | |
| Registry Office addition..... | 716 24 | |
| Treasurer Harwich..... | 2047 91 | |
| Treasurer Bothwell..... | 384 20 | |
| Industrial Farm..... | 2041 85 | |
| Registrar Kent..... | 930 87 | |
| Treasurer Romney..... | 508 00 | |
| Chatham and Camden Gores..... | 7 61 | |
| Moravia Bridge..... | | \$4251 82 |
| Insurance acct..... | | 276 25 |
| Tecumseh Bridge (old)..... | | 30 00 |
| John Mercer, Sheriff..... | | 24 00 |
| Cash acct..... | | 3589 92 |
| Treasurer Dover East and West..... | | 3913 44 |
| Goal and Court House furnishing..... | | 1170 30 |
| Treasurer Chatham and Gore..... | | 2914 18 |
| Kent Bridge..... | | 10900 50 |
| New Registry Office..... | | 7058 85 |
| Adm. Criminal Justice acct..... | | 104 00 |
| Tecumseh Bridge (new)..... | | 16150 50 |
| | | \$100120 54 |

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| Kent Agricultural Society..... | \$ 300 00 | Township of Chatham & Gore..... | \$2831 75 |
| Zone and Mosa Town Line..... | 5 75 | do Harwich..... | 483 20 |
| Howard Grant for Roads..... | 98 | do Camden & Gore..... | 1651 70 |
| Orford do..... | 8 | do Tilbury East..... | 1309 78 |
| Harwich Com. Road..... | 9 | Romney & Tilbury East Townline..... | 28 05 |
| Camden and Zone Town Line..... | 3 62 | Howard & Orford Townline..... | 27 71 |
| Debenture acct..... | 2800 00 | Chatham & Camden Townline ditch..... | 17 17 |
| Zone and Euphemia Townline..... | 50 | Forest St. Drain, Town of Chatham..... | 75 00 |
| Kent and Middlesex County Line..... | 17 50 | Bothwell Bridge Toll House..... | 150 00 |
| N. Gore-Chatham and Sombra Townline..... | 435 28 | Chatham & Dover East Townline drain..... | 3000 00 |
| Romney and Tilbury West Townline..... | 44 27 | Dover East & West Townline..... | 50 |
| Township Howard..... | 853 55 | Township of Dover East & West..... | 1784 00 |
| do Raleigh..... | 721 97 | Chatham & Dover East Townline..... | 252 00 |
| Camden and Zone Townline..... | 28 98 | County of Kent General account..... | 44283 65 |
| Township Romney..... | 1359 61 | East & West Tilbury Townline..... | 17 11 |
| Town of Bothwell..... | 48 00 | Village of Dresden..... | 28 54 |
| Township of Orford..... | 537 31 | Raleigh & Tilbury East Townline..... | 52 80 |
| Elgin, Middlesex and Kent County Line..... | 46 00 | Town of Chatham..... | 830 78 |
| Bridge..... | 46 00 | Romney & Mersa County Line..... | 11 |
| Town of Chatham, Chatham and Dover..... | 75 00 | Bothwell Bridge approach..... | 150 00 |
| Townline..... | 75 00 | Chatham & Camden Gores..... | 11 92 |
| Harwich & Town of Chatham..... | 65 00 | Kent Bridge approach..... | 37 71 |
| Chatham & Camden Townline..... | 264 34 | Howard & Harwich Townline..... | 65 70 |
| School Superintendence..... | 300 00 | Lands Redeemed account..... | 414 88 |
| Zone & Bothwell Townline..... | 02 | Raleigh & Town of Chatham..... | 3 00 |
| Gore Camden & Dawn Townline..... | 80 56 | Camden for E. between Kent & Lambton..... | 150 00 |
| Kent & Lambton County Line..... | 26 26 | Village of Thamesville..... | 26 97 |
| Board of Audit..... | 16 00 | Bills payable..... | 833 00 |
| Chatham & Dover East T. L. North Syd-..... | 25 | Bonus Huron & Erie Railway survey..... | 400 00 |
| enham..... | 25 | | |
| Harwich & Raleigh Townline..... | 6 15 | | |
| Township of Zone..... | 505 04 | | |

County Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 1st Jan., 1875.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

STATEMENT of the Liabilities and Assets of the County of on the 1st day of Jan., 1875.

LIABILITIES.

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| Due Kent Agricultural Society..... | \$ 300 00 | Township of Chatham and Gore..... | \$2331 75 |
| Zone & Mosa Townline..... | 5 75 | Due Romney and Tilbury East Townline..... | 28 98 |
| Howard Grant for Roads..... | 98 | Township of Tilbury East..... | 1300 98 |
| Orford do..... | 8 | Howard and Orford Townline..... | 27 71 |
| Harwich Com. Road..... | 9 | Chatham and Camden Townline ditch..... | 17 17 |
| Camden & Gore Townline..... | 3 62 | Forest St. Drain, Town of Chatham..... | 75 00 |
| Debenture to retire..... | 1000 00 | Bothwell Bridge toll-house..... | 150 00 |
| Zone & Euphemia Townline..... | 50 | Chatham & Dover East T.L. Drain..... | 3000 00 |
| Kent & Middlesex County Line..... | 17 50 | Dover East and West Townline..... | 50 |
| Gore of Chatham & Sombra..... | 435 28 | Township of Dover East and West..... | 1784 00 |
| Romney and Tilbury West Townline..... | 44 27 | Chatham and Dover East Townline..... | 252 00 |
| Township of Harwich..... | 483 29 | East and West Tilbury Townline..... | 17 11 |
| do Howard..... | 353 55 | Village of Dresden..... | 28 54 |
| do Raleigh..... | 721 97 | Raleigh and Tilbury East Townline..... | 52 80 |
| do Romney..... | 1359 61 | Town of Chatham..... | 830 78 |
| Camden & Zone Townline..... | 28 98 | Romney & Mersa Townline..... | 11 |
| Town of Bothwell..... | 48 00 | Bothwell Bridge approach..... | 150 00 |
| Township of Orford..... | 537 31 | Chatham and Camden Gores..... | 11 92 |
| Elgin, Middlesex & Kent Bridge..... | 46 00 | Kent Bridge approach..... | 37 71 |
| Town of Chatham, Chatham & Dover T. L..... | 75 00 | Howard & Harwich Townline..... | 65 70 |
| Harwich & Town of Chatham..... | 65 00 | Lands Redeemed..... | 414 88 |
| Chatham and Camden Townlines..... | 264 34 | Raleigh and Town of Chatham line..... | 3 00 |
| School Superintendence..... | 300 00 | Camden for E. between Kent & Lambton..... | 150 00 |
| Zone and Bothwell Townlines..... | 02 | Village of Thamesville..... | 26 97 |
| Gore of Camden and Dawn..... | 80 56 | Bonus Huron & Erie Railway survey..... | 400 00 |
| Kent and Lambton County Line..... | 26 26 | Township of Camden and Gore..... | 1651 70 |
| Board of Audit..... | 16 00 | Interest account..... | 750 00 |
| Chatham and Dover East N. Sydenham..... | 25 | Contractors on Registry building..... | 125 00 |
| Harwich and Raleigh Townline..... | 6 15 | | |
| Township of Zone..... | 505 04 | | |

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ASSETS.

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| Due by Treasurer of Orford..... | \$473 88 | Due by Treasurer Chatham and Gore..... | \$271 48 |
| do Camden and Gore..... | 1367 96 | Provincial Treas. on account of adm..... | 104 69 |
| do Raleigh..... | 2590 28 | Criminal Justice..... | 30 00 |
| do Harwich..... | 2647 94 | Amt. of Note Duffer & Walls, for purchase money of Tecumseh Bridge..... | 30 00 |
| do Bethwell..... | 284 20 | Cash on hand..... | 3909 92 |
| Registrar Kent bal. Fees due for 1873..... | 1039 87 | Deficiency in 1874, or say excess of Expenditure over Estimate..... | 2006 33 |
| Treas. Romney..... | 568 00 | | |
| John Mercer, advances to convey Prisoners to Penitentiary..... | 200 00 | | |
| Treasurer Dover East and West..... | 2013 44 | | \$21078 60 |

DEFERRED LIABILITIES.

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| County of Kent Debentures..... | \$27000 00 |
| Bills payable for balance due James Ferguson on contract for building Tecumseh Bridge..... | 8533 00 |
| | <u>\$35533 00</u> |

County Treasurer's Office, 1st Jan., 1874.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, in Account with the Municipality of the County of Kent, for the Receipt and Expenditure of Funds belonging to the following Municipalities to 31st December, 1874.

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| DR. MUNICIPALITY OF CAMDEN AND GORE. | | CR. | |
| 1874. | 1874. | | |
| Jan 1 To balance from 1873..... | \$1803 89 | Feb 28 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$1803 89 |
| July 31 School fund—received from Gov't..... | 18 65 | July 31 School fund—cash paid Treasurer..... | 449 65 |
| July 31 do do..... | 431 07 | Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., balance to 1875..... | 1651 79 |
| Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., rec. during year..... | 1624 41 | | |
| Treas. Lambton, charged him..... | 17 18 | | \$3965 24 |
| | <u>\$3965 24</u> | | |

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| DR. MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM AND GORE. | | CR. | |
| 1874. | 1874. | | |
| Jan 1 To balance from 1873..... | \$3045 58 | May 31 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$3225 58 |
| July 31 School fund—received from Gov't..... | 643 00 | Aug 31 School fund—cash paid Treasurer..... | 643 00 |
| Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., rec. during year..... | 2789 87 | Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., balance to 1875..... | 2264 75 |
| Treasurer Lambton, charged him..... | 33 88 | | |
| | <u>\$6503 33</u> | | \$6503 33 |

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| DR. MUNICIPALITY OF DOVER EAST AND WEST. | | CR. | |
| 1874. | 1874. | | |
| Jan 1 To balance from 1873..... | \$1141 04 | Feb 28 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$1141 04 |
| July 31 School fund—received from Gov't..... | 489 00 | Sep 30 School fund—Cash paid Treasurer..... | 489 00 |
| Dec 31 Wild land tax ac.—rec. during year..... | 1784 80 | Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., bal. to 1875..... | 1784 80 |
| | <u>\$3414 84</u> | | \$3414 84 |

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| DR. MUNICIPALITY OF HARWICH. | | CR. | |
| 1874. | 1874. | | |
| Jan 1 To balance from 1873..... | \$ 944 41 | Feb 28 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$ 944 41 |
| July 31 School fund—received from Gov't..... | 851 00 | Aug 31 School fund—cash paid Treasurer..... | 851 00 |
| Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., rec. during year..... | 483 29 | Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., balance to 1875..... | 483 29 |
| | <u>\$2278 61</u> | | \$2278 61 |

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| DR. MUNICIPALITY OF HOWARD. | | CR. | |
| 1874. | 1874. | | |
| Jan 1 To balance from 1873..... | \$ 488 01 | Jan 31 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$ 488 01 |
| July 31 School fund—received from Gov't..... | 666 00 | July 31 School fund—cash paid Treasurer..... | 666 00 |
| Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., rec. during year..... | 333 55 | Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., balance to 1875..... | 333 55 |
| | <u>\$1507 56</u> | | \$1507 56 |

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| DR. MUNICIPALITY OF ORFORD. | | CR. | |
| 1874. | 1874. | | |
| Jan 1 To balance from 1873..... | \$ 809 41 | Feb 28 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$ 809 41 |
| July 31 School fund—received from Gov't..... | 456 00 | July 31 School fund—cash paid Treasurer..... | 456 00 |
| Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., rec. during year..... | 537 31 | Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., bal. to 1875..... | 537 31 |
| | <u>\$1805 72</u> | | \$1805 72 |

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| DR. MUNICIPALITY OF RALEIGH. | | CR. | |
| 1874. | 1874. | | |
| Jan 1 To bal. from 1873..... | \$2320 25 | Feb 28 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$2320 25 |
| July 31 School fund—received from Gov't..... | 500 00 | July 31 School fund—cash paid Treasurer..... | 500 00 |
| Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., rec. during year..... | 1099 81 | Survey of Cons.—cash paid W. G. McGeorge, P. L. S..... | 317 54 |
| | <u>\$3950 76</u> | Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., bal. to 1875..... | 721 97 |
| | | | <u>\$3850 76</u> |

CR.

MUNICIPALITY OF ROMNEY.

DR.

| | | | |
|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| 1874. | | 1874. | |
| Jan 1 To bal. from 1873..... | \$1222 18 | Mar. 31 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$1222 18 |
| July 31 School fund—received from Gov't..... | 105 00 | Feb. 30 School fund—cash paid Treasurer..... | 105 00 |
| Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., rec. during year..... | 1388 22 | Oct 31 Wild land tax acct., allowance to Henderson on redemption lands..... | 28 61 |
| | | Dec 31 Balance to 1872..... | 1559 61 |
| | \$2715 40 | | \$2715 40 |

CR.

MUNICIPALITY OF TILBURY EAST.

DR.

| | | | |
|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| 1874. | | 1874. | |
| Jan 1 To balance from 1873..... | \$1283 29 | Apr 30 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$1283 29 |
| July 31 School fund—received from Gov't..... | 272 00 | Aug 31 School fund—cash paid Treasurer..... | 272 00 |
| Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., rec. during year..... | 1360 18 | Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., balance to 1875..... | 1530 35 |
| | \$2915 47 | | \$2915 47 |

CR.

MUNICIPALITY OF ZONE.

DR.

| | | | |
|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| 1874. | | 1874. | |
| Jan 1 To balance from 1873..... | \$1013 47 | Feb 28 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$1013 47 |
| July 31 School fund—received from Gov't..... | 100 00 | Aug 31 School fund—cash paid Treasurer..... | 100 00 |
| Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., rec. during year..... | 595 00 | Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., balance to 1875..... | 595 00 |
| | \$1678 50 | | \$1678 50 |

CR.

MUNICIPALITY TOWN OF BOTHWELL.

DR.

| | | | |
|---|----------|--|----------|
| 1874. | | 1874. | |
| Jan 1 To balance from 1873..... | \$301 77 | Feb 28 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$301 77 |
| Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., rec. during year..... | 48 00 | Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., balance to 1875..... | 48 00 |
| | \$439 77 | | \$439 77 |

CR.

MUNICIPALITY TOWN OF CHATHAM.

DR.

| | | | |
|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| 1874. | | 1874. | |
| Jan 1 To balance from 1873..... | \$1155 92 | Feb 28 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$1155 92 |
| Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., rec. during year..... | 855 38 | Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., cash paid advertising..... | 16 20 |
| | \$2011 30 | Balance to 1875..... | 839 18 |
| | | | \$2011 30 |

CR.

MUNICIPALITY VILLAGE OF DRESDEN.

DR.

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|---|----------|--|----------|
| 1874. | | 1874. | |
| Jan 1 To balance from 1873..... | \$ 10 42 | Jan 31 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$ 10 42 |
| Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., rec. during year..... | 28 54 | Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., balance to 1875..... | 28 54 |
| | \$38 96 | | \$38 96 |

CR.

MUNICIPALITY VILLAGE OF THAMESVILLE.

DR.

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|---|----------|--|----------|
| 1874. | | 1874. | |
| Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., rec. during year..... | \$ 26 97 | Dec 31 Wild land tax ac., balance to 1875..... | \$ 26 97 |
| | \$ 26 97 | | \$ 26 97 |

STATEMENT showing balances due different Municipalities and payable to the Treasurers thereof, as per foregoing accounts, viz:—

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
| Camden and Gore..... | \$1651 79 | Tilbury East..... | 1360 18 |
| Chatham and Gore..... | 2934 75 | Zone..... | 505 04 |
| Dover East and West..... | 1784 80 | Town of Bothwell..... | 48 00 |
| Harwich..... | 483 20 | do Chatham..... | 889 18 |
| Howard..... | 353 55 | Village of Dresden..... | 28 54 |
| Orford..... | 537 31 | do Thamesville..... | 26 97 |
| Raleigh..... | 721 97 | | |
| Romney..... | 1359 61 | | \$12634 89 |

County Treasurer's Office, Jan. 1st, 1875.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled:

GENTLEMEN,—The members of the Board of Audit beg to report to your Honorable Body, that the claims against the County for the year 1874, amounting to \$3114 95, have been examined and audited, and the sum of \$196 82 disallowed, as will be seen by reference to the accompanying Schedule.

In addition to those direct claims against the County, those against the Government for Criminal Justice have also been examined and audited, amounting in the aggregate for the year 1874, to \$2592 57, and the sum of \$171 25, struck off therefrom.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. WHITE,

J. J. J. THOMPSON, } Auditors,

Chatham, 25th January, 1875.

AUDIT IN APRIL, 1874.

| | Amt. Claim. | Amt. Allowed. |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Sheriff Mercer..... | \$ 96 08 | \$ 96 08 |
| do | 149 75 | 149 75 |
| Wm. Douglas, C. P..... | 8 00 | 8 00 |
| do | 124 27 | 105 27 |
| do | 15 00 | 15 00 |
| Sheriff Mercer..... | 12 50 | 12 50 |
| Dr. Fleming..... | 20 00 | 16 00 |
| Dr. Roe..... | 4 00 | 4 00 |
| Wm. Deew, Constable..... | 7 15 | 6 33 |
| Dr. Sivewright..... | 12 00 | 12 00 |
| P. E. McKeall estate..... | 9 75 | 9 75 |
| Samuel Sloan..... | 227 70 | 227 70 |
| J. R. Gemmill..... | 71 10 | 71 10 |
| do | 42 85 | 42 85 |
| | \$890 15 | \$773 59 |
| | 177 59 | |
| Amt. disallowed..... | \$32 56 | |

OCTOBER AUDIT.

| | Amt. Claim. | Amt. Allowed. |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Sheriff Mercer..... | \$ 80 00 | \$ 80 00 |
| do | 251 38 | 251 38 |
| Wm. Douglas, C. P..... | 218 48 | 170 38 |
| Dr. Sivewright..... | 12 00 | 12 00 |
| J. R. Gemmill..... | 42 07 | 42 07 |
| R. Stephenson..... | 123 08 | 111 68 |
| James Sloan..... | 67 27 | 67 27 |
| Wm. Douglas..... | 24 75 | 24 75 |
| | \$820 02 | \$778 23 |
| | 778 23 | |
| Amt. disallowed..... | \$51 40 | |

JULY AUDIT.

| | Amt. Claim. | Amt. Allowed. |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Sheriff Mercer..... | \$122 26 | \$122 26 |
| do | 123 07 | 112 62 |
| Wm. Douglas, C. P..... | 12 32 | 12 32 |
| do | 307 17 | 240 27 |
| Sheriff Mercer..... | 12 50 | 12 50 |
| Dr. Sivewright..... | 12 00 | 12 00 |
| Daniel White, constable..... | 4 36 | 4 36 |
| Jas. Gordon, do..... | 5 29 | 5 29 |
| do | 5 29 | 5 29 |
| J. R. Gemmill..... | 53 94 | 53 94 |
| do | 24 56 | 24 54 |
| | \$681 86 | \$604 46 |
| | 604 46 | |
| Amt. disallowed..... | \$77 40 | |

JANUARY AUDIT—1875.

| | Amt. Claim. | Amt. Allowed. |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Sheriff Mercer..... | \$122 48 | \$129 48 |
| do | 85 54 | 85 58 |
| Wm. Douglas..... | 212 50 | 202 06 |
| do | 236 00 | 212 00 |
| Joseph Mills, Constable..... | 16 53 | 11 45 |
| John Freitz, do..... | 1 90 | 1 33 |
| Isaac Logan, do..... | 9 40 | 6 33 |
| James Gordon, do..... | 5 80 | 5 80 |
| Daniel White, do..... | 3 80 | 3 80 |
| R. C. Browne..... | 38 80 | 38 80 |
| J. R. Gemmill..... | 80 35 | 80 35 |
| | \$903 31 | \$768 07 |
| | 768 07 | |
| Amt. disallowed..... | \$35 24 | |

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :
GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to audit the accounts for the maintenance of prisoners in the gaol, for the last quarter ending December 31, 1874, beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts and find them correct. Total amount \$252 48. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE YOUNG, Chairman.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of High School Trustees, beg to report to your Honorable Body, as follows : That the High School during the year 1874, has been conducted the first three quarters by Wm. H. Ballard, who gave in his resignation at the end of September, which was accepted by the Trustees, and John B. Rankin, B. A., a graduate of the University of Toronto, was appointed in the room of Mr. Ballard. The place of Assistant Teacher has been filled during the whole year by Charles J. Ketchum, B. A., a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, who distinguished himself while there in the study of Classics and French.

The number of pupils enrolled for the year was 54. During the first half year there were 26 boys and 22 girls. During the second half year there were 14 boys and 16 girls. During the whole year, there were 28 boys and 26 girls. Of those pupils attending the High School, 7 only were from the country and the rest from the town. The following are the numbers taught in the respective Classes during the year :—in the Latin Class, 10 ; in the Greek, 4 ; French, 12 ; English, 27 ; Arithmetic, 27 ; Algebra, 18 ; Euclid, 9 ; Geography, 27 ; Writing, 27 ; Book-keeping, 15 ; Reading, 27. The School Fees for the first quarter were \$82 ; for the second quarter, \$78 ; for the third \$60 ; for the fourth, \$54. Fees for the whole year, \$274.

Your Honorable Body will find with this report a detailed statement by the Treasurer of the Finances of the High School, for the year ending 31st December, 1874. The receipts from all sources were \$1875 94, and the expenses amounted to \$1871 00, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$4 36. The Board would also beg leave to report that the term for which Mr. George Young had been elected has expired. The Board would also take this opportunity of expressing their approbation of the long faithful, faithful, and efficient services which Mr. Young has rendered as Trustee, to the cause of education. His name has been connected with the Grammar

School nearly since its first organization, and should any cause render the separation of his name necessary, the High School would lose one of its best Trustees. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. KING, Sec'y B. H. S. Trustees.

| 1874. | | HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT. | DR. |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| To balance brought forward from 1873, | \$364 44; | Cash from Gov't, last half year 1873, | \$297 50; |
| do. first half year 1874, | \$270; | Cash, County grant, 1874, | \$250; |
| extra grant for 1874, | \$100; | Cash, Chatham grant for 1874, | \$220; |
| extra grant, \$100; | Cash, 1st quarters' School fees, | \$82; | 2nd do., \$78; |
| 3rd do., \$90; | 4th do., \$54..... | | \$1875 95 |
| CR. | | | |
| SALARIES—By Cash paid Mr. Ballard, Head Master, | \$675; | Mr. Ketchum, 2nd Master, | \$600; |
| Mr. Rankin, Head Master, | \$225; | Rev. Wm. King, Sec'y, | \$12; |
| George Young, as Treasurer, | \$10..... | | \$1522 00 |
| REPAIRS—By Cash paid Henry Baxter, repairing plaster, &c., | \$11 50; | Coltart & Neilson, repairing seats, | \$13 60; |
| James Harper, glazing, | \$7 40; | Thos. Baxter, repairing privy, | \$4; |
| Betsy, sweeping chimneys, | \$1;..... | | 37 50 |
| PUTTING ON FIRES AND CLEANING ROOMS—By Cash paid Mr. Ballard, three quarters for rooms, | \$46 05; | Mr. Rankin, one quarter for rooms, | \$15; |
| Mr. Gale, whitewashing rooms, | \$20;..... | | 81 05 |
| FIREWOOD, &c.—Cash paid G. Duddy, for wood, | \$56; | A. Venable, cutting wood, | \$11 25; |
| Estate of Peter McKerral, (1872), | \$8 75; | Mr. VanAllen for wood, (1873) | \$6; |
| Mr. McKay for wood, | \$46 75; | Hooper King, cutting wood, &c., | \$17;..... |
| | | | 145 75 |
| SUNDRIES—Cash paid <i>Globe</i> newspaper, printing, | \$5 28; | paid postage, | \$2; |
| paid Trustees, attending meetings of Board, | \$78;..... | | 85 28 |
| By balance,..... | | | 4 36 |
| GEORGE YOUNG, Treasurer. | | | \$1875 94 |

To the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent, in Council assembled:—

Your Committee appointed to investigate the charges made in reference to E. B. Harrison, Esq., Inspector of Schools, beg to report as follows:—that the following are the charges—1st. In reference to Mr. Davis. 2nd. Inefficiency in Education. 3rd. Partiality. 4th. Refusing Permits to Teachers. 5th. Forcing a woman of bad character on a School Section. 6th. Insolence to Teachers. That we have examined into the different charges, and have taken a large portion of the evidence under oath, and have heard a large amount of oral testimony, and are under the impression that the charges are not sustained, and that the Inspector has acted to the best of his knowledge and belief in such matters, and to the best of his judgement. At the same time, judging from the statements made to this Committee on oath, we deem it advisable to say that the parties were justified in making the charges against the Inspector, and that the appointment of this Committee was necessary, for the purpose of investigating the above charges. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DUCK, Chairman *pro tem.*

Blenheim, 8th January, 1875.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled:—

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with a resolution of your Honorable Body, I have the honor to report that I sold the putting on the railing on the new bridge, and timber on the approaches, on each side of the road, to prevent sleighs and wagons from running off the embankment, to James Ferguson, for the sum of \$65, and that I advertised the old abutments and sold the same for the sum of \$15, to John Ferguson, and the removing of the old structure that it may cause no damage to the new bridge. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR ANDERSON.

The Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of the County of Kent, in Council assembled:—

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Examiners for the County of Kent, beg leave to report to the information of your Honorable Body, as follows. That fifty-nine applicants for Teachers' Certificates, presented themselves before the Board in July last, and with the following results, viz:—That two received Second-class A Certificates; two Second-class B Certificates; thirty-nine Third-class Certificates; three Special

Certificates; and thirteen were rejected. The Board would beg leave to report further that the expenses of the Board of Examiners for the year ending December 31st, 1874, amounted to \$72 89, a detailed statement of which is hereto appended. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

EDMUND B. HARRISON, Chairman.

Chatham, January 13th, 1875.

The Expenditure of the Board of Examiners for the County of Kent, for the year ending December 31st, 1874.

| | | |
|------|---|----------------|
| July | To Express charges on examination papers from Department..... | \$ 40 |
| | Express charges on examination papers to Department, | 50 |
| | Postages on Teachers' Certificates, | 1 23 |
| | Postages paid by Mr. Harrison, | 55 |
| | BANNER, for advertising Meeting of Board, | 3 88 |
| | PLANET, for advertising Meeting of Board, | 4 03 |
| | Mr. Robert Cooper, for Stationery, | 5 30 |
| | Mr. Maxwell, for 11 days service as Examiner, | 22 00 |
| | Mr. McColl, for 6 1/2 days service as Examiner, | 13 00 |
| | Mr. Ballard, for 11 days service as Examiner, | 22 00 |
| | Total, | \$72 89 |

EDMUND B. HARRISON, Chairman.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report as follows:—
—1st. That they recommend an appropriation of \$20 for the repairing of plank on Bothwell bridge. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH ROBERTS, Chairman Road & Bridge Committee.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to select the Standing Committees for 1875, beg leave to report as follows:—

Finance—Councillors Eberts, Anderson, McDougall, Bedford, Young, Ferguson, Richardson and Baby.

Public Buildings—Councillors Young, Langford, Eberts, Bisnett and Dillon.

Printing—Councillors Roche, Terice, McNeil and Wade.

Road and Bridge—Councillors Roberts, (Zone), Coll, Cameron, Hopper, Wright, McDonald, Robinson, Bray, Morrison and Robert (Dover.)

Gas Accounts—The Warden and Councillor Young.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR ANDERSON, Chairman.

To the Warden and Corporation of the County of Kent, in Council assembled:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the subject of a grant to each of the Agricultural Societies of the East and West Ridings, beg leave to report, and recommend the sum of \$250 be granted to each. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Council Chamber, January 30th, 1875.

H. J. EBERTS, Chairman.

To the Warden and Corporation of the County of Kent, in Council assembled:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to make a further report on the matters submitted to them, and beg to recommend that the account of R. Cooper, for Stationery supplied to Board Public Instruction, as explained per letter of Rev. Wm. King, Sec'y of Board High School Trustees, to whom the account had been erroneously rendered, amounting to \$8, be paid; also, account of Coltart & Neilson, up-holstering four stools for Registry Office, per order Committee of Public Buildings, be paid, amount \$7; that the account of Cribben & Comode, recommended for payment by Committee on Public Buildings in their report of December 11, 1874, and which was not included in Finance Committee's report last Session, amounting to \$22.03, be paid. That the account of James Harper, for striping and lettering pails for gasol, amounting to \$6, be not paid, as your Committee understand that the pails were to be furnished by the Messrs. McKeough in a complete state. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. EBERTS, Chairman.

Committee Room, January 30, 1875.

To the Warden and Corporation of the County of Kent, in Council assembled :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to present their report and recommend the payment of the following accounts submitted to them:—J. A. Langford, Commissioner, \$2; Arthur Anderson, do. \$9; S. Hadley, do. \$6; J. Duck, do. \$4 25; Wm. Ball, for Coal Scuttle and Shovel, \$1 38; R. Stephenson, Printing, \$6 75; Ed. B. Harrison, Express charges, &c., \$6 05; Arthur M. Rolls, Medicine for Gaol, \$11 65; Hy. Robinson, sundry utensils, &c., \$4. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. EBERTS, Chairman Finance Committee.

Council Chamber, January 29th, 1875.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 324.

A By-Law to confirm the annual grant of \$400 in support of the High School.

PASSED 29TH JANUARY, 1875.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to confirm by By-law the annual grant of \$400, made by this Council for the support of the County High School, Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent in Council assembled, by virtue of and under the Municipal Laws of Ontario, and by authority of the Consolidated School Act of Ontario.

1st. That the sum of \$400 be granted annually to the Board of High School Trustees to meet the annual grant made by Government to said School, in payment of the Salaries of Teachers.

2nd. That the said sum of \$400 be paid by the County Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Board of High School Trustees, in two equal payments; first payment of \$200 on or before the 14th day of March, and the second payment of \$200 on or before the 14th day of December in each year.

3rd. That this By-law be and remains in force from the passing thereof until it is either amended or repealed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

NO. 325.

A By-Law for assuming the various Town Lines and County Lines in the County of Kent.

PASSED 29TH JANUARY, 1875.

WHEREAS, it is found to be very difficult and troublesome to make and keep in repair the various Township and County Line Roads on account of there being a divided jurisdiction; and it is therefore expedient and necessary for this Council to assume said roads for the purpose of making and repairing the same.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED, by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent assembled, under and by virtue of the Acts of the Parliament of the Province of Ontario respecting Municipal Institutions.

1st. That from and after the passing of this By-law this Council will and doth hereby assume all Town Line Roads, Township Boundary Lines and Bridges on the same, and Township boundary lines between Townships and incorporated villages and the Bridges on the same, in this County, for the purpose of making, repairing and keeping the same in repair; and also will and doth hereby assume the various County boundary lines roads for the purposes aforesaid, provided always that no grant of money shall be expended on any County Line road or roads, until an equal amount shall be appropriated by the adjoining County or Township; and any Commissioner or Commissioners, appointed by this Council, shall be held accountable and responsible for any sum or sums of money expended on any such road or roads until an appropriation has been made as aforesaid by the adjoining County or Township.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

NO. 326.

A By-Law to grant the sum of \$20 to repair planking on Botwell Bidge.

PASSED 29TH JANUARY, 1875.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to grant the sum of \$20 to repair the floor plank of Both-

well Bridge. Therefore be it enacted, by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, assembled under and by virtue of an Act respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of Ontario.

1st. That the sum of \$20 be granted to repair the planking on Bothwell Bridge.

2nd. That the Reeve of Bothwell be a Committee to expend the same.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

NO. 227.

A By-Law to confirm the appointment of Henry Robinson as Care-taker of the several County Offices, and to regulate his duties as such Care-taker.

PASSED 30TH JANUARY, 1875.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to confirm the appointment of Henry Robinson as Care-taker of the several County Offices, and to regulate his duties as such Care-taker.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled, by virtue of and under the Municipal Laws of Ontario.

1st. That the appointment of Henry Robinson as Care-taker of the several County Offices, with a salary of \$200 per annum, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

2nd. That the said salary of \$200 be paid to the said Care-taker by the County Treasurer in equal monthly payments.

3rd. That it shall be the duty of the said Care-taker during the months that fires are required to put on fires in each of the County Offices every morning before nine o'clock, and sweep and dust out the same; and during the months when no fires are required, he shall sweep out the rooms every morning and dust out the same, and see that all the rooms are kept clean and in good order for the convenience of the several officers.

4th. That the County Offices are as follows: 1st. The Judge of the County's rooms. 2nd. The Sheriff's Office. 3rd. The Clerk of the Peace and County Attorney's Office. 4th. The Clerk of the Surrogate and County Court Office. 5th. Master in Chancery's Office. 6th. County Treasurer's Office. 7th. County Clerk's Office. 8th. Registry Office.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

NO. 228.

A By-Law to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain Officers of the Corporation of the County of Kent, for the year 1875.

PASSED 30TH JANUARY, 1875.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain Officers of the Corporation of the County of Kent for the current year.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, assembled under and by virtue of "An Act respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of Ontario."

1st. That Andrew Heyward, nominated by the Warden, and George D. Ross, appointed by resolution of Council, are hereby confirmed in the appointment of Auditors of this Corporation, and that it shall be their duty, in addition to any other required of them, either by Act of Parliament, By-law, or resolution of the Council, to audit the School accounts of the various sub-Treasurers in the County of Kent and the accounts of the Treasurer of the High School Trustees, and that their salary shall be the sum of \$30 each per annum.

2nd. That James Duncan, John McCabe and J. B. Rankin are hereby confirmed in the appointment of Examiners of persons applying for certificates as School Teachers in the County of Kent.

3rd. That the appointment of George Young, as Trustee of the High School of this County, be and is hereby confirmed.

4th. That the appointment of Herman J. Eberts and J.J.J. Thompson, as members of the Board of Audit under the Amended Law Reform Act, be and the same is hereby confirmed, and it shall be their duty to audit all accounts authorized to be audited under the said act.

5th. That the Warden and Geo. Young be Auditors to audit the Gaol accounts of this County for the current year.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

—AT THE—

JUNE SESSION—1875,

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

—OF THE—

COUNTY OF KENT.

JOHN LEE, - - - - - Warden;
DANIEL KERR, - - - - - County Clerk;

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1875.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Municipal Council of the County of Kent,

JUNE SESSION — 1875.

FIRST DAY — CHATHAM, Monday, 14th June, 1875.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to adjournment on Monday, the 14th day of June, 1875.

There being a quorum of the members present, it was moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Young, in the absence of the Warden, take the chair.

Mr. Young took the chair. The Roll was called. Present—Councillors Anderson, Baby, Bray, Cameron, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Ferguson, Hopper, Langford, McNeil, McDougall, Morrison, Richardson, Robinson, Roche, Robert (Dover), and Young.

The minutes of the last meeting of the January Session were read and approved.

The following communications, reports, etc., etc., were read.

From the County Clerk of the County of Frontenac, relating to the publication of Lists of Convictions and other advertisements connected with the administration of Justice.

From the County Treasurer, with Estimate of monies required to meet the current expenses of the County for 1875, which was referred to Committee on Finance.

The Warden arrived and took the chair.

A certificate from the Township Clerk of the Township of Orford, under the Corporate Seal, was read, certifying that John James Stewart was appointed Deputy-Reeve of said Township of Orford. On motion, Mr. Stewart took his seat.

The Report of the Committee on Public Buildings was read. Mr. Young gave notice that he would to-morrow move the Council into Committee of the Whole to consider said report.

Various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee, and various notices of motion were given.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow mornieg.

DANIEL KERE, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, Tuesday, 15th June, 1875.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden. Councillors Anderson, Cameron, Coll, Dillon, Hopper, Langford, McDougall, Morrison, Richardson, Robinson, Roberts (Zone), Stewart, Terice, Wade and Young.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report from Edmund B. Harrison, I. P. S., was read.

On motion, the necessary rules were suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Andrew Marcus, in reference to a claim of \$30, damage sustained on the Town Line between Howard and Orford on account of the impassable state of that road in the month of February last.

Mr. Marcus was heard at the bar.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Cameron, That the claim of Mr. Marcus for damages be not entertained, as this Council believes he has no claim on them.—Carried.

The report of the Special Committee on Kent Bridge was read, and, on motion of Mr. Langford, the Council went into Committee of the Whole—Mr. Eberts in the chair. After being in Committee for some time on the following resolution:

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Cameron, That Messrs. Young, Anderson, Bedford, Coll, Terice and the mover, be a Committee to advertise for Tenders for the building of a Wrought Iron Bridge at Kent Bridge, with power to choose the best plan they think proper, said Bridge not to exceed \$9,000. The Council resumed. Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden. Councillors Anderson, Baby, Bedford, Cameron, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Ferguson, Hopper, Langford, McNeil, McDougall, Morrison, Richardson, Robinson, Roche, Roberts (Zone), Stewart, Trerice, Wade, Wright and Young.

On motion of Mr. Langford, the Council went again into Committee of the Whole on the resolution relating to the Kent Bridge—Mr. Eberts in the chair. The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the resolution passed.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Cameron, That the resolution passed in Committee of the Whole be the report of this Council, and that the same be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Robinson, That the Reeves of the different Municipalities of the County be and are hereby appointed a Committee to equalize the Assessment Rolls of 1874.—Carried.

The three following Resolutions were referred to the Road & Bridge Committee: Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. McDougall, That the sum of \$200 be granted to rebuild the Bridge over the Prangley Tap Drain on the Base Line.

Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Roche, That the sum of \$150 be granted to improve the Line of Road between the Town of Chatham and the Township of Raleigh.

Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Richardson, That the sum of \$400 be granted to improve the diverted Road across the Plains, instead of the Raleigh and Tilbury East Town Line.

The report of the Committee on Public Buildings was again read. On motion of Mr. Young the Council went into Committee of the Whole on said report and on the following Resolutions—Mr. Bedford in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Langford, 1st. That it is expedient that this Council provide a House of Industry & Refuge for the poor of this County. 2d. That the Council adopt the plans and specifications submitted by the Committee on Public Buildings. 3d. That the Committee on Public Buildings is hereby instructed to advertise for tenders and proceed with the erection of the House of Industry & Refuge as soon as possible.

After being in Committee for some time, the Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Commissioners on Town Line between Town of Chatham and Townships of Dover and Chatham, was read and adopted.

A communication from John Mercer, Esq., Sheriff, was read, asking an increase to the Turnkey's salary, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY.—CHATHAM, WEDNESDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1875.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Bisnett, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Hopper, Langford, McDougall, Richardson, Robinson, Robert (Dover), Roberts (Zone), Wade and Young.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Various Notices of Motion were given. Various Accounts were put in and referred to Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Eberts the Council went into Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of establishing a Central Bureau of Immigration, Mr. Anderson in the chair. After being in Committee for some time the Council resumed. Chairman reported that a Resolution was adopted in Committee as follows:

That in the opinion of this Council a Bureau of Immigration is not necessary in this County.

On motion of Mr. Young, the Council again went into Committee of the Whole on the Report and Resolutions relating to the building of a Poor House, Mr. Baby in the chair. After some time the Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called, all the members present.

Various Notices were given, and various Accounts put in and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Young the Council again went into Committee of the whole on the Report and Resolutions relating to the building of a Poor House and House of Industry and Refuge, Mr. Baby in the chair. The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the three following Resolutions passed in Committee:

1st. That it is expedient that this Council provide a House of Industry and Refuge for the poor of this County.

2d. That the Committee adopt the Plans submitted by the Committee on Public Buildings.

3d. That the Committee on Public Buildings is hereby instructed to advertise for Tenders and proceed with the erection of the House of Industry and Refuge as soon as possible.

Moved by M. Young, seconded by Mr. Langford, that the Resolutions passed in Committee of the Whole be the Report of this Council, and that the same be adopted.—Carried.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:

YEAS—Councillors Bedford, Wright, Young, Langford, Cameron, Bisnett, McNeil, Richardson, McDougall, Stewart, Trerice, Bray, Roche, Eberts and the Warden—15.

NAYS—Councillors Morrison, Robinson, Wade, Coll, Ferguson, Hopper, Anderson, Baby, Robert (Dover), Roberts (Zone), and Dillon.—11.

The following Resolutions, numbered 1 to 29 inclusive, were read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

1st. Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Bedford, that this Council do grant \$500 to be applied on the County Line between the North Gore of Chatham and the Township of Sombra (in the County of Lambton), on condition that the aforesaid Township or County give an equal amount.

2d. Moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Robinson, that the sum of \$250 be granted to improve the County Line between Tilbury East and West, but not to be expended until the County of Essex or the Township of West Tilbury grant the same amount.

3rd. Moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Robinson. That the sum of \$600 be granted to open up the Town Line between Romney and Tilbury East.

4th. Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Roberts (Zone), That the sum of \$150, appropriated for the Bothwell Bridge Toll-house, be re-appropriated for cutting down the hill at the North approach of the Bridge, between Kent and Middlesex.

5th. Moved by Mr. Coll, seconded by Mr. Langford, That this Council grant the sum of \$800 to improve the Howard and Harwich Town Line.

6th. Moved by Mr. Coll, seconded by Mr. Stewart, That this Council grant the sum of \$600 to improve the Howard and Orford Town Line.

7th. Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Coll, That the sum of \$600 be granted to tighten the bolts in the Thamesville Bridge, and cover the chords of said Bridge with inch pine lumber.

8th. Moved by Mr. Hopper, seconded by Mr. Roberts (Zone), That the sum of \$300 be granted to improve the Town Line between the Gore of Camden and Zone.

9th. Moved by Mr. Eberts, seconded by Mr. Bedford, That the sum of \$100 be granted towards improvement of Line between Town of Chatham and Tp. of Dover and Chatham, starting in rear of Industrial Farm.

10th. Moved by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Langford, That \$300 be granted to the Town Line between Harwich and Raleigh, from Charing Cross to the Lake.

11th. Moved by Mr. McNeil, seconded by Mr. Cameron, That the sum of \$500 be granted to aid in repairing the Road and Bridges on the Town Line between the Townships of Raleigh and Tilbury East.

12th. Moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Coll, That the sum of \$500 be granted for the improvement of the Town Line between Elgin and Kent.

13th. Moved by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Coll, That the sum of \$150 be granted to the County Line between Kent and Lambton and between Zone and Euphemia, providing it be met with an equal grant from the adjoining Municipalities.

14th. Moved by Mr. Hopper, seconded by Mr. Roberts, That the sum of \$200 be granted to improve the Town Line between the Townships of Camden and Zone.

15th. Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Hopper, That this Council grant the sum of \$100 to improve the Town Line between the Village of Dresden and the Tp. of Camden.

16th. Moved by Mr. Baby, seconded by Mr. Wright, That \$500 be granted to improve the Town Line between Dover East and Chatham Township.

17th. Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bedford, That the sum of \$200 be granted to repair the Road between the Townships of Camden and Chatham.

18th. Moved by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Dillon, That the sum of \$50 be granted to repair the road used in lieu of County line between Zone and Euphemia, providing the Tp. of Zone and the Town of Bothwell give an equal amount.

19th. Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Robert (Dover), That this Council grant the sum of \$100 to repair the Chatham and Dover Town Line west of the River Sydenham.

20th. Moved by Mr. Robert (Dover), seconded by Mr. Baby, That the sum of \$300 be granted to improve the Town Lane between Dover East and West.

21st. Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Stewart, That the sum of \$200 be granted to improve the boundary line between the Village of Wallaceburg and the Township of Chatham.

22nd. Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bedford, That the sum of \$300 be granted to improve the County line between Lambton and the Gore of Camden, on condition that the County of Lambton or Tp. of Dawn grant an equal amount.

23rd. Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Richardson, That \$500 be granted to improve the County line between Romney and Mersea, provided the County of Essex or Township of Mersea grant an equal amount.

24th. Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Richardson, That the sum of \$300 be granted to improve the County line between Romney and Tilbury West, provided the County of Essex or the Township of Tilbury West grant an equal amount.

25th. Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Hopper, That this Council grant \$200 to repair boundary line between the Gore of Chatham and the Gore of Camden.

26th. Moved by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Cameron, That the sum of \$60 be granted by this Council to dig a ditch from the Town line between Harwich and Howard, through the marsh to the waters of the Rond Eau.

27th. Moved by Mr. Roberts (Zone), seconded by Mr. Dillon, That the sum of \$50 be granted to improve Town line between Camden and Gore of Zone.

28th. Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bedford, That the sum of \$300 be granted to repair road between the Gore of Camden and the Tp. of Chatham.

29th. Moved by Mr. Roberts (Zone), seconded by Mr. Dillon, That the sum of \$50 be granted to improve Town Line between Zone and the Town of Bothwell.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, a By-law to repeal By-law No. 319, passed on the 8th day of June, A.D. 1874, entitled "A By-law to aid and assist the Erie & Huron Railway Company, by giving \$155,000 to said Company by way of bonus, and to issue Debentures therefor, and to authorize the levying of a Special rate for the payment of the Debentures and Interest," was read a first time. Mr. McDougall gave notice of the second reading.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, the Report of the Commissioners on the Town line between Harwich and Raleigh, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, the Report of the Commissioner on the diverted Town line across the Plains between Raleigh and Tilbury East, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Eberts, seconded by Mr. Roche, That this Council appropriate towards dredging the bar at the mouth of the Thames, \$1000.—Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Wright, That John J. Stewart be added to the Road and Bridge Committee.—Carried.

Various notices were given, and various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, Thursday, 17th June, 1875.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Messrs. McNeil and Bisnett.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Langford, That the Committee on Public Buildings be and are hereby instructed to have the following improvements made:

1st. To have the wall in front of the Court House repaired and pointed with water-lime.

2nd. To have the ceiling at the entrance door of portico repaired.

3rd. To replace the present fence in Gaoler's yard with a higher fence of similar

description, as reported by Committee on Public Buildings.—Carried.

On motion the Report of the Commissioners on the Wallaceburg Bridges was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Wright, and Resolved, That this Council accept the proposition made by the Village of Wallaceburg to this Council, proposing to accept the sum of Four Thousand Dollars in full for the Bridges spanning the Sydenham at Wallaceburg.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Baby, Bisnett, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Hopper, Langford, McNeil, McDougall, Morrison, Richardson, Robinson, Roche, Roberts (Zone), Stewart, Wade, Wright and Young.

A communication from Charles R. Atkinson, Solicitor, was read relating to amount due to the County by the Registrar.

Mr. McDougall's motion relating to the Bridges at Wallaceburg, was again read; also, opinion from Mr. Atkinson on the same.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Bisnett, That this matter relating to the Bridges at Wallaceburg lay over till the December Session for further consideration.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr. Bedford, seconded by Dr. Bray, That this Council do pay to the Village of Wallaceburg the sum of \$1000 as full compensation for the Wallaceburg Bridges, providing said Village assign their right and title to this Corporation.

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried—motion and amendment to the amendment lost.

On motion of Mr. Coll, a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Tp. of Howard was read a first time. Mr. Coll gave notice of the second reading.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, the By-law to repeal By-law No. 319, passed 8th June, 1874, relating to the Erie & Huron Railway, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the aforesaid By-law—Mr. Roche in the chair. The Council resumed. The Chairman reported By-law passed in Committee of the Whole, with a clause added.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Wright, That said By-law be now read a third time and passed.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Eberts, seconded by Mr. Roche, That the By-law be not read a third time, but be re-committed with instructions to expunge the first and second clauses thereof.

On the vote being taken the amendment was lost, motion carried.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows on the amendment:—

YEAS—Councillors Langford, Trerice, Bray, Roche, Eberts, Anderson, and the Warden.—7.

NAYS—Councillors Young, Bedford, Wright, McDougall, Stewart, Richardson, Robinson, McNeil, Morrison, Bisnett, Wade, Coll, Ferguson, Hopper, Dillon, Roberts (Zone), Robert (Dover), and Baby.—18.

The By-law was then read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Coll, seconded by Mr. Wade, that this Council grant the sum of \$100 to procure a gravel pit for the use of the Harwich and Howard Town Line. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Moved by Mr. Bisnett, seconded by Mr. Langford, that the sum of \$200 be granted to the Village of Blenheim to assist them in building a Lock-up in said Village. Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Hopper, that \$100 be granted to improve the Town Line between Camden and Thamesville. Referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Roberts (Zone), the Report of the Road and Bridge Committee was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Stewart, that the bridges at Wallaceburg be placed on the same basis as other County bridges with regard to Tolls.—Carried.

Various Notices were put in and various Accounts were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, Friday, 18th June, 1875.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Bisnett, Bray, Coll, Dillen, Eberts, Hopper, McNeil, McDougall, Richardson, Robinson, Roberts (Zone), Stewart, Wright, and Young.

Various Accounts were put in and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned till 11 o'clock, to allow Committees to meet.

The Council resumed. Moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Dillon, that the sum of \$100 be granted on the south approach of Bothwell bridge, to repair ditch that is undermining the end of bridge. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—The Warden and all the Councillors.

On motion of Mr. Coll, a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Howard was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Coll, the Council went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Bedford in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-law passed in Committee, without amendments.

On motion of Mr. Coll, said By-law was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. McNeil, that the Building Committee be and is hereby authorized to sell the land now held for a Poor House and purchase other land, any place they may think proper in this County and out of the Town of Chatham, for the purpose of building a Poor House upon.—Lost.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the following Resolution—Mr. Bedford in the chair:

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Bisnett, That the Roof of the Poor House be covered with slate; and put in the gutters with galvanized iron; and that the Building Committee be authorized to furnish said Poor House.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that a resolution passed in Committee.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Bisnett, That the Resolution passed in Committee of the Whole be the Report to this Council, and that the same be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Langford, That the sum of \$120 be granted by this Council to rebuild the Bridge over the Prangley Tap Drain—this amount being to the credit of said Tap Drain.—Referred to Road & Bridges Com.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, the second report of the Road & Bridge Committee was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Eberts, the report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, the report of the Committee on Equalization was read and adopted.

Notices of motion were given.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

SIXTH DAY—CHATHAM, Saturday, 19th June, 1875.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden. Councillors Anderson, Baby, Bedford, Cameron, Coll, Eberts, Ferguson, Hopper, McDougall, Richardson, Robinson, Robert (Dover), Roberts (Zone), Stewart, Wade, Wright and Young.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Roberts (Zone), seconded by Mr. Young, That the 18th and 24th Rules be suspended for the remainder of the Session.—Carried.

Mr. Coll presented the petition of Jacob Smith and 106 others, which was read, praying the Council to incorporate the Village of Ridgetown.

Moved by Mr. Coll, seconded by Mr. Young, That the prayer of the Petition now read be granted.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Roberts (Zone), a By-law to grant certain sums of money to the County and Township boundary Roads and Bridges in the County of Kent, and to appoint Commissioners to expend the same, was read a first and second times.

On motion of Mr. Roberts (Zone), the Council went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law—Mr. Anderson in the chair. The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law passed in Committee with blanks filled up, and a new clause added.

On motion of Mr. Roberts (Zone), the aforesaid By-law was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Coll, a By-law to appoint a person to take the Census or Enumeration of the people of the Village of Ridgetown, was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Coll, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law—Mr. Langford in the chair. The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law as having passed in Committee with blanks filled up.

On motion of Mr. Coll, the By-law was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Bedford, a communication from A. McDonell, Esq., C. E., was read relating to the survey of a Drain, on which an assessment against the County is made, for improving the Town Line between the Townships of Chatham and Dover.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Stewart, and resolved, That the sum of \$200 be appropriated for the painting and repairing of the Wallaceburg Bridges. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Langford, That this Council grant the sum of \$100 to build the Bridge on the Prangley Tap Drain.—Lost.

On motion of Mr. Roche, the Report of the Committee on County Printing was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, a By-law to regulate the Public travel over the two Bridges spanning the River Sydenham at Wallaceburg, and to provide for the maintenance thereof, was read a first and second times.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law—Mr. Wight in the chair. The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law passed in Committee, with amendments and blanks filled up.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, the aforesaid By-law was read a third time and passed.

On motion the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—The Warden, and all the Councillors except Mr. Terrio.

Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, That the Reeves of Harwich and Howard be a Committee to confer and act with the Warden in matters connected with drainage relative to Town and County Lines, in accordance with By-law No. 297.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Eberts, the second report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. McNeil, seconded by Mr. Richardson, That the Reeve of Dover be appointed by this Council to superintend the laying out of the money granted by this Council for the purpose of dredging out the channel at the mouth of the River Thames.—Lost.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, a By-law to amend By-law No. 237, passed 10th of June, 1868, was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law—Mr. Anderson in the chair. The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law as having passed in Committee without amendments.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, the aforesaid By-law was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Eberts a By-law to raise the sum of \$27,192.73, to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent and for other purposes, was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Eberts, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law—Mr. Bedford in the chair. The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law as having passed in Committee with blanks filled up.

On motion of Mr. Eberts, the aforesaid By-law was read a third time and passed.

On motion, the third report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Eberts, a By-law to raise by way of loan the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the purpose therein mentioned, was read a first and second time.

On motion the Council went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law—Mr. Anderson in the chair. The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law as having passed in Committee with amendments and blanks filled up.

Moved by Mr. Roche, seconded by Mr. Eberts, That this Council hold a Special Meeting at the Court House, in the Town of Chatham, on the 15th day of October, 1875, for the purpose of passing a By-law authorizing a loan of \$20,000.

On motion, the Council adjourned till Monday the 6th day of December next, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the despatch of business.—Carried.

REPORTS.

PETITION TO INCORPORATE VILLAGE OF RIDGETOWN.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN,—The petition of the undersigned freeholders and householders, residents of the unincorporated Village of Ridgetown and its immediate vicinity in the said County, representing at least a total of 100 persons, 50 of whom are freeholders therein, most respectfully sheweth—

That your petitioners are desirous of having the said Village with its immediate neighborhood set apart from the Township of Howard, in which the same is situated, and incorporated as a Village under its present name of 'Ridgetown.' That the said village and neighborhood, sought to be so incorporated, represents a resident population of over seven hundred and fifty persons, whose residences are situated within an area of four hundred acres of land, and sufficiently near each other to form an incorporated Village. That all such ways and means to insure such incorporation within this present year may be taken and adopted, as in the opinion of your Honorable Council may be deemed just and reasonable. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray. Signed by Luther Carpenter and 106 others.

Dated Ridgetown, June 11th, 1875.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, Chatham, 14th June, 1875.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor herewith to lay before your Honorable body the Estimate of moneys required to meet the current expenses of the County for the current year, amounting to the sum of Thirty-two thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine dollars and seven cents.

Your Honorable Body will observe that some of the amounts are largely in excess of former Estimates, notably for the adm. of Justice and payment of Jurors, but taking as a criterion what has been paid on these accounts for the first two quarters, I don't think less would meet the expenditure for the year.

The pay of Jurors having been increased to one dollar and a half per diem, I may mention that for the last two Courts the amount paid was \$1607.90. I would further state that the granting of orders to indigent witnesses has recently become so frequent that I have thought it advisable to open a separate account under that head, and have placed an account in the Estimate to meet same.

The deficiency in 1874 and the amount due Mr. James Ferguson in respect to his contract for building Thamesville Bridge, together with the augmentation above mentioned, will account for the present estimate being so large.

I beg to state that I have received the sum of \$950 on account of arrears due by the Registrar through Mr. Atkinson, who will no doubt report to your Honorable Body fully in regard to this matter. And I further beg to state that the Registrar has made his return to me of fees payable the County for 1874, from which it appears that the sum due in respect of that year is \$994.23.

I enclosed an account from Messrs. Reid, Groat & Co., with letter from the Registrar having reference thereto, and beg to say that I have declined payment until instructed by your Honorable Body, on the grounds that no requisition, as required by statute, was made upon me to get the work done for which the charge is made—that I was not aware of its having been ordered by any competent authority, and the charge appeared to me to be very high, I was therefore desirous the account should go before you.

Having recently had a return of my old illness and my daughter being still in delicate health, I have under medical advice concluded on taking a trip across the Atlantic, and shall be absent probably two or three months, during which time I shall leave my office in charge of Mr. J. J. J. Thompson, by whom I feel assured the duties will be discharged with the greatest efficiency.

Hoping this arrangement will be satisfactory and meet the approval of your Honorable Body,—I am, gentlemen, your obt. servant,

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

ESTIMATE OF MONEYS REQUIRED TO MEET THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY OF
KENT FOR THE YEAR 1875.

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| Deficiency in 1874..... | \$2096 33 | Office rent..... | 465 00 |
| Debentures to retire..... | 3000 00 | Ins. on P. Buiddings & Bridges.. | 276 25 |
| In. on Debentures..... | 1845 00 | Selectors of Jurors..... | 106 00 |
| Note to Jas. Ferguson..... | 8533 00 | Payment of Jurors..... | 3000 00 |
| In. on note..... | 879 84 | Councillors' wages & Committees | 2000 00 |
| Medicine for Prisoners..... | 11 65 | Salary care-taker of offices..... | 200 00 |
| Coroner's orders..... | 200 00 | Inspector Licenses, '74, '75..... | 75 00 |
| High School grant..... | 400 00 | Indigent witnesses..... | 150 00 |
| Salary of School Inspector..... | 600 00 | Otter Creek drain..... | 200 00 |
| Board of Examiners..... | 100 00 | Drill Shed, Wallaceburg, grant.. | 200 00 |
| Board of Audit..... | 16 00 | Bothwell Bridge grant..... | 20 00 |
| Registry Office for books..... | 109 00 | West Kent Agricultural Society.. | 250 00 |
| Miscellaneous expenses..... | 400 00 | East " "..... | 250 00 |
| County printing..... | 200 00 | Expenses deputation to Berlin.. | 36 00 |
| Adm. Justice, not Criminal..... | 4500 00 | Wallaceburg Bridges, say..... | 200 00 |
| Fuel for offices..... | 100 00 | | |
| Salaries Treas., Clerk & Auditors | 1760 00 | | \$32879 07 |
| P. Build'g reps. & fencing H.S.G. | 700 00 | | |

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treas., Kent.

County Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 14th June, 1875.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipal Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit the following Report of the Public and Roman Catholic Separate Schools in the Co. of Kent for the year 1874:

The Trustees' Reports show that there were 9,475 pupils, between the ages of 5 and 16, in the County, exclusive of the Town of Bothwell and the Incorporated Villages of Dresden and Thamesville; of these 9,273 were entered on the School Registers, thus showing that nearly 98 per cent. attended the schools during the year 1874.

The number of pupils of all ages entered on the Daily Registers was 9,742. Of these there were 5,205 boys and 4,537 girls. At the end of the year there were 116 teachers. One held a third-class Provincial; 18, second-class Provincial; one held 1st class Old County Board; two held second-class Old County Board; 89, third-class New Co. Board, and five held special certificates. Fourteen had attended the Normal School.

The total receipts for all Public and Separate School purposes in the rural sections amounted to \$62,220.73, and the total payments to \$54,502.94. The total amount of debts due on the 31st day of December was \$6,254.69. The teachers received from all sources \$36,394.47. The cost per annum for each pupil, estimated on the number of pupils of all ages on the Daily Registers of the said Schools during the year 1874 and the amount paid to teachers, was \$3.08. In 1873, it was \$3.70. The cost per pupil, estimated on the average attendance and the amount paid to teachers, was \$5.05; in 1873, it was \$5.13. The cost per pupil, estimated on the Daily Registers and the total Expenditures, was nearly \$5.60; in 1873, it was about the same, viz:—\$5.60. And the cost per pupil, estimated on the average attendance and the total expenditure, was \$7.50; in 1873, it was \$7.75.

The highest salary paid to a male teacher was \$660; the lowest was, \$290; and the average was \$361.73. The average salary paid to female teachers was \$272.23.

To the question, "What are the chief obstacles to the advancement of the School?" The answer almost invariably commenced with "Irregular attendance." Even in this there is a slight improvement. The larger pupils have frequently said to me, "it is of no use for me to go unless I can go regularly." Accordingly, all the work that could be done before attempting to go to school was done, consequently they went regularly until the busy season called them away. Until labor is more abundant, competitive examinations held, a portion of school fund given according to the work done, and parents better educated, no rapid progress in this case can reasonably be expected.

Of the 9,742 pupils of all ages on the Daily Registers of the Schools, about 13 per cent. attended less than 20 days; 21 per cent., 50 days; 29 per cent., 100 days; 20 per cent., 150 days; 14 per cent., 200 days, and less than 3 per cent. attended more than 200 days. Two schools were not opened during the year.

The school houses can accommodate about 70 per cent. of all the pupils entered on the Daily Registers. With respect to adequate school accommodation, a great improvement has been made since 1871, but I trust a greater improvement will be made in the future. The idea that a change would soon be made in the boundaries of certain school sections, has to a very great extent prevented more being accomplished. Our inconvenient and, I may say, unsightly log buildings are now reduced to 10.

The schools are, with one or two exceptions, fairly supplied with maps, although some of them are old and require to be replaced with new ones, but there is a great want of suitable apparatus and Public School Libraries.

The introduction of Monitors, Assistant Teachers, and gradually restricting the issue of Third-class Certificates may possibly lead to the necessity of teachers acquiring a professional training, without which the prescribed Natural Sciences will be well taught by only a very few teachers. The latter remark will undoubtedly suggest to you that our greatest defect, at the present time, is that very few applicants for teachers' certificates have been properly trained.—I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your obt. servant,
E. B. HARRISON, P. S. I., Kent.

Ridgetown, July, 8th, 1875.

REPORT OF COM. ON WALLACEBURG BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to take charge of the two bridges at Wallaceburg beg leave to report—

On the 1st day of April last your Commissioner, in compliance with the resolution of this Council passed in Jan'y last, took charge of the said Bridges, and advertised for propositions from parties wishing to engage for the opening and closing of said bridges. Several propositions were submitted, the lowest offers for doing the work being 95c. per day for the large bridge, and 90c. per day for the small one. Your Com. did not cause tolls to be collected until instructed so to do by the Warden. Upon receiving instructions from the Warden to impose tolls an attempt was made to collect them, commencing on the 10th day of May and continuing till the 7th day of June, but it was with difficulty that any tolls could be collected, the majority of parties positively refusing to pay; and your Commissioner did not think it advisable to institute legal proceedings to enforce payment.

The amount of tolls collected on both bridges for the time above mentioned amounted to \$4.82.

Your Commissioner caused some necessary repairs to be done on said bridges, amounting to \$34.30. The repairs were: 2 pinions, one wheel at south end of large bridge and repairs done to approach of same bridge, rendered necessary by damage done by steam tug Beaver, which damage was appraised by a competent mechanic at \$30—for which amount your Commissioner presented an account to the captain and owner of said tug, and if instructed by this Council your Commissioner will cause the same to be collected. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

A. McDougall, Com.

REPORT ON KENT BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to investigate the safety of Kent Bridge as to public travel; also to procure plans and specifications of an Iron or Wooden Superstructure; or if it would be better to erect a new Centre Stone Pier, beg leave to report as follows:

They met at Kent Bridge, March 19th. Having examined the centre pier and finding it much decayed and settling down on the piles, the upper end beginning to give way on account of the ice and drift constantly striking it in time of spring freshets, Your Committee consider the superstructure unsafe; the timber is decaying, and arch foots slipping out of their places. They then resolved that it was necessary to build a new bridge, instructing Messrs. Langford & Coll to make what inquiries they could in regard to an iron bridge. We then opened correspondence with the Kellogg Iron Bridge Co., of Buffalo, and Wrought Iron Bridge Co., of Canton, Ohio, also the Canadian Co., of Hamilton. These are the only companies we received plans and estimates from, price ranging from \$40 to \$44 per lineal foot.

Your Committee met at Kent Bridge, May 27th, with the representatives of the Canton Co. and also the Canadian Co., of Hamilton, and received the plans now submitted. They also recommended the building of a wrought iron bridge. They met

the representative of the Buffalo Co. on the 14th instant, and talked over the matter with them. The plans now submitted are from that Co.

There is little difference between the plans of either Co. Your Committee would therefore recommend that the committee be at liberty to receive tenders from more than one discription of iron bridge.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. LANGFORD, Chairman.

REPORT COM. ON LINE BETWEEN TP. CHATHAM AND TP. DOVER.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We your Committee appointed to expend an appropriation of \$75 on line between Town of Chatham and Tps. of Dover and Chatham, beg leave to report: That they have sold 120 rods of ditching and grading to Geo. Paulucci at 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per rod, \$51; 60 rods ditching to Thos. Bourdeau at 23¢., \$13.80—\$64.80—leaving a balance to be expended of \$10.20. The work is now in progress but not completed.

H. J. EBERTS & F. BABY, Commissioners.

Council Chamber, June 15th, 1875.

REPORT DIVERTED LINE ACROSS THE PLAINS BETWEEN RALEIGH AND TILBURY E.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Corporation of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to report that, in consequence of two Bridges breaking down on the diverted Town Lane across the plains, Raleigh and Tilbury, I have been obliged to pay out \$4.50 for work, and yet owe \$4 for plank—\$8.50.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. MORRISON, Reeve of Raleigh.

REPORT ON RALEIGH AND TILBURY E. T. L.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Corporation of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We beg leave to report that, in consequence of two bridges breaking down on the Harwich and Raleigh Town Line, we have been obliged to erect two new ones, amounting to \$44. We therefore ask you to grant us power to issue orders to the contractors for the same.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. MORRISON & JOHN CAMERON, Com'rs.

Council Chamber, June 16, 1875.

REPORT PRINTING COM.

To the Warden and Council of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Printing beg leave to report that they received two tenders for printing, one from R. Stephenson and one from J. R. Gemmill. The tender of Mr. Gemmill being the lowest, the contract was awarded to him. Also, we, your Com., instructed the Clerk to prepare an index to the By-laws, reports, etc., in the printed minutes of the proceedings of the Council, for the years 1871 and '74, inclusive, and have six copies bound—one copy for the use of the Treasurer, one for the Co. Clerk, and the remaining four for reference in the Council Chamber, which will no doubt be a great convenience to the members while in session.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. J. ROCHE, Chairman Printing Com.

REPORT COM. ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Buildings beg leave to report: That at their first meeting, on the 14th day of April last, they appointed two of their body—Messrs. Eberts and Young—to visit Berlin, in the County of Waterloo, to enquire into the extent and working of the House of Industry & Refuge established in that County. On the 21st of April the deputation visited Berlin, where they received every attention, kindness and information from the officials there, particularly from Israel D. Bowman, Esq., Co. Clerk, who is also Inspector of the Institution, and from Mr. D. McDougall, County Registrar of Waterloo, once a resident of Chatham, connected with the Kent Advertiser.

The premises consist of a main building, 55x50, three stories high with basement below, and two wings, each 50x35, two stories high with basement below. The basements are built of stone, the other stories of brick. They built an additional wing last year. They have 140 acres of land, which they find to be by far too much, as the hiring of help to work it only entails expense. Everything about the institution is clean and neat and all in good order, and was represented as working most satisfactorily. The number of inmates at the time of the visit was about 80, consisting of

old men, old women and young children. The Clerk furnished Messrs. Eberts and Young, for the information of the Council, copies of the by-laws, reports etc., connected with the working of the institution (now in the hands of your Clerk) which shows the cost of maintenance for each inmate for the last year to be only 83½c. per week. On the report of the deputation to your Committee, they instructed Mr. Young to prepare plans, specifications and estimates of plain buildings suitable for from 80 to 100 inmates. Mr. Young did so, and submitted them to your Com., who fully approved of the same, and recommend their adoption by the Council; and that the Council proceed with the erection of the buildings as soon as possible.

Your Committee begs further to report that they have advertised for tenders for fencing High School grounds. They received tenders ranging from 80c. to 55c. per lineal foot. They accepted the tender of Mr. A. Wilson at 55c. per lineal foot. It is now finished, except painting. Mr. Wilson is now building two new privies, which will soon be finished.

One of the sills below entrance gate to front yard of goal had so decayed that a prisoner might get through, your com. have therefore had it replaced with a new one.

They have also had the platform at Warden's seat altered. Your Com. would call the attention of the Council to the necessity of pointing and repairing the walls below the iron railing in front of court house, as it is in a very bad state of repair; also the ceiling below portico at entrance door. The gaoler complains that the present fence running from the gate to entrance door is too low, and would request the Council to replace it by a higher one.

Your Committee visited the new Registry Office, and examined the same, and accepted it as finished from the contractors. The Chairman gave an order on the Treasurer for balance due them, \$125.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. YOUNG, Chairman.

REPORT COM. ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Com. on Roads & Bridges beg most respectfully to report that they recommend the following sums of money be granted to the different Town and Co. lines in the Co. of Kent, as follows:

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| Co. line between Gore of Chatham and Sombra..... | \$250 00 |
| Romney and Tilbury East Town Line..... | 400 00 |
| Co Line between Tilbury E. and West..... | 200 00 |
| Howard and Harwich Town line..... | 200 00 |
| Howard and Orford Town line..... | 400 00 |
| Grant to Thamesville Bridge to tighten up bolts, etc..... | 50 00 |
| Zone and Camden Town line..... | 250 00 |
| Chatham Town and Dover near Industrial Farm..... | 50 00 |
| Harwich and Raleigh Town line, from Charing Cross to the Lake..... | 200 00 |
| Raleigh and Tilbury E. Town line..... | 300 00 |
| Co. line between Elgin and Kent and Orford and Aldborough..... | 300 00 |
| Co. line between Kent and Lambton and between Zone and Euphemia..... | 150 00 |
| Town line between Camden and Zone..... | 150 00 |
| “ Village of Dresden and Camden..... | 100 00 |
| “ Dover E. and Chatham Township..... | 350 00 |
| “ Camden Township and Chatham..... | 150 00 |
| Road used in lieu of Co. line between Zone and Euphemia, provided the Tp. Zone and Town of Bothwell grant equal amt..... | 50 00 |
| Chatham and Dover Town line..... | 100 00 |
| Dover E. and West Town line..... | 200 00 |
| Town line between Village of Wallaceburg and Chatham Township..... | 200 00 |
| Co. line between Lambton and Gore of Camden..... | 300 00 |
| “ Romney and Mersea..... | 400 00 |
| “ Romney and Tilbury West..... | 150 00 |
| Town line between Gore of Chatham and Gore of Camden..... | 150 00 |
| “ Howard and Harwich to dig tap drain near Rond Eau..... | 60 00 |
| “ Zone and Town of Bothwell..... | 50 00 |
| “ Town of Chatham and Township Raleigh..... | 100 00 |
| “ Camden and Gore Zone..... | 50 00 |
| “ Gore Camden and Township Chatham..... | 150 00 |
| Diverted road line between Raleigh and Tilbury..... | 300 00 |
| Total grant..... | \$5760 00 |

And your Com. further recommend that the sum of \$150, formerly appropriated to erect a toll-house at the Bothwell Bridge, be re-appropriated towards cutting down north approach to said bridge.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. ROBERTS, Chairman.

Council Chamber, June 17, 1875.

REPORT ON EQUALIZATION.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to equalize the Assessment Rolls of the different Municipalities within this County beg leave to report as follows: That they have examined the assessment rolls and the abstracts therefrom, and would recommend that this Council strike the rate for the year 1875 in the several Municipalities in accordance with the equalized Schedule herewith submitted, and that the same be forwarded to the Finance Com. for the purpose of striking the County rate.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. FERGUSON, Chairman.

FINANCE REPORT.

To the Warden and Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Com. on Finance, beg leave to present our report on the various matters and accounts referred to us, and have the honor to recommend as follows, that the accounts of the Commissioners, &c., as hereunder be paid:

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| E. Bedford..... | \$ 4 00 | R. J. Morrison..... | 2 00 |
| E. J. Roche..... | 2 00 | W. Cell..... | 10 00 |
| A. Terrie..... | 4 00 | J. Langford..... | 22 50 |
| James Smith..... | 2 00 | H. J. Eberts..... | 18 00 |
| M. McNeil..... | 4 00 | “ expenses to Berlin.... | 20 00 |
| A. McDougall..... | 6 00 | Geo. Young..... | 24 00 |
| R. J. Morrison..... | 4 00 | “ expenses to Berlin.... | 20 00 |
| John Cameron..... | 4 00 | “ plans & specifications for | |
| A. Anderson..... | 2 00 | House of Industry.... | 50 00 |
| T. Dillon..... | 8 00 | | |

That from the acct. of J. Lee, Esq., Warden—\$16—there be deducted charges for horse-hire, \$4, bal..... \$12 00

That from the acct. of Jas Stewart—\$14—there be deducted charges for mileage, \$4, bal..... 10 00

That from the acct. of Thomas Holmes—\$8.40—there be deducted mileage one way, \$2.20, bal..... 6 20

That the following accts. be paid:

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| J. & W. McKeough, damper Co. Clerk's office..... | \$ 40 |
| “ coal stove, etc., for Registry office..... | 24 75 |
| “ Co. Judge's office, furniture..... | 2 31 |
| S. Barfoot, postage, etc., to April 28, '75..... | 10 88 |
| Taylor & Fisher, acct. coal for Registry office..... | 12 46 |
| Dr. D. G. Fleming, examining three lunatics..... | 15 00 |
| R. Stephenson, adv. tenders for fencing, and meeting on the 14th inst..... | 7 92 |
| Jas. Holmes, stationery, etc., Clerk's office..... | 11 41 |
| W. J. Patching, coal for Registry office..... | 8 54 |
| Isa Cronk, adv. 'bridge tenders wanted'..... | 3 00 |
| Welling & Williamson, sub. Canada Law Journal..... | 10 00 |
| J. H. Bell, sill for gateway gaol, \$7, and repairs Council Chamber, \$12.85..... | 19 85 |

Your Com. recommend the payment of account of Messrs. Reid, Graut & Co., for binding 5 vols. Patent Reports, \$25, but at the same time would express their disapproval of the course pursued by the Registrar in causing this work to be performed without first communicating with the proper authorities, and applying through the proper sources.

With reference to the letter of Mr. Sheriff Mercer, applying for an increase of salary for Turnkey, your Com. would recommend that his salary be hereafter from July next \$300 per annum, instead of \$200, as heretofore.

Your Com. recommend that the application of the Reeve of Blenheim for a grant of \$200 to aid in the construction of a Lock-up in that Village, in addition to fixed grant of \$250, heretofore granted, be entertained.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. EBERTS, Chairman.

Council Chamber, June 18, '75.

SECOND REPORT.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Com. on Finance, beg leave to present their second report on the accts. and matters referred to them, and beg leave to recommend as follows:

That the acct. of James Harper for signs, \$5, be paid, and that the report of Com. last session on his acct. of \$6, for painting buckets, be not allowed. That J. & W. McKeough's acct. for furnishing and work at gaol be paid—\$59.80 That the acct. of P. D. McKellar, for express charges, disbursements for wood and registration of documents, be paid—\$30.95. That the appropriation for aid to Town of Chatham toward dredging bar at mouth of Thames be made of, \$1000. That a loan of \$20,000 be effected to pay appropriation for iron bridge at Kent Bridge, and bal. due contractor on Tecumseh Bridge from last year, and for other purposes. That in order to meet the necessary expenses of the current year a rate of 2½ mills be levied on the equalized value of 1874 of all the Townships, Towns and Incorporated villages.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. EBERTS, Chairman.

Council Chamber, June 19, 1875.

THIRD REPORT.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Com. on Finance beg leave to report that, owing to the large drain on the resources of the County for expenditure during the current year, entailing the necessity of borrowing \$20,000 for certain appropriations made, that it is impossible to find the funds necessary to go on with the building of the House of Industry & Refuge until the Dec'r session.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. EBERTS, Chairman.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 329.

A By-law to repeal By-law No. 319, passed on the 8th day of June, A. D. 1875, entitled A By-law to aid and assist the Erie & Huron Railway Company by giving \$155,000 to the said Company by way of bonus and to issue debentures therefor, and to authorize the levying of a Special Rate for the payment of the Debentures and interest.

PASSED 17th June, 1875.

WHEREAS, at the time the above mentioned By-law was submitted to this Council it was the opinion of this Council that it possessed no discretionary power to pass or reject the same.

AND WHEREAS, by recent decisions of the Superior Courts of this Province, delivered in similar cases, it has been decided that this and other similar Corporations possess such discretionary powers.

AND WHEREAS, this Council deem it expedient to repeal the above mentioned By-law.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal Institutions Acts of the Province of Ontario.

1st. That the said By-law be and the same is hereby repealed.

2nd. That it shall not be lawful for the Warden to make, sign or issue the said Debentures in the said By-law mentioned, or for the Treasurer of this Municipality to countersign any such Debentures until authorized and instructed so to do by this Council.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

NO. 330.

A By-law to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Howard.

PASSED 18th June, 1875.

WHEREAS it is necessary to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Howard, passed on the 19th day of December, 1874, and numbered 9 of 1874, being a By-law to deviate a certain portion of what is known as the Old River Road in the Township of Howard, and to open another Road in lieu thereof upon part of Lot No. 12, in the First Concession, Eastern boundary, and Lot No. 12 in the First Concession, Western boundary, and for other purposes therein mentioned, as recited in said By-law.

AND WHEREAS, it appears in and by the said By-law that all the notices and other requirements of the 424th section of the Municipal Act of 1873 has been complied with.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled, by virtue of the Municipal Acts of the Province of Ontario.

1st. That the said recited By-law for deviating and opening Road in lieu thereof upon part of Lot No. 12, in the First Concession, Eastern boundary, and Lot No. 12 in First Concession, Western boundary, therein mentioned, as recited in said By-law of the Township of Howard, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

NO. 331.

A By-law to appropriate certain sums of money to the County and Township boundary Roads and Bridges in the County of Kent, and to appoint Commissioners to expend the same.

PASSED 19th June, 1875.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to grant the following sums of money, and they are hereby granted, to improve the different County and Township boundary Roads and Bridges hereinafter mentioned.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Acts respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of Ontario.

1st. The sum of \$250, to improve County line between Gore of Chatham and Sombra, and that the Deputy-Reeve of Chatham Tp. be a Committee to expend the same.

2nd. The sum of \$200—to improve County line between Tilbury East and West, and that the Reeve of Tilbury East be a Committee to expend the same.

3rd. The sum of \$400—to improve Town line between Romney and Tilbury East, and that the Reeves of Tilbury East and Romney be a Committee to expend the same.

4th. The sum of \$200—to improve Town line between Howard and Harwich, and that the Reeve of Howard and the 1st Deputy-Reeve of Harwich be a Committee to expend the same.

5th. The sum of \$400—to improve Town line between Howard and Orford, and that the Reeve of Orford and the Dep.-Reeve of Howard be a Committee to expend the same.

6th. The sum of \$50—to tighten the bolts, etc., of Tecumseh Bridge, and that the Reeve of Thamesville be a Committee to expend the same.

7th. The sum of \$250—to improve Town line between Zone and Gore of Camden, and that the Reeve of Zone and Dep-Reeve of Camden be a Committee to expend the same.

8th. The sum of \$50—to improve Town line between Chatham Town and Dover near Industrial Farm, and that the Reeves of Chatham and Chatham Tp. be a Committee to expend the same.

9th. The sum of \$200—to improve Town line between Harwich and Raleigh, from Charing Cross to the Lake, and that the Dep.-Reeve of Raleigh and the 2nd Deputy-Reeve of Harwich be a Committee to expend the same.

10th. The sum of \$300—to improve Town line between Raleigh and Tilbury East, and that the Reeve of Tilbury East and the Reeve of Raleigh be a Committee to expend the same.

11th. The sum of \$300—to improve County line between Kent and Elgin and Orford and Aldborough, and that the Dep.-Reeve of Orford be a Committee to expend the same.

12th. The sum \$150—to improve County line between Kent and Lambton and Zone and Euphemia, and that the Reeve of Zone be a Committee to expend the same.

13th. The sum of \$150—to improve Town line between Camden and Zone, and that the Reeve of Zone and the Dep-Reeve of Camden be a Committee to expend the same.

14th. The sum of \$100—to improve Town line between Camden and Village of Dresden, and that the Reeve of Camden and the Reeve of Dresden be a Committee to expend the same.

15th. The sum of \$350—to improve Town line between Dover East and Chatham Tp., and that the Reeves of Dover and Chatham Townships be a Committee to expend the same.

16th. The sum of \$150—to improve Town line between Camden and Chatham, and that the Reeves of Camden and Chatham Townships be a Committee to expend the same.

17th. The sum of \$50—to improve road used in lieu of County line between Zone and Euphemia, providing an equal amount be met by the Town of Bothwell and Tp. of Zone, and that the Reeves of Zone and Bothwell be a Committee to expend the same.

18th. The sum of \$100—to improve between Chatham and Dover, west of the River Sydenham, and that the Reeves of Wallaceburg and Dover be a Committee to expend the same.

19th. The sum of \$200—to improve Town line between Dover East and West, and that the Deputy Reeve of Dover be a Committee to expend the same.

20th. The sum of \$200—to improve Town line between the Village of Wallaceburg and Chatham Township, and that the Reeves of Wallaceburg and Chatham Township be a Committee to expend the same.

21st. The sum of \$300—to improve County line between Lambton and Gore of Camden, and that the Reeve of Camden be a Committee to expend the same.

22nd. The sum of \$400—to improve County line between Romney and Mersea, and that the Reeve of Romney be a Committee to expend the same.

23rd. The sum of \$150—to improve County line between Romney and Tilbury West, and that the Reeve of Romney be a Committee to expend the same.

24th. The sum of \$150—to improve Town line between Gore of Chatham and Gore of Camden, and that the Deputy Reeve of Chatham Township and the Reeve of Camden be a Committee to expend the same.

25th. The sum of \$60—to dig a tap-drain from the Town line between Howard and Harwich, near the Rond Eau, and that the Deputy Reeve of Howard and the 1st Deputy Reeve of Harwich be a Committee to expend the same.

26th. The sum of \$50—to improve Town line between Zone and Town of Bothwell, and that the Reeves of Zone and Bothwell be a Committee to expend the same.

27th. The sum of \$100—to improve Town line between the Town of Chatham and Raleigh, and that the 1st Deputy Reeve of the Town of Chatham and the Reeve of Raleigh be a Committee to expend the same.

28th. The sum of \$50—to improve Town line between Camden and Gore of Zone, and that the Deputy Reeve of Camden and the Reeve of Zone be a Committee to expend the same.

29th. The sum of \$150—to improve Town line between Gore of Camden and Township of Chatham, and that the Reeves of Chatham Tp. and Camden be a Committee to expend the same.

30th. The sum of \$300—to improve diverted road across the Plains between Raleigh and Tilbury East, and that the Reeves of Tilbury East and Raleigh be a Committee to expend the same.

31st. The sum of \$50—to Town line between Howard and Harwich to purchase a Gravel-pit, and that the 1st Deputy Reeve of Harwich and the Reeve of Howard be a Committee to expend the same.

32nd. The sum of \$50—to repair Ditch to South Approach of Bothwell Bridge, and that the Deputy Reeve of Orford be a Committee to expend the same.

33rd. The sum of \$50—to improve Town line between Camden and the Village of Thamesville, and that the Reeve of Thamesville and the Deputy Reeve of Camden be a Committee to expend the same.

34th. The sum of \$150—formerly granted to build a Toll-house at the Bothwell Bridge be re-appropriated to cutting down the hill at north approach to said bridge, and that the Reeve of Bothwell be a Committee to expend the same.

35th. That no money shall be expended on County lines unless equally met by the adjoining County or Township Municipalities.

36th. That the above Commissioners be authorized to expend any balance of grants heretofore made and now to the credit of any of the aforesaid Roads or Bridges.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

[L.S.]

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

NO. 332.

A BY-LAW to appoint a person to take the Census or enumeration of the people in the Village of Ridgetown.

Passed 19th June, 1875.

WHEREAS, It is necessary and expedient to take the Census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the Village of Ridgetown.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Acts respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of Ontario.

1st. That John Law, Esq., be and is hereby appointed to take a Census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the village of Ridgetown, that is to say: All persons residing on the north half lots 9 and 10 in the 10th Concession; 25 acres east part north half lot 9 in the 10th Concession; 25 acres of east part of lot No. 9 in the 9th Concession; 25 acres west part lot No. 10 in the 9th Concession; the Station grounds of the Canada Southern Railway being parts of lots 8 and 9 in the 8th Concession, and part lot 9 in the 9th Concession.

2nd. That said censustaker shall take down the names of every householder residing on said lands and the number of persons residing in each house on the 28th day of June, A. D. 1875, and the said censustaker shall make a full return of said census to the County Clerk in order that it may be laid before this Council at the next session.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk,

[L.S.]

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

NO. 333.

A BY-LAW to Regulate the Public Travel over the two Bridges spanning the River Sydenham at Wallaceburg, and to provide for the maintenance thereof.

Passed June 19th, 1875.

WHEREAS, The two bridges spanning the river Sydenham at Wallaceburg, by virtue of the Statute 37th Vic., Chap. 16, Sec. 17 and 18, have become and are the property of this Corporation.

AND WHEREAS, the said Bridges obstruct a navigable stream, thereby rendering it necessary to provide for the opening and closing of the said Bridges to permit the

free passage of all steamers and other crafts navigating the said River Sydenham.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and virtue of the Municipal Institutions Acts of the Province of Ontario.

1st. The Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent, under and by virtue of the provisions of the act hereinbefore in part recited, doth hereby assume the entire control and management of the said two Bridges.

2nd. That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to ride or drive over the said Bridges at a faster rate than a walk.

3rd. Any person or persons violating the provisions of next proceeding section shall be liable to a penalty of not less than two dollars nor more than twenty dollars over and above the cost of conviction, the same to be secured in a summary manner on complaint before any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction within the County of Kent; or the Care-taker or care-takers of said Bridge or Bridges may arrest & take the offender before any one or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace having jurisdiction in the County of Kent; and the evidence taken on oath of such Care-taker or Care-takers shall be held sufficient to convict such offender or offenders, and in default of payment of such fine and costs the same may be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of such offender or offenders; and if no sufficient distress can be found, such offender or offenders may be committed to the common gaol of the County of Kent, at hard labor, for a period of not less than ten days nor more than twenty days—such fine to be paid over to the County Treasurer for the general use of the County of Kent.

4th. That it shall be the duty of the Captain or other person in charge of any steamer navigating the waters of the said River Sydenham, before approaching the said bridge spanning the main stream, to cause the steam whistle of said steamer to be sounded three times in succession; and on approaching the Bridge spanning the North Branch of said river shall cause the steam whistle of said steamer to be sounded four times in succession, which shall be deemed sufficient notice to the care-taker of said bridge or bridges to open the same to admit the passage of said steamer. And it shall be the duty of the master or person in charge of a Sailing vessel, before approaching either of the said bridges, to give the care-taker of such or bridge or bridges notice of the intention of passing through said bridge.

5th. That any master or person in charge of any Steamer or Sailing vessel neglecting to obey the provisions of the next proceeding section shall be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty dollars nor more than fifty dollars over and above cost of conviction, on information laid before any one or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace having jurisdiction within the County of Kent; and in default of payment of such fine and costs, the same to be levied and collected by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of such offender or offenders; and, in default of distress, the offender or offenders shall be committed to the common gaol of the County of Kent for a period of not less than twenty days nor more than sixty days, with hard labor.

6th. That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners hereinafter mentioned, from time to time to engage, on the best terms as to wages, competent persons as care-takers of said bridges, said Commissioners to ask for tenders for the same.

7th. That it shall be the duty of such Care-taker of said bridges—1st, to be constantly in attendance at the said bridges for the purpose of opening the same to admit the free passage of all crafts navigating the said River Sydenham, and closing the same for the accommodation of the public travel. 2nd. To prosecute all parties guilty of a violation of the provisions contained in the 2nd and 4th clauses of this By-law, and immediately report the same to the Commissioner or Commissioners hereinafter mentioned. 3rd. To report without delay to said Commissioners any damage or injury done or caused to said bridge or bridges; also, the name of the party or parties occasioning the same, with the particulars thereof.

8th. That the Reeve of Wallaceburg, and the Warden, be and are hereby appointed Commissioners to employ either by the month or day, as they may deem most expedient, some efficient person or persons as care-takers of said bridges during the navigation, and from time to time to give to said care-takers order or orders upon the Treasurer for their wages; and the said Commissioners shall from time to time inspect the said bridges and report to this Council.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

NO. 334.

A By-law to amend By-law No. 237, passed the 10th day of June, 1868.

PASSED the 19th of June, 1875.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient to amend the 2nd clause of said By-law by adding to the said clause the following words, "or on Committee, shall receive five cents per mile for each mile travelled by such Commissioner or Member of Committee."

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and virtue of the Municipal Institutions Acts of the Province of Ontario.

1st. That the second clause of the By-law of this Corporation, passed on the 10th day of June, A. D. 1868, numbered two hundred and thirty-seven, be and is hereby amended by adding thereto the words following: "Or on Committee, shall receive five cents per mile for each mile actually travelled by each Commissioner or Member of Committee in going to and returning from the place of meeting or appointment.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

NO. 335.

A By-law to raise the sum of \$27,192 73 to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent and for other purposes.

PASSED 19th June, 1875.

WHEREAS, it is requisite and necessary to raise the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand one hundred and ninety-two dollars and seventy-three cents to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent for the present year.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and by virtue of an Act respecting Municipal Institutions of the Province of Ontario.

1st. That in the year One Thousand Eight hundred and seventy-five, there shall be raised, levied and collected from and off all rateable property in the County of Kent the sum of \$27,192.73, for the following purposes:

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Deficiency for 1874..... | \$2096 32 |
| Debentures to retire..... | 3000 00 |
| Interest on Debentures..... | 1845 00 |
| Note to James Ferguson..... | 8633 00 |
| Interest on note..... | 879 84 |
| Medicine for prisoners..... | 11 65 |
| Coroner's orders..... | 200 00 |
| High School grant..... | 400 00 |
| Salary of School Inspector..... | 600 00 |
| Board of Examiners..... | 100 00 |
| Board of Audit..... | 16 00 |
| Registry Office for books..... | 109 00 |
| Miscellaneous expenses..... | 400 00 |
| County printing..... | 200 00 |
| Administration of Justice, not Criminal..... | 4500 00 |
| Fuel for offices..... | 100 00 |
| Salaries of Clerk, Treasurer and Auditors..... | 1760 60 |
| Public Buildings—repairs, fencing H. S. grounds..... | 700 00 |
| Office rent..... | 465 00 |
| Insurance on Public Buildings and Bridges..... | 276 25 |
| Selectors of Jurors..... | 106 00 |
| Payment of Jurors..... | 3000 00 |
| Councillor's wages and Committees..... | 2000 00 |
| Salary care-taker of offices..... | 200 00 |
| Inspector Licenses, 1874-75..... | 75 00 |
| Indigent witnesses..... | 150 00 |
| Otter Creek drain..... | 200 00 |
| Drill Shed, Wallaceburg, grant..... | 200 00 |
| Bothwell Bridge grant..... | 20 00 |
| West Kent Agricultural Society..... | 250 00 |
| East " "..... | 250 00 |
| Expenses deputation to Berlin..... | 40 00 |
| Wallaceburg Bridges, say..... | 200 00 |

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| Grants to Roads and Bridges | 5910 00 |
| Blenheim Lock-up | 200 00 |
| Grant to Town Chatham to remove bar at mouth of Thames | 1000 00 |
| Appropriation for Kent Bridge | 9000 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$48993 07 |
| From which deduct amount of loan | 20000 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Supposed amount from Registrar, '73-74 | \$28993 07 |
| | 1800 34 |

Actual amount estimated for.....\$27192 73

2nd. And be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid that the sum aforesaid shall be levied and collected from and off the several Townships and portions of Townships and Municipalities in the County of Kent, the Towns of Chatham and Bothwell, and the Villages of Dresden, Thamesville, Wallaceburg and Blenheim included, and paid to the County Treasurer of the County of Kent, without any deduction whatever, on or before the 14th day of Dec'r, A. D. 1875, in the following proportions, that is to say:

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
| Township of Harwich..... | \$4175 62 | Township of Zone..... | \$ 699 23 |
| Camden..... | 1618 30 | Town of Chatham..... | 3400 00 |
| Chatham..... | 3170 85 | Bothwell..... | 391 50 |
| Dover..... | 2401 18 | Village of Dresden..... | 500 00 |
| Howard..... | 2865 36 | Thamesville..... | 157 00 |
| Orford..... | 2023 70 | Wallaceburg..... | 211 63 |
| Raleigh..... | 3127 26 | Blenheim..... | 195 05 |
| Romney..... | 685 62 | | |
| Tilbury East..... | 1659 43 | Total..... | \$27192 73 |

3rd. And be it further enacted that the sum of \$4531, more or less, according to the apportionment of the Legislative School grant for the year 1875, be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Municipalities within the said County of Kent to meet the Government appropriations to each Municipality for Common School purposes.

4th. And be it enacted that it shall be the duty of the County Clerk to notify the Clerks of the several Municipalities of the County of Kent the amount of the Common School grant appropriated to each Township as soon as he shall be notified of the same by the Chief Superintendent of Schools, in order that the amount may be raised according to law.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

Statement showing the Assessment of the County of Kent, for the year 1874, and the Equalized Value for the Rate levied for 1875.

| TOWNSHIPS. | Total No. of acres. | No. acres resident land. | Average ass'd value per acre. | Value resident land. | Equalized value resident land. | Equalized Rate per acre. | No. Acres Non-Resident land. | Value Non-Resident land. | Assessed Value per Acre. | Equalized Value Non-Resident land. | Equalized Rate per acre | Personal Property. | Equalized Value Personal Property. | Total Value. | Equalized Value. | Amount of Rate. |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| CAMDEN | 41039 | 35733 | \$286200 | \$8 00 | \$571728 | \$16 00 | 5305 | \$26910 | \$5 07 | \$42440 | \$8 00 | \$25625 | \$33150 | \$338735 | \$ 647318 | \$1618 30. |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CHATHAM | 84826 | 66841 | 429040 | 6 41 | 1069456 | 16 00 | 17985 | 39658 | 2 21 | 143880 | 8 00 | 60205 | 55000 | 528903 | 1268336 | 3170 85 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DOVER | 68910 | 47399 | 236914 | 5 00 | 758384 | 16 00 | 21511 | 23727 | 1 05 | 172088 | 8 00 | 32920 | 30000 | 293561 | 960472 | 2401 18 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HARWICH | 87039 | 85135 | 649158 | 7 95 | 1574997 | 18 50 | 1904 | 11507 | 6 00 | 22848 | 12 00 | 69321 | 72400 | 729986 | 1670245 | 4175 62 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOWARD | 59351 | 58705 | 531980 | 9 09 | 1086042 | 18 50 | 646 | 4215 | 6 52 | 7752 | 12 00 | 65495 | 52350 | 601690 | 1146144 | 2865 36 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ORFORD | 49632 | 47116 | 289160 | 6 11 | 753856 | 16 00 | 2516 | 11490 | 4 56 | 20128 | 8 00 | 29070 | 35500 | 329720 | 809484 | 2023 70 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RALEIGH | 70652 | 63596 | 496375 | 7 85 | 1144728 | 18 00 | 7059 | 30733 | 4 35 | 56472 | 8 00 | 70949 | 49700 | 598057 | 1250900 | 3127 26 1/4 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ROMNEY | 26936 | 16972 | 147984 | 8 62 | 203664 | 12 00 | 9964 | 40174 | 4 03 | 5978 | 6 00 | 16506 | 10800 | 204664 | 274248 | 685 62 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TILBURY EAST.. | 55096 | 38978 | 214387 | 5 50 | 506714 | 13 00 | 16118 | 41311 | 2 56 | 96708 | 6 00 | 23728 | 24350 | 279426 | 627772 | 1569 43 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ZONE | 23533 | 20841 | 142906 | 6 80 | 250092 | 12 00 | 2692 | 16656 | 6 18 | 16152 | 6 00 | 21789 | 13450 | 181351 | 279694 | 692 23 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 567027 | 481316 | 3424104 | | 8120661 | | 85700 | 246391 | | 584456 | | 415608 | 376700 | | | |
| TOWNS AND VILLAGES | | | <i>Assessed Value.</i> | | <i>Equalized Value.</i> | | | | <i>At 60 per cent. produces</i> | | | | | | | |
| Town of Oatham | | | \$1,578,535 | | \$2,266,666 | | | | \$1,360,000 | | | | | 1578535 | 1360000 | 3400 00 |
| Bothwell | | | 130,402 | | 261,004 | | | | 156,602 | | | | | 130502 | 156602 | 391 50 |
| Village of Dresden . . . | | | 280,010 | | 333,333 | | | | 200,000 | | | | | 280010 | 200000 | 500 00 |
| Thamesville | | | 52,335 | | 104,670 | | | | 62,802 | | | | | 52335 | 62802 | 157 00 |
| Wallaceburg | | | 70,545 | | 141,090 | | | | 84,654 | | | | | 70545 | 84654 | 211 63 |
| Blenheim | | | 65,351 | | 130,702 | | | | 78,421 | | | | | 65351 | 78421 | 196 05 |
| | | | \$2,177,175 | | | | | | | | | | | 6263371 | 10877092 | 27192 73 |

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

—AT THE—

SPECIAL SESSION AND DECEMBER SESSION, 1875,

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

—OF THE—

COUNTY OF KENT.



JOHN LEE, - - - - Warden.
DANIEL KERR, - - - - Clerk.



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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
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Municipal Council of the County of Kent,

SPECIAL SESSION, AND DECEMBER SESSION, 1875.

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SPECIAL SESSION—15TH OCTOBER, 1875.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to notice, at the Court House, in the Town of Chatham, on Friday the 15th day of October, 1875, relative to a By-law to raise by way of loan the sum of \$20,000, for the purposes therein mentioned.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Bedford, Bray, Cameron, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Ferguson, Hopper, Langford, McNeil, Morrison, Richardson, Robert (Dover), Roberts (Zone), Stewart, Wade, Wright and Young.

Moved by Mr. Eberts, seconded by Mr. Young, That the By-law to raise by way of loan the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, for the purposes therein mentioned, be read a third time—Carried.

Said By-law was then read a third time and passed.

On motion, the Council adjourned, to meet again at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

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SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, Saturday, 16th Oct'r, 1875.

Held pursuant to adjournment for the despatch of general business. The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Bray, Cameron, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Ferguson, Hopper, Langford, McNeil, Morrison, Richardson, Robinson, Roche, Robert (Dover), Roberts (Zone), Stewart, Wade and Young.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the June session; also, the Minutes of the Special Session of yesterday, were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Eberts, seconded by Mr. Roche, That the 18th and 25th Rules be suspended during this meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Eberts, seconded by Mr. Young, That the By-law passed for raising a loan of \$20,000, for the purposes therein mentioned, be promulgated, with the proper notice attached, according to law.—Carried.

A communication from P. D. McKellar, Esq., Registrar of the County, relating to the new Registry Office, was read.

Moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. McNeil, That with regard to the heating and the covering of the floor of the Registry Office, the same be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.—Carried.

Mr. Coll presented the Census returns of the Village of Ridgetown, duly certified, taken by John Law on the 28th day of June, 1875, showing a population of 803, which, on motion, was read and adopted.

Mr. Coll presented a By-law to incorporate the Village of Ridgetown, which, on motion, was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Coll, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law. Mr. Anderson in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law as having passed in Committee without amendments.

Moved by Mr. Coll, seconded by Mr. Wade, That the By-law be now read a third time and passed.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Langford, That the By-law be not now passed, but that it lay over for the last reading till the December session.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost; motion carried.

The By-law was then read a third time and passed.

The Clerk read the Petition of John Lowrie and ten others, relating to certain jobs on the Town Line between Harwich and Raleigh.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Morrison, That the Reeve of Tilbury East, and the Reeve of Howard, be a Committee to inquire into the matter of the Petition of John Lowrie and others, and report at the December Session.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Langford, the Report of the Committee appointed to have an Iron-Bridge built at Kent Bridge, was read and adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned *sine die*.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

DECEMBER SESSION, 1875.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to adjournment, at the Court House, Chatham, on Monday the 6th day of December, 1875.

FIRST DAY.

In the absence of the Warden, Joseph Roberts, Esq., Reeve of Zone, was appointed Chairman. The Roll was called. Present—Councillors Anderson, Baby, Bedford, Bray, Cameron, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Ferguson, Hopper, McNeil, Morrison, Richardson, Robert (Dover), Roberts (Zone), Trerice, Wright and Young.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read:—From the County Clerk of the County of Lambton, relating to a grant of \$100 on the Camden and Dawn Town Line.—Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

From the Department of Public Instruction, in reference to certificates of eligibility of Examiners and Inspectors of Public Schools.

From the County Clerk of the County of Elgin, relating to a grant of \$300 to County Line between Aldborough & Orford—Referred to Committee on Roads & Bridges.

Award from the Arbitrators of the Paxton Creek Drain.

From the Reeve of Tilbury East, in reference to the proposed Romney and Tilbury East Town Line Drain.

From R. O'Hara, Esq., Master of the Court of Chancery at Chatham, relating to the Vault in his Office.—Referred to Committee on Public Buildings.

On motion of Mr. Young, the Report of the Committee on Public Buildings was read and adopted.

Various notices of motion were given. Various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, 7th Dec'r, 1875.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Baby, Bedford, Bisnett, Cameron, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Hopper, McNeil, Morrison, Richardson, Robinson, Robert (Dover), Roberts (Zone), Wade and Young.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Warden reported verbally that the Debentures issued under the By-law to raise by way of loan the sum of \$20,000, passed 15th Oct. last, were sold at par, bearing interest at the rate of 6½ per cent. per annum; said interest payable half-yearly.

Various Accounts were read and referred to Finance Committee.

The following four Reports were read and adopted:

1st. The Report of the Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$150 on the County Line between Kent and Lambton, and between Zone and Euphemis.

2nd. The Report of the Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$150 on Town Line between Chatham and Camden, and \$264 34 to the credit of said Line.

3rd. The Report of the Commissioners appointed to expend the balance to the credit of the following Roads:—Between Camden and Zone, and the Gore of Zone and Camden. Also, the appropriation at the June Session between Camden and Zone, Gore of Camden and Zone, Gore of Zone and Camden.

4th. Report of Commissioner on County Line between Romney and Tilbury West.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Cameron, That the Warden procure from Charles R. Atkinson, Esq., Solicitor to this Council, his account for services up to

date, and lay the same before the Council on Wednesday next.—Carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, 8th Dec'r, 1875

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Bedford, Cameron, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Hopper, Langford, Morrison, Richardson, Robinson, Robert (Dover), Roberts (Zone), Trerice, Wade, Wright and Young.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Wm. Douglas, Esq., Barrister, Chatham, was read, asking \$25 damages for a colt (belonging to John Dubie, Tilbury East), which was destroyed on the Tilbury East and Raleigh Town Line, by reason of a defective Bridge. Mr. Dubie having been heard at the Bar, the matter was referred to the Com. on Finance.

A Communication from Charles R. Atkinson, Esq., Barrister, Chatham, was read relating to the arrears due the County by the Registrar, with the statement relating to the same; also, statement with account of Costs relating to the Huron and Erie Bonus By-Law. Ordered to lay on the table.

The following Reports numbered one to ten inclusive, were read and adopted :

1st. The Report of the Commissioners appointed to expend \$75 on the Line between the Town of Chatham and Townships of Dover and Chatham.

2nd. The Report of the Commissioners appointed to expend \$350, granted at the June Session on the Town Line between Chatham and Dover; also, \$235.50, being balance to the credit of said Town Line.

3rd. The Report of the Commissioner appointed to expend \$267.11, being balance to the credit of the County Line between Tilbury East and Tilbury West.

4th. The Report of the Commissioner appointed to expend \$50 on Town Line between Zone and the Town of Bothwell.

5th. The Report of the Commissioner appointed to repair the Planking, &c., of the Bothwell Bridge.

6th. The Report of the Commissioner appointed to expend the several amounts granted to cut down the Hill on the North approach of the Bothwell Bridge.

7th. The Report of the Commissioner appointed to expend \$50 on Line used in lieu of County Line between Zone and Euphemia.

8th. The Report of the Committee appointed under By-Law No. 297, passed 13th December, 1872, to whom is referred the Assessments against the County for improvements to County Roads by the making of certain Drains.

9th. The Report of James Black, Superintendent of Moravian Bridge.

10th. The Report of H. J. Eberts relative to the expenditure of the appropriation of \$1000 made at the June Session, to assist the Town of Chatham in Dredging out the Bar at the mouth of the River Thames.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Cameron, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Hopper, Langford, McDougall, Morrison, Richardson, Robinson, Roberts, (Zone), Trerice, Wade and Young.

Various notices of motion were given. Various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The following 13 Reports were read and adopted, excepting No. 3, which was referred back.

1st. The Report of the Commissioners to expend \$100 on Town Line between the Village of Dresden and the Gore of Camden.

2nd. The Report of the Commissioner to take charge of Kent Bridge.

3rd. The Report of the Commissioner to investigate the grievance of John Lowrie and others, respecting the sale of Jobs on the Town Line between Raleigh and Harwich, was read, and Mr. Richardson having moved that the Report be adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Wright, That the Report of John Richardson respecting the charges against the Deputy Reeves of Harwich and Raleigh, (Cameron & McNeil,) be referred back to the Committee to examine into the matter and report at the next Session.—Carried.

4th. The Report of the Commissioners to purchase a Gravel Pit for the use of the Town Line between Howard and Harwich.

5th. The Report of the Commissioners to expend \$200 on Town Line between Howard and Harwich.

6th. The Report of the Commissioners to expend \$60 in digging Tap Drain from Town Line between Howard and Harwich to the waters of the Rond Eau.

7th. The Report of the Commissioners to expend \$300 on the Raleigh and Tilbury East diverted Town Line.

8th. The Report of the Commissioner to expend \$400 on Town Line between Tilbury East and Romney.

9th. The Report of the Commissioners to expend \$100 on Town of Chatham and Raleigh Town Line.

10th. The Report of the Commissioners to expend certain sums granted to County Line between Gore of Camden and Township of Dawn.

11th. The Report of Commissioners to expend \$130 on Town Line between the Gores of Chatham and Camden; also, \$11.98 to the credit of said Line, and \$150 on the Line between the Township of Chatham and the Gore of Camden.

12th. The Report of the Commissioner to tighten up the Bolts and repair the approaches of Tecumseh Bridge.

13th. The Report of Commissioners on Town Line between Camden and the Village of Thamesville.

Moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Morrison, That the Clerk be instructed to correspond with the G. W. R. Company authorities with the view of having the obstructions removed that are stopping the navigation and passage of saw logs and timber on Baptiste Creek, on the County Line between the Counties of Essex and Kent.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Eberts, seconded by Mr. Roche, That the sum of \$100 be placed to the credit of the Town of Chatham in consideration of the benefit accruing to the Industrial Farm, by reasons of the Drain constructed along Victoria Street from Forest Street to the River Thames, referred to Finance Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned till Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, Thursday, 9th Dec'r, 1875.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Baby, Bisnett, Bray, Coll, Ferguson, Langford, McNeil, Morrison, Richardson, Robinson, Roberts (Zone), Wade, Wright and Young.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from P. D. McKellar, relating to balance of arrears due by him to the County, was read.

Mr. Langford presented the Petition of John Bailey.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Young, That the Treasurer be instructed to grant John Bailey a License to Peddle for the remainder of the License year, by paying the proportion of the year yet to transpire.—Carried.

Mr. Eberts presented the Petition of Messrs. Shackleton & McIntosh, asking a Bonus from the County to aid them in publishing a new County Map, referred to Finance Committee.

The following five Reports were read and adopted.

1st. The Report of the Commissioners to expend \$300 on Town Line between Raleigh and Tilbury East.

2nd. The Report of the Commissioners to expend \$400 on Town Line between Orford and Howard.

3rd. The Report of the Commissioners to expend \$100 on Town Line between Chatham and Dover, West of the River Sydenham.

4th. The Report of the Commissioner to expend \$400 on County Line between Romney and Mersea.

5th. The Report of the Commissioners to superintend the building of a new Bridge at Kent Bridge.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, That this Council is of opinion that owing to jogs in the centre of the concessions on County Line between the Townships of Camden and Dawn that should be straightened before the grading is done on said Line, and would recommend that W. G. McGeorge, P. L. S., be employed to straighten the same, and that the Counties of Kent and Lambton jointly pay the expenses of the same, and the Clerk be instructed to send a copy of this Resolution to the County Clerk of Lambton.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Langford, That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the communication of Mr. O'Hara, Deputy Master in Chancery, regarding the Vault in his office, the same being unsafe to keep the documents in his possession.—Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Eberts in the Chair, on the following motion :

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Dr. Bray, That the matter relative to finding a suitable Vault for the office of Mr. O'Hara, Master in Chancery, be referred to the Building Committee to act in the matter as they may deem expedient.—Carried.

After being in Committee for some time, on motion, the Council resumed. The Chairman reported that a Resolution passed in Committee.

It was then moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Dr. Bray, That the Resolution passed in Committee of the Whole, be the Report of this Council, and that the same be adopted.—Carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Bisnett, Bray, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Ferguson, Hopper, McNeil, McDougall, Morrison, Richardson, Robinson, Robert (Dover), Roberts (Zone), Wade, Wright and Young.

Various notices of motions were given; also various Accounts were read and presented to the Finance Committee.

The Report of the Commissioners to expend \$200 on Town Line between Raleigh and Harwich, was read and adopted.

The Report of the Committee to expend \$200 on Town Line between Dover East and West, was read and adopted.

Dr. Bray presented the Petition of Theodore Nelson, Lessee of the Industrial Farm, relative to the Fencing of said Farm.

Moved by Dr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Bedford, That the Petition of Theodore Nelson be referred to the Building Committee.

Moved by Mr. Young in amendment, seconded by Mr. Wright, That the Petition of Theodore Nelson be not entertained by this Council.

On being put to the vote, the amendment carried. Motion Lost.

Moved by Dr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Roche, That the interest due on the amount that was due to this Corporation by P. D. McKellar, Registrar, be refunded, less the costs of C. R. Atkinson's account.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Coll, That the Clerk be instructed to notify the Solicitor of the G. W. R. Co., that if the Railway Crossing on the Town Line between Howard and Harwich is not put in a state for public travel, that action will be taken to compel them to do so; said crossing is too low and will not admit a load of hay or a threshing machine to pass under it.—Carried.

Mr. Wade presented the Petition of John Lachore and 14 others, which was read, relating to a required Government Survey in Orford.

Moved by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Roberts, That the Warden and Clerk sign a Petition to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, praying that he would appoint a Surveyor or Commissioner under the authority of the Commissioner of Crown Lands to survey and establish the Road between Lots Nos. 20 and 21, in the 9th Concession of Orford.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Young, a By-Law to confirm a By-Law of the Township of Orford, was read a first time. Mr. Young gave notice of the second reading.

Moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Robinson, That this Council petition His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint a Commissioner or Surveyor to establish the new Town Line between Romney and Tilbury East.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Morrison, That the sum of \$25 be paid to Mr. Dubie for the loss of a colt on account of a defective bridge on the Town Line between Raleigh and Tilbury East, built by a Commissioner of this County.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Langford, That the claim of Mr. Dubie be referred to the Councils of the Townships of Tilbury East and Raleigh, as the road was under their jurisdiction at the time the accident happened, and that we consider that this Corporation is not responsible in this matter.

On being put to vote amendment carried. Motion lost.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Wright, and resolved, That in the

opinion of this Council it is expedient to erect a Pump at the outlet of the Dover & Chatham Town line Drain, and that the Reeves of the Townships of Dover, Chatham and Wallaceburg be appointed a Committee to enquire and report to this Council, at its next session, the probable cost of such a Pump, and all such information as they can obtain with reference to such a work and its utility.—Lost.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, Friday, 10th Dec'r 1875.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Baby, Bedford, Coll, Eberts, Ferguson, Hopper, McNeil, Morrison, Robinson, Robert, (Dover), Roberts, (Zone), Wade, Wright and Young.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Various notices of Motion were given; various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Report of the Commissioners on the Wallaceburg Bridges was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Young, a By-Law to confirm a By-Law of the Township of Orford, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Young, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the said By-Law, Mr. Anderson in the chair.

Council resumed. Chairman reported By-Law passed in Committee of the Whole, without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Young, said By-Law was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Anderson, That Mr. H. J. Eberts be paid the sum of \$40 for his trouble in seeing to the expenditure of \$1000 granted for dredging the Bar at the mouth of the River Thames, all in accordance with his report to this Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Langford. That \$20 be granted to build a Bridge on the Howard and Orford Town Line, at the McKerricher Creek Drain. Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Moved by Mr. Roberts, (Zone), seconded by Mr. Dillon, That the sum of \$10 be tendered to Mr. James Black for his services in taking care of and reporting on the condition of Moravia Bridge for 1875.—Carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Bedford, Bisnett, Bray, Cameron, Dillon, Eberts, Hopper, McDougall, Roche, Robert (Dover), Roberts (Zone), Trerice and Wright.

A Requisition for Medicines, &c., for the Gaol, from Dr. Sivewright, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Trerice presented the petition of the Municipal Council of the Village of Dresden, relating to the boundaries of said Village, which was read.

On motion of Mr. Trerice, a By-Law to detach certain Lands from the limits of the Corporation of the Village of Dresden, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, That this Council take charge of the Dresden Bridge on the 1st day of January next, (1876), and that this Council shall at its next Session, appoint a person to take charge of said Bridge.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Wright, and resolved, That the Reeve of the Township of Chatham be instructed to open up that portion of the Dover and Chatham Town Line, West of the Sydenham, and the sum of \$25 be granted for that purpose.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Bedford, That the Warden and Clerk sign the following Certificate on behalf of this Council, and forward the same to Clark, Reeves & Co., Phoenixville, Penn.—Carried.

“We, the County Council of the County of Kent; have great pleasure in certifying to the most satisfactory manner in which you completed your contract with us in building an Iron Bridge over the River Thames, in this County, also the gentlemanly conduct of all your servants connected with the work.”

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Bedford, and resolved, That the grant of \$200, given at the last Session of this Council, to improve the roads between the Village of Wallaceburg and the Township of Chatham, be transferred to the credit of the Wallaceburg Bridges, and be applied on account of repairs done on them.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Roberts (Zone), the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Eberts, the report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted.

On motion, the 18th and 25th Rules were suspended during the remainder of the Session.

On motion of Mr. Trerice, the By-law to detach certain Lands from the limits of the Corporation of the Village of Dresden was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Trerice the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the aforesaid By-law, Mr. Langford in the chair. The Council resumed. Chairman reported By-law passed in Committee without amendments.

On motion of Mr. Trerice, said By-law was read a third time and passed.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

SIXTH DAY—CHATHAM, 11th Dec'r, 1875.

The Roll was called. Present—John Lee, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Baby, Bedford, Coll, Dillon, Eberts, Langford, McNeil, McDougall, Richardson, Robinson, Roberts (Zone), Wade and Young.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Bedford, and resolved, That the conditional grant of \$400, granted to the Erie & Huron Railway Co. during the June Session of 1873 to assist in making surveys, plans and estimates of said road, be and the same is hereby rescinded.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Bedford, and resolved, that the Reeve of Wallaceburg be instructed to sell the timber growing on that portion of the Dover and Chatham Town Line lying west of the Sydenham, and that he apply the proceeds of such sale in clearing up the road.—Carried.

Mr. Richardson presented the petition of Pike & Richardson and 12 others, relating to obstructions at Jannet and Baptiste Creeks by the G. W. R. Co., which was read and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of the Council.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McNeil, that Mr. Langford be instructed to have the irons from the old Kent Bridge put in a safe place for the use of the Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and resolved, that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient and necessary that this Council, at an early period, erect suitable buildings for the accommodation of all the Public Officers in the County.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Bedford, that as soon as the ice is sufficiently strong on the river Mr. Langford be empowered to have the Centre Pier at Kent Bridge taken down as far as is necessary, and the stones in said Pier piled round the foundations of the two stone piers for their better protection.—Carried.

By request the Warden left the chair, which was taken by Mr. Young. The following resolution was read:

Moved by Mr. Eberts, seconded by Mr. Anderson, That as this is probably the last session for 1875, we take great pleasure in offering our sincerest thanks to the Warden for his uniform kindness and courtesy in the chair, and beg to bear our testimony to the efficiency and zeal displayed by him in the discharge of his high and onerous duties of his office.—Carried unanimously.

On motion the Council adjourned *sine die*.

The Chairman tendered the resolutions to the Warden, who on resuming the Chair returned thanks to the Council in suitable terms.

COMMUNICATIONS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR ONTARIO,

Education Office, Toronto, 5th August, 1875

SIR,—I have the honor to state, in reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo, that the Regulations as to Examiner's and Inspector's qualifications are sent herewith. The certificates of eligibility for those officers should always be produced to the Council before the appointments are made.—I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. GEORGE HODGINS, Dep. In.

DANIEL KERR, Esq., Clerk County Kent, Chatham.

AWARD FROM ARBITRATORS ON THE PAXTON CREEK DRAIN.

Know all men by these presents,—That we, Charles Edward Pegley and James Warren, of the Town of Chatham, and Stephen White, of the Township of Raleigh, in the County of Kent, Arbitrator, chosen and appointed in pursuance of the Statute in that behalf, entitled "The Municipal Drainage Aid Act of Ontario," in the matter of a certain Appeal between the Corporation of the County of Kent, Appellants and the Corporation of the Township of Dover East, Respondents, having taken upon ourselves the burthen of said Arbitration and having taken and subscribed the declaration required by the Statute in that behalf, and having heard the parties to said appeal, and it appearing to us that the Corporation of the Township of Dover East are not desirous of proceeding further under the By-law passed for the construction of said Paxton Creek Drain, or of rating or assessing the Corporation of the County of Kent, for or on account thereof, do order, award and adjudge that the appeal of the said Corporation of the County of Kent, be allowed, and that the said Corporation shall not be rated or assessed for any sum whatever for or on account of the said Drain. And we further award that the Corporation of the Township of Dover East, do pay the costs of the said Appeal incurred by the Corporation of the County of Kent, and the costs of this Arbitration and of this our Award, which we fix and allow at the sum of Fifty-two Dollars, which sum shall be paid to the Clerk of the Corporation of the County of Kent within one week from the date of this our Award, to be by him paid to the parties respectively entitled thereto. And we award that the Corporation of the Township of Dover East do pay their own costs of said appeal. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals in Triplicate, this Twenty-Sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Five.

CHAS. E. PEGLEY, JAMES WARREN, S. WHITE.

Signed, sealed and published in presence of J. B. O'FLYNN.

TILBURY EAST, 1st Nov., 1875.

DANIEL KERR, Co. Clerk, Co. Kent, Sir.—Since receiving the Appeal from the County against the proposed Romney and Tilbury East Town Line drain, the Council of Tilbury East have decided not to proceed with the By-law at present, but if any steps are again taken the County will be duly notified.—Yours truly,

JOHN RICHARDSON, REEVE, Tilbury East.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipal Council of the County of Kent.

The petition of the undersigned the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Village of Dresden, humbly sheweth—

Firstly—That on the 21st day of July, A. D. 1874, a Proclamation was issued by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, adding certain lands to the area of the Corporation of said Village of Dresden.

Secondly—That an error was made in the description of a portion of said lands in the petition to His Excellency, asking for said addition.

Thirdly—That the lands described in said petition as the "South-west quarter" of Lot No. 4 in the 4th concession of the Gore of Camden, should have been the "East half of the west half" of said Lot No. 4.

Fourthly—That in order to have the said error corrected it is necessary that the

portion of said "South-west quarter" of said Lot No. 4 not intended by said petition to be added to the area of said Village of Dresden be detached therefrom.

Fifthly—That your petitioners humbly pray Your Honorable Body in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act of Ontario, Sec. 13, to detach from the area of said Corporation of the Village of Dresden 25 acres of land, to be known and described as the South-west quarter of the West half of Lot No. 4 in the 4th Concession of the Gore of Camden.—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Alexander Trerice, Reeve; John H. Johnson, Hugh Currie, T. W. Davies, John French, Councillors.

To the County Council of the County of Kent, in Session at Chatham.

Your petitioners would beg to lay before your Hon. Body a few facts regarding the obstruction of the free navigation of Jannet and Baptiste creeks by the G. W. R., and to ask you to take such steps as you may deem necessary to enable your petitioners to float their logs, timber, &c., without any obstruction from them; also to allow boats to pass, as these streams are and have been navigable for miles above the present railway bridges.—And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray:

Pike & Richardson, C. H. Rose, H. y Smyth, C. R. Atkinson, John Tissiman, T. H. Nelson, J. W. Shackleton, John Mercer, John Adam, E. W. Scaue, M. Houston, P. E. McKerrall, C. Coatsworth. Chatham, 9th Dec., 1875.

VILLAGE OF RIDGETOWN ENUMERATOR'S CERTIFICATE.

Ontario, County of Kent, to wit:—I do hereby certify that I have set down in the census enumeration, all hereunto annexed of the proposed Village of Ridgetown, agreeable to a By-law of the County Council of the County of Kent, passed June 19th, 1875, all of the persons actually residing or inhabiting the limits of the proposed Village of Ridgetown on the 28th day of June, 1875, being composed of the north half of lots 9 and 10, in the 10th Concession, 25 acres; east part south half lot 9, in the 10th Concession, 25 acres; south halves of lots 9 and 10, in the 9th Concession, 25 acres; east part north half lot 9, in the 9th Concession, 25 acres; west part north half lot 10, in the 9th Concession; Station grounds C. S. R., being composed of parts of the south halves of lots 8 and 9, in the 8th Concession; and part of the north half of lot 9, in the 9th Concession of the Township of Howard; and that I have not entered the name or names of any person or persons whom I believe or have reason to believe was not an actual resident within the aforesaid limits on the day and year aforesaid, and that the total number of persons actually residing within said limits at the time aforesaid is eight hundred and three (803), to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Declared before me this 11th day of October, 1875.

JOHN LAW, Enumerator.

JACOB SMITH, J. P., C. K.

REPORT ON KENT BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee appointed at the June Session to have an iron bridge built at Kent Bridge beg leave to report: That your Committee had an advertisement published and forwarded to various companies, engaged in building iron bridges, asking for tenders accompanied with plans and specifications for a bridge of the capacity of 100 lbs. to the square foot, with a facture of safety of five exclusive of bridge weight. We received five tenders, as follows: From Clarke, Reeves & Co., Philadelphia, \$9,800; Canton Bridge Co., Ohio, \$45.50 per foot, \$9,418.50; do. \$39.50 per foot, \$8,176.50; Detroit B. Co., \$50, per foot, \$10,350; Hamilton B. Co., \$45 per ft., \$9,418.

We awarded the contract to no. 3 ten. Canton Co., Ohio, conditionally. After examining their plans and specifications we had them submitted to 3 competent engineers. Each reported that said plans and specifications represented a capacity of 75 lbs. to the square foot instead of 100 lbs. required. On these grounds we declined to give them the contract. Your Com., having examined an iron bridge at Thamesville, on the G. W. R., built by Clarke, Reeve & Co., of Philadelphia, and after a thorough examination of their plans and specifications as submitted with tender No. 1, we entered into a contract with them to build and finish the bridge on or before the 15th day of Decr. next, for the sum of \$9,800, according to said plans and specifications, which we submit herewith for your inspection and approval.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, Oct. 15, 1875.

JOHN A. LANGFORD, Chairman.

REPORT ON COUNTY LINE BETWEEN ZONE AND EUPHEMIA.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to expend the sum of \$150 on County line between Kent and Lambton, and between Zone and Euphemia, beg leave to report, that owing to no action having been taken either by the County of Lambton or the Township of Euphemia, in the matter, your Committee was unable to proceed in expending the same, although the road is nearly impassable and would have been dangerous had not the Township of Zone applied Statute Labor and a sum of money to prevent. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Council Chambers, Dec. 8th, 1875.

JOSEPH ROBERTS, Commissioner.

REPORT ON TOWN LINE BETWEEN CHATHAM & CAMDEN.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$150, granted to the Town line between Chatham and Camden; and 264 dollars 34 cents, to the credit of the said line, beg leave to report that they have expended the sum of \$431 on said line, as follows:—in ditching, grading and gravelling, and the following jobs done and orders given for the same:—Peter C. Courtney, 40 rods of grading at 35c. per rod, \$14; Holley Elles, 40 rods, at 23c., \$11.20; Holley Elles, 40 rods, at 30c., \$12; John Wilson, 40 rods, at 25c., \$10; John Wilson, 40 rods at 25c., \$10; Henry Bond, 40 rods at 24c., \$9.60; Hy. Bond, 40 rods at 35c., \$14; John Carmichael, 63 rods at 35c., \$22.05; W. A. Shaw, rep. read & bridge over Little Bear Creek, \$13 65; Jas. Acquaintance, 50 rods of gravelling, at \$1 25 per rod, \$62.50; Holley Elles, 200 rods of gravelling, at \$1.25 per rod, \$250; Holley Elles, putting in culvert and balance on grading, \$9. Gentlemen,—the gravelling is not done on account of the iron bridge not being finished in time to move the gravel from the river before the water rose—the three last jobs not paid for. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR ANDERSON, E. BEDFORD, Commissioners.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned commissioners beg leave to report that they have expended the balance that remained to the credit of the following roads on 1st Jan., 1875, between Camden and Zone & gore of Zone & Camden townlines, and also the appropriations at the June session between Camden & Zone, gore of Camden & Zone, gore of Zone & Camden townlines. The jobs are all completed and the orders given on the Treas. as follows: Between Gore of Camden and Zone townlines, ditching & grading, Jas. Vance, \$25.75; do. Newham Leeson, \$22; do. James Vance, \$28.38; building bridge, Wm. Hinton, \$45; grading, Pat. Bodkin, \$7.62; do. John Farrell, \$6.50; ditching & grd'g, H. Buchanan, \$33; do. R. Buchanan, \$9.75; rep'g hill & grd'g, N. Leeson, \$33; building bridge, Ed. Brown, \$41—\$259. Between Camden & Zone townline, ditching & grd'g, T. Brook, \$17; do. John Daly, \$10.75; do. N. Leeson, \$11; sanding & ditching, John Farrell, \$12.72; do. John Daly, \$20.68; digging T.D., N. Leeson, \$12; grd'g building culv't, N. Leeson, \$25.50; do. E. Brown, \$7; rep'g culv't, E. Brown, \$3.50; ditching, J. Farrell, \$20.16; grd'g, J. Farrell, \$6.63—\$176 94; bal. to cr. \$1.93. Between the gore of Zone and Camden townline—ditching & grd'g, T. Mura, \$17.50; grading, rep'g culv't, N. Leeson, \$30.75; do. J. Farrell, \$5.37—\$53.62.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Joseph Roberts and Wm. Hopper, Commissioners.

Council Room, Dec. 2, 1875.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the sum of \$150 on the County Line between Romney and Tilbury West begs leave to report that the whole amount has been let, but the work is not yet completed.

GEORGE ROBERTSON, Commissioner.

To the Warden and Members of the County Council in Council assembled:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners in the expenditure of an appropriation of \$75 on the line between Town of Chatham and Townships of Dover and Chatham, beg leave to report, that the jobs let according to your Com. report of 15th instant, have been finished, and the amounts paid as follows:—121 rods ditching and grading at 42c., \$51.42; 66 rods ditching and grading, at 23c., \$15.18; leaving \$8.40 to the credit of that appropriation. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, Dec. 8, 1875.

H. J. EBERTS, FRANCIS-BABY, Commissioners.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum \$350, granted at the June session to the Chatham & Dover townline; also the bal. of money to the credit of said road amounting to \$235.53, beg leave to report the expenditure of the following amount: John Bishop, scraping road, \$12; K. Urquhart, ditching, scp'g road, \$14.50; building culverts, \$47; rep'g scraper, \$5; Uriah Peters, 2 cav'ts, \$17.50; R. Drummond, scp'g filling holes, \$30; N. Young, grad'g & hauling sand, &c., \$232; S. Pierce and C. B. Kinney, removing obstructions from road, \$3.75—\$375.75.

Leaving bal to cr. of said road of \$209.75.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. Bedford and F. Baby, Comr's.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commission appointed to expend a balance and the appropriation of \$267.11, on the County line between Tilbury East and West, beg leave to report as follows:—Have sold and received work done by the following parties, and orders given:—Peter Lener, repairing bridge, \$1.50; Peter Blagh, ditching, \$25.64; James Landon, ditching, \$23.32; Jules Marshand, ditching, \$3.75; John Edwards, ditching, \$60. Ditching for the balance has been sold but not completed. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON, Commissioner.

Valetta, 4th November, 1875.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to repair the planking of the Bothwell Bridge beg leave to report that, in addition to repairing plank, I found it necessary to tighten up all the bolts. It has all been accomplished at a cost of \$13—A. Mc. Donald, tightening bolts, \$16; Geo. Taylor, rep'g plank, \$2. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. DILLON, Comr

To the Warden and Council of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to expend the sum of \$50 on townline between Zone and the Town of Bothwell, beg leave to report that the money was expended in cutting and clearing out said line by public competition to the following parties—Angus Morrison, \$7.50; Chas. Cox, \$7.75; Alex. Duncan, \$27.50; George Taylor, \$7.25—\$50.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. ROBERTS, THOS. DILLON, Comr's.

Council Chamber, Dec. 9, 1875.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to expend the sums of money appropriated to the cutting down the hill on the north approach of the Bothwell Bridge, beg leave to report your Commissioner was met by the Reeve of Mosa, when we proceeded to sell the work by public-auction to the amount of \$212, one half of which has been met by Mosa and the Town of Bothwell, and orders have been given on the Co. Treasurer for balance. Tp. of Mosa, \$77.66; Town of Bothwell, \$26.34; Co. of Kent, \$108—\$212. The work is all finished, and the approach in good travelling order.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. DILLON, Com.

Council Room, Dec. 9, 1875.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your Com. appointed to expend the sum of \$50 on line used in lieu of Co. line, between Zone and Euphemia, providing the Town of Bothwell and Tp. of Zone give equal amount, beg leave to report as follows. The sum was supplemented by \$25 from the Town of Bothwell and \$25 from Tp. Zone, when they proceeded to sell the work to the lowest bidder on June 29th: John Tuitt, ditching and grad'g, \$10.75; Geo. Taylor, do, \$32.75; Jas Johnston, do, \$3; John Tuitts, do, \$22.50; Wm. McMaster, do, \$7.50; Jos. Cross, do, \$10; John Shott, do, \$8.50; Jos Cross, do, \$14.90—\$100.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. ROBERTS and THOS. DILLON, Comr's.

Council Chamber, Dec. 8, 1875.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We your Committee appointed to expend the grant of \$100, on the line between the Village of Dresden and the Gore of Camden, beg leave to report as follows:—That we have expended the sum of \$91.38 on said line, and that the work have been done to the satisfaction of your Committee, and that we have given orders for the above amount. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR ANDERSON, ALEX. TREKICE, Commissioners.

To the Warden and Council County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to expend the sum of \$200 on Town line between Howard and Harwich, beg leave to report that they have sold the following jobs, viz: No. 1, to E. P. Cortney, 26 rods of ditching, at 25c. per rod, \$6.50; No. 2, to C. A. Tuites, 48 rods, at 35c., \$16.80; No. 3, to E. P. Cortney, 26 rods of gravelling, at 37c. per rod, \$9.64; No. 4, to Edward Stover, 48 rods at 47c., \$22.56; No. 5, to Ed. Stover, 118 rods of ditching, at 20c., \$23.60; No. 6, to Peter Best, building culvert, \$12.75; No. 7, to John Miller, repairing bridge, \$4.75; No. 8, to George McKay, 28 rods gravelling for \$39; No. 9, to Nelson Graves, 22 rods gravelling for \$15.08; No. 10, to Geo. McKay, 35 rods gravelling for \$26.60; No. 11, to David Hamill, for plank for culvert, \$6.30; No. 12, to Robt. McKay, 23 rods gravelling, \$16.48; to McLaren & McKinlay, for tile, \$8.75—\$191.75. The following jobs are completed, excepting jobs 3 and 4, of gravelling, amounting to \$32.20. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Rooms, Dec. 8th, 1875.

J. A. LANGFORD, }
WILLIAM COLL, } Commissioners

To the Warden and Council Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee appointed to expend the sum of \$30 for digging tap drain on townline between Howard and Harwich to the waters of the Eau, beg leave to report as follows: Sold ditch to Jas Matmore from townline to waters of Eau for \$36.75; sold 41 rods along townline over marsh of the Eau to George Thompson for \$1.31—\$40.06.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Com. Rooms, Dec. 8, 1875.

J. A. LANGFORD, WM. COLL, Comr's.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend \$300 on the Raleigh and Tilbury East diverted Town Line, beg leave to report that owing to the high water the past season, we have been unable to expend the greater part of the appropriation to advantage, although the road is in need of repair. There is a balance of \$287 unexpended, which we wish to stand to the credit of the said road, and when added to a new grant will enable the Commissioners to let jobs of work that will be of a permanent kind. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

R. J. MORRISON, JOHN RICHARDSON, Commissioners.

Council Chamber, Dec. 8th, 1875.

To the Warden and Council of Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$400 on the townline between Tilbury East and Romney, beg leave to report that on account of that portion of the line on which they thought best to expend the money not being fully established, that they have only been able to expend \$10 of said amount.

Geo. ROBINSON, JOAN RICHARDSON, Comr's.

To the Warden and Council of Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$100 on Town of Chatham and Raleigh townline, beg leave to report that the whole amount has been expended, the work finished, and orders granted on the Treasurer. The work was sold to the lowest bidders. The contractors were Nath. Jones, 250 rods of ditching & grading, \$80; P. Kerrons, ditching, grad'g, & rep'g bridge, \$20.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Council Chamber, Dec 8, 1875.

R. J. MORRISON, E. J. ROCHE, Comr's.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend certain sums granted to the County line between the Gore of Camden and the Township of Dawn, beg leave to report as follows:—that the County of Lambton and the Township of Dawn has met the former grants to the line, but has not met the grant for the present year. Your Commissioner has sold work to the amount of the old grants in chopping and logging and bridging, and has given orders for the following jobs:—John Lawless, for bridge over the Molly Creek, \$49; Jas. Smeltzer, chopping and logging, \$20.31; J. McCollum, bridge on Molley Creek, \$30; Thos. Innes, chopping and logging, \$20.70; P. Vanhooser, do. \$22.82; John Skinner, do. (paid \$40.) \$49. The following jobs are sold but not completed, 2 acres at \$15 per acre, and \$10 on the last job, and \$3 for grading the ends of the bridges, has to be paid for. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARNOLD ANDERSON, Commissioner.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$150 on town-line between Gore of Chatham and Gore of Camden, beg leave to report they have sold the line between Tp. Chatham & Gore of Camden, beg leave to report they have sold the following jobs north of River between the Gores: D. McKeriger, 20 rods grading, \$2 per rod, \$40; S. Mountney, do \$2.25 do, \$38.25; S. Mountney, 30 rods ditching, 50c do, \$15; D. McKeriger, 30 do, 50c, \$15; D. Perry, 18 rods, \$10; G. Gilbert, 180 rods, 9c rod, \$16.20.

Line between Tp. Chatham and Gore Camden—M. Simons, 45 rods, 30c per rod, \$13.50; A. Vandusen, 72 rods, 28c rod, \$20.16; C. Simons, 32 rods, 18c rod, \$5.76; B. Barer, 48 rods, 20c rod, \$9.60; E. C. Richey, 94 rods, 27c rod, \$25.38; W. Baker, 48 rods, 18c rod, \$8.64; do, 60 rods, 20c rod, \$12; do, 25 rods, 25c rod, \$3.75; Wm. Prow, 41 rods, 20c rod, \$8.20; E. Richey, 32 rods, 39c rod, \$12.48; do, levelling road, \$1.75; A. Vandusen, 36 rods, 17c rod, \$6.12; H. Baker, 97 rods, 20c rod, \$19.40; do, covering ditch, \$5.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. ANDERSON, T. W. WRIGHT, Comr's.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned Commissioners beg leave to report that they have expended the sum of \$50, as appropriated at the June Session on the Town line between Camden and Thamesville. The work is completed and the order given on the Treasurer. The work sold as follows:—to Thos. Marra, 66½ rods of graveling at 75c per rod, \$50. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. HOPPER, R. FERGUSON, Commissioners.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the appropriation of \$300 for the improvement of the Town line between the Township of Raleigh and Tilbury East, beg leave to report that they have expended and granted orders on the Treasurer for the following amounts:—Pat. Hickey, scraping \$18; M. Dillon, repairing culvert, \$4; John Gutteridge, culvert, \$15; Wm. Barry, culvert, \$13; Geo. Stinger, culvert, \$7.50; John Lee, ditching, \$36; Dennis Griffin, culvert, \$10; Michael Dillon, ditching, \$5.50; John Lee, repairing culvert, \$6; D. Cooper, ditching, \$25; S. Gilhula, ditching, \$5; John Gutteridge, ditching, \$18.85; D. Martin, ditching \$6.40; Geo. Stinger, ditching, \$16; Wm. Barry, ditching, \$16.60; D. Martin, ditching, \$24; John Duly, ditching, \$6.80—total, \$233.65; unexpended, \$66.35. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. McNEILL,

JOHN RICHARDSON,

Commissioners.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee appointed to expend the sum of \$400 and balance of \$27.71 on Howard and Orford townline, beg leave to report that they have expended the whole amount and \$7.32 over—over expenditure arising from the cause of having to call fenceviewers to determine and decide relative to making a drain along townline, by which we were compelled to furnish tile for making a drain which cost \$91, which, added to our expenditure previous to the award, makes the sum set forth above. We have granted orders as follows: Thos. Vickery \$6, D. Gladstone \$22.50, Geo Hanley \$18, Wm. Murray \$121.13, G. Scarlett \$33, T. Reid \$26.40, D. McKay \$6, John Johnston \$6, Gilford Greaves \$96, Hugh Johnston \$53, J. McNeish \$24, Mich. Hall \$14, Nelson \$9.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, Dec. 9, 1875.

JOHN LEE, RICH. WADE, Comr's.

To the Warden and Council Co. Kent.

Your Commissioners appointed to expend \$100 on townline between Tp. Chatham and Dover, west of River Sydenham, beg leave to report as follows: Sec. 1—Commencing near Chenel Ecarts, extending east 100 rods; ditch 8 feet bottom, average depth 2 ft; side slope 1 to 1. Earth excavated from ditch to be graded on the road. Sold to Jos. Fisher, 44; per rod—\$44. Sec. 2—80 rods, 6 feet bottom, 2 feet deep; side slope 1 to 1; earth excavated to be placed on road and properly graded.—J. R. McDonald, 34c.—\$27.20. Sec. 3—23 rods, 6 ft. bottom, usual side slopes; commencing 23 rods from creek with 18 in. depth, gradually incr'g to 2 ft. at creek; earth excavated to be properly graded on road.—H. O. McDonald, 93c—\$21.39. H. O. Mc-

Donald also took a job of logging and burning timber and brush lying along south side of the road for a distance of about 200 rods, for \$7.20. The aggregate cost of the work done, as above-mentioned, is \$100.49. Your Commissioners having overdrawn the said appropriation to the amount of 47c. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

A. McDOUGALL, }
FRANCIS BABY, } Commissioners.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the sum of \$400 on the County Line between Romney and Mersea, begs to report that \$372.38 has been let, and \$319.52 worth of the work has been completed, the balance of jobs let amounting to \$52.86 will be finished in a few days, which will leave a balance to the credit of the line of \$27.62, which your Commissioner has reserved in case the road should need repairing.

GEORGE ROBINSON, Commissioner.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$200 for the improvement of the Town line between the Townships of Raleigh and Harwich, beg leave to report that they have expended the appropriation and granted orders on the Treasurer for the following amounts:—Jesse Jewel, culvert, \$24; A. McNeill, culvert, \$10; Luke Kelly, culvert, \$30; David Irwin, gravelling, \$40; M. Dillon, culvert, \$20; Luke Kelly, ditching, \$16.80; John Green, ditching, \$12.50; David Irwin, culvert, \$17.50; Luke Kelly, cleaning ditch, \$3.—Total amount expended, \$173.80; balance unexpended, \$26.20. All of which is respectfully submitted.

MALCOLM McNEILL, Commissioner.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the sum of \$200 on the Town line between Dover East and West, beg leave to report that the following jobs were sold, and orders granted for the same:—George Jacobs, 60 rods ditching, at 46 cents per rod, \$27.90; T. McQueen, 60 do, 40c rod, \$24; do, 64 do, 39c rod, \$24.96; John Sterling, 120 do, 39c rod, \$47.40; A. Barnier, 69 do, 47c rod \$28.20; do, 164 do, 44c rod, \$28.16; T. McQueen, 4 do, 40c rod, \$1.80; do, ½ day help for survey, 75c; Jos. Jubenville, 1 day do, \$1.50; W. G. McGeorge, 1 day survey said line, \$4. A. Thibodeau, making culvert, \$10—\$198.37; bal. \$1.63.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

PETER ROBERT, Com.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

The Committee appointed to purchase a gravel pit for the use of townline between Howard and Harwich, beg leave to report that we bought the gravel of ½ acre for \$50 from James Rushton, situated on Ridge road adjacent to townline.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. LANGFORD, WM. COLL, Comr's.

Com. Room, Dec. 8, 1875.

To the Warden and Council County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Comr appointed to investigate the grievance of John Lowrie and others respecting sale of culvert and gravelling townline between Tps. Raleigh and Harwich, beg leave to report that on 18th Nov., in compliance with a resolution passed by your Hon. Body, and having notified John Lowrie by mail; also Deputy-Reeves of Raleigh and Harwich, that myself and the Reeve of Howard would meet them at Buckhorn and hear their complaints, and requested Mr. Lowrie to be there with his witnesses. But on calling on Mr. Lowrie I found that he had not received my letter, and said I would wait till he brought forward his witnesses: and as no witnesses came, no further action was taken in the matter.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON, Com.

To the Warden and Council.

GENTLEMEN,—As the appropriation of \$1000 made at the June session to assist the Town of Chatham in dredging the bar at the mouth of the Thames was placed under my supervision, I beg leave to report to your Hon. body that the work has been completed to the entire satisfaction of the Govt. Engineer. There were excavated and properly dumped 10,950 cubic yards of matter, taking 40 days work, of 10 hours each. The channel has continued good throughout this season, with a clear depth of

10 ft. water. I have to report that I was on the spot throughout the whole work, and beg to leave the question of recompense in your hands.—I am, Mr. Warden and Gentlemen, respectfully yours,
H. J. EBERTS.

To the Warden and Council Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to take charge of Kent Bridge to see that it was kept in a state of repair; also that all parties riding or driving over said bridge contrary to law be prosecuted, beg leave to report as follows: That he has prosecuted several parties, and it has had the tendency to put a check on fast driving on said bridge; also, paid out for repairing bridge and plank \$12.—All of which is respectfully submitted.
J. A. LANGFORD.

Kent Bridge, Dec. 8, 1875.

To the Warden and Council Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Com'r appointed to tighten and screw up the bolts on Thamesville Bridge, begs leave to report as follows: That I employed Jas. Ferguson to do the work by the day, and the cost of same was \$30, for which I gave an order on the Treasurer. I also employed Mr. Twigg to repair the approaches of said bridge, and cost \$8, for which I also gave order on Treas.—All of which is respectfully submitted.
ROBT. FERGUSON, Com'r.

To Warden and Bridge Com., Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The Bridge here has been this season and is now in apparent good order, and no expense has been incurred. I would respectfully call your attention again to the old portion of the north approach; it is old, and I think it should be removed.—I am, Gentlemen, yours truly,
JAS. BLACK, Supt.

To the Warden and Council Co. Kent in Council Assembled.

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee appointed to superintend the re-building of Kent Bridge, beg leave to report that, immediately after the Special Session in Oct'r, the contractors proceeded with the work in a manner satisfactory to your Com. At a meeting of your Com. held in Sept'r, Mr. Young was instructed to order four pedestal stones to set the bridge on, which were purchased at Grimsby for \$63 60, including freight. Placed the stones on the piers, raised the bridge 15 in. higher than the approaches, they then had to be raised to suit the bridge, consequently it is above high water mark. Nov. 19, your Com. having received notice that the Bridge was completed and ready for testing, met at the bridge, when the various parts and specialties of the structure were minutely examined by your Com. before acceptance, with a final test of its capabilities of withstanding a strain. We then subjected it to a strain of 25 tons, and the deflection was barely $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch. On removing the loads it retained its former position. Your Com. being satisfied that the Bridge was according to contract, gave an order on the Treasurer for the balance due on contract, being \$9,000, having previously drawn \$800. Your Com. resolved to sell the timbers of the old bridge by public auction, which amounted to \$16 50; also to collect the irons of same to await the disposal of Co. Council. Your Com. would submit the propriety of having the centre pier removed to give water way, and the stone to be placed round the abutments to protect them. Your Committee had the approaches raised, and repaired the covering on one of them which cost \$48 83, and orders given on Treas. for same as follows:

Clarke, Reeves & Co. contractors, \$9800; do, R. L. Gibson, stone and freight, \$63 60; hauling stone \$5; mason work, \$4; lime & sand, \$2; T. S. Arnold, plank to rep. approach, \$8 83; R. Ferguson, joist for do, \$4 60; S. Coll, hauling joist for do, \$3; Clark, Reeves & Co., raising app., \$36; loads gravel to test bridge, \$6; total cost of building bridge, rep. app., etc., \$9,932 93.—All of which is respectfully submitted,
Com. Room, Dec 9, 1875.
J. A. LANGFORD, Chairman K. B. C.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend \$200, granted at last session of Council for painting Wallaceburg bridges, beg to report as follows: 1st day July your comr's adv. for tenders for same, said tenders to be opened 8th day same month. Several tenders were put in, asking from \$250 to \$300 for the work. The contract was given Jas. McDougall at \$250. The work has been done and an order

given on Treasurer for contract price. Although tender exceeded grant by \$50, your comr's deemed it necessary that the work should be done, as said bridges were receiving great damage for want of paint. Therefore your comr's felt confident that this Council would sustain and ratify their acts in overdrawing the estimate to amt. above stated. Your comr's also beg leave to report with reference to employing suitable parties as care-takers of said bridges. Your comr's advertised for tenders for same, which were received on same day as tenders for painting. There were several tenders put in, and contract was awarded Geo. Brown and James McDougall at \$24 each during season of navigation, said engagement to continue till close navigation, 1876. Your comr's have granted orders to said parties each month, commencing 8th day July last, which payments amount in all to \$240. Your comr's, after June session, found on inspection that it was absolutely necessary that some repairs should be made to said bridges in strengthening the approaches to bridge on main stream by inserting additional road beams and placing some heavy timbers thereunder, and bracing the railway, and placing a cluster of ten piles at the east end of the fender pier to large bridge—two new pinion stands, tightening up bolts and rods to both bridges, and raising the two bridges in order to facilitate the opening and closing of same, the total cost of which will aggregate \$213.70. A. McDUGALL, Chairman.

To Warden and Council, County Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Com. appointed under By-law 297, passed Dec. 13, 1872, to whom were referred the assessments against the County for improvements to County roads by making certain drains, beg leave to report as follows: We have had some assessments served on us as follows—Chatham & Dover townline drain served by Tp. Chatham, assm't against Co., \$1500; Paxton creek drain by Tp. Dover, assm't against Co., \$1000; Pike creek Robinson drain by Tp. Camden, \$28; L.B.C. drain by Tp. of Camden, as benefit to Camden & Zone townline, \$50; Romney & Tilbury East T. L. D. by Tp. Tilbury East, \$2500; McKerricher drain by Tp. Orford as benefit to Howard & Orford townline, \$70; drain No. one by Tp. Aldboro as benefit to Co. line between Kent & Elgin, \$24. Your Com., after examining plans, profiles, etc., of the several drains above specified, consider that the assessments on the above drains, except the Romney and Tilbury East townline drain, for \$2500, and Paxton creek D., by the Tp. Dover, \$1000, would be a great benefit to the roads which they will drain, and would ask that the above assm't's be provided for and paid as soon as satisfactory proof is given that the drains are fully completed. Your Com. would further report that they have appealed against the assm't on Paxton creek drain, and appointed C. E. Pegley, Esq., as arbitrator in our behalf, the report of said arbitrator having been already submitted to you; also that we appealed against the Romney and Tilbury East townline drain for the following reason—that we considered the assm't too high, after which the municipality of Tilbury East and the promoters of the drain withdrew the matter. We would further say that the assm't of \$1500, on Chatham and Dover townline drain, will be a great benefit to said townline, as it will do away with 8 or ten bridges across what is known as Crooked creek, which will be a saving to the County.—All of which is respectfully submitted. JOHN LEE, Warden.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Com. on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report that, while opposed to the principle of making grants of money for roads at this season of the year, would recommend that \$20 00 be granted to put a culvert across McCharigar's creek on the Howard and Orford townline, it having been made to appear to your Com. to be in a dangerous state.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Council Chamber, Dec. 10, 1875.

JOS. ROBERTS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

To the Warden and Councillors Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Buildings beg leave to report that, in accordance with instructions received from the Council at the June session, they have altered the plan and specifications for the proposed House of Industry and Refuge so as to have the roofs slated in place of shingled, with galvanized iron eave troughs, with lining of baley gutters and slope angles of the same material, all in place of them

which were proposed. We have made estimates of the same, also an estimate of the cost of out-buildings, and cost of furnishing the house as follows:

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| Cost of main building with slated roofs, etc..... | \$15,859 80 |
| Cost of out-buildings, furnishing, etc..... | 2,735 00 |

Total.....\$18,594 80

Your Com. have further to report that the fence and other repairs at the High School are now finished.

Also that the walls in front of the Court House are repaired and pointed, and the portico repaired; also the new fence in the jailer's yard to replace the one that was too low. We have also procured blinds for the 4 windows in the Court room; also lamps for room.

Your Com. have also to report that on the application of the Co. Register they have covered the floor of the two rooms with cocoa nut matting and furnished him with 100 tin boxes for papers. The Register is now in the new office.

The following is the cost of repairs: New fence, new closets and repairs at H. S., \$613 92; pointing walls and rep'g porticoes, \$84 10; new fence in jailer's yard, \$36; lamps and blinds for Court room, \$29 63; blinds, matting and tin boxes for Register office, \$45 45—\$809 19.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. YOUNG, Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Council of Corporation of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Com. on Finance, to whom was referred the various accounts and matters accompanying this report, beg leave to recommend that the following accounts be paid:

Kenneth Campbell, pitcher & tumbler for clerk's office, \$1; R. Cooper, for telegrams, \$1 07; John Laws, taking census Ridgetown, \$4; A. Bell, drawing lease J. H. Watson and Corp. Kent, \$5; W. H. Patchin, coal for Deputy Master in Chancery's office \$14; do, coal for Registry office, \$16 50; J. & W. McKeough, for office Co. Judge, \$2; do, office Co. Clerk, \$22 04; do, office Clerk of Peace, \$13 30; do, office Treas., 75c; do, Registry office, 75c; do, office Dep. Master in Chancery, \$1 55; do, for Jail & Court House, \$135 20; J. Marquand, cleaning clock, \$1; S. Barfoot, Postoffice acc't. \$6 31; Jas Holmes, stationery, \$4 75; H'y Robinson, work, supplies, etc. \$26. 45; C. R. Atkinson, legal expenses, \$88 35; D. Kerr, sundries, \$5 91; W. A. Campbell, fuel for Co. offices, \$16 30; do, amt. paid, books and charges, \$6 59; R. Stephenson, adv., etc., \$19 34.

Your Com. further recommend the payment of the following Comr's fees.

R. Ferguson \$4, John Langford \$11 80, Wm. Hopper \$28 70, T. Wright \$18 30, George Young \$74 70, John Richardson \$42 10, Arthur Anderson \$79 10, Peter Robert \$17 80, John Lee \$81 90, R. J. Morrison \$10 70, George Robinson \$30, M. McNeil \$24 60, Jos. Roberts \$27 20, E. J. Roche \$4, H. J. Eberts \$14, E. Bedford \$43 30, W. Coll \$39 70, A. Trerice \$25, J. Cameron \$10 40, Thos. Dillon \$36 40, P. Baby \$49 80, R. Wade \$25 10, A. McDougall \$18 90.

Your Committee would also recommend that a bonus of \$200 be given to Shackleton & McIntosh, upon the completion of their County map, in accordance with the prayer of their petition; and that an appropriation of \$100 be paid to the Town of Chatham in consideration of the benefit derived by the Industrial Farm from the Victoria St. drain; also that the medicines for the Gaol be procured in the usual way.

—All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. J. EBERTS, Chairman,

Council Chamber, Dec. 10, 1875.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 336.

A BY-LAW to raise by way of loan the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, for the purposes therein mentioned.

PASSED 15th Oct., 1875.

WHEREAS it is expedient and necessary to raise by way of loan the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the purpose of building an Iron Bridge across the River Thames at Kent Bridge, and for the payment of the balance due by the County on Tecumseh Bridge,

AND WHEREAS it will require the sum of Two Thousand Dollars and interest on the unpaid principal of such loan to be paid annually by special rate for the payment of the said loan, as hereinafter mentioned.

AND WHEREAS the amount of the whole rateable property of the said Municipality of the County of Kent, irrespective of any increase of the same, according to the last revised Assessment Roll, being for the year 1874, was \$10,877,092.

AND WHEREAS the amount of the existing debt of the Municipality is as follows:—Principal, the sum of \$27,000, and interest from the 18th day of September, 1874, at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, of which interest there is none due and in arrears.

AND WHEREAS for paying the said sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and Interest, as hereinafter mentioned, it will require the annual special rate of one-third of a mill on the dollar.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Acts respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of Ontario.

1st. That it shall be lawful for the Warden of the County of Kent to raise by way of loan, from any person or persons, or body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same upon the credit of the Debentures hereinafter mentioned, a sum of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, and to cause the same to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of said County for the purposes and with the object above recited.

2nd. That it shall be lawful for the Warden of the County of Kent to cause twenty Debentures to be made and issued for One Thousand Dollars each, and that the said Debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the said Municipality, and signed by the said Warden and Treasurer of said Municipal Corporation.

3rd. That the said Debentures shall be made payable yearly, two in each and every year from the date hereinafter named for this By-law to take effect, so that the whole shall be payable in ten years from said date at furthest, at the Office of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, in the Town of Chatham; and said Debentures shall have Coupons attached to them for the payment of Interest.

4th. That the said Debentures shall bear interest at and after a rate not exceeding Eight per cent. per annum from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable half-yearly on the 15th day of the months of April and October, at the office of the Merchant's Bank of Canada, in the Town of Chatham aforesaid.

5th. For the purpose of payment of the said Debentures and interest to become due as aforesaid, an equal special rate of one-third of a mill on the dollar shall, in addition to all other rates, be raised, levied and collected in each year upon all the rateable property in the said Municipality during the continuance of said Debentures or any of them.

5th. That this By-law shall take effect and come into operation upon the 15th day of October, A. D. 1875.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

A BY-LAW to Incorporate the Village of Ridgetown

PASSED 16th October, 1875.

WHEREAS a Census of the inhabitants of the Village of Ridgetown has been taken under the directions of this Council, and it has been found to contain a population of Eight Hundred and three (803); and the required number of Freeholders and Householders having petitioned this Council for a By-law to incorporate the said Village.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Acts respecting Municipal Institutions of the Province of Ontario.

1st. That the said Village of Ridgetown, in the Township of Howard, be and is hereby incorporated, and that the following hereinafter described lands shall be and they are hereby included within the limits of said Corporation: Being composed of the North-half of Lots No. 9 & 10, in the 10th Concession; East part of the South half of Lot No. 9 in 10th Concession, 25 acres; South halves of Lots No. 9 & 10, in the 9th Concession; East part North half Lot 9, in the 9th Concession, 25 acres; West part North half Lot 10, in the 9th Concession, 25 acres; Station grounds of Canada Southern Railway at Ridgetown Station, being parts of the South halves of Lots 8 & 9, in the eighth Concession, and part of the North half of Lot nine, in the 9th Concession of said Township of Howard. The whole of the above described lands being 490 acres, more or less.

2nd. That this By-law shall take effect on and after the 22nd day of December, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-six; and that John Law shall be Returning Officer at the first Election of Municipal Officers in and for said Corporation, and that the Election shall be held in the Town Hall in said Village of Ridgetown.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

NO. 338.

A BY-LAW to confirm a certain By-law of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Orford, passed the 4th day of December, 1875, and numbered 12.

PASSED 10th Dec'r, 1875.

WHEREAS it is requisite and necessary to confirm a certain By-law of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Orford, passed the 4th day of December, 1875, and numbered 12,

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Acts respecting Municipal Institutions of the Province of Ontario.

1st. That the By-law passed by the Municipal Council of the Township of Orford, on the 4th day of December, 1875, and numbered Twelve, to alter or change a portion of road known as road between the 4th Concession and North half of Middle Road lots in the said Township of Orford, a plan of the same being made by Thos. Scane, Esq., P. L. S., and attached to this By-law—a copy of By-law of said Township is likewise hereunto annexed—is hereby confirmed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

NO. 339.

A BY-LAW to detach certain Lands from the Limits of the Corporation of the Village of Dresden.

PASSED 10th Dec'r, 1875.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to detach certain Lands from the limits of the Corporation of the Village of Dresden. And Whereas the outstanding obligations and debts of said Corporation are Nine Thousand Dollars. And Whereas the net amount of the yearly Rate last levied and collected therein is \$7,363 93.

AND WHEREAS the said certain Lands necessary to detach from the limits of said Corporation of Dresden are wholly used for farming purposes.

AND WHEREAS by detaching the said certain lands from the limits of said Corporation, the population thereof will not be reduced below the number of 750 souls, nor the Municipal rights of said Corporation be thereby diminished.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, assembled under and by virtue of the Municipal Acts of Ontario.

1st. That the South-west quarter of the West half of Lot No. 4, in the fourth Concession of the Gore of Camden, be and is hereby detached from the limits of the Corporation of the Village of Dresden.

2nd. That the new limits intended for the said Corporation of the Village of Dresden be defined by the following metes and bounds, viz: That is to say including the East halves of Lots 3 and 4, in the 5th Concession of the said Gore of Camden, in the Co. of Kent; also the West halves of lots 3 & 4 in the 5th Con. of said Gore of Camden. Park lots Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, according to a plan and survey made by A. McDonell, Esq., P.L.S., of a portion of lands vested in the Trustees of the British American Institute, and being part of Lot No. 2 in the 4th Concession of the said Gore of Camden. The South-east quarter of Lot No. 5, in the 4th Concession of the said Gore of Camden; One Square Acre on the South-west corner of Lot No. 5 in the 5th Concession of the said Gore of Camden; the South-east quarter of the West half of lot No. 4, in the 4th Concession of the said Gore of Camden. 25 Acres, being the North-west quarter of the East half of Lot No. 3, in the 5th Concession of the said Gore of Camden; and a strip of land west of the line between the East and West halves of lot No. 3, in the 4th Concession of the said Gore of Camden, and defined by a plan and survey made by A. McDonell, Esq., P. L. S., of the lands vested in the Trustees of the British American Institute, and known as Wilson street; part of Holden street; part of Cemetery ground; part of Hughes street; part of lots 88, 87, 25 & 23, and parts of Robinson and Brown streets—all of which lands are bounded on the East by the dividing line between the East and West halves of lot No. three aforesaid, and on the West by the River Sydenham and Park Lot No. Fifteen.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JOHN LEE, WARDEN.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

— AT THE —

JANUARY SESSION, 1876.

— OF THE —

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

— OF THE —

COUNTY OF KENT.



JOHN A. LANGFORD, - - - Warden.
DANIEL KERR, - - - Clerk.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE Municipal Council of the County of Kent, JANUARY SESSION—1876.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to Statute, at the Court House, in the Town of Chatham, on Tuesday the 25th day of January, A. D. 1876.

Certificates of the several Clerks of the Municipalities in the County were deposited with the Clerk, whereby it appeared that the following Reeves and Deputy-Reeves were duly elected, and had taken the several declarations required by the Statute:—

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| TOWN OF CHATHAM..... | RICHARD MONCK..... | REEVE. |
| "..... | THOMAS HOLMES..... | 1ST DEPUTY. |
| "..... | A. B. McINTOSH..... | 2ND " |
| " BOTHWELL..... | THOMAS DILLON..... | REEVE. |
| VILLAGE OF DRESDEN..... | ALEX. TRERICE..... | " |
| " THAMESVILLE..... | ROBERT FERGUSON..... | " |
| " WALLACEBURG..... | ALEX. McDOUGALL..... | " |
| " BLENHEIM..... | THOS. R. JACKSON..... | " |
| TOWNSHIP OF CAMDEN..... | JOHN DOBBYN..... | " |
| "..... | A. J. C. SHAW..... | DEPUTY. |
| " CHATHAM..... | EBENEZER BEDFORD..... | REEVE. |
| "..... | DAVID H. EVERITT..... | DEPUTY. |
| " DOVER..... | PETER ROBERT..... | REEVE. |
| "..... | JOHN WRIGHT..... | DEPUTY. |
| " HARWICH..... | GEORGE YOUNG..... | REEVE. |
| "..... | JOHN A. LANGFORD..... | 1ST DEPUTY. |
| "..... | JAMES McMULLEN..... | 2ND " |
| " HOWARD..... | RICHARD WADE..... | REEVE. |
| "..... | DANIEL McKERRICHER..... | 1ST DEPUTY. |
| "..... | BENJ. W. WILSON..... | 2ND " |
| " ORFORD..... | JOHN LEE..... | REEVE. |
| "..... | DANIEL MILLS..... | DEPUTY. |
| " RALEIGH..... | ROBT. J. MORRISON..... | REEVE. |
| "..... | THOS. L. PARDO..... | DEPUTY. |
| " ROMNEY..... | GEORGE ROBINSON..... | REEVE. |
| " TILBURY EAST..... | ANDREW WILSON..... | " |
| " ZOSE..... | JAMES CRUICKSHANK..... | " |

The Roll was called. All the Councillors were present. The Council then proceeded to the election of a Warden for the current year, the Clerk in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Wright, that John A. Langford, Dep -Reeve of Harwich, be Warden for the year 1876.

Moved in amendment by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Holmes, and resolved, that Robert Ferguson be Warden for the year 1876.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, that Richard Monck, Esq., Reeve of Town of Chatham, be elected Warden of the County of Kent for the year 1876.

On-being put to the vote both amendments were lost, the original motion was carried.

The Clerk then declared John A. Langford duly elected Warden for the present year.

Mr. Langford made the Declaration of Office and took the chair as Warden, returning thanks to the Council for the honor they had conferred upon him.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read:

From the Crown Lands Department in reply to petition for survey of road between lots Nos. 20 and 21 in the 9th con. of the Township of Orford.

From the same in reply to petition for survey of the new division line between Tibury East and Romney.

From Department of Immigration, relating to the immigration of approved farm laborers and female domestic servants.

Various notices of motion were given.

On motion the Council adjourned till ten o'clock following morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY, CHATHAM, WEDNESDAY, 26th Jan'y, 1876.

The Roll was called. Present—John A. Langford, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Various notices of motion were given, and various accounts were put in and referred to the Finance Committee.

A communication from the County Treasurer was read, laying before the Council the accounts of the County for the year ending 31st Dec., 1875, embracing the following copies of accounts: Copy of Cash Book, Abstract of Accounts, Balance Sheet, Statement of Liabilities and Assets of the County, Statement of Accounts with the different Municipalities.

Mr. Young presented the report of the High School Trustees for 1875, which was read and adopted.

The Clerk laid before the Council the correspondence relating to Railway crossings on Town lines between Harwich and Howard. Also, relating to certain obstructions at Baptiste Creek on G. W. R.

The report of the Committee appointed to investigate the grievance of John Lowrie and others respecting the sale of jobs on the Town line between Raleigh and Harwich, was read.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mills, that the report of the Committee relative to the expending of certain moneys of this County on the Harwich and Raleigh Town line during last year, and that, as the report states, the Commissioners, Messrs. Cameron and McNeil, expended the money improperly,—*Resolved*, that Messrs. McDougall, Young and Morrison be a Committee to bring in a report of censure against those gentlemen, and that they bring in the same this week for the approval of the Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mills, that Councillors Trerice, Young, McDougall, Shaw, McIntosh, Bedford, and the mover be a Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the current year.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Pardo, that Messrs. McDougall, Young, Lee, Monck, Ferguson and Morrison be appointed a Committee to select the Standing Committees.

On being put to vote the amendment was lost, motion carried.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Morrison, and resolved, that Daniel Kerr be appointed High School Trustee in room of Dr. VanVelsor who retires.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Monck, that Rev. Mr. Walker, be appointed Trustee for High School.

On being put to the vote amendment was lost, motion carried.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called, same members present.

A communication from A. E. Merritt was read, asking a job of erecting Lightning conductors on the Court House and Gaol and High School.

On motion of Mr. Young, the report of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the current year was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bedford the report of the Board of Examiners for the County of Kent was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Bedford, seconded by Mr. Young, that Geo. D. Ross, Esq., be and is hereby appointed Auditor for the current year.—Carried.

The Warden appointed Andrew Heyward, Esq., as Auditor,

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Trerice, that Councillors Holmes and McDougall be the Auditors for the Criminal Justice Accounts for the year 1876.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that J. B. Rankin, John McCabe,

and James Duncan be appointed Examiners of Common School Teachers for the year 1876.

Moved by Mr. Trerice in amendment, seconded by Mr. Lee, that J. B. Rankin, John McCabe and Joseph Boag, be appointed Examiners of Common School Teachers for 1876.

On being put to vote the amendment was carried, motion lost.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down on the amendment as follows:

YEAS.—Councillors Bedford, Everitt, McMullen, Lee, Wilson (Tilbury East), Trerice, Shaw, Dobbyn, Holmes, McIntosh, Robert, Dillon, Cruickshank and Monck.—14.

NAYS.—Councillors Young, Jackson, McDougall, Morrison, Pardo, Mills, Robinson, Wilson, (Howard), McKerricher, Wade, Ferguson and Wright.—12.

On motion of Mr. Young, a By-law to repeal By-law No. 322, passed the 12th day of December, 1874, was read a first time, notice was given of the second reading.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Mills, and resolved, that John Lee and the Warden be appointed Auditors of Gaol Accounts for the current year.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the draft of a petition to the Lieutenant-Governor relating to Shop and Tavern Licenses. Mr. Dobbyn in the chair.

After being in committee for some time, the Council resumed.

The chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

J. A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY, CHATHAM, THURSDAY, 27th Jan'y, 1875.

The Roll was called. Present—the Warden and all the Councillors except Messrs. Ferguson and Jackson.

Communications were read from the Town Clerk of St. Catharines, with copy of resolution relating to the allotment of the Liquor License fees, and requesting the Council to petition the Legislature to so amend the proposed new Bill so as to continue the present division of the revenue from Liquor Licenses.

From Dr. Samson, of Blenheim, with account relating to the Harrison Investigation Committee—Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From James H. Sivewright, Esq., M. D., Gaol Surgeon, with medical report of the sick in the gaol for 1875; from Wm. D. Eberts, Esq., Managing Director of the St. Clair and Rond Eau Plank Road Co., with annual report and financial statement.

Various notices of motion were given, various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. Morrison, that Councillors McDougall, Lee, the mover and seconder be a committee to report to the Council with regard to the obstruction at the G. W. R. near the mouth of Baptiste creek, and to take legal steps, if necessary, for the purpose of having said obstructions removed, and that this committee confer with any committee appointed by the County of Essex or the Municipality of Tilbury West.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Everitt, and resolved, that this Council pay one-third of the expense of erecting a pump, to be propelled by wind, at the outlet of the large drain on the Dover and Chatham Town line, providing the Townships of Chatham and Dover, or either of them, grant the other two-thirds, and that Mr. McDougall be a Commissioner to represent this Council in conjunction with a committee to be appointed by the two Municipalities above mentioned, and that such joint committee procure such information as to cost, capacity, &c., of such pump, and report to this Council at its next session.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mills, that the matter relative to putting a windmill at the outlet of the large drain on the Chatham and Dover Town line be referred to the Townships of Dover and Chatham, as they are the parties most interested, and that if this wind pump, after being constructed, prove to be efficient and benefit the said town line, then this Council shall pay a fair proportion of the cost.

On being put to vote, amendment carried, motion lost.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows on the amendment:

Yeas.—Councillors McMullen, Lee, Mills, Morrison, Pardo, Wilson, (T. E.) Wilson (Howard), McKerricher, Wade, Trerice, Dobbyn, Cruickshanks and Dillon—

News—Councillors Everitt, McDougall, Robinson, Shaw, Monck, Holmes, Robert, Wright and the Warden—9.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The roll was called. Present—The Warden and all the Councillors.

On motion of Mr. Young a By-law to confirm the appointment of certain County Officers for the year 1876, was read a first time. Notice was given of the second reading.

In answer to Mr. Robinson's inquiry of the amounts paid last year for rent, fuel and furnishing, &c., for the several County offices.

A statement of the same from the County Treasurer was read giving the amounts.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mills, that this Council grant the sum of \$250 to each of the Agricultural Societies of East and West Kent.—Carried.

Moved Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), and resolved, that five valuers be appointed for the purpose of valuating the real property within the County, as provided by 210th section of the Municipal Act of Ontario.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the Clerk of this County notify each Municipal Council in this County to instruct their several assessors to assess property in their respective municipalities at its actual cash value as the law directs, and that valuers be not appointed.

On being put to vote, amendment carried, motion lost.

On motion the Council adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

J. A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, FRIDAY, 28th Jan'y, 1876.

The roll was called.—The Warden and all the Councillors present except Mr. Jackson.

Various notices of motion were given and various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

In answer to Mr. McIntosh, inquiring what steps had been taken by the Council of 1875 towards providing a House of Industry and Refuge. The Warden replied, verbally, that plans had been adopted at the June session, but that the building of a House of Industry and Refuge had been laid over.

Mr. Lee presented the report of the Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$300 on the County line between Kent and Elgin, which, on motion, was read and adopted.

The petition of Thos. Dickenson, Esq., J. P., was read, asking to be furnished with handcuffs for use of constables to secure prisoners that may be unruly.

Mr. Young presented the report of the Committee on Public Buildings, which was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wade, a By-law to detach certain lands from the limits of the village of Ridgetown was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Dobbyn, that Messrs. Young, Shaw, Bedford and the mover be appointed a committee to examine into the state of Dresden bridge, and report to the Council at its June session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), and resolved, that Sherman Malcolm, Esq., P. L. S., be instructed to define the boundary line between the Townships of Tilbury East and Romney, according to the provisions of chapter 43 of 38 Vic., statutes of Ont.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Everitt, and resolved, that the sum of \$4,000 be paid to the village of Wallaceburg in full for the two bridges spanning the River Sydenham at Wallaceburg, and surrendered to this County.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, and resolved, that the Sheriff be authorized to procure ten pairs of handcuffs for the use of the different constables of the County, and a further supply if found necessary.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Howard), that we believe the better way to elect a Warden for this County would be by ballot. Therefore be it Resolved that Messrs. McDougall, Young, Trerice, McIntosh and the mover be a committee to set forth how the said ballot shall be taken, and the mode of procedure generally, and that they report to this Council at its June session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that the Clerk be instructed

to write to the G. W. R. Co. relative to the crossing on Town line between the Townships of Zone and Camden, requesting said company to put said crossing in a proper state of repair, as they have fenced up the road allowance to a certain extent, making it dangerous for the passing of animals and teams.—Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

— AFTERNOON SITTING.

The roll was called—the same members present.

A communication from the County Treasurer was read, giving a statement in detail of the amounts paid in the year 1875 for rent, fuel and furniture for the County offices as required by Mr. Robinson's inquiry of yesterday.

The report of the special committee, appointed on the 26th inst., to inquire and report on the charges against Malcolm McNeil and John Cameron, relating to certain jobs on the Town line between Harwich and Raleigh, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that A. E. Merritt be now heard at this this Council board in regard to erecting lightning rods on the Public County Buildings.—Carried.

Mr. Merritt addressed the Council.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Howard), seconded by Mr. McMullen, that the Warden and Councillors Young and McKerricher be a committee to investigate the matter with regard to the G. W. R. crossing, on the Harwich and Howard Town line, and have the same put in a safe and proper condition.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Young a By-law to repeal by-law No. 322 passed 12th day of December, 1874, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Young, a By-law to confirm the appointment of certain County Officers for the year 1876, was read a second time.

The Council then, on the motion of Mr. Young, went into Committee of the Whole on the two aforesaid By-laws, Mr. Holmes in the chair.

The Council resumed. The chairman reported the By-laws passed in committee, an amendment having been made in the fourth clause of the by-law to confirm the appointment of County officers.

On motion of Mr. Young, a By-law to repeal By-law No. 322, passed 12th day of Dec'r, 1874, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Young, a By-law to confirm the appointment of certain County officers for the year 1876, was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Howard), that the messenger be instructed to procure two chairs for the use of Councillors, said chairs to be the same as those now in use. Referred to committee on Public Buildings.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Young, and resolved, that providing the Townships of Chatham and Dover proceed with the erection of a Pump to be propelled by wind at the outlet of the Dover & Chatham Town line Drains, this Council guarantees to pay one-third the expense thereof, or a sum not to exceed \$500.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Everitt, and resolved that Richard Wade be paid the sum of \$20 in full of the liability of this County for horse killed in culvert on County line between Kent and Lambton.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Robert, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, that John Wright, Deputy-Reeve of Dover, be appointed commissioner on the Townline between Dover and Chatham, in place of the Reeve of Dover.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, sec. by Mr. Mills, that the Reeve of Chatham Township and the mover be a committee to confer with the Warden relative to assessments made by the local municipalities against this County for benefits derived from such drainage on County Roads as set forth by By-law No. 297, passed 13th Dec'r, 1872.—Carried.

On motion the 18th, 24th and 25th rules were suspended during the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the report of the Finance committee was read and adopted. Council adjourned till 9 to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

J. A. LANGFORD, WARDEEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, SATURDAY, 29th Jan'y, 1876.

The roll was called. Present—the Warden and all the members except Mr. Jackson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that Andrew Marcus be appointed by this Council superintendent of Moravia Bridge for the year 1876—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Wade, a By-law to detach certain lands from the limits of the village of Ridgetown, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Trerice, a By-law to regulate the public travel over the bridge spanning the River Sydenham at Dresden, and to provide for the maintenance of the same, was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Trerice, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the two aforesaid By-Laws, Mr. Bedford in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the two By-laws passed in committee. The By-law relating to the village of Ridgetown had an addition made to the last clause.

On motion of Mr. Wade the By-law to detach certain lands from the limits of the village of Ridgetown, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Trerice, the By-law to regulate the public travel, &c., on the bridge at Dresden was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, (T. E.) seconded by Mr. Robinson, and resolved, that a special grant of \$100 be granted to the County line between Tilbury East and West.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Lee, and resolved that the Building Committee be and are hereby instructed to procure plans and specifications of a building suitable for the accommodation of all County Officers, and that said committee report to this Council at its next session—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that the matter of putting lightning rods on the public buildings of this County, be referred to the Building Committee.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Robert, that the sum of \$400 be paid to the Corporation of the Village of Wallaceburg in full for compensation for the two bridges now spanning the East and North branches of the River Sydenham, at Wallaceburgh, providing the said Corporation of Wallaceburg satisfy this Council that they are the proper body to settle with, and that this sum only be granted with the understanding that there shall be no further demands made for compensation for bridges, and that the above sum shall not be paid until this Council be satisfied that no further demand shall be made for compensation for said bridges—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Bedford, and resolved, that the Caretaker's salary be increased to \$240 per annum.—Carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned till Monday, the 5th day of June next, at two o'clock, P. M.

EXPENDITURE.

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| West Kent Agr ^y Society..... | \$ 300 00 | Lands redeemed..... | \$ 842 34 |
| High School, for repairs..... | 612 02 | Adm. Criminal Justice..... | 482 02 |
| Reward acct..... | 50 00 | Public building repairs..... | 189 48 |
| Medicine for prisoners..... | 11 05 | Office rent acct..... | 448 00 |
| Office furniture..... | 155 03 | Debentures retired..... | 3000 00 |
| Registry office furniture..... | 45 54 | Insurance, acct. on public buildings, etc..... | 276 25 |
| Ind. farm & H. Refuge, paid for land, &c..... | 50 00 | Payment jurors..... | 3267 20 |
| Interest..... | 1953 00 | Councillors' wages and committees..... | 2574 05 |
| Coroners' orders..... | 207 40 | Care-taker offices, paid him..... | 2 00 |
| High School, for master..... | 780 40 | Inspector licenses..... | 37 50 |
| E. K Agr ^y Society..... | 250 00 | Indigent witnesses..... | 251 00 |
| School Supt..... | 600 00 | Wallaceburg bridges..... | 890 27 |
| Grant to dredge mouth R. T..... | 1000 00 | Deputation to Berlin poor house..... | 40 00 |
| Board Examiners..... | 163 03 | Selectors of jurors..... | 102 00 |
| Board audit..... | 20 00 | Govt. grant to schools, p'd under this head..... | 4400 00 |
| John Mercer, Sheriff, advanced him..... | 1000 00 | Different municipalities, acct. W. L. T..... | 42871 42 |
| Cash on hand..... | 4956 79 | Grants to different municipalities..... | 5584 45 |
| Registry office, for books..... | 103 00 | Bothwell bridge..... | 18 00 |
| G. & C. house furnishings..... | 137 33 | Meravia Bridge, paid care-taker..... | 10 00 |
| Miscellaneous expenses..... | 135 32 | Bothwell Bridge approach..... | 112 00 |
| Co. printing..... | 178 02 | Tecumseh Bridge repairs..... | 38 00 |
| Adm. Justice, not criminal..... | 3785 95 | Kent Bridge, north approach..... | 37 71 |
| Fuel for offices..... | 191 88 | | |
| K. B., new superstructure, etc..... | 9907 22 | | |
| Salary acct..... | 1760 00 | | |
| New Registry office, bal. in full contract..... | 125 00 | | |
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C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

County Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 1st Jan'y, 1875.

BALANCE COUNTY KENT LEDGER, AS AT 1ST JANY, 1876.

| DR. | | CR. | |
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| Gaol & Court house..... | \$24181 04 | Treasurer Camden & Gore..... | \$1618 30 |
| do wall..... | 6561 04 | do Wallaceburg..... | 211 63 |
| do furnishing..... | 1307 65 | do Blenheim..... | 196 05 |
| High or Grammar School..... | 6092 85 | Industrial farm..... | 2041 85 |
| Office furniture acct..... | 740 28 | Registrar Kent..... | 107 14 |
| Registry office furniture..... | 284 54 | Moravia bridge..... | 4251 82 |
| Treas. Tilbury East..... | 1569 43 | Chatham & Dover, E & W Sydenham..... | 24 |
| Registry office addition..... | 710 24 | John Mercer, Sheriff..... | 100 00 |
| Treasurer Harwich..... | 244 43 | Cash acct..... | 9556 79 |
| do Town Bothwell..... | 391 50 | Prov. Treas..... | 1062 71 |
| do Romney..... | 685 62 | Kent bridge..... | 15007 22 |
| do Dover E. & W..... | 2401 18 | New Registry office..... | 7183 83 |
| do Dresden..... | 500 00 | Adm. Criminal Justice..... | 22 30 |
| do Town Chatham..... | 2400 00 | Tecumseh bridge..... | 16455 50 |
| do Chatham & Gore..... | 3170 85 | Insurance..... | 278 55 |
| do Howard..... | 1605 36 | | |
| do Thamesville..... | 157 00 | | |
| do Raleigh..... | 3127 25 | | \$116027 83 |
| | | | |
| W. K. Agr ^y Society..... | \$ 250 00 | Dover E. and W. town line..... | \$13 03 |
| Zone and Mosa townline..... | 5 75 | do..... | 2064 28 |
| Howard grant for roads..... | 98 | Chatham and Dover E. townline..... | 209 85 |
| Orford do..... | 83 | Co. Kent gen'l acct..... | 4168 50 |
| Harwich Com. road..... | 90 | E. and W. Tilbury C.L..... | 146 90 |
| Zone and Euphemis townline..... | 100 50 | Village Dresden..... | 112 24 |
| Kent and Middlesex Co. line..... | 17 30 | Raleigh and T. East..... | 61 05 |
| Romney and Tilbury W. do..... | 164 27 | Romney and Mersea C.L..... | 37 73 |
| Camden and Zone townline..... | 2 00 | Bothwell bridge approach..... | 188 00 |
| Orford..... | 278 54 | Tecumseh bridge repairs..... | 12 00 |
| Bothwell bridge..... | 48 00 | Howard and Harwich T. L..... | 33 79 |
| Town Chatham & Dover & Chatham..... | 58 42 | Lands redeemed acct..... | 203 73 |
| Orford and Aldboro Co. line..... | 167 50 | Raleigh and Town Chatham..... | 23 90 |
| Interest acct..... | 1719 54 | Camden, for line Kent and Lambton..... | 150 00 |
| Harwich and Town Chatham..... | 65 60 | Village Thamesville..... | 26 97 |
| Other Creek drain..... | 200 00 | Bills payable on bond to Jas. Ferguson..... | 8533 00 |
| Chatham and Camden townline..... | 297 89 | Debenture acct..... | 45000 00 |
| School Supt..... | 300 00 | Gore Chatham and Sombra C. L..... | 647 43 |
| Zone and Bothwell..... | 02 | Howard..... | 101 16 |
| Gore of Camden and Dawn..... | 142 73 | Raleigh..... | 807 81 |
| Kent and Lambton Co. line..... | 76 25 | Inspector license..... | 37 50 |
| Poor School, Raleigh, Tilbury and Dover..... | 40 00 | Howard and Harwich tap drain..... | 51 27 |
| Chatham and Gore Camden..... | 34 58 | Raleigh and T. E. plains..... | 287 00 |
| Board audit..... | 12 00 | Howard and Harwich gravel pit..... | 50 00 |
| Harwich and Raleigh townline..... | 22 35 | Bothwell bridge, south app..... | 50 00 |
| Zone..... | 537 94 | Romney..... | 1456 19 |
| Chatham and Gore..... | 4675 61 | Village Wallaceburg..... | 34 79 |
| Romney and T. E..... | 382 13 | Village Blenheim..... | 2 88 |
| Harwich..... | 244 43 | Grant to drill shed, Wallaceburg..... | 200 00 |
| Camden and Gore..... | 1455 18 | Blenheim lock-up..... | 200 00 |
| Tilbury East..... | 1405 21 | | |
| Chatham and Camden townline ditch..... | 11 17 | | |
| Chatham and Dover E. do..... | 1500 00 | | |
| Camden and Dresden townline..... | 8 65 | | |
| | | | \$116027 82 |

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

County Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 1st Jan'y, 1876.

**STATEMENT SHOWING LIABILITIES & ASSETS OF CO. KENT AS AT
1ST JAN'Y, 1876.**

| | | LIABILITIES. | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---|------------|
| W. K. Agr'l Society..... | \$ 250 00 | Camden and Dresden T. L..... | \$8 65 |
| Zone and Moss townline..... | 5 75 | Dover E. and W. T. L..... | 13 53 |
| Howard grant for roads..... | 98 | do..... | 2064 28 |
| Orford do..... | 83 | Chatham and Dover E. T. L..... | 203 85 |
| Harwich Com. road..... | 90 | E. and W. Tilbury Co. line..... | 146 00 |
| Zone and Euphemia..... | 100 50 | Village Dresden..... | 112 24 |
| Kent and Middlesex Co. line..... | 17 50 | Raleigh and T. E. T. L..... | 61 15 |
| Romney and Tilbury W..... | 164 27 | Romney and Mersea Co. line..... | 37 73 |
| Camden and Zone..... | 2 00 | Bothwell-bridge app..... | 188 00 |
| Township Orford..... | 278 51 | Tecumseh bridge rens..... | 12 00 |
| Bothwell bridge..... | 48 00 | Howard and Harwich T. L..... | 33 79 |
| Town Chatham, Dover and Chatham..... | 58 42 | Lands redeemed acct..... | 203 73 |
| Gore Camden, Zone and Dawn..... | 167 50 | Raleigh and Town Chatham..... | 23 00 |
| Orford and Aldboro Co. line..... | 1719 54 | Camden, for line between Kent & Lambton | 150 00 |
| Interest acct..... | 65 00 | Village Thamesville..... | 20 97 |
| Harwich and Town Chatham..... | 200 00 | Bond to Jas. Ferguson..... | 8531 00 |
| Other creek drain..... | 257 89 | Debtenture to retire..... | 1000 00 |
| Cratham and Camden T. L..... | 200 00 | Gore Chatham and Sombra C.L..... | 647 43 |
| School Supt..... | 60 | Township Howard..... | 101 20 |
| Zone and Bothwell T. L..... | 142 70 | do Raleigh..... | 807 81 |
| Gore Camden, Zone and Dawn..... | 70 26 | Inspector Heensex..... | 37 50 |
| Kent and Lambton Co. line..... | 40 00 | Howard and Harwich Tp. drain..... | 51 27 |
| Poor School grant..... | 31 58 | Raleigh and T. E. plains..... | 287 00 |
| Chatham and Gore Camden..... | 12 00 | Howard and Harwich gravel pit..... | 50 00 |
| Board audit..... | 22 35 | Bothwell bridge, S. app..... | 20 00 |
| Harwich and Raleigh T. L..... | 537 34 | Township Romney..... | 1456 19 |
| Township Zone..... | 4675 61 | Village Wallaceburg..... | 34 79 |
| do Chatham and Gore..... | 382 33 | do Blenheim..... | 2 88 |
| Romney and Tilbury E. T. L..... | 344 43 | Drill shed, Wallaceburg..... | 200 00 |
| Township Harwich..... | 1455 18 | Blenheim lock-up..... | 200 00 |
| do Camden and Gore..... | 145 21 | | |
| do Tilbury E..... | 11 17 | | |
| Chatham and Camden T. L. D..... | 1500 00 | | \$30360 43 |
| do Dover do..... | | | |

| | | ASSETS. | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| Treasurer of Tilbury East..... | \$1560 43 | Treasurer Howard..... | \$1663 30 |
| do Harwich..... | 244 43 | Adm. Criminal justice..... | 22 30 |
| do Town Bothwell..... | 391 50 | Treasurer Thamesville..... | 157 00 |
| Registrar Kent..... | 107 14 | do Raleigh..... | 3127 25 |
| Treasurer Romney..... | 685 62 | do Camden and Gore..... | 1618 30 |
| Sheriff Mercer..... | 100 00 | do Wallaceburg..... | 211 63 |
| Prov. Treasurer..... | 1082 71 | db Blenheim..... | 196 05 |
| Treas. Dover E. and W..... | 2401 18 | Cash on hand..... | 9556 79 |
| do Dresden..... | 500 00 | Deficiency, or amount prov'd for in Est..... | 1841 88 |
| do Town Chatham..... | 2400 00 | | |
| do Chatham and Gore..... | 3170 85 | | |
| | | Deferred Liabilities, Co. Kent Debentures..... | \$4600 00 |

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

Co. Treasurer's Office, 1st Jan'y, 1876.

C. G. CHARTERIS Treasurer, in Account with the Municipality of the County of Kent for Receipt and Expenditure of funds belonging to the following Municipalities.

| DR. | MUNICIPALITY CAMDEN AND GORE. | CR. | |
|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------|
| 1875. | 1875. | | |
| Jan. 1 To balance..... | \$1651 79 | Feb. 28 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$1651 79 |
| July 31 School fund, rec. from Govern'm't..... | 431 00 | July 31 School fund—paid Treasurer..... | 431 00 |
| Dec. 31 Wild L. tax acct., rec. during year 1455 18 | | W. L. tax acct., balance to 1876..... | 1455 18 |
| | \$3337 97 | | \$3337 97 |
| DR. | MUNICIPALITY CHATHAM AND GORE. | CR. | |
| 1875. | 1875. | | |
| Jan. 1 To balance..... | \$2234 75 | June 30 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$2814 75 |
| July 31 School fund, rec. from Govern'm't..... | 463 00 | Aug. 31 School fund, cash paid Treasurer..... | 466 00 |
| Dec. 31 W. L. tax acct., rec. during year..... | 4555 61 | Dec. 31 W. L. tax acct., balance to 1876..... | 4675 61 |
| | \$7966 36 | | \$7966 36 |
| CR. | MUNICIPALITY DOVER E. AND W. | CR. | |
| 1875. | 1875. | | |
| Jan. 1 To balance..... | \$1784 80 | Jan. 31 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$1784 80 |
| July 31 School fund, rec. from Govern'm't..... | 489 00 | Oct. 31 School fund, paid do..... | 489 00 |
| W. L. tax acct., rec. during year..... | 2064 28 | W. L. tax acct., balance to 1876..... | 2064 20 |
| | \$4338 08 | | \$4338 08 |
| DR. | MUNICIPALITY HARWICH. | CR. | |
| 1875. | 1875. | | |
| Jan. 1 To balance..... | \$ 483 20 | Jan. 31 By cash paid Treasurer..... | \$ 483 20 |
| July 31 School fund, rec. from Govern'm't..... | 855 00 | Aug. 31 School fund, paid do..... | 855 00 |
| Dec. 31 W. L. tax acct., rec. during year..... | 284 43 | Dec. 31 W. L. tax acct., balance to 1876..... | 244 43 |
| | \$1582 63 | | \$1582 63 |

| Dr. | | MUNICIPALITY HOWARD. | | Cr. | |
|---------|--|-----------------------------------|---------|---|-----------|
| 1875. | | | 1875. | | |
| Jan 1 | To balance | \$533 55 | Jan. 31 | By cash paid Treasurer | \$533 55 |
| July 31 | School fund, rec. from Governm't | 646 00 | July 31 | School fund, paid do | 666 00 |
| Dec. 31 | W. L. tax acct. rec. during year | 109 87 | Nov. 30 | Cash paid part Howard & Orford townline | 8 66 |
| | | | Dec. 31 | Balance to 1876 | 191 20 |
| | | \$1129 41 | | | \$1129 41 |
| Dr. | | MUNICIPALITY ORFORD. | | Cr. | |
| 1875. | | | 1875. | | |
| Jan. 1 | To balance | \$537 31 | June 30 | By cash paid Treasurer | \$537 31 |
| July 31 | School fund, rec. from Governm't | 459 00 | Aug 31 | School fund, paid do | 459 00 |
| Dec 31 | W. T. tax, rec. during year | 355 45 | July 21 | By cash paid W. G. McGeorge, P. L. S., on cert. com'r Crown lands | 68 25 |
| | | | | Paid part order Howard and Orford townline | 8 66 |
| | | | | Balance to 1876 | 278 54 |
| | | \$1351 76 | | | \$1351 76 |
| Dr. | | MUNICIPALITY RALEIGH. | | Cr. | |
| 1875. | | | 1875. | | |
| Jan 1 | To balance | \$721 97 | Jan 31 | By cash paid Treasurer | \$1039 51 |
| 31 | Cash from Treas. for amt paid W. G. McGeorge, P. L. S. | 317 54 | July 31 | School fund, paid do | 497 00 |
| July 31 | School fund rec. from Governm't | 447 00 | Dec 31 | W L tax balance to 1876 | 867 81 |
| Dec 31 | W L tax acct. rec. during year | 807 81 | | | |
| | | \$2344 32 | | | \$2344 32 |
| Dr. | | MUNICIPALITY ROMNEY. | | Cr. | |
| 1875. | | | 1875. | | |
| Jan 1 | To balance | \$1359 61 | June 30 | By cash paid Treasurer | \$1359 61 |
| July 31 | School fund, rec. from Governm't | 105 00 | Dec 31 | School fund paid do | 105 00 |
| Dec 31 | W L tax acct. rec. during year | 1455 19 | | W L tax acct. balance to 1876 | 1455 19 |
| | | \$2921 80 | | | \$2921 80 |
| Dr. | | MUNICIPALITY TILBURY EAST. | | Cr. | |
| 1875. | | | 1875. | | |
| Jan 1 | To balance | \$1360 18 | Feb. 28 | By cash paid Treasurer | \$1360 18 |
| July 31 | School fund, rec. from Governm't | 272 00 | Aug 31 | School fund paid do | 272 00 |
| Dec 31 | W L tax acct. rec. during year | 1405 21 | Dec 31 | W L tax acct. balance to 1876 | 1405 21 |
| | | \$3037 39 | | | \$3037 39 |
| Dr. | | MUNICIPALITY ZONE. | | Cr. | |
| 1875. | | | 1875. | | |
| Jan 1 | To balance | 565 04 | Feb 28 | By cash paid Treasurer | 565 04 |
| July 31 | School fund, rec. from Governm't | 169 00 | July 31 | School fund, paid do | 169 00 |
| Dec 31 | W L tax acct. rec. during year | 537 94 | Dec 31 | W L tax acct. balance to 1876 | 537 94 |
| | | 1292 98 | | | 1292 98 |
| Dr. | | MUNICIPALITY VILLAGE BLENHEIM. | | Cr. | |
| 1875. | | | 1875. | | |
| Dec 31 | W L tax acct. rec. during year | 2 88 | Dec 31 | W L tax acct. balance to 1876 | 2 88 |
| Dr. | | MUNICIPALITY VILLAGE DRESDEN. | | Cr. | |
| 1875. | | | 1875. | | |
| Jan 1 | To balance | 28 54 | Dec 31 | W L tax acct. balance to 1876 | 112 24 |
| Dec 31 | W L tax acct. rec. during year | 83 70 | | | 112 24 |
| | | 112 24 | | | 112 24 |
| Dr. | | MUNICIPALITY VILLAGE WALLACEBURG. | | Cr. | |
| 1875. | | | 1875. | | |
| Dec 31 | W L tax acct. rec. during year | 34 79 | Dec 31 | W L tax acct. balance to 1876 | 34 79 |
| Dr. | | MUNICIPALITY VILLAGE THAMESVILLE. | | Cr. | |
| 1875. | | | 1875. | | |
| Jan 1 | To balance | 25 97 | Dec 31 | Balance to 1876 | 25 97 |

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

County Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 1st Jan'y, 1876.

STATEMENT showing the balances due to the different Municipalities, and payable to the Treasurers thereof, as per the foregoing accounts.

| | | | |
|---|-----------|----------------------------|------------|
| Camden & Gore..... | \$1455 18 | Tilbury East..... | \$1405 21 |
| Chatham and Gore..... | 4675 61 | Zone..... | 537 94 |
| Dover East & West..... | 2064 28 | Village of Blenheim..... | 2 88 |
| Harwich..... | 244 43 | do Dresden..... | 112 24 |
| Howard..... | 101 20 | do Wallaceburg..... | 34 79 |
| Orford..... | 278 54 | do Thamesville..... | 26 97 |
| Raleigh..... | 807 81 | | |
| Romney..... | 1456 19 | | \$13203 27 |
| Co. Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 1st Jan'y, 1875. | | C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent. | |

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of High School Trustees beg to report to your honorable body as follows:

That the School during the year 1875 has been efficiently conducted by the Head Master, John B. Rankin, B. A., a graduate of the University of Toronto, and assisted by Charles J. Ketchum, B. A., a graduate of New Brunswick University, who at the end of the last term resigned, and his place is now supplied by Wm. MacIuse, an under-graduate of the second year in the University of Toronto, and having four years experience in teaching.

The number of pupils enrolled for the year was 38. The attendance during the first half year was 14 boys and 15 girls; during the second half year, 24 boys and 14 girls; and during the whole year, 22 boys and 16 girls.

Of the pupils attending the High School 26 were from the Town of Chatham, 8 from the County Kent, and four from other Counties. The average attendance for the first half year was 19, and for the second half year, 31; for the whole year 25.

The following are the classes taught, with the number in each: In the Classica department 16 were studying Latin, 5 Greek, and 15 French; 38 were studying arithmetic and algebra; 15 geometry, 8 philosophy, and 10 book-keeping. In English grammar, geography and composition, 38; English literature, 8; Ancient history, 3; mensuration, 23.

During the year five pupils obtained certificates of qualification as teachers. The attendance of pupils at the High School is on the increase, 16 new pupils having entered during the present term, and most of them are from the country. With a preparatory class the number now in attendance would soon be doubled.

To this report is appended the financial statement of the Treasurer, in which your honorable body will find a detailed account of the receipts and expenditure of the school for the past year. The Board would also beg leave to report that the time for which Dr. VanVelsor had been appointed Trustee has expired.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. KING, Sec'y B. H. S.T.

| Buxton, Jan'y 20th, 1876. HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT. | | CR. |
|--|----------|-----------|
| SALARIES—Paid under this head—by cash paid Mr. Rankin, H.M. | \$900 00 | |
| By cash paid Mr. Ketchum, 2nd master | 600 00 | |
| Mr. Jenner, asst. teacher | 40 00 | |
| Rev. Wm. King, Sec'y | 12 00 | |
| Geo. Young, Treas. | 10 00 | \$1562 00 |
| Fire wood—Paid under this head—T. Donovan, 16 5-8 cords wood | 41 57 | |
| Alex. Venable, cutting wood | 11 50 | 53 07 |
| Repairs, &c., under this head—Small & Co., rep'g pump, etc. | 2 00 | |
| Matthew Liddy, cleaning well | 2 00 | |
| Philip Brady, mowing ground | 1 00 | |
| Messrs. McKeough, sundries | 9 00 | |
| Mr. Rankin, cleaning rooms | 60 00 | 74 00 |
| Sundries—Paid Mail, newspaper advertising | 2 40 | |
| Mr. Gemmill, printing | 6 48 | |
| Mr. Cooper, stationery | 17 08 | |
| Mr. Stephenson, printing | 8 32 | |
| Messrs. Walker & King, postage | 1 60 | |
| Mr. Rankin, adv. for teachers, &c. | 9 86 | |
| Members' wages as per list | 52 00 | 97 73 |
| By balance | | 71 96 |

DR.

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Jan'y 1 To balance from 1874 | | \$1858 76 |
| Govt. grant last half 1874 | | \$ 4 36 |
| do first half 1875 | \$180 40 | 380 40 |
| County grant for 1875 | 200 00 | 400 00 |
| Grant from Chatham Town | 400 00 | |
| Extra do | 550 00 | 950 00 |
| 1st quarter school fees | 36 00 | |
| 2d do | 43 00 | |
| 3rd do | 23 00 | |
| 4th do | 22 00 | 124 00 |

Geo. Young, Treas.

To the Warden and Council of the County Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Examiners for the County of Kent begs leave to report for the information of your honorable body as follows:

That ninety-seven applicants for teachers' certificates presented themselves before the Board in July last with the following results:

That of the 82 who made application for third-class certificates, 28 were successful; 13 were recommend to specials, and 41 were rejected.

That of the 16 who made application for 2nd class certificates five were successful; 8 received certificates of the 3rd class, and two were rejected.

The Board would beg leave to report for the information of your honorable body that the expenses of the Board of Examiners for the County of Kent, for the year ending Dec'r 31st, 1875, amounted to \$154.93, a detailed statement of which is hereto appended.—All of which is most respectfully submitted.

EXPENDITURE.

| | |
|---|---------|
| To the <i>Planet</i> for adv. meeting of Board..... | \$ 4 20 |
| BANNER, do | 3 60 |
| Mr. R. Cooper, stationery..... | 11 65 |
| A. McColl, sundries..... | 6 48 |
| James Duncan, 13 days services as Examiner..... | 26 00 |
| John B. Rankin, 13 do do | 26 00 |
| John McCabe, 13½ do do | 27 00 |
| A. McColl, 13 do do | 26 00 |
| E. B. Harrison, Esq., do do | 24 00 |

\$ 154 93

Chatham, Jan'y 25, 1876.

E. B. HARRISON, Chairman.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present a Medical report of the sick in the Gaol or the year ending Dec. 31st, 1875.

| Disease. | No. cases. | Termination. | Headache..... | 2 | 2 |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----|--------|
| Fever..... | 6 | recov'd 6 | Inflammation of eyes.... | 1 | 1 |
| Fever intermittent..... | 2 | 2 | Syphilis..... | 2 | 2 |
| Rheumatism..... | 4 | 4 | General paralysis..... | 1 | 1 |
| Retention of urine from kidneys..... | 2 | 2 | Delirium tremens..... | 4 | 4 |
| Erysipelas..... | 2 | 2 | Ulcerated legs and feet.. | 2 | 2 |
| Slight cough..... | 4 | 4 | do hip..... | 1 | 1 |
| Diarrhœa..... | 6 | 6 | Frosted feet..... | 1 | 1 |
| Dysentery..... | 2 | 2 | Anasarca of legs and feet.. | 1 | 1 |
| Bilious..... | 3 | 3 | Threatened miscarriage.... | 1 | 1 |
| Cramp in stomach..... | 1 | 1 | Wounds face, hands, bruises | 2 | 2 |
| Constipation..... | 3 | 3 | Idiotcy..... | 1 | died 1 |
| | | | Mania..... | 11 | died 1 |

Sent to Lunatic asylum 3; discharged cured 5; remaining in gaol 2; assumed cataplexy 1; recovered 1.

J. H. SIVEWRIGHT, M. D., G. S.

Chatham, 24th Jan'y, 1876.

To the Warden and Council of County Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees for the current year beg leave to report as follows:

Finance—Messrs. Lee (Chairman), McDougall, Young, Morrison, Bedford, Terice, McIntosh, Dobbyn and Wade.

Roads and Bridges—Messrs. Shaw, (Chairman), Mills, Wilson (Tilbury), Pardo, Everitt, Ferguson, Wright, McMullen, Robinson, Cruickshanks, Holmes and Wilson (Howard.)

Public Buildings—Messrs. Young (Chairman), Robert, Dillon, McIntosh, Terice and Ferguson.

Printing—Messrs. Jackson, Monck and McKerricher.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Geo. Young, Esq., Chairman.

To the Warden and Council of the County Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your committee appointed by you to investigate the complaint of John Lowrie and others against the Deputies Reeves of Harwich and Raleigh with

regard to certain jobs of gravelling and culverts being sold illegally without due notice being given, your com. beg leave to report as follows:

On Tuesday, Dec. 21, we met at Buckhorn, Mr. Lowrie being present with his witnesses. Mr. Cameron being present was called on for an explanation, Mr. McNeil was absent. Your com. would say that after hearing Mr. Cameron's statement and explanation, likewise Mr. Lowrie and his witnesses, we are of opinion that due notice was not given by the Comr's for the sale of the work, and that too high a price was given for the work done, and would recommend greater economy in expending the County's funds.—All of which is respectfully submitted. JOHN RICHARDSON,

Valetta, Jan'y 15, 1876.

WM. COLL,

To the Warden and Council of Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The Com. on Public buildings beg leave to report that since the last meeting of this Council they have had the broken cords repaired for hanging the window sashes in the Court House, and the account for the whole is now before the Finance com.—All of which is respectfully submitted. GEO. YOUNG, Chairman.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Com. on Finance beg leave to report on the various matters referred to them, as follows:

That the following Com. accounts, be paid:—A. Anderson, \$3 60, Geo. Young, \$3 20, A. ex. McDougall \$2 40, J. J. Stewart \$27, H. J. Eberts \$2, John Richardson, \$11 90, Wm. Coll \$6 60.

Also recommend the payment of the following accts: B. A. Mitchell, medicine for goat, \$13 97; Wm. Patching, coal for different offices, \$22; Jas. Hobnes, stationery, \$5 15; S. Barfoot, rent of box for D. Kerr, Co. C., \$2; Henry Robinson, sundries, \$6 10; E. B. Harrison, acct. postage, express, etc., \$6 69; T. H. Baxter, repr'g awning for windows, \$10; J. R. Gemmill, printing, \$22 50.

Your com. would recommend that the acct. of John Gibbs, relative to pay for road way to Bothwell bridge, be laid over till June session for further information. Also that the acct. of Jas. Samson, Esq., \$18, for attendance of witnesses at the Harrison investigation com., be not paid, as the resolution of Council did not authorize the com. to pay witnesses on the prosecution of said case.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE, Chairman F. Com.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your committee appointed to enquire and report as to the charges of malfeasance in office on the part of M. McNeil, Dep.-Reeve of Raleigh, and John Cameron, ex-Dep. of Harwich, in the expenditure of certain monies entrusted to them as Comr's for and on behalf of this County.

Whereas the said grievances were ref'd to a com. of this Council composed of John Richardson and Wm. Coll, ex-members of this Council—

And whereas the said John Richardson and Wm. Coll, by the report having date 15th Jan'y, 1876, "Reported to this Council that no due notice of the work to be sold by them was given, and that too high a price was paid for the work done; and would recommend greater economy in expending the Co. funds."

And whereas at the present session of this Council it was moved by Mr. Lee, sec. by Mr. Mills, that the report of the com. relative to expending certain monies of this County on therwich and Raleigh townline during last year, and, that as the said report states, that Hacomr's, Messrs. Cameron and McNeil, expended the money improperly, Resolved, that Messrs. McDougall, King and Morrison be a com. to bring in a motion of censure against those gentlemen, and that they bring in the same this week for approval of Council.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. McDUGALL, Chairman.

To the Warden and Council of the County Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Com'r appointed to expend \$300 on Co. line between Kent & Elgin, begs leave to report as follows:

That I have sold the above amount. A portion of the work is not completed on account of the very low price the jobs were sold for, but quite an amount of the work is performed. Orders have been given for the work performed as follows: Jas. Fleming \$3 50, M. Grant \$8, Alex. Simpkins \$38, Jas. McKinlay \$3 30, Jas. McGregor \$8, Wm. Baston, \$70—\$130 80.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. STEWART, Chairman.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 340

A By-Law to repeal By-law No. 322, passed the 12th day of December, 1874.

PASSED 28th Jan'y, 1876.

WHEREAS a By-law was passed by this Council on the 12th day of December, 1874, No. 322, and entitled a By-law to amend By-law No. 318, incorporating the Village of Blenheim.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to repeal said By-law No. 322,

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent in Council assembled, by virtue and under the Municipal Laws of Ontario.

1st. That the said By-law No. 322, passed the 12th day of December, 1874, entitled a By-law to amend By-law No. 318, incorporating the village of Blenheim, be and the same is hereby repealed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

J. A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

NO. 341.

A By-law to confirm the appointment of certain County Officers for the year 1876.

PASSED 28th Jan'y, 1876.

WHEREAS it is necessary to confirm by By-law the appointment of the following County Officers for the year 1876.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and by virtue of Municipal Acts of Ontario—

1st. That Andrew Heyward, appointed by the Warden, and George D. Ross, appointed by this Council, be Auditors for the present year.

2nd. That John B. Rankin, John McCabe and Joseph Boag be Examiners of Public School Teachers for 1876.

3rd. That Daniel Kerr be confirmed in his appointment as High School Trustee.

4th. That Alexander McDougall and John J. J. Thompson be confirmed in their appointment as members of the Board of Audit for the Criminal Justice Accounts.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

J. A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

NO. 342.

A By-law to detach certain lands from the limits of the Village of Ridgetown.

PASSED 29th Jan'y, 1876.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to detach certain lands from the limits of the Village of Ridgetown;

AND WHEREAS the said Village of Ridgetown has no outstanding obligations;

AND WHEREAS there has no rate been yet levied in said village;

AND WHEREAS the lands sought to be taken from said village are liable to no taxation according to law;

AND WHEREAS by detaching said lands from the limits of said Corporation the population thereof will not be reduced below the number of 750 souls, nor the municipal rights of the said corporation thereby diminished,

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal Acts of Ontario.

1st. That the South-east front of South half of Lot No. 10 in the 9th concession of the Township of Howard, containing four acres, being the Township Agricultural show grounds for said Township of Howard, be and is hereby detached from the limits of the said corporation of the village of Ridgetown.

2nd. That the limits of said Corporation shall be the same as laid down in By-law for the corporation of said village of Ridgetown, except the portion described in clause one of this By-law, and as shown by plan attached to this By-law.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

J. A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

NO. 343.

A By-Law to regulate the Public Travel over the Bridge spanning the River Sydenham at Dresden, and to provide for the maintenance of the same.

PASSED 29th Jan'y, 1876.

WHEREAS the Bridge spanning the River Sydenham at Dresden, by virtue of the

Statute, 37th Vic., chap. 16, secs. 17 and 18, has become and is the property of this Corporation.

AND WHEREAS the said Bridge obstructs a navigable stream, thereby rendering it necessary to provide for the opening and closing of said Bridge to permit the free passage of all steamers and other crafts navigating the said River Sydenham.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal Institutions Acts of the Province of Ontario,

1st. The Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent under and by virtue of the provisions of the Act herein before in part recited, doth hereby assume the entire control and management of the said Bridge.

2nd. That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to ride or drive over the said Bridge at a faster rate than a walk.

3rd. Any person or persons violating the provisions of the next preceding section shall be liable to a penalty of not less than two dollars nor more than twenty dollars over and above the costs of conviction, the same to be levied in a summary manner on complaint before any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction within the County of Kent; or the care-taker of said Bridge may arrest and take the offender before any one or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace having jurisdiction in the County of Kent, and the evidence taken on the oath of such care-taker shall be held to be sufficient to commit the offender or offenders, and in default of payment of such fine and costs, the same may be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of such offender or offenders; and if no sufficient distress can be found, such offender or offenders may be committed to the common gaol of the County of Kent at hard labor, for a period of not less than ten days or more than twenty days; such fine to be paid over to the County Treasurer for the general use of the County of Kent.

4th. That it shall be the duty of the master, captain, or other person in charge of any steamer navigating the waters of of the said River Sydenham on approaching the said Bridge to cause the steam whistle of said steamer to be sounded three times in succession, which shall be deemed sufficient notice to such caretaker of said Bridge to open the same to admit the passage of said steamer; and it shall be the duty of the master or person in charge of a sailing vessel, on approaching the said Bridge, to give the care-taker of said Bridge notice of his intention of passing through said Bridge.

5th. That any master or person in charge of any steamer or sailing vessel neglecting to obey the provisions of the next preceding section shall be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty dollars nor more than fifty dollars over and above the cost of conviction, on information laid before any one or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Kent, and in default of payment of such fine and costs, the same to be levied and collected by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of such offender or offenders; and in default of distress, the offender or offenders shall be committed to the common gaol of the County of Kent for a period of not less than twenty days or more than thirty days with hard labor.

6th. That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners hereinafter mentioned, from time to time, to engage, on the best terms as to wages, a competent person as care-taker of said Bridge, said commissioners to advertise for tenders for the same.

7th. That it shall be the duty of such care-taker of said Bridge, 1st, to be constantly in attendance of the said Bridge for the purpose of opening the same to admit the free passage of all crafts navigating the said River Sydenham, and closing the same for the accommodation of public travel; 2nd, to prosecute all parties guilty of violation of the provisions contained in the 2nd and 4th clauses of this By-law, and immediately report the same to the commissioner or commissioners hereinafter mentioned; 3rd, to report without delay to the said commissioners any damage or injury caused to said Bridge; also, the name of the party or parties occasioning the same, with the particulars thereof.

8th. That the Reeve of Dresden and the Warden be and are hereby appointed Commissioners to employ, either by the month or day, as they may deem most expedient, some efficient person as care-taker of said Bridge during the season of navigation, and from time to time to give orders to said care taker upon the Treasurer for his wages; and the said commissioners shall from time to time inspect the said bridge, and report to this Council.

9th. That this By-law shall take effect immediately on the passing thereof.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

[L.S.]

J. A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

—AT THE—

SPECIAL SESSION AND JUNE SESSION, 1876,

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—OF THE—

COUNTY OF KENT.



JOHN A. LANGFORD, - - - *Warden.*
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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

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SPECIAL SESSION—6th MAY, 1876—

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to notice by the Warden, at the Court House, Chatham, on Saturday, the 6th day of May, 1876, to take into consideration the state of the Dresden Bridge.

The Roll was called. Present—John A. Langford, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The Warden stated that a new superstructure was required for Dresden Bridge.

On motion, the necessary rules were suspended to allow the Council to proceed at once with the business of the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Trerice, the report of the Special Committee to examine and report on the state of the Dresden Bridge, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Dobbyn, that Mr. Bartlett, agent for a Bridge Co., be heard at the bar relative to iron and wooden bridges.—Carried.

Mr. Bartlett addressed the Council briefly.

Plans, specifications and estimates in detail were presented to the Council by Mr. Young, of a new wooden superstructure for Dresden Bridge.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Everitt, and resolved, that the plans and specifications for bridge spanning the River Sydenham, at the Village of Dresden, produced by the Bridge Committee, be adopted, and that the Committee be and are hereby authorized to proceed with the construction of the same, the centre pier and abutments now supporting the old bridge to be utilized.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that the Committee be instructed to swing the old superstructure at once so as to admit of the free passage of boats navigating the river.—Carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

JUNE SESSION—1876.

FIRST DAY.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent held pursuant to adjournment at the Court House, Chatham, on Monday, 5th June, 1876.

The Roll was called. Present—John A. Langford, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Messrs. Ferguson, Robinson and Trerice.

The minutes of the last day of December session, also of Special Session, were read and approved.

A communication from the County Treasurer, with estimate of the amount required to meet the expenses of the County for the current year, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The following petitions were presented and read.

1st. By Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East) from Alexander Coutts, Esq., M. P. P., and 71 others, inhabitants of Tilbury East, relating to the obstructions at Baptiste Creek by the G. W. R. Co.

2nd. By Mr. Wade, from James Secord and 23 others, praying for certain improvements on Town line between the Townships of Howard and Orford. Referred to Com. on Roads and Bridges.

3d. By Mr. Lee, from Jas. McGregor, Aldborough, relating to the removal of two

bridges from the County line between Kent and Elgin. Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, the report of the Committee on obstructions at Baptiste Creek was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East) the report of survey made by S. Malcolm, Esq., P. L. S., on new Town line between Romney and Tilbury East, was read and referred to Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, (Tilbury East) the report of the Commissioner on County line, between the Townships of Tilbury East and Tilbury West, was read and adopted.

Various notices of motion were given. Various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

J. A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY.

The Roll was called. Present—John A. Langford, Esq., Warden; Councillors Cruickshank, Dillon, Dobbyn, Everitt, Ferguson, Holmes, Jackson, Lee, McDougall, McKerricher, McIntosh, McMullen, Mills, Monck, Morrison, Shaw, Wilson (T. E.), Wilson (Howard), Wade and Young.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, the report of the Committee on Printing was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McMullen, that the Reeves of the several Municipalities be a Committee for equalizing the Assessment Rolls.—Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—John A. Langford, Esq., Warden. Councillors Cruickshank, Dillon, Dobbyn, Everitt, Ferguson, Holmes, Jackson, Lee, McDougall, McKerricher, McIntosh, McMullen, Mills, Morrison, Pardo, Robinson, Wilson (Tilbury East,) Willson(Howard), Wade, Wright and Young.

Various notices of motion were given. Various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Council having been invited to visit Wallaceburg,

It was moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the invitation from the Municipality of Wallaceburg be accepted; that this Council proceed in a body to inspect the Town line between Dover and Chatham Townships, and the ditch constructed along the same; also, the Bridge in course of erection at Dresden; that the Council make such inspection to-morrow, and that the Warden order sufficient conveyances for the members of the Council.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Young the report of the Committee on Public Buildings was read and adopted.

Plans, &c., for a building for County offices, made by James Anderson, Esquire, architect, Detroit, were submitted; also, a proposal from W. D. Eberts, Esq., to sell Eberts block, corner of King and Fifth Sts., for same purpose, for the sum of \$13,000.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Mills, and resolved, that this Council do not deem it expedient to purchase old buildings with a view of converting them into County buildings, therefore we reject the offer made to this Council by W. D. Eberts, Esq.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Pardo, that the matter relative to the rejection of Mr. Eberts' offer be postponed until Thursday.

On being put to the vote, amendment carried—motion lost.

On motion, the Council adjourned till Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk. J. A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, THURSDAY, 8th June, 1876.

The roll was called. Present—John A. Langford, Esq., Warden; Councillors Cruickshank, Dillon, Dobbyn, Lee, McKerricher, McIntosh, McMullen, Mills, Morrison, Pardo, Roberts, Shaw, Trerice, Wilson (Tilbury East), Wilson (Howard), Wade, Wright and Young. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Jos. Ouelette, Esq., Solicitor, Co. of Essex, was read relating to the obstructions at Baptiste Creek.

A report from E. B. Harrison, Esq., School Inspector, was read.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McMullen, that the report of the County Inspector of Schools be published, and a copy sent to every School Section in the County.—Carried.

The report of Committee on Equalization was read.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Morrison, that the report of the Equalization Committee now read be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Robert, that the Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the report on Equalization.

Amendment lost. Motion carried. The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows on the motion:

Yeas—Councillors Bedford, Everitt, Lee, Mills, McMullen, Jackson, Morrison, Pardo, Monck, Holmes, Cruickshank, Dillon, Wade, McKerricher, Wilson (Howard)—15.

Nays—Councillors Wilson, (Tilbury East), Dobbyn, Shaw, Robert and Wright—5.

Mr. Lee presented the petition of the East Kent Agricultural Society, asking additional aid.—Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the sum of \$250 be appropriated for the improvement of the South approach of Bridge on County line between Kent, Elgin and Middlesex, and that the Clerk notify the Councils of Middlesex and Elgin to appropriate their proportion for said improvement as per the award of Arbitrators on the erection of said bridge. Referred to Com. on Roads and Bridges.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McMullen, that Councillors Mcintosh, Jackson, Trerice, Young, Dobbyn and the mover be a Committee to meet a delegation of the Directors of the Sarnia, Chatham & Erie Railway Co. relative to business connected with said road in which this County is interested, and that they report to this Council at this session.—Carried.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:

Yeas—Councillors Lee, Bedford, Everitt, McMullen, Jackson, Pardo, Wilson (Howard), Dillon, Trerice, Shaw, Dobbyn, Robert, Holmes, Monck and the Warden—15.

Nays—Councillors Morrison, Robinson, Wilson (T. E.), Mills, McKerricher, Wade, Ferguson, Cruickshank and Wright.—9.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Warden and all the Councillors present except Messrs. Jackson and Young.

Various notices of motion were given and various accounts read and referred to the Com. on Finance.

The following 24 resolutions were read and referred to the Committee on Roads & Bridges:

1. Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Bedford, and resolved, that \$400 be appropriated for repairing the Township of Chatham and Dover Town line.
2. Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that \$250 be appropriated to improve Town line between the Gore of Camden and Township of Zone.
3. Moved by Mr. Dobbyn, seconded by Mr. Bedford, that the sum of \$400 be granted to improve Town line between Camden and Chatham, and the sum of \$150 for the line between Zone and Camden.
4. Moved by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Wade, that the sum of \$300 be granted for the improvement of the Harwich and Howard Town line.
5. Moved by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Pardo, that \$300 be granted to the Town line between Harwich and Raleigh, from Charing Cross to the Lake.
6. Moved by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Robinson, that \$500 be granted to improve the County line between Tilbury East and Tilbury West from the C. S. R. Station across the Plains, as a great part of the road is not fit for travel, on condition that the County of Essex grant an equal sum.
7. Moved by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Robinson, that the sum of \$500 be granted to improve and open up the new Town line between Tilbury East and Romney.
8. Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the sum of \$600 be granted for the improvement of the Raleigh and Tilbury East Town line diverted Road.
9. Moved by Mr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that the sum of \$150 be granted to improve Town line between Dover East and West.

10. Moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that \$200 be granted to improve County line between Lambton and the Gore of Camden, on condition that the County of Lambton or Township of Dawn grant an equal amount.

11. Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that \$50 be granted on County line between Bothwell and Mosa, to repair culverts that are broken down.

12. Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T.E.), that \$400 be granted for the improvement of the Raleigh and Tilbury East Town line.

13. Moved by Mr. Pardo, seconded by Mr. Holmes, that \$150 be granted for the improvement of the Town line between the Town of Chatham and Township of Raleigh.

14. Moved by Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. Robert, that \$200 be granted to extend a branch of Maxwell drain eastwardly sufficient to give an outlet for the land in the Townships of Dover and Chatham northwestwardly of the 1st Concession road adjacent to the Town line; and also, for that portion of North Chatham along the northeast end of Victoria ave. in said Town.

15. Moved by Mr. Everitt, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that the sum of \$200 be granted to improve the County line between the Gore of Chatham and Gore of Camden.

16. Moved by Mr. Everitt, seconded by Mr. Trerice, that \$500 be granted to improve the County line between the Gore of Chatham and the Township of Sombra, providing the County of Lambton or Township of Sombra contribute an equal amt.

17. Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Everitt, and resolved, that the sum of \$200 be granted to improve the Chatham Town line west of the River Sydenham.

18. Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that \$100 be granted to improve the Town Line between the Village of Thamesville and the Township of Camden.

19. Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Dillon, that \$150 be appropriated to improve the County Line between Lambton and Kent, and between the Townships of Zone and Euphemia.

20. Moved by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, that \$100 be granted on the Line between the Town of Chatham and the Township of Harwich.

21. Moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Wade, that \$500 be granted to improve the Town Line between Howard and Grford.

22. Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), that the sum of \$300 be granted for the improvement of the County Line between Romney and Tilbury West, on condition that the County of Essex, or the Township of Tilbury West, appropriate a similar amount.

23. Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East,) that \$500 be granted for the improvement of the County Line between Romney and Mersea, on condition that the County of Essex, or the Township of Mersea, appropriate a similar amount.

24. Moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Wade, that the sum of \$400 be granted to improve the County Line between Kent and Elgin.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mills, that the Treasurer be instructed to give Hiram Owens a Pedlar's License for the balance of this year, free of charge.

On motion of Mr. Trerice, the report of the Committee on Dresden Bridge was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Trerice, that the Building Committee be instructed to have lightning rods placed on the Public Buildings belonging to the County.—Lost.

The resolution relating to W. D. Eberts' offer to sell Eberts Block for the sum of \$13,000, for County Offices, laid over from Tuesday, was again placed before the Council and read as follows:—

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Mills,—and resolved: That this Council do not deem it expedient to purchase old buildings with a view of converting them into County Buildings, therefore we reject the offer made to this Council by W. D. Eberts, Esq.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, that this Council accept Mr. Eberts' offer and buy his building in view of fitting it up for our Public offices.

On being put to vote the amendment was lost—motion carried.

The yeas and nays were called for on the motion, and taken down as follows: Yeas—Councillors McMullen, Morrison, Pardo, McDougall, Mills, Robinson, Wilson (Tilbury East,) Wilson (Howard,) McKerrecher, Wade, Ferguson, Shaw, Dobbyn, Dillon, Cruickshank, Wright, Robert, Holmes and Monck—19. Nays—Councillors Lee, Bedford, Everitt, McIntosh—4.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Ferguson—and resolved: That the Buildings Committee be instructed to proceed with the erection of buildings for the accommodation of the Public Officers of the County, according to the Plans submitted by the Building Committee, said plans and specifications are hereby adopted, the cost not to exceed \$20,000.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McMullen, that this Council do not deem it expedient to erect a building for our Public Officers at present.

On being put to vote, amendment carried—motion lost.

The Yeas and Nays were called for on the motion and taken down as follows:—
Yeas—Councillors McDougall, Ferguson, Shaw, Holmes, Monck and the Warden—6.

Nays—Councillors Lee, McMullen, Everitt, Morrison, Pardo, Wilson, (T.E.) Bedford, Mills, Robinson, Wilson, (Howard) McKerrecher, Wade, Dillon, Cruickshanks, Wright, Robert, McIntosh, Dobbyn—18.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY.—CHATHAM, Friday, 9th June, 1876.

The Roll was called. Present—John A. Langford, Esq., Warden. Councillors Cruickshank, Ferguson, Holmes, Lee, McDougall, McKerrecher, McIntosh, McMullen, Mills, Morrison, Pardo, Shaw, Trerice, Wilson, (T.E.) Wilson, (Howard,) Wade, Wright and Young.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Various notices of motions were given, and various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Ferguson presented a report of the Commissioner in charge of Thamesville bridge, which was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Young the report of the Committee appointed to examine into the grievance at the Railway Bridge on Town line between Howard and Harwich, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (T.E.), seconded by Mr. Morrison, that the Warden, John A. Langford, Esq., is hereby authorized to confer with the Municipal Corporation of the County of Essex at its next Session relative to the obstructions to navigation by the G.W.R.Co. at Baptiste Creek, and if deemed necessary by him to take such joint legal proceedings as will result in their removal.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that \$100 be granted to improve Town line between the Town of Bothwell and the Township of Zone. Referred to R. and B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mills, that the sum of \$200 be granted to the East Kent Agricultural Society to assist them in paying off their indebtedness for Show Grounds and buildings situate in the Village of Thamesville. Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Dobbyn, that four road scrapers be furnished for the use of the Town line between the Gore of Camden and the Township of Zone, as the above named Municipalities are assisting the County in keeping up said road by Statute Labor. Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Bedford, seconded by Mr. Monck, that the sum of \$100 be granted to improve the County line between the Town of Chatham and Township of Chatham. Referred to R. and B. Com.

Mr. Shaw presented the petition of Wm. Cryderman and 24 others, which was read, asking aid for School Section No. 10, Township of Camden. Referred to Fin. Com.

Moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the sum of \$100 be granted to School Section No. 10, Camden, to assist the Trustees in establishing a School in compliance with petition of Wm. Cryderman. Referred to Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Lee, a By-law to raise a sufficient sum to meet the current expenses of the County and for other purposes, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Pardo, seconded by Mr. McMullen, that the sum of \$100 be granted for the purpose of purchasing a Gravel Pit for the benefit of the Harwich and Raleigh Town line, and that the Warden and the Mover be a committee to purchase the same. Referred to Finance Com.

Mr. Shaw presented the petition of L. M. Lent and 51 others, asking for a sufficient sum of money to thoroughly drain and repair the Base line between the Township of Chatham and Gore of Camden. Referred to R. and B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Bedford, that the sum of \$500 be granted to improve and drain Town line between Gore of Camden and Chatham Township known as the Base line, in compliance with petition of L. M. Lent and 51 others—Referred to R. and B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, and resolved, that the Clerk be and is authorized to procure a sufficient quantity of order books for the use of the Commissioners appointed by this Council. Carried.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, a By-law for the enforcement of the "Dunkin Act" was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Shaw that the sum of \$50 be granted to improve the Town line between Village of Dresden and Township of Camden. Referred to R. and B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. McKerrecher, that \$50 be granted to take the water off the Town line between the Townships of Orford and Howard in accordance with petition of James Secord and 23 others. Referred to R. and B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Everitt, seconded by Mr. McMullen, that \$100 be granted for the purpose of improving the line between the Township of Chatham and Village of Wallaceburg. Referred to R. and B. Com.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Everitt, and resolved, that Councillors Everitt and Wright be appointed Commissioners on the Dover and Chatham Town line, the former to superintend that portion West of Little Bear Creek and the latter that portion from Little Bear Creek bank to the Plank Road. Carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 2 P.M.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called and the Warden and all Councillors present except Mr. Trerice.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, the 18th and 25th rules were suspended for the remainder of the Session. Rufus Stephenson, Esq., M.P., being present, he was invited to a seat within the bar.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Lee, and resolved, that this Council withdraw its subscription to the Law Journal, and that the Clerk be instructed to pay any amount in arrear and notify the Editor of the withdrawal of said subscription. Lost.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Morrison, that the Warden give an order to the Treasurer for the sum of \$200 in favor of Messrs. Shackleton & McIntosh as soon as the new County map, now in course of completion by them, shall be completed to his satisfaction.—Carried.

Mr. McDougall formally placed in the hands of the Clerk 16 petitions, being one from each Municipality in the County of Kent, relative to the passing of a County by-law in accordance with the provisions of the Temperance Act of 1864. The total number of signatures on said petitions is 850.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864 (or Dunkin Bill), be read a second time.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that it is not expedient for this Council to take any action on the Dunkin Bill, and that the By-law be not now read a second time.

On being put to the vote, amendment carried, motion lost.

The yeas and nays being called for, were taken down as follows on the amendment: Yeas—Councillors Young, McMullen, Jackson, Robinson, Bedford, Everitt, Wilson (Howard), McKerricher, Shaw, Dobbyn, Dillon, Robert, McIntosh, Monck and the Warden—16.

Nays—Councillors Morrison, Pardo, Wilson (T. E.), McDougall, Mills, Ferguson, Cruickshank, Wright and Holmes—9.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk. J. A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, Saturday, 10th June, 1876.

The Roll was called. Present—John A. Langford, Esq., Warden; and all the Councillors except Messrs. Dobbyn, Bedford and Trerice.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Dr. Samson, Blenheim, was read in reference to an acct. in connection with the Harrison Investigation case.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, the report of the Road & Bridge Committee was read.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Leo, that the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges now read, be referred back, with instructions to strike out all grants to roads and bridges.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the report of the Finance Committee was read.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that the report be referred back to Committee and amended, by including a grant of \$100 towards assisting East Kent Agricultural Society.—Carried.

The Yeas and Nays were called for and taken down as follows: Yeas—Councillors Young, McDougall, Lee, Mills, Wilson (Howard,) McKerrecher, Wade, Ferguson, Dillon, Cruickshank, Holmes, Monck and the Warden—13. Nays—Councillors Everitt, McMullen, Pardo, Morrison, Wilson (Tilbury East,) Robinson, Wright, Shaw, Robert, and McIntosh—10.

The Council adjourned for a short time to allow Committees to meet.

Council resumed. On motion of Mr. Shaw, the report of the Road and Bridge Committee, as amended, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the report of the Finance Committee, as amended, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Ferguson,—and resolved: That this Council deem it advisable to sell the County property known as the Industrial Farm, and when sold that the proceeds be appropriated to the construction of buildings suitable for the accommodation of the various County Officers, and that the Warden and Treasurer be and are hereby instructed to place the said land in the market, either in block or in lots as they may think best; or that the said Committee advertise the said lands for sale by Tender, and that the said Committee report to this Council at its next session the best or any offer made for the same, but in neither case is a sale thereof to be concluded till after the next session of this Council.—Carried.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows: Yeas—Councillors Young, Jackson, Morrison, Wilson (Tilbury East,) Robinson, McDougall, Wilson (Howard,) Mills, McKerrecher, Wade, Ferguson, Dillon, and Cruickshank—13. Nays—Councillors Everitt, McMullen, Pardo, Lee, Wright, Shaw, Robert, McIntosh, Holmes, Monck and the Warden—11.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Mills, that a special grant of \$150 be granted to repair the south approach of Bothwell bridge, in accordance with Award of Arbitrators on said bridge.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Young, the report of Committee appointed to meet a delegation of the Directors of the Sarnia, Chatham and Erie Railway Company, was read.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Everitt—and resolved: That the report now read be not adopted.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, a By-law to amend By-law No 334, relating to mileage for Commissioners, &c., was read a first and second times.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the By-law to raise amount for current expenses and other purposes, was read a second time.

On motion the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the two aforesaid By-laws, Mr. Young in the chair.

The Council resumed. Chairman reported that both By-laws passed without amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, By-law to amend By-law No. 334, relating to mileage for Commissioners, &c., was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lee, By-law to raise amount for current expenses, &c, was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McDougall, that this Council adjourn to meet on the first Monday in December next.—Carried.

The Council adjourned accordingly.

COMMUNICATION.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, Chatham, 5th June, 1876.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor herewith to enclose estimate of moneys required to meet the expenses of the County of Kent for the current year, amounting to thirty-one thousand three hundred and ninety-three dollars and twenty cents.

I am, gentlemen, yours very respectfully,

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

ESTIMATE OF MONEYS REQUIRED TO MEET THE EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY OF KENT FOR THE YEAR 1876.

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| Deficiency in 1875,.....\$1841 88 West Kent Agricultural Society 250 00 East " " 250 00 Medicine for Prisoners,..... 13 97 Interest on Debentures, \$3040.00 Less accrued Int. on deb. sold Riddle, \$199 70 Int. fr'm Regist'r 146 20 Int. from Bank, 250 00—595 90 2444 10 Grant to High School, 400 00 Board of Examiners,..... 200 00 Board of Audit,..... 16 00 Registry Office, for Books,..... 126 00 G't Forest st. d'n, T'n Chatham, 100 00 Miscellaneous account,..... 300 00 G't Tilbury E. & W. Town line 100 00 County Printing,..... 250 00 Fuel for Offices, 200 00 K't bridge, rem'g cen. pier, \$74 Less rec'd for old Bridge,.... 16— 58 90 | Sal's Treas., Clerk and Auditors\$1760 00 Office rent, 465 00 Debentures to retire,..... 5000 00 Insurance on Public Buildings, 276 25 Payment of Jurors,..... 3000 00 Councillors' wages & Committees 2500 00 Care taker of Offices, 240 00 Wallaceburg Bridges, 500 00 Selectors of Jurors, 102 00 School Superintendence,..... 600 00 Coroner's orders, 200 00 Paym't Criminal Witnesses,.... 1000 00 Grant for new County Map,.... 200 00 " for Pump Chatham T.L. d'n 500 00 Dresden Bridge,..... 4000 00 Ad. Justice not Criminal,..... 4500 00 |
| | \$31,393 26 |

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

County Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 5th June, 1876.

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| Amount brought down,..... | \$31,393 10 |
| Add the following— | |
| Ass't by Towns'p against County for Chatham & Dover T. L.,..... | 1500 00 |
| Robinson drain, Camden,..... | 28 00 |
| Camden & Zone Town Line,..... | 50 00 |
| Howard and Orford Town Line,..... | 70 00 |
| Kent & Elgin County line,..... | 24 00 |

\$33065 20

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

PETITIONS.

"DUNKIN BILL" PETITIONS.

To the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent:

The undersigned qualified municipal electors of the ———, hereby require that any By-law which the Municipal Council thereof may pass under authority and for enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864, at any time within one year from the date hereof, be submitted for approval to the Municipal Electors of the said municipality. Witness our hands this Thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

Sixteen Petitions, with heading as above, being one from each local municipality in the County of Kent, with number of signatures to each, as follows :

| Municipality. | No. of Signatures. | Municipality. | No. of Signatures. |
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| Town of Chatham,..... | 56 | Township of Harwich,..... | 108 |
| Town of Bothwell,..... | 36 | “ Howard,..... | 46 |
| Village of Dresden,..... | 73 | “ Orford,..... | 48 |
| “ Thamesville,..... | 42 | “ Raleigh,..... | 74 |
| “ Wallaceburg,..... | 51 | “ Romney,..... | 33 |
| “ Blenheim,..... | 39 | “ Tilbury East,..... | 54 |
| Township of Camden,..... | 40 | “ Zone,..... | 34 |
| “ Chatham,..... | 44 | | |
| “ Dover,..... | 78 | Total,..... | 856 |

OBSTRUCTION TO BAPTISTE CREEK.

To the Warden and Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent:

We the undersigned Petitioners, residing in the neighborhood of the County line between Essex and Kent, pray that your Honorable Body as guardians of our municipal rights, will cause the Great Western Railway Bridge to be removed that is obstructing the navigation of Baptiste Creek, near its mouth, so that the passage for boats, &c., may be as unobstructed as it was under the former bridge. And your petitioners as in duty bound will every pray.

Signed—Alex. Coutts, M. P. P., and 71 others.

REPORTS.

REPORT ON TOWN LINE BETWEEN ROMNEY AND TILBURY EAST.

To the Honorable Municipal Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN.—I have surveyed and established the new Town Line between East Tilbury and Romney according to Statute 38th Vic., chapter 43, as per your instructions dated 28th Jan., 1876. I advise you to get a copy of this report and plan recorded. Report as follows :

The first thing I did was to ascertain the true course of the governing line between Raleigh and Tilbury East both astronomically and magnetically, being astronomically N 42° 40m, magnetically N 43° W.

The second thing I did was to procure hands—and chain from a stone boundary proven by John and Thomas Willan—at the side road between lots 174 and 175 south on Talbot Road west, to the old proven corner on Side Road between lots 179 and 180, proven by Thomas Jackson when Richard Parr, P. L. S., renewed it 25 years ago—whole distance being 104c. 30l., which divided between the five lots gives 20c. 72½l. to each lot. This brought me on to the place R. Parr, P. L. S., made the corner between lots 177 and 178, 25 years ago.

I then ran up from lake bank to the present travelled road, at front, then set a stone on south side of Lake Shore Road, on line between 177 and 178. Thence ran N 43° W. magnetically 103c 96l. to the centre of the road in rear of Talbot Road lots aforesaid, where I planted another stone boundary. (The distance from the lake bank to south side of present Road is 7c. 26l.)

I then ascertained the correct original line of Road in rear of Talbot Lots, which was run by Mr. Burwell in the centre thereof and ran south-westerly, across lots 178, 179, 180 and part of 181, to intersect the centre of the old Town Line a distance of 71c. 90l., where I planted a post.

I had in assistance the Reeves of Romney and Tilbury; also, as chain-bearers, Wm. Little and Francis Wilson, besides Chas. Heward, Sam. Cooper, Mr. Radmore, Mr. Maynard, David Simpson, as axemen. I have prepared a plan of said survey which I herewith hand in. I have the honor to be, your obt. servant,

SHERMAN MALCOLM, P. L. S.

Rond Eau, June 2nd, 1876.

SARNIA, CHATHAM AND ERIE RAILWAY CO.

To the Warden and Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to meet a delegation of the Directors of

the Sarnia, Chatham and Erie Railway Company, beg to report having done so, and having heard the delegation, beg leave to report. After those municipalities that may be called upon to vote Bonuses in aid of the construction of the Sarnia, Chatham and Erie Railway, have voted such bonuses, that this Committee recommend the County Council do, at a future occasion, take into consideration the propriety of assuming such guaranteed Township, Town or Village bonuses, and in lieu thereof and therefor issue to said Company, County Debentures of equal denominational character. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. YOUNG, Chairman.

Dated at Council Committee Room, this 10th day of June, A.D. 1876.

COUNTY LINE BETWEEN TILBURY EAST AND WEST.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the special grant of \$100, in chopping the standing timber along the Town Line between East and West Tilbury, begs leave to report that I sold the following jobs, viz :—To Hugh Gallagher, 400 rods at \$19.63 ; John Warnick, 294 rods, at \$20.63 ; Battice Leonard, over 100 rods, at \$3.50—making \$43.76. Owing to the scarcity of work at that season of the year, the jobs sold at one-half below their value, leaving a balance of \$57.24 unexpended. And as the late Reeve in 1875, let a job of ditching on the County Line and no funds in the County Treasurer's hands to meet it, I relet the work and paid for it out of said grant, amounting to \$51 ; also, on the said line across the Plains in conjunction with the Reeve of West Tilbury, \$4 in repairing a culvert and embanking at the end of a bridge carried away by the spring freshet, leaving a balance of \$2.24. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW WILSON, Commissioner.

REPORT ON THAMESVILLE BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—Your Commissioner appointed to take care of the Thamesville Bridge, begs leave to report that owing to the open winter there was a large quantity of mud carried on the bridge, adding a great weight on said bridge. I caused the mud to be removed, and also had some of the floor of the bridge taken up and laid down that had swelled up, owing to being too tight, and I have given an order on the Treasurer for the same to be paid out of balance of grant of last June for repairing bridge, amounting to seven dollars. All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. FERGUSON, Commissioner.

REPORT OF THE DRESDEN BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

We, the undersigned Committee, beg leave to report as follows :—1st. That in compliance with instructions given us by this Council at its Special Session, held the 6th day of May last, we advertised for tenders for building said Bridge, to be received up to Saturday, 20th day of May last, at which date we met at the Clerk's office and received the following tenders.

1st. From M. D. Falls, for \$4,500 ; also, one from Logan & Windover, for \$3,029 ; we therefore accepted the last mentioned tender of Logan and Windover, for \$3,029. Bridge to be completed on or before the 1st of August next.

2nd. We reserved the right to use all or any of the old machinery for swinging the bridge, any new machinery to be used to be at our expense, and since the removal of the old superstructure by the contractors, we find nearly all the old machinery unfit for use, and that new machinery will be required.

3rd. And we further recommend the whole matter of completing the bridge be left to the present Committee. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. TRERICE, Chairman Committee.

RAILWAY CROSSING ON TOWN LINE BETWEEN HOWARD & HARWICH.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your committee appointed to examine into the grievance of the Railway Bridge on the Town Line between Howard and Harwich beg leave to report as follows :—That they met and carefully examined the bridge and agreed as to what

was necessary for the G. W. R. Co. to do to put the road in a proper state of repair. We corresponded through your Clerk with the Co.'s Solicitor. When they sent their Engineer to meet the committee on the grounds, the committee pointed out to him what alterations they considered necessary, all to which he agreed and promised that the changes should be made as soon as possible. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. LANGFORD, Com.

ON OBSTRUCTIONS AT BAPTISTE CREEK.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your committee appointed at last session of Council, to report to the Council with regard to the obstruction at the G. W. R. near the mouth of Baptiste Creek, beg leave to report as follows:—That on the 9th of May your Committee visited the locality obstructed (after due notice had been given by the County Clerk of said meeting, to Essex and also the G. W. R. Co.) We found an iron bridge on the G. W. R. across Baptiste Creek, a navigable stream for some miles, built in such a way as to stop all navigation on said creek. The bridge consists of sections of about 41 feet each and appears as if built upside down.

Your committee are of opinion that one section could be so changed as to admit the passage of small tug boats and scows, by changing the braces from the under side of the bridge to the upper side. We expressed ourselves of that opinion to the Company's Engineer, (who was present) but he stated that it could not be done. Although the committee were instructed to have the obstruction removed by legal steps if necessary, your committee thought it best to give the Company a little more time to consider the matter and make the necessary change. Therefore the Warden has notified the Company that unless the obstructions as shown to the Co.'s Engineer on the 9th ult., be not removed by the 5th day of June next, legal proceedings would be taken against the G. W. R. Co. Your committee are of opinion that a great grievance exists in the locality of said obstruction, and that the petitioners had good cause to complain, and therefore concur in the notice given the Company by the Warden, and we recommend that legal action be taken jointly with the Municipal Corporation of the Co. of Essex, if found necessary. All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBT. J. MORRISON, Chairman.

Chatham, May 16th, 1876.

PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—The following report of the Public and Roman Catholic Separate Schools in this County, with the exception of the Town of Bothwell, which reports directly to the Education Department, I hereby have the honor to submit:

The Trustees had on hand at the commencement of the year 1875, a balance of \$7,878 86, and received during the year the following sums:—Government Grant, \$4,887 15; Municipal Grant, \$4,822 56; School Tax, \$43,018 41; and from all other sources, \$9,589 94½; making a total of \$70,196 92½.

The Trustees expended for Teachers' salaries, \$39,516 99; repairs, &c., of School houses, &c., \$3,025 05½; purchase of School sites and building school houses, \$14,619 40; Libraries, Maps, and Apparatus, \$427 73; Incidental expenses, \$5,408 54½; making a total expenditure of \$62,997 72.

The balance on hand on Dec. 31st, was \$7,199 20½. The total amount of debts due by the Trustees for Building, was \$14,043 75; for all other debts, \$1,133 74.

The cost per annum for each pupil estimated on the number of pupils of all ages on the Daily Registers of the Public and Separate Schools, and the total expenditure, was about \$5.82; in 1874, it was \$5.60. The cost per pupil estimated on the average attendance, and the total expenditure was \$7.70; in 1874, it was \$7.50: and in 1873, it was \$7.75.

The cost per pupil estimated on the number of pupils of all ages on the Daily Registers, and the amount paid to teachers, was \$3.65; in 1874, it was \$3.08. The cost per pupil, estimated on the average attendance, and the amount paid to teachers, was \$4.83; in 1874, it was \$5.13.

The number of pupils of all ages enrolled on the Daily Registers, was 10,820, of whom 10,139 were between the ages of 5 and 16.

About 11 per cent attended less than 20 days; about 22 per cent. less than 50 days; 29 per cent. less than 100 days; 22 per cent. less than 150 days; 14 per cent. less than 200 days; and about 2 per cent. over 200 days.

Including the Town of Bothwell, there were 127 teachers employed on the 31st day of Dec., or the close of the year. Two of these held 1st Class Provincial Certificates; twenty-one, 2nd Class Provincial Certificates; one, a 1st Class Old County Board Certificate; one, a 2d Class County Board Certificate; ninety-five, 3d Class new County Board Certificates, and seven Interim Certificates.

The highest salary paid to a male teacher, not including the Town of Bothwell, was at the rate of \$660 per annum, and the average was \$388.97, being an increase of \$27.24. The average salary paid to a Female Teacher was \$264.32, being a decrease of \$7.91.

I do not think it would be advisable at the present time (notwithstanding the advice of the press) to refuse the renewal of Third-class Certificates to deserving Teachers. To act otherwise, now, would be the means of obliging Trustees to reject many who have some experience, and are doing fair work, and to employ those who have little or no experience. Neither would it be judicious to create a Grade C for the 2nd Class, as the present Grade B is sufficiently low for a Provincial Certificate. The County Boards have it in their power, after giving due notice, to increase the standard, by making the examinations more stringent, which will be done very soon.

What is required at the present time, in my opinion, is not a greater number of subjects, but a more thorough knowledge of the present subjects, and a greater aptitude in imparting them. If the value of the Pupil Teacher system were better understood, it would be soon adopted in this country, and our future teachers would have the means of being better trained.

Unless the remuneration given to teachers is more in accordance with what is given in other professions, it will be useless to expect that teachers will remain in a profession which offers smaller remuneration than other professions for the exercise of every "nerve and sinew of mental power," and the "use of the peculiar talents of nearly every other honorable profession."

The compulsory clause having been enforced during the past year in a few sections, will gradually extend to other sections.

During the past year several new and commodious school-houses have been erected. The school accommodation is now sufficient for about 72 per cent. of the resident population between the ages of 5 and 16 years.

The increased value of property in any place, amply repays the necessary expense and trouble incurred in planting shade trees; but in a country like this it is necessary for the comfort of the pupils, and an important fact in their education, to have the play-grounds planted at least with suitable shade trees. This has been done in a few instances, but it should be done in so many instances as to render it a matter of impossibility to find a single play-ground without its shade trees.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

EDMUND B. HARRISON, P. S. I., Kent.

Ridgetown, June 5th, 1876.

ON PRINTING.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee on printing beg leave to report that they received two tenders, one from Rufus Stephenson and one from J. R. Gemmill. Your Com. after due consideration, awarded the contract for printing to Mr. J. R. Gemmill, his being the lowest tender. All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. R. JACKSON, Chairman.

Council Chamber, 4th June, 1876.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee recommend that there be no appropriations upon Roads and Bridges. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. C. SHAW, Chairman,

Council Chamber, June 10th, 1876.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Buildings begs leave to report as follows :

1st. That on the application of the jailer we have made certain alterations in his house, by putting a new window in the end wall of his dining room, a new door from the entrance hall into bed room, and changing the store closet door from one side to the other, and there making a small bed room for servant. We have also repapered the hall and rooms.

2nd. On the application of the Grand Jury, through their foreman, William McKeough, Esq., we have put down a plank walk leading from the outside gate to the entrance stair to the Court Room.

3rd. That in accordance with a resolution of the Council passed at the last January Session, we have procured plans and specifications for the erection of Public Buildings. The committee instructed the chairman and Mr. McIntosh to proceed to Detroit and examine the Public Buildings there, but more particularly the vaults in said buildings, as to the probability of their being fire proof. This sub-committee met with Mr. Anderson, the architect that constructed the building, who kindly showed them through every part of the building and explained every thing to them. The building is fire proof so far as brick and iron can make it, and the vaults also fire-proof. The sub-committee explained to Mr. Anderson what amount of accommodation we would likely require for Kent and instructed him to prepare something suitable for that purpose. Mr. Anderson has sent several sketches of plans of Public Buildings to the committee for their approval. After examination and alterations the committee have approved of one plan with the vaults large and perfectly fire-proof, which they now submit for the consideration of the Council.

Your Committee received a communication from Wm. D. Eberts, Esq., of Chatham, offering to sell to the Council the building on the corner of King and Fifth Sts., known as Eberts Block, for the sum of \$13,000. Your Committee not having any authority in this matter took no action thereon, but left it for the consideration of the Council.

4th. Your Committee have also had under consideration the matter of putting lightning rods on the Public Buildings, but could not recommend this expense to be incurred.

5th. Your Committee would call the attention of the Council to the accounts contracted by some of the County Officers without the authority of the Council, as they consider that if anything is required for the several offices it is the duty of the officers to apply to the Council for what they may require. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. YOUNG, Chairman.

FINANCE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report on the various matters referred to them, and recommend the payment of the following accounts of committees and others :—

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| Geo. Young, com. work, plans of | | A. J. C. Shaw..... | \$ 12 20 |
| Dresden Bridge, &c..... | \$ 65 40 | A. B. McIntosh..... | 21 03 |
| Peter Robert..... | 10 60 | R. J. Morrison..... | 7 70 |
| John Wright..... | 9 00 | Thos. Dillon..... | 28 40 |
| John A. Langford..... | 38 40 | | |
| Your Committee also recommend the payment of the following accounts:— | | | |
| I. Evans, Livery Hire..... | \$ 8 00 | James Holmes for papering gaol- er's residence..... | \$ 55 53 |
| S. Barfoot, postage..... | 7 06 | Asa Cronk, printing..... | 4 00 |
| Henry Baxter..... | 22 97 | John Piggot, lumber..... | 9 81 |
| Roche and Paterson, Livery Hire | 22 50 | T. Wrong, coal..... | 16 00 |
| D. Kerr, freight and telegrams.. | 95 | Henry Robinson..... | 16 20 |
| J. & W. McKeough..... | 73 58 | | |
| Rufus Stephenson, Printing.... | 7 06 | | |
| E. B. Harrison, postage..... | 7 18 | | |
| Finister & Commode, repairing gaol and gaoler's residence.... | 58 92 | | |
| | | | \$494 49 |

Your Committee would further recommend no grant to School Section No. 10.

Towaship of Camden, and recommend \$100 in aid of the East Kent Agricultural Society ; also, Sherman Malcolm's account for survey on Romney and Tilbury Town Line, be laid over for further consideration ; also the grant of \$100 to purchase a gravel pit on Harwich and Raleigh Town Line, be not granted ; the road scrapers applied for by Mr. Cruickshank, for Zone and Camden Town Line be not purchased ; also, your committee recommend that the Salary of D. Kerr, Esq., Co. Clerk, be raised \$100 per year, and that the salaries of Gaoler and County Clerk be paid monthly instead of quarterly as at present. Your Committee also recommend the payment of Coltart & Neilson's acct. of \$28.65, but would suggest that the Clerk notify them that in future this Council will not pay for goods purchased by County Officials unless the same be ordered by the Warden or Committee on Public Buildings. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE, Chairman.

ON EQUALIZATION.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to equalize the Assessment Rolls of the different municipalities in the County, beg leave to report as follows :—That they have equalized the Rolls in a fair and equitable manner, as per the Schedule herewith submitted, and would recommend that this Council strike the rate for the year 1876, on the several municipalities in accordance with said Schedule, and that the same be transferred to the Committee on Finance for said purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE, Chairman.

Council Rooms, June 8, 1876.

BY-LAWS.

No. 344.

A BY-LAW to amend By-law No. 334, passed the 19th of June, 1875.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient to amend that part of said By-law giving Committee men or Commissioners pay for mileage when going to and returning from letting and receiving jobs.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal Institutions Acts of the Province of Ontario.

1st. That no Committee man or Commissioners shall receive any payment for mileage when going to or returning from selling of jobs.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JOHN A. LANGFORD, Warden.

No. 345.

A BY-LAW to raise the sum of \$32,567 95, to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS it is requisite and necessary to raise the sum of thirty-two thousand five hundred and sixty-seven dollars and ninety-five cents, to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent, for the present year.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of an Act respecting Municipal Institutions of the Province of Ontario.

1st. That in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-six, there shall be raised, levied and collected from and off all rateable property in the County of Kent the sum of \$32,567 95, for the following purposes :

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| Deficiency from 1875, | \$ 1841 88 |
| West Kent Agricultural Society, | 250 00 |
| Medicine for prisoners, | 13 97 |
| Interest on Debentures, | 2444 10 |
| Grant to High School,..... | 400 00 |
| Board of Examiners,..... | 200 00 |
| Board of Audit, | 16 00 |
| Registry Office for Books, | 126 00 |
| Grant to Forest Street, Town of Chatham,..... | 100 00 |
| Grant to Tilbury East and West,..... | 100 00 |
| County Printing,..... | 250 00 |
| Fuel for Offices, | 200 00 |
| Kent Bridge, for removing old pier, | 58 00 |
| Salaries of Treasurer, Clerk and Auditors,..... | 1760 00 |
| Office rent,..... | 465 00 |
| Debentures to retire,..... | 5000 00 |
| Insurance of Public Buildings,..... | 276 25 |
| Payment of Jurors, | 2900 00 |
| Councillors' wages and Committees,..... | 2400 00 |

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| Care-taker of Offices,..... | 8 | 240 00 |
| Wallaceburg Bridges, | | 500 00 |
| Selectors of Jurors,..... | | 102 00 |
| School Superintendence,..... | | 600 00 |
| Coroners' orders,..... | | 200 00 |
| Payment of Criminal Witnesses, | | 950 00 |
| Grant for new County Map,..... | | 200 00 |
| Grant, Pump for Chatham and Dover Line,..... | | 500 00 |
| Dresden Bridge,..... | | 3800 00 |
| Administration of Justice not Criminal,..... | | 4400 00 |
| Chatham and Dover Town Line Drain, | | 1500 00 |
| Robinson Drain, Camden,..... | | 28 00 |
| L. B. C. Drain, Camden and Zone,..... | | 50 00 |
| McKerecher Drain, Howard and Orford,..... | | 70 00 |
| Kent and Elgin County Line Drain, No. 1,..... | | 24 00 |
| Miscellaneous expense account,..... | | 252 75 |
| East Kent Agricultural Society, | | 350 00 |
| Total, | | \$32,567 95 |

2nd. AND BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the authority aforesaid that the sum above mentioned shall be levied and collected from and off the several Townships, Towns and Villages in the County of Kent, and the amount of rate charged against each shall be paid to the Treasurer of this County without any deduction whatever, on or before the 14th day of December, A. D. 1876, in the following proportions, that is to say :

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Township of Harwich | \$5043 57 | Township of Zone..... | \$ 890 07 |
| “ of Camden..... | 1945 48 | Town of Chatham..... | 4080 00 |
| “ of Chatham..... | 3898 72 | Town of Bothwell..... | 469 80 |
| “ of Dover..... | 2880 32 | Village of Dresden..... | 480 00 |
| “ of Howard..... | 3440 93 | Village of Thamesville..... | 188 40 |
| “ of Orford..... | 2378 20 | Village of Wallaceburg..... | 253 96 |
| “ of Raleigh..... | 3713 91 | Village of Blenheim..... | 235 25 |
| “ of Romney..... | 827 17 | | |
| “ of Tilbury..... | 1842 14 | | 32567 95 |

3rd. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the sum of \$32,567.95, more or less according to the apportionment of the Legislative School Grant for the year 1876, be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Municipalities within said County of Kent, to meet the Government appropriations to each Municipality for Common School purposes.

4th. AND BE IT ENACTED that it shall be the duty of the County Clerk to notify the Clerks of the several Municipalities of the County of Kent the amount of the Common School grant appropriated to each Township as soon as he shall be notified of the same by the Minister of Education for Ontario, in order that the amount may be raised according to law.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

[L. S.]

JOHN A. LANGFORD, Warden.

Statement shewing the Assessment of the County of Kent, for the year 1875, and the Equalized Values for the Rate levied for 1876.

| TOWNSHIPS. | Total No. of acres. | No. Acres resident land. | Value of resident land. | Average ass'd value per acre | Equalized value resident land. | Equalized rate per acre. | No. acres non-res. land. | Value of non-res. land. | Assessed value per acre. | Equalized value non-resident land. | Equalized rate per acre. | Personal property. | Equalized value personal property. | Total value | Equalized value | Amount of rate |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| CAMDEN..... | 40777 | 35910 | \$302185 | 88 41 | \$574560 | 16 00 | 4867 | \$25390 | 5 21 | \$38936 | 88 00 | \$28425 | \$356000 | \$356000 | \$648496 | \$1945 48 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CHATHAM..... | 84826 | 70121 | 476506 | 6 79 | 1121936 | 16 00 | 14705 | 41830 | 2 84 | 117640 | 8 00 | 72680 | 60000 | 591016 | 1299576 | 3898 72 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DOVER..... | 70836 | 47709 | 245552 | 5 14 | 763344 | 16 00 | 20658 | 23127 | 1 12 | 165264 | 8 00 | 33400 | 31500 | 302079 | 960108 | 2880 32 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HARWICH,... | 87578 | 85824 | 660994 | 7 70 | 1587744 | 18 50 | 1754 | 8028 | 4 60 | 21048 | 12 00 | 78040 | 72400 | 747062 | 1681192 | 5043 57 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOWARD..... | 59437 | 58651 | 557835 | 9 50 | 1085043 | 18 50 | 786 | 4900 | 4 00 | 9432 | 12 00 | 56180 | 52500 | 618915 | 1146975 | 3440 93 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ORFORD..... | 48115 | 46445 | 942060 | 20 28 | 743120 | 16 00 | 1670 | 22890 | 13 76 | 13360 | 8 00 | 42650 | 36250 | 1007600 | 792730 | 2378 20 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RALEIGH..... | 70035 | 63054 | 510119 | 8 09 | 1134972 | 18 00 | 6981 | 34914 | 5 00 | 55848 | 8 00 | 67385 | 47150 | 612418 | 1237970 | 3713 91 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ROMNEY..... | 26829 | 17266 | 279405 | 16 18 | 207192 | 12 00 | 9563 | 83328 | 8 71 | 57378 | 6 00 | 35627 | 11150 | 398360 | 275720 | 827 17 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TILBURY EAST.. | 54360 | 37584 | 406173 | 10 80 | 488592 | 13 00 | 16776 | 102698 | 6 12 | 100653 | 6 00 | 39283 | 24800 | 548154 | 614048 | 1842 14 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ZONE..... | 24853 | 22239 | 146154 | 6 57 | 266968 | 12 00 | 2612 | 15880 | 6 08 | 15672 | 6 00 | 18135 | 14050 | 180169 | 296690 | 890 07 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 567646 | 484803 | 4526983 | | 7973471 | | 80372 | 362985 | | \$595232 | | 471805 | | | | |

| TOWNS & VILLAGES | ASSESSED VALUE. | AT 60 PER CENT. | EQUALIZED VALUE. | At 60 per ct. pro. equalized val. | Amount of rate | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Town of Chatham.... | \$1,228,165 | \$736,899 | \$2,266,666 | 1228165 | 1360000 | 4080 00 |
| Bothwell.... | 145,597 | 87,358 | 261,604 | 145597 | 156602 | 469 80 |
| Village of Dresden.. | 303,365 | 182,019 | 266,666 | 303365 | 160000 | 480 00 |
| Thamesville.... | 76,625 | 45,975 | 104,670 | 76625 | 62802 | 188 40 |
| Wallaceburg.... | 146,983 | 88,189 | 141,090 | 146983 | 84654 | 253 96 |
| Blenheim.... | 74,509 | 44,705 | 130,702 | 74509 | 78420 | 235 26 |
| | | | | 7337017 | 10855084 | 32567 95 |

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

—AT THE—

DECEMBER SESSION, 1876,

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

COUNTY OF KENT.

JOHN A LANGFORD, - - - Warden.
DANIEL KERR, - - - Clerk.

CHATHAM,

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Municipal Council of the County of Kent.
DECEMBER SESSION—1876.

FIRST DAY.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to adjournment at the Court House, Chatham, on Monday, 4th December, 1876.

The Roll was called. Present—John A. Langford, Esq., Warden; Councillors Bedford, Cruickshank, Dillon, Dobbyn, Everitt, Jackson, McDougall, McKerricher, McIntosh, McMullin, Monck, Morrison, Pardo, Robert; Robinson, Shaw, Trerice, Wilson (T.E.), Wilson (Howard), Wright & Young.

The following communications were read:—

From D. D. Hay, asking the views of the Council on certain questions relating to the Municipal laws of Ontario as probable subjects of legislation.

From A. McDougall, certifying to the completion of a Lock-up in the Village of Wallaceburg.

From the County Clerk of Elgin and from the County Clerk of Middlesex, each giving notice of the appointment of a Commissioner on behalf of their respective Municipalities to act with the Commissioner of this County in making the necessary repairs on the south abutment of Bothwell Bridge.

From the Committee on Drainage Assessments, Copy of Appeals from the amount charged against the County for South Marsh Drain, on Town Line between Howard and Orford, with the Arbitrators' award on the same.

From the County Clerk of Waterloo, with copy of a Memorial addressed to the Legislative Assembly, praying for an amendment to the Ontario Medical Act, and requesting the co-operation of the County of Kent therein.

From John and Peter McKenzie, requesting to have a portion of the Orford and Howard Town Line surveyed.

On motion of Mr. Dillon the Report of the Caretaker on Moravian Bridge was read and adopted.

Various notices of motion were given. The Council adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, 5th Dec., 1876.

The Roll was called. Present—John A. Langford, Esq., Warden; Councillors Cruickshank, Dillon, Dobbyn, Everitt, Ferguson, Holmes, Lee, McDougall, McKerricher, McIntosh, McMullin, Mills, Monck, Pardo, Robert, Robinson, Trerice, Wilson (T.E.), Wilson (Howard), Wright & Young.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Various notices of motion were given, various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. McDougall the Warden's report on Assessments against the County for drainage on County lines; on obstructions to Baptist Creek; on the County line between Kent and Elgin; also on the condition of the several County Bridges, were each read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. McDougall a By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864, was read a first time.

Mr. Monck presented petitions containing about 2,500 signatures, praying that the Council take no action in reference to the Dunkin Act.—Ordered to lay on the table.

Mr. Young presented the petition of John Mitton, praying the Council to amend the By-law incorporating the Village of Ridgetown, so as to detach his farm from the Village plot.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McMullin, That the petition of John Mitton be referred to a Committee of the Reeves of Howard, Orford and Harwich, with the Warden, and to report to this Council on Friday.—Lost.

Mr. Wilson, Tilbury East, presented the petition of the President and Secretary of the Star of Hope (T. E.) Temperance Society, praying that the Council submit a By-law to enforce the Temperance Act of 1864.—Ordered to lay on the table.

On motion of Mr. Young, a By-law to define the limits of the High School Districts and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read a first time.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The roll was called. Present—All the Councillors except Messrs. Bedford, Jackson and Shaw.

Various notices of motion were given, various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Young, the Report of the Committee on Public Buildings was read and adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, WEDNESDAY, 6th Dec., 1876.

The roll was called—Present—John A. Langford, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Various notices of motion were given.

On motion of Mr. Terrie the report on the Dresden Bridge was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Young the report of the Committee for the sale of the Industrial Farm was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lee the Report of the Commissioners on the Howard and Orford Town line was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Young a By-law to define the limits of the High School District and for other purposes, was read a second time.

On motion the Council went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law, Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

After being in Committee for some time, the Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mills, that Councillors McDougall, Terrie, Holmes, Young, and the mover be a Committee to draft a petition to the Legislature of Ontario, praying for amendments to the Temperance Act of 1864, or what is known as the Dunkin Bill, and that said Committee bring in such petition at this Session for the approval of the Council—Carried.

Mr. McIntosh presented the petition of Chas. Kenny and 83 others, praying that the Council take no action in reference to the Dunkin Bill—Ordered to lay on the table.

Mr. Robert presented the petition of Alexis Bechard and 68 others, praying that the Council take no action in reference to the Dunkin Bill.—Ordered to lay on the table.

Mr. McDougall presented petitions containing about 1050 signatures, praying that the Council pass a By-law for the enforcement of the Dunkin Bill.—Ordered to lay on the table.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SITTING

The Roll was called.—The Warden and all the Councillors present.

Various notices of motion were given, various accounts were read, and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Everitt, the Report of the Commissioners on the Chatham and Dover Town line was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Report of the Commissioners on Town line between Tilbury East and Romney was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, the Report of the Commissioners on Town line between Camden and Zone was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Cruickshank, the Report of the Commissioners on County line between Zone and Euphemia was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dillon, the Report on Bothwell Bridge was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dobbyn, the Report of Town line between Camden and Chatham and Gore of Camden and Chatham, was read and adopted.

Mr. Robinson presented the petition of John Coatsworth and 82 others, praying the Council to take no action in reference to the Dunkin Bill Act.—Ordered to lay on the table.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Morrison, That a By-law for the enforcement of the Dunkin Act be read a second time.

Moved by Mr. Young in amendment, seconded by Mr. Jackson, That, in view of the contemplated amendments of the Temperance Act of 1864, it is not expedient now to read the By-law the second time for enforcing the Dunkin Bill in this County, Be it therefore resolved that the whole matter be laid over to the Session of this Council to be held in January, 1877.

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:—

YEAS—Councillors Young, Jackson, Bedford, McMullin, Mills, Robinson, McKerricher, Wade, Trerice, Shaw, Dobbyn, Monck, McIntosh, Robert and Dillon—15.

NAYS—Councillors Everitt, McDougall, Lee, Pardo, Morrison, Wilson (T. E.), Wilson (Howard), Ferguson, Holmes, Wright, Cruickshank—11.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JOHN A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, THURSDAY, Dec. 7th, 1876.

The Roll was called. Present—The Warden and all the Councillors, except Messrs. Bedford and Ferguson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A requisition for Medicines for the Gaol from the Gaol Surgeon was read, and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Mills, the Report of the Commissioner on County Line between Kent and Elgin; also, on the South approach of Bothwell Bridge, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, the Report of the Commissioners on County Bridges at Wallaceburg; also, the erection of a pump on the Chatham and Dover Town line was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Pardo, the Report on Harwich and Raleigh Town line was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (T. E.), a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Tilbury East was read a first time.

Mr. McKerricher presented the petition of John Clark, of the Township of Howard, in reference to the state of a ditch fronting his lot, and praying that the Council give their early attention to the same.

Moved by Mr. McKerricher, seconded by Mr. Wade, That the Warden and the 2nd Deputy Reeve of Howard be a Committee to inspect the ditch in front of lot No. 1 in the 1st Con. of Howard, and report to this Council at the January Session, 1877.—Lost.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—John A. Langford, Esq., Warden; Councillors Cruickshank, Dillon, Ferguson, Holmes, Jackson, Lee, McDougall, McIntosh, McKerricher, McMullin, Mills, Pardo, Robinson, Roberts, Wilson (T. E.), Wilson (Howard), Wright and Young.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Morrison, That the witnesses' expenses attending the late Court of Assizes at Chatham, on the ob-

scriptions at Baptist Creek case be paid, and that the Warden give an order on the Treasurer for the same.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Young, the Council went into Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the propriety of proceeding with the erection of Public Buildings as soon as possible, Mr. Robert in the chair.

On motion the Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, the Council went into Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee appointed to advertise the Industrial Farm for sale, Mr. Jackson in the chair.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, That the Warden and Treasurer be instructed still to advertise for sale the plot of land known as the Industrial Farm, as subdivided into Villa Lots, and report at next meeting of this Council, and that tenders be received till that time.—Carried.

On motion the Council resumed. Chairman reported resolutions passed.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, That the resolution passed in Committee of the Whole be the Report of this Council, and that the same be adopted.—Carried.

Various notices of motion were given and various accounts were read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, FRIDAY, 8th Dec., 1876.

The Roll was called. Present—John A. Langford, Esq., Warden; Councillors Cruickshank, Dillon, Dobbyn, Holmes, Jackson, Lee, Morrison, Pardo, Terrice, Wilson (T. E.), (Wilson) Howard, Wade, Wright and Young.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Morrison the Report of the Commissioners on the Raleigh and Tilbury East diverted Town line was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lee the draft of a petition to the Legislature of Ontario, praying for amendments to the Temperance Act of 1864, was read, approved, and ordered to be signed, sealed, and transmitted in the usual form.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (T. E.), a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of Tilbury East was read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law, Mr. Monck in the chair.

The Council resumed; Chairman reported that the By-law passed in Committee without amendments.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (T. E.), the By-law to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Tilbury East was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Robinson, That the County rate on the Township of Tilbury East be reduced £126, and that said sum be placed to the credit of said Township, as a large amount of non-resident lands are assessed on the resident roll.—Lost.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:

YEAS—Councillors Wilson (T. E.), Terrice, McDougall—3.

NAYS—Councillors McMullin, Pardo, Lee, Morrison, Robinson, Wilson (Howard), McKerricher, Wade, Ferguson, Dillon, Cruickshank, Robert, Holmes, Monck, Dobbyn, Everitt and Wright—17.

On motion of Mr. Lee a By-law to better define what the Council consider Town, Township and Village Town lines was read a first time.

The Council then adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called Present—The Warden and all the Councillors except Messrs. Bedford, Ferguson, Jackson and Terrice.

Communications were read—

From Messrs. Shackleton & McIntosh thanking the Council for the amount received in aid of the County maps compiled by them.

From certain County Officials of the County of Kent, requesting to have their offices supplied with a copy of the new County Map.

Mr. Morrison presented the Report of the Commissioners on Raleigh and Tilbury East Town Line, which was read and adopted.

Mr. Lee presented a second report from the Finance Committee, which was read and adopted.

The Council, on motion of Mr. Young, again went into Committee of the Whole, to consider the advisability of proceeding with the erection of Public Offices as soon as possible. Mr. Wright in the Chair.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Holmes, That the Committee on Public Buildings is hereby instructed to advertise for tenders for the erection of Public Buildings according to the plans and specifications prepared by Jas. Anderson, Architect, Detroit, and report to the this Council at th e Session in January, 1877.—Carried.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that a resolution passed in Committee.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McDougall, That the resolution passed in Committee be the Report of this Council, and that the same be adopted.—Carried.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:—

YEAS—Councillors Young, Everitt, McDougall, Pardo, Robinson, Dillon, Wright, Shaw, McIntosh, Holmes, Monck and the Warden—12.

NAYS—Councillors McMullin, Morrison, Lee, Mills, Wilson (T. E.), Wilson (Howard), McKerricher, Wade, Cruickshank, Robert and Dobbyn—11.

On motion the Council adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

J. A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

SIXTH DAY—CHATHAM, SATURDAY, 9th Dec., 1876.

The roll was called. Present—John A. Langford, Esq., Warden; Councillors Bedford, Dillon, Dobbyn, Everitt, Ferguson, Lee, McDougall, McKerricher, McIntosh, Mills Morrison, Robert, Robinson, Wilson (T. E.), Wilson (Howard), and Wade.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McDougall, that the 18th and 24th rules be suspended during the remainder of this Session—Carried.

By consent a By-law to define High School Districts; also, a By-law relating to Town lines were withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Shaw the report of the Committee on Roads & Bridges was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McKerricher, That whereas the original survey of part of the 2nd Concession in the Township of Romney has become obliterated, Be it therefore resolved that application be made by this Council in accordance with Section 6 of Chap. 93 of 22 Vic., of the Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada, to the Lieut.-Governor, requesting him to cause the 2nd Concession from the western boundary of said Township to that point where 2nd Concession intersects Side-line between Lots 18 and 19 to be surveyed and marked by permanent stone monuments, under the direction and order of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Monck, and resolved, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be granted in aid of the Township of Chatham to pay balance of \$400, due the contractors for erecting Steam Pump at the outlet of Dover & Chatham Town line Drain.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Bedford, and resolved, That the sum of \$400, granted to the Village of Wallaceburg by this Council at the January Session, 1876, as compensation for Wallaceburg Bridges, be paid in full of all claims for said bridges.—Carried.

By request the Warden left the chair, which was taken by Mr. Young.

The following resolution was then read.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, That we the Members of the County Council of Kent have great pleasure in returning our sincere thanks to John A. Langford, Esq., Warden of this County, for his universal kindness and courtesy to one and all of us during the past year, and we trust that he may long live and continue to perform those active and useful duties, and that the Council of this County may have his valuable services for many years to come.—Carried unanimously.

The Chairman tendered the resolution to the Warden, who, on resuming the chair, returned thanks in suitable terms.

On motion the Council adjourned *sine die*.

COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM MESSRS. SHACKLETON & McINTOSH.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Allow us to acknowledge the receipt of the amount (\$200) granted to us by your Honorable Body in aid of the County Map compiled by us, and to return our thanks for the same liberal assistance.—We have the honor to be, &c.,

Chatham, Dec'r 8, 1876.

SHACKLETON & McINTOSH.

THE WALLACEBURG LOCK-UP.

JOHN A. LANGFORD, ESQ., WARDEN CO. KENT.

This is to certify that the Lock-up in the new Village Hall building in the Village of Wallaceburg is built in accordance with the Plans and Specifications produced, and in accordance with By-law No. 289, A.D. 1872, granting \$250 in aid of Local Municipalities.

Given under my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Village of Wallaceburg, this Second day of October, A. D. 1876.

(L. S.)

(Signed),

A. McDOUGALL, REEVE.

FROM COUNTY CLERK OF ELGIN, RELATING TO BOTHWELL BRIDGE.

DANIEL KERR, ESQ., COUNTY CLERK, CHATHAM.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of the 17th inst., respecting an appropriation of \$150 by Council of Kent towards the Bothwell Bridge, I have to state that the sum of Seventy-five Dollars was granted by the Elgin County Council on the 22nd instant, to repair the South approach of the Bothwell Bridge, which I presume will be the proportion required to be paid by this County; and that JOHN McKILLOP, Reeve of Aldborough, has been appointed Commissioner to expend the amount.—I am, yours,

WILLIAM McKAY, County Clerk.

County Clerk's Office, St. Thomas, 26th June, 1876.

FROM COUNTY CLERK OF MIDDLESEX, RELATING TO THE SAME.

DANIEL KERR, ESQ., CLERK CO. KENT:

SIR,—I am instructed to inform you that Mr. Holmes, the County Engineer, has been instructed to act with the Commissioners of Kent and Elgin in repairing the South abutment of the Bothwell Bridge; and he wished me to ask you to send him a copy of the plans and specifications for the repairs; also, how you intended to proceed, as the season was advancing and anything done this fall would require to be proceeded with immediately,

D. G. McKENZIE, COUNTY CLERK.

County Clerk's Office, London, August 22nd, 1876.

PETITION FOR THE DUNKIN ACT.

To the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent:

The undersigned inhabitants of the County of Kent humbly pray that your Honorable Body will be pleased to reconsider the action taken at the late June Session respecting the submission of the Dunkin Act to the Electors of this County for their approval, as asked for by nearly one thousand duly qualified Electors in the Petitions presented at the said June Session.

Your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable Body will order a By-law to be submitted to a vote of the Electors without further delay, in accordance with the prayer of the said Petitions. And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

PETITION FROM "STAR OF HOPE" TEMPERANCE LODGE.

To the Warden and Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent.

The petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth that the Star of Hope Temperance Society of the Township of Tilbury East is very desirous to promote the cause of temperance, both in this Township and neighborhood, and also throughout the entire County. And it being the opinion of this Society that if the Dunkin Act was in force in our County it would greatly aid us in our endeavors to check the spread of intemperance and crime.

We therefore petition your honorable body to pass a By-law to enforce the Dunkin Bill and submit the same to the electors of the County at as early a date as possible. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.—Signed on behalf of Society.

ALVAN MALOTT, Secretary.

ARTHUR A. WILSON, President.

Tp. Tilbury East, Nov. 26th, 1876.

PETITION AGAINST DUNKIN BILL.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled.

GENTLEREN,—We the undersigned petitioners, ratepayers in the County of Kent, respectfully pray your Honorable body not to pass any By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864, or "Duncan Bill," for the following reasons:—

1st. Because your petitioners believe that a certain number of well regulated Taverns throughout the country is of great convenience to the travelling public, and to suppress them would be a loss of revenue to the various Municipalities, and a serious inconvenience to the travelling community in the County of Kent.

2nd. That many respectable persons have gone to great expense in fitting up houses as Taverns, with such accommodation as is required by the Laws of Ontario, and your petitioners believe that to suppress them in the summary manner contemplated by the Duncan Bill would be doing an act of injustice to many respectable persons engaged in keeping Taverns.

3rd. Your petitioners believe that the Act passed by the Legislature of Ontario, in 1876, regulating the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors, contains provisions which, if properly carried out, will not only limit the number of Taverns, but also cause them to be kept in orderly and efficient condition for the convenience of the travelling public.

Your petitioners therefore pray your Honorable body will not pass any By-law for enforcing the Duncan Bill in the County of Kent.—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray. Signed—Wm. Berry, Francis Windsor, Wm. Reynolds, Robt. Farlie, Wm. Richards, W. F. Baker, Coltart & Neilson, R. Riddell, Alex. Cunningham, Thos. Bennett, Theo. Wildgen and others.
Chatham, Nov. 21st, 1876.

PETITION FOR AMENDMENTS TO DUNKIN BILL.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The petition of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent humbly sheweth that you in your wisdom will at your next Session make amendments to the Temperance Act, passed in the year 1864. We believe that some amendments are necessary, and take the liberty of suggesting as follows:

1st. That Sub-sec. 2 of Sec. 3 be amended by causing a poll to be opened in each Ward or Electoral division, as the case may be, instead of having only one polling place in each Municipality.

2nd. That Sub-sec. 4 of Sec. 5 be amended by taking the vote by ballot, as is required in other by-laws submitted by the Municipal Councils, for the approval of the ratepayers.

3rd. That Sec. 8 be amended so as to make the the By-law of a Municipality, after being approved by the people, take effect on the 1st day of May after the passing thereof, instead of the 1st day of March.

4th. That Sub-sec. 4 of Sec. 12 be amended by prohibiting the sale of 5 gallons or 19 bottles of liquor by any Merchant or Trader having his store or place of business

in the County, as we believe this power at present allowed is a serious impediment to the enforcement of this Act.—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

J. A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

TO DETACH CERTAIN LANDS FROM RIDGETOWN.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—When the By-law incorporating the Village of Ridgetown was passed I was told that my farm (North half of Lot Nine, in the Ninth Concession (would not be enclosed in said Village plot. I now find that it is enclosed in said Village plot. I therefore pray that your honorable body will amend said By-law so as to take said farm from the Village plot, as I have no intention of selling any part of it as Village property.—I am, yours respectfully,

Ridgetown, Nov'r 23rd, 1876.

JOHN MITTON.

APPEAL IN RE SOUTH MARSH DRAIN.

In the matter of appeal from the Report of Thomas Scane, P. L. S., referred to and set out in a certain By-law provisionally adopted by the Council of the Township of Howard, on the 22nd day of July, 1876.

The Corporation of the County of Kent, Appellants, vs. The Corporation of the Township of Howard, Respondents.

TAKE NOTICE, that the above-named Corporation of the County of Kent do hereby appeal from the assessment against the said County of Kent, mentioned in the Report served upon the Warden of said County, and bearing date the 22nd day of July, 1876, on the following grounds:—

1st. That the By-law published is not in accordance with the prayer of the petition.

2nd. That the amount assessed against the County is excessive, and not in proportion to the other Municipalities to be benefitted.

3rd. That if the proposed drain is carried out the Town Line cannot receive the supposed benefit on account of it not being sufficiently extended.

Further take notice, that Stephen White, of the Township of Raleigh, Esquire, has been duly appointed Arbitrator by and on behalf of the said Corporation of the County of Kent, to try and adjudicate upon the said matter of appeal; and the said Corporation of the Township of Howard are hereby required to appoint an Arbitrator in their behalf in said matter of appeal, within ten days after service of this notice.

Dated at Chatham, County of Kent, this twenty-fourth day of August, A.D. 1876.

DANIEL KERR, Co. Clerk.

(L.S.)

JOHN A. LANGFORD, Warden.

AWARD IN RE SOUTH MARSH DRAIN.

In the matter of Appeal from the Report of Thomas Scane, Esq., P. L. S., on assessment for drain as per By-law provisionally passed by the Municipal Corporation of Howard, on the 22nd July, 1876, known as the South Marsh Drain.

The Corporation of the County of Kent, Appellant, and the Corporation of the Township of Howard, Respondent.

We the undersigned Arbitrators in the above matter referred do make the following award:—That the first clause of the appeal set forth is as follows:—

That the By-law published is not in accordance with the prayer of the petition.

That upon examination of the original petition in this case; also the report of the said Thos. Scane, P. L. S.; also the By-law submitted, we find that they deviate so much that no reasonable conclusion could be arrived at that the different clauses of the Statutes respecting drainage had been complied with. And further, that the proposition of the said Engineer by his report to deviate the said Town Line Road from the present travelled Road is an assumption on the part of Municipality of Howard, and not within the jurisdiction of this Court of Arbitration to award any money for such purpose to be payable by the County.

We therefore decide that the said first clause of the ground for appeal is sustained, and award that the County of Kent is not legally entitled to pay any amount for the construction of said drain.

Costs—S. White, \$8; J. Duck, \$6; J. Smith, \$6; O. Grant, Clerk, \$3; A. McDonald, witness, \$4; registering award, \$1—\$28.

Said sum of \$28 to be paid to Chas. Grant by the Corporation of Howard within 20 days, and by him paid over to the parties herein set forth.

As witness our hands and seals in duplicate, at the Village of Ridgetown, in the County of Kent, this 14th day of September, A.D. 1876—In presence of Chas. Grant.

S. WHITE, JOHN DUCK, JAS. SMITH. (L. S.)

REPORT ON CAMDEN AND CHATHAM AND GORE OF CAMDEN AND CHATHAM TOWN LINES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned Commissioners beg leave to report that we have expended the following amounts on the Town Line between Camden and Chatham and Chatham and Gore of Camden:—March 12, 1876—Baxter & Bolton, for repairing road culverts on Town Line between Chatham and Camden, \$13; Bolton & McFadden, repairing do., \$5; D. Turnbull, repairing Town Line Gore of Camden and Chatham and Town Line Camden and Chatham, \$28; McFadden, putting in culvert, \$7.80; Shaw & Bro., do., \$6.30; Shaw & Bro., do., \$6.50; J. Thompson, ditching, \$18; Amos Shaw, do., \$9.50—Total, \$74.10. Order on Co. Treasurer for \$28.00.—Balance \$46.10, to be charged to unexpended appropriations from 1873 & 1875. All the above jobs are about completed.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DOBBYN, }
E. BEDFORD, } Commissioners.

REPORT RALEIGH & TILBURY EAST DIVERTED LINE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee appointed to expend the grant of \$300 on the Raleigh & Tilbury East Diverted Town line in 1875, beg leave to state that in consequence of the high water on the plains the present year we have been unable to expend the balance, \$237, to any advantage, except \$39 that was laid out in repairs on bridges, culverts, &c., leaving a balance of \$248 to the credit of the line of road.

Your Committee would further report that we have been obliged to put up notices notifying the public that said road was impassable for travel, and that the County Council would not hold themselves responsible for any damage that might occur on said road until repaired.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Council Room, Dec. 8th, 1876.

R. J. MORRISON, }
ANDREW WILSON, } Commissioners.

REPORT ON RALEIGH AND TILBURY EAST TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the balance (\$41.85) from 1875, on Raleigh and Tilbury East Town Line, beg leave to report that we have expended \$16.00 in scraping said road, leaving a balance of \$27.85 to the credit of the Line.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. MORRISON, }
ANDREW WILSON, } Comm's.

REPORT HOWARD & ORFORD TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN—We the Committee appointed in the year 1875 to expend moneys on the Howard & Orford Town line, beg leave to report that we have expended the full amount appropriated; and also that we expended the sum of \$16 in the spring of 1876 for repairs of culverts and impassable places on the road which we found had to be repaired, and we now present our report for same; also statement of the amounts due for said work, and hope you will have the kindness to pay the same.—We remain your obedient servants,

RICH. WADE, }
JOHN LEE, } Com'rs.

Items—Alex. Whitsell, \$3; David Gladstone, \$5; James Murray, \$8—\$16.—Referred to Roads & Bridges.

REPORT ON CAMDEN & ZONE TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned Commissioners beg leave to report that they have had some culverts repaired on Town line between Camden and Zone at the following

expense: July 17—A. McAnally, lumber and work repairing culverts on Town line between Camden & Zone, \$5; Nov. 27—J. Boosey, repairing culvert as above, \$1 50—\$6 50. Balance to credit of Town line between Camden & Zone from appropriation of 1875, and order given on Co. Treas. for same, \$2.00—Balance to debit, \$4 50.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. C. SHAW,
JAS. CRUICKSHANK, } Com'rs.

Council Room, Chatham, Dec. 5th, 1876.

REPORT ON HARWICH & RALEIGH TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent

GENTLEMEN—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the balance of an appropriation made in 1875 on Harwich & Raleigh Town line, amounting to the sum of \$22 35, beg leave to report as follows: that we caused a culvert to be filled up which had broken down on account of the timber decaying, for which we granted an order to Thos McDowell for the sum of \$8; also, an order to John Lowrie for scraping and gravelling the sum of \$14.35. And your Commissioners further beg leave to report that after the above work was let the timbers of another culvert gave way, and caused a further expenditure of \$12 to repair the same.

Praying that your Honorable body will be kind enough to allow this extra expenditure of \$12, we remain your most obdt. servts.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Council Chamber, Dec. 6, 1876.

THOS. L. PARDO,
JAS. McMULLIN, } Com'rs.

REPORT ON CHATHAM & DOVER TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your Commissioners for the Chatham and Dover Town line beg leave to report that we have sold the following work and given orders on the Treasurer for the same: Robt. Drummond, scraping road, \$40.50; K. Urquhart, scraping road, \$27; 1 man 1 day, \$1.25; Hiram Davis, repairing 80 rods, average 22 cents per rod, \$17.60; R. Strain, repairing 118 rods, 22c per rod, \$25.60; Uriah Peterson, repairing 80 rods, 19½c per rod, \$15.60; Wm. Carns, grading road and repairing 80 rods, \$32; R. Drummond, 6 days' work for 1 man, \$9.06; Ruttie, repairing, \$18; Powers, \$10; orders given by Mr. Bedford, \$1.50—\$198.11—leaving balance to credit of said road \$11.74.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. EVERETT,
JOHN WRIGHT, } Com'rs.

REPORT ON COUNTY LINE BETWEEN ELGIN AND KENT.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the sum of \$167.50 of a balance on County Line between Kent and Elgin since 1875, also \$50 appropriated to the South approach to Bothwell Bridge, begs leave to report that I have accepted several jobs sold by the Commissioner preceding me, which were not completed until this year. Also sold the balance of the money, except \$23.46, which still remains to credit of said road; and have issued orders on the Treasurer for the following amounts:

James McGregor, \$3.30; T. A. Ford, \$18; John Hillman, \$32; Philip Ashton, \$13.25; James McKay, \$12.63; R. Watts, \$5.88; Marvin Moore, \$3.88; M. Shuyler, \$2; Thomas Tear, \$20; Neil Ford, \$13.88; Thomas H. Ford, \$22.50; Richard Small, \$3; George McRitchie, \$43.72—Total \$194.04. Amount appropriated, \$217.50. Balance not expended on roads, \$23.46.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Council Room, Chatham, Dec. 6, 1876.

DANIEL MILLS, Commissioner.

REPORT ON CO. LINE BETWEEN ZONE & EUPHEMIA.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend \$150 00, appropriated in 1875 to the Kent and Lambton Co. line between Zone and Euphemia, begs leave to state that the Tp. of Euphemia met me with \$50, and in conjunction with their commissioner I expended \$50.25, for which orders have been given on Treasurer to the following parties: Daniel McLean, \$11; Thomas Irwin, \$15; R. Hickey, \$2; James Johnson, \$2; Wm. McMaster, \$8; A. McMaster, \$8.50; Thos. Vince, \$3.75.—Total amt. expended from Kent \$50.25—leaving a balance of \$99.75 to credit of road.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. CRUICKSHANK, Com'r.

Zone, December 2nd, 1876.

REPORT ON CO. LINE BETWEEN TILBURY EAST & ROMNEY.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$400, granted in 1875 to improve the Co. line between Tilbury East and Romney, beg to report that they have expended the amount on the new portion of Town line between Romney and Tilbury East. The most of the work has been completed to the satisfaction of your Com'rs, but in consequence of the Co. Treas. applying a part of the aforesaid appropriation to pay for work let in 1874, which your Com'rs were ignorant of, we have let \$13.50 more than now stands to the credit of the said line, which your Committee would recommend that the Treas. be instructed to pay.—All of which is respectfully submitted

A. WILSON,
GEO. ROBINSON, } COM'RS.

REPORT ON OBSTRUCTIONS AT BAPTISTE CREEK.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—According to a resolution passed at the June Session authorizing me to confer with the Municipal Council of the County of Essex at its next session, relative to the obstructions to navigation by the G. W. R. R. Co. at Baptiste Creek, and if deemed necessary to take such joint legal proceedings against said Co. as would result in their removal, beg to report as follows:—I met the Essex Council on the 21st of June, and after stating the views of our Council in the matter, they appointed a Committee, with their Warden, to act in the matter. I also met the Committee, and they passed a resolution authorizing their Solicitor, Joseph Ouellette, Esq., to confer with C. R. Atkinson, Esq., Solicitor for Kent; and also, if they thought proper, to take other legal authority in the matter, and report to the Committee. Having given them time to look the matter up, I instructed the Clerk to notify their Committee that Mr. Atkinson and myself would meet their Solicitor and the Committee. After hearing the views of the Solicitors they passed a resolution to go on with an action against the Company if the obstructions were not removed at once. The Company not having complied with our wishes I attended at the Assizes, Nov. 10th, and procured witnesses enough to get an indictment against the said Company. I have given you a brief outline of the matter, hoping it will meet with your approval.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. LANGFORD.

REPORT ON DRAINAGE ASSESSMENT.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Com'rs appointed under By-law 297, passed Dec. 13th, 1872, to whom were referred the assessments against the County for improvements to the Co. Roads, by making certain drains, beg leave to report as follows:—

We have had some assessments served on us, viz: Cooper drain, served by the Tp. of Romney; assessment against the County for the benefit of the Town line between Romney and Tilbury East, \$154; on Govt. Drain assessment on Town line between Tilbury and Raleigh, \$150; also Tilbury and Romney, \$300—making a total of \$450, running for 20 years, a plan and copy of which is filed with the Clerk.

Hazlitt drain, on Town line between Chatham and Camden, served by Township of Chatham; assessment on County, \$150.

South Marsh drain, on Town line between Howard and Orford, assessed by Tp. of Howard; assessment on County, \$602.

Your Commissioners, after examining plans, profiles, &c., of the several drains above specified, consider that the assessments on all the above drains, except the S. M. Drain, \$602, be allowed and provided for, and paid as soon as satisfactory proofs are given that the drains are fully completed.

Your Com'rs would further report that they appealed against the assessment on S. M. drain, and appointed Stephen White as arbitrator in our behalf,—the report of said arbitrator having already been submitted to you.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

REPORT ON THE COUNTY BRIDGES.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—I would beg leave to report that I have examined the various Bridges throughout the County and find them in very good condition, with the exception of

the Moravian Bridge which will have to be repaired within the next year. I came to the conclusion it would stand the travel this year. The Bothwell Bridge has been repaired, as the Reeve of Bothwell will report. The Kent Bridge stands all right. The covering on the approaches was giving way, and I have had them repaired with some new plank, for which I have given an order on the Treasurer for the amount, \$26.00. The Wallaceburg Bridges are in good repair, but would be the better of having turn buckles spliced in the cables, so that they could be screwed up in the summer season, as the heat relaxes the cables and makes it hard to swing.

I also visited the Steam Pump at the outlet of the ditch on the Town Line between Chatham and Dover, and found it completed and at work, pumping a large quantity of water. I gave an order on the Treasurer for the \$500 voted by this Council to assist said work, which the Reeve of Wallaceburgh will report on.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. LANGFORD.

REPORT ON CO. LINE BETWEEN KENT & ELGIN.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with a resolution of this Council, in a matter petitioned for by Jas. McGregor, of Aldborough, relative to the changing of the water-course by disposing of two bridges and carrying the water on the west side of the Co. line, between Kent and Elgin,—the matter being referred to me to confer with the Reeve of Aldborough or the Warden of Elgin, I beg leave to report as follows: I notified the Reeve of Aldborough to meet me the 10th of August at the place complained of, and with the Reeve of Orford we staked out the road allowance according to the survey of Wm. G. McGeorge, P.L.S., and after chaining the width of the road, find that the bed of the creek or watercourse is on the Town Line, and would not recommend the payment of anything to Mr. McGregor. I think the doing away with the Bridge will lessen the expense of keeping the line in repair. After having examined the work the Reeve of Aldborough declined having any further to do with it, never having been authorized by his Council to act in the matter.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. LANGFORD.

REPORT ON BOTHWELL BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed on South approach of Bothwell Bridge to have repairs done in accordance with the award of the Arbitrators when the Bridge was built, begs respectfully to report, that after considerable delay the Counties of Middlesex and Elgin appointed Commissioners, and we had the work done at a cost to this County of \$85; to Elgin, \$51; and to Middlesex, \$34. Total amount expended, \$170. I am glad to be able to report that the Bridge is at present in a good state of repair. I also expended on the hill on North approach of Bothwell Bridge, on County Line, the sum of \$32.30, leaving a balance unexpended to the credit of the Line of \$122.15.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS DILLON, Commissioner.

REPORT ON MORAVIAN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to look after the Moravian Bridge begs leave to report that I have repaired the Bridge by planking in different places, and also that the North approach of the Bridge is very dangerous by timbers nearly given out.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Orford, Dec'r 2nd, 1876.

ANDREW MARCUS, Commissioner.

REPORT ON DRESDEN BRIDGE.

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

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee to whom was entrusted the building of the Dresden Bridge beg leave to report as follows:—1st. In accordance with the instructions given us at the Special Session held on the 6th day of May last, and also in accordance with our Report presented to this Council at its June Session, we awarded the contract for building the superstructure of the said Bridge to Logan & Windover, for the sum of \$3029; and this Committee at its meeting held on the 24th June last, received tenders from Robert Parkinson and Andrew Hyslop for the swinging gear of the said Bridge.

Mr. Hyslop's tender being the lowest, consequently was accepted, amounting to \$552.60; and Geo. Young, Esq., was appointed Inspector, with instructions to visit said Bridge twice a week during the progress of the work.

And we further have pleasure to report that the work was all completed in a satisfactory manner, both to the Inspector and Committee; and we further report that payments were made as follows: Windover & Logan, as per contract, \$3029; extra work and furnishing wood work by contractors, \$50; do. iron furnished, \$15.80; making approaches, \$131.09; Hyslop for swinging gearing, \$552.60; J. & W. McKeough, for iron furnished, \$41 60; Jos Dale, work, \$9.50; Geo. Young, Esq., plans, \$20—\$3849.59.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. TRERICE, Chairman Com.

REPORT ON WALLACEBURG BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. of Kent.

Your Commissioner appointed to superintend the Wallaceburg Bridges begs leave to report that the large Bridge spanning the main stream has during the past summer settled down on the rollers, causing it to turn heavily, particularly in hot weather. The cables expanding with the heat in consequence of the settling of the Bridge, or expansion of the wire cable the rollers at either end of the Bridge have formed dents in the head-blocks, causing it to turn heavily on the start. As a remedy for the difficulty your Com'r would suggest that turn buckles be spliced into the suspension cables between the cap and the rail in order that the Bridge may be adjusted without keeping the same open; and would also suggest that an iron bar be spiked on the head block to prevent the rollers from embedding into the timber. The Bridge spanning the North Sydenham works well, and is in a good state of repair, with the exception of some trifling repairs that require to be made on the sidewalks on said Bridge.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. McDOUGALL, Comr.

REPORT ON STEAM PUMP AT OUTLET CHATHAM & DOVER T. L. D.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

With reference to the pump erected at the outlet of the Dover and Chatham Town Line Drain, your Com'r begs leave to report that a pump, driven by a 35 horse-power steam engine, has been erected and is now in working order, and has the capacity for throwing 4000 gallons of water per minute, with 25 lbs. of steam. The dam is most substantially constructed, with square timber one foot square. It is 20 feet wide, and raised to within 18 inches of the ordinary level of the water. At either side of this dam is an open or slide constructed with two inch plank. Between the timber walls of said dam the space of 20 feet is filled in solid with earth, then floored with two-inch plank, corked with oakum, and battened with pine battens. At the west end of the dam is a frame work to support two gates, 8x4 each. These gates are for the purpose of letting off the water during the spring freshets. The engine and boiler has been enclosed by a substantial frame building, 18x22 feet. The whole work is substantial and most complete, and has been finished at the nominal expense of \$1600, the costs of which so far has been defrayed as follows: County grant, \$500; Township Chatham, \$500; Wallaceburg, \$200; in all \$1200—leaving a balance of \$400 yet to be provided.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. McDOUGALL, Comr.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges beg most respectfully to report that they recommend the payment of the following sums of money, it having been necessary to make certain repairs on the following Town Lines since the June Session, 1876:—1st. The sum of \$16 on County road between Howard and Orford.—2nd. The sum of \$12 on County road between Harwich and Raleigh. 3rd. The sum of \$4.50 on County road between Camden and Zone. 4th. The sum of \$13.50 on County road between Tilbury East and Romney. 5th. That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the above sums on the order of the several Commissioners for above lines.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Council Chamber, 9th Dec'r, 1876.

A. J. C. SHAW, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL FARM.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—According to a resolution passed at the June Session instructing us to put the County lands known as the Industrial Farm, into the market, beg to report as follows:—After inspecting the Farm we agreed to have it sub-divided into Villa Lots, and employed Wm. G. McGeorge, P.L.S., to do the work at a cost of \$50—the plan of which we herewith submit for your inspection. We afterwards inserted an advertisement in both local papers, calling for tenders, according to the resolution of your honorable body, and beg to report that the following tenders have been received, viz:—

James Warren, for Lots 1, 2, 13 & 14, the sum of \$2,400; one-fourth Cash; balance in three annual instalments, with interest at 6 per cent. per annum.

George D. Ross, No. 14, the sum of \$960; one-fourth Cash; balance in annual instalments, at 7 per cent. per annum.

James Banning, No. 1, the sum of \$300 per acre; one-fourth Cash down; balance in three equal annual payments, at 7 per cent. per annum—or \$250 Cash.

William Walker, No. 13, the sum of \$350 for the Lot; one-fourth Cash; balance at 7 per cent. per annum.—Which we herewith submitted for action by your honorable body.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. LANGFORD, } Committee.
C. G. CHARTERIS, }

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Buildings beg leave to report that since the last meeting of the Council they have had the plans for the Public Buildings completed, with the specifications and estimates of cost.

Your Committee invited Mr. Anderson, the Architect, to meet them in Chatham to examine the site and consult with them as to the best mode of constructing and finishing the Buildings. Mr. Anderson met with the Committee three times and has endeavored to make the plans as perfect of possible. He has given to the Committee the details of the principal work, full size for workmen. Mr. Anderson has been paid \$100 on acct. His acct. will be laid before you.

Your Committee advertised for tenders for coal for the public offices, and accepted the tender of Mr. T. Wrong for hard nut coal, \$9 per ton; best soft coal, \$4.75 per ton.

Your Committee have also to report that they have examined into the state of the drains and water closets connected with the Gaol. They found that the water closets, from long use—25 years—had from rust become almost useless. They have therefore ordered new closets, with cess-pools outside the walls, where they can be cleaned as often as necessary—say once each year.

Your Com. regrets to find that when the shingles were put on the roof the rain water conductors that took the rain water to flush the water-closets and keep them clean has been taken outside, so that the benefit of the roof-water flushing the closets has been lost. Perhaps it will have to be put back again hereafter. The new closets and cess-pools will be put in this winter.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. YOUNG, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to present our report on the various matters referred to us, and have the honor to recommend as follows, and also the Commissioner's accounts as herewith submitted, be paid:—

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| A. Trevice, Com'r, | \$54 80 | John Wright, | \$ 6 00 | Richard Wade, | \$ 7 00 |
| A. J. C. Shaw, | 17 40 | George Young, | 130 20 | John Dobbyn, | 10 00 |
| J. A. Langford, | 93 00 | E. Bedford, | 14 40 | James McMullen, | 2 00 |
| Thomas Dillon, | 30 40 | Peter Robert, | 10 80 | A. McDougall, | 14 00 |
| Daniel Mills, | 17 25 | Richard Monck, | 2 00 | T. L. Pardo, | 2 00 |
| D. H. Everitt, | 6 00 | A. B. McIntosh, | 10 00 | George Robinson, | 33 60 |
| Andrew Wilson, | 26 40 | Robert Ferguson, | 8 25 | | |
| Jas. Cruickshanks, | 11 00 | T. R. Jackson, | 3 20 | | |
| John Lee, | 12 40 | D. McKerricher, | 7 60 | | |
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Your Committee recommend the payment of the following accounts:—

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| Mr. Misner, lumber for bridges..... | \$ 3 70 |
| Kenneth Campbell, furnishing Judge's room, etc.,..... | 3 95 |
| David Hamil, attendance at Arbitration between Howard and County Kent..... | 8 00 |
| John Stenton, do. do. do. do. do. | 4 00 |
| Daniel Kerr, horse hire, stationery, etc.,..... | 13 00 |
| Albert Jahnke, case of drawers for Clerk of Peace Office..... | 13 00 |
| Thomas Bonnet, repairs at Kent Bridge,..... | 6 00 |
| Wm. G. McGeorge, for survey of Industrial Farm..... | 50 00 |
| J. & R. W. Stobbs, advertising Tenders Dresden Bridge..... | 12 00 |
| Rufus Stephenson, advertising and printing,..... | 16 50 |
| S. Barfoot, Postage Stamps, &c..... | 7 00 |
| A. McDonell, P.L.S., examining South Marsh drain in Howard,..... | 10 00 |
| Hart & Rawlinson, books for Surrogate Court office..... | 27 00 |
| E. B. Harrison, account for postage, &c..... | 25 81 |
| T. Windover, repairs on Dresden Bridge..... | 20 00 |
| James Holmes, stationery,..... | 10 65 |
| S. F. Dennis, repairing windows in Court House and furnishing glass,..... | 7 12 |
| Andrew Marcus, superintending Moravian Bridge..... | 10 00 |
| James Anderson, balance for drawing Plans of Public Buildings,..... | 170 00 |
| James O'Rourke, wood for Registry and other Public Offices,..... | 64 43 |
| Henry Robinson, sundries..... | 29 58 |
| J. & W. McKeough, stoves, etc., for different offices,..... | 22 84 |
| Total amount recommended to be paid..... | \$1064 48 |

Your Committee also recommend that the Clerk procure the amount of Medicine asked for by Gaol Surgeon; also, that he notify all the Officers for which we are required to provide office furniture, &c., that we will not pay for anything in future that is procured without an order from the Building Committee.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE, Chairman.

Dated at Chatham, Dec'r 7th, 1876.

SECOND REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that in addition to the former report they recommend the payment of \$56.74 to J. & W. McKeough for various articles furnished for different offices. Also, that Joseph Lalonde be paid \$8 40 for material furnished for the improvement of Wallaceburg bridges; and the sum of \$10.25 to Henry Baxter for repairs on Gaol and Court House. Your Committee recommend that the account of Henry Simington for work on Howard and Harwich Town Line be not paid until certified to by John Duck, Esq., who was Commissioner on said road when work was done.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE, Chairman

BY-LAWS.

NO. 346.

A By-law to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Tilbury East.
PASSED 8th Dec., 1876.

WHEREAS it is necessary to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Tilbury East, passed on the 27th day of June, A. D. 1876, and numbered five of 1876, being a By-law to provide for selling a certain portion of the original allowance for a County Road between the said Township of Tilbury East and the Township of Romney, to confirm the purchase of a portion of lot No. 177, Talbot Road west, for the purpose of opening thereon a new road in lieu thereof, and for other purposes mentioned in the said By-law.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Acts respecting the Municipal Institutions of Ontario.

1st. That the said By-law of the said Municipal Council of the Township of Tilbury East for the purposes aforesaid (a copy of which is hereunto annexed), be and the same is hereby confirmed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk,

(L.S.)

J. A. LANGFORD, WARDEN.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

JANUARY SESSION, 1877,

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

—OF THE—

COUNTY OF KENT.

ROBERT FERGUSON, - - - Warden.
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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Municipal Council of the County of Kent,

JANUARY SESSION, 1877—FIRST DAY.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to Statute, at the Court House, in the Town of Chatham, on Tuesday, 23rd January, 1877.

Certificates from the several Clerks of the Municipalities in the County were deposited with the Clerk, whereby it appeared that the following Reeves and Deputy Reeves were duly elected, and had taken the declarations required by the Statute:—

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| TOWN OF BOTHWELL..... | THOMAS DILLON, REEVE. |
| “ CHATHAM | THOMAS HOLMES, REEVE. |
| “ “ | WILLIAM NORTHWOOD, 1ST DEPUTY. |
| “ “ | SAMUEL J. SOMERVILLE, 2ND DEPUTY. |
| VILLAGE OF BLENHEIM..... | THOMAS R. JACKSON, REEVE. |
| “ DRESDEN | ALEXANDER TRERICE, REEVE. |
| “ RIDGETOWN..... | JACOB SMITH, REEVE. |
| “ THAMESVILLE..... | LEMUEL SHERMAN, REEVE. |
| “ WALLACEBURG..... | JOSEPH H. BEATTIE, REEVE. |
| TOWNSHIP OF CAMDEN..... | ROBERT FERGUSON, REEVE. |
| “ “ | ARTHUR ANDERSON, DEPUTY. |
| “ CHATHAM..... | WILLIAM H. STEPHENS, REEVE. |
| “ “ | DAVID McARTHUR, 1ST DEPUTY. |
| “ “ | BERNARD GALLAGHER, 2ND DEPUTY. |
| “ DOVER..... | PETER ROBERT, REEVE. |
| “ “ | JOHN DUNLOP, DEPUTY. |
| “ HARWICH..... | DAVID WILSON, REEVE. |
| “ “ | JOHN A. LANGFORD, 1ST DEPUTY. |
| “ “ | WILLIAM AMERON, 2ND DEPUTY. |
| “ HOWARD..... | DANIEL MCKERRECHER, REEVE. |
| “ “ | ARCHIBALD MCKINLAY, DEPUTY. |
| “ ORFORD..... | JOHN LEE, REEVE. |
| “ “ | ARCHIBALD J. McDONALD, DEPUTY. |
| “ RALEIGH..... | STEPHEN WHITE, REEVE. |
| “ “ | GILBERT H. DOLSEN, DEPUTY. |
| “ ROMNEY..... | CALEB COATSWORTH, REEVE. |
| “ TILBURY EAST..... | ANDREW WILSON, REEVE. |
| “ ZONE..... | JAMES CRUICKSHANK, REEVE. |

The Roll was called. All the Councillors were present.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Warden, the Clerk in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Trerice, that Robert Ferguson, Esq., Reeve of Camden, be Warden for the year 1877.—Carried unanimously.

The Clerk then declared Robert Ferguson, Warden. Mr. Ferguson made the declaration of office, and, on being conducted to the chair, returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read:—From Alex. Coutts, M. P. P., relating to the petition from this Corporation to the Legislature of Ontario, praying for certain amendments to the Temperance Act of 1864. From the Provincial Secretary's office, relating to an application for a survey in Romney. From R. O'Hara, Master in Chancery, a claim for office rent; also, a requisition for furniture for his office.—From the Rev. Wm. King, the Annual Report and Account of the High School for 1876. From Jas. H. Sivewright, Esq., M.D., the Annual Medical Report of the sick in the Gaol for 1876. From George Young, Esq., the Report of the Committee on

Public Buildings; also, an estimate of the amount required for the High School for the current year.

Various notices of motion were given.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, WEDNESDAY, 24th January, 1877.

The Roll was called. Present—Robert Ferguson, Esq., Warden. Councillors Anderson, Beattie, Cruickshank, Dillon, Dunlop, Gallagher, Holmes, Jackson, Lee, McArthur, McDonald, Robert, Smith, Sherman, Stephens, Somerville, White, Wilson (Harwich) Wilson (Tilbury East.)

Various notices of motion were given. Various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Warden referred the Communications read yesterday to the Committees to which they relate

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McDonald, That Councillors Trerice, Langford, Holmes, Anderson, Coatsworth, White, Robert and the mover, be a Committee to draft the Standing Committees, and that they report to this Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Jackson, That Councillors White, Coatsworth, Langford, Anderson, Smith and the mover, be a Committee to draft a petition to the Legislature of Ontario, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Dolsen, That Messrs. Coatsworth, Holmes, Stephens, Langford and the mover, be a Committee to report on a plan for the election of the Warden of the Council in future by ballot.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that a Return or Statement in detail be furnished this Council forthwith, of all moneys paid or expended by the County of Kent, in the way of rent for Public Offices, for furnishing and fuel for the same, for the years A. D 1874, 1875 and 1876, together with the amount of salary of each Officer paid by the County of Kent.—Carried.

In answer to Mr. Anderson's inquiry relating to a proposed survey on County line between the Gore of Camden and the Township of Dawn, the Warden stated that the Clerk had sent the proposal to the County Clerk of Lambton, and had not yet received an answer.

On motion, the Council adjourned till Two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—Robert Ferguson, Esq., Warden. Councillors Anderson, Beattie, Cameron, Dillon, Dolsen, Dunlop, Gallagher, Holmes, Jackson, McKerricher, McKinlay, McDonald, Northwood, Robert, Smith, Sherman, Stephens, Somerville, White and Wilson (Harwich).

Various notices of motion were given.

On motion of Mr. Langford, the report of the Committee on the sale of the Industrial Farm was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the report of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T.E.), that the sum of \$15.00 be and is hereby appropriated for the purpose of repairing a Bridge now broken down between the Townships of Romney and Tilbury West.—Referred to Committee on Roads & Bridges.

On motion the Council adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, Thursday, 25th January, 1877.

The Roll was called. Present—Robert Ferguson, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Beattie, Cameron, Coatsworth, Cruickshank, Dillon, Dunlop, Dolsen, Gallagher, Holmes, Langford, Lee, McArthur, McKerricher, McKinlay, McDonald, Northwood, Smith, Sherman, Stephens, Somerville, Wilson (Tilbury East).

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Report, with a statement of the expenditure of the Board of Examiners for the examination of School Teachers for the year 1876, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Various notices of motion were given. Various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Beattie, That \$200 be granted to paint the superstructure of Kent Bridge, and that the Warden and mover be a Committee to expend the same. Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Langford, That the By-law transferring that portion of the road known as the Gravel Road, between Rond Eau and Chatham, be now read for the purpose of inquiring into existing grievances now complained of.—Carried.

The said By-law was then read and considered.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Langford, That the Warden be instructed to take legal advice concerning the Gravel Road between Blenheim and the Town of Chatham, whether it is a legal road under the Statute; also, on that part of the Company's road north of the River Thames.

Moved in amendment by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. McKerricher, That a Committee be appointed consisting of Messrs. Jackson, Langford, Wilson (T.E.), Wilson (Harwich), Holmes, Robert, Stephens, and the mover, to report to this Council during the present session, to furnish the Warden as soon as possible a case for submission to legal advice, and that the Warden, on receipt of the Report of said Committee, take the advice of legal authority upon every matter submitted by the Committee.

On being put to vote the amendment carried. Motion lost.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Warden and all the Councillors present except Mr. Trerice.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Lee, That the 18th and 24th rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing parties within the Bar relative to the Erie & Huron Railway.—Carried.

Mr. McKellar, Mr. McDougall and others, addressed the Council at length.

Various notices of motion were given.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, FRIDAY, 26th January, 1877.

The Roll was called. The Warden and all the Councillors present except Mr. Coatsworth.

A communication from the County Treasurer was read, submitting to the Council (1) A detailed Statement of the receipts and expenditure of the County of Kent, for the year 1876. (2) An abstract thereof. (3) A Statement of the liabilities and assets of the County, on the 1st January, 1877. From Alexander McDougall, a Report on the Wallaceburg Bridges was read.

On motion of Dr. Smith, the Report of the Special Committee to investigate matters relating to the Rond Eau and St. Clair Plank and Gravel Road Company, was read and adopted.

Various notices of motion were given; various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. Dolsen, That the Rules be suspended, that R. S. Woods, Esq., be heard relating to the Prangley Tap Drain.—Lost.

Mr. Northwood submitted the following resolution from the Town Council of the Town of Chatham:—

“Moved by Mr. T. W. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Lennox, That the Council will agree to throw off the Tolls on the River Bridges, provided the County Council pay the expenses of the Bridge Tenders.”—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Northwood, seconded by Mr. Holmes, That in accordance with the above proposal from the Council of the Town of Chatham, that this Council place the sum of \$800 to the credit of the Town of Chatham for the above purpose.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, That this Council assume the Bridges spanning the River Thames, on Third and Fifth streets, in the Town of Chatham, and that they be kept up and provided for the same as those Bridges spanning the River Sydenham at Dresden and Wallaceburg.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr. McKerricher, seconded by Mr.

McKinlay, That the Bridges in the Town of Chatham remain as they are and all matters connected with the same. On being put to vote both amendments were lost.—Motion Carried.

On motion of Mr. White a By-law to repeal By-law No. 334, entitled "A By-law to amend By-law No. 237," was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. White, a resolution of the Municipal Council of the Township of Raleigh was read relating to an assessment against the County for the Finn Creek Drain in the Townships of Raleigh and Tilbury East, and submitting the Engineer's Report, &c., on the same. Referred to Com. on the County Assessments under the Drainage Act.

The Warden appointed Wm. Fraser, Esq., County Auditor for the current year.

Moved by Mr. Northwood, seconded by Mr. Somerville, That George D. Ross, Esq., be Auditor for the County for the year 1877.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Anderson, That \$5.00 be granted to pay for cleaning out the earth washed into the drain known as the Little Bear Creek on the Town Line between the Township of Zone and the Gore of Camden—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, (Harwich) seconded by Mr. Cameron, That Messrs. Cruickshank, McKinlay, McKerrecher, Cameron and the mover, be a committee to draft a Petition to the Ontario Legislature, praying to have the Rond Eau Point placed in trust to this Council, so that arrangements might be made to enable parties to get young evergreen trees off the Rond Eau Point.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Lee, and resolved, that this Council grant the sum of \$175 to pay the balance due to the contractors for the erection of the Flood Gate and Steam Pump at the outlet of the Chatham and Dover Town Line Drain.—Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. McArthur, and resolved, That this Council grant the sum of \$100 to aid and assist in testing and for ascertaining the amount of benefit to be derived from working the Steam Pump erected at the outlet of the Chatham and Dover Town Line Drain, and that the Reeve of Wallaceburg be a Commissioner to superintend the expenditure of the same.—Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. McDonald, and resolved, That this Council grant the sum of \$80 for repairing the Wallaceburg Bridges, and that the Reeve of Wallaceburg be authorized to expend the same.—Referred to R. & B. Committee.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Northwood, That the Reeve of Dresden and Mr. Anderson, Deputy Reeve of Camden, be appointed Commissioners to employ some competent person either by the month or by contract, as they may think best, as caretaker of the Dresden Bridge, for 1877, and shall be empowered to give orders on the Treasurer for the payment of the same.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Holmes, That as the petition that was forwarded by this Council to the Legislature of Ontario at the December Session, relative to amendments to the Temperance Act of 1864, was returned to us, as the Legislature claim they have no power as to the fourth clause, resolved, That the fourth clause be struck out, and the balance of said petition be forwarded to the Legislature, signed by the Warden and Clerk, on behalf of this Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Dolsen, and resolved, That this Council refund the sum of \$40, equal to the County Rate, to the settlers on the first and second Concessions of Tilbury East, who lost their crops, owing to the high water of Lake St. Clair, during the past year.—Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, That a grant of \$200 from the County of Kent, be appropriated for the purpose of repairing a portion of what is called the Base-line Road, and lying in front of lot number one, in the fifth and sixth Concessions of the Gore of Camden.—Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Moved by Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. Stephens, That the Warden grant an order to the Treasurer of Chatham Township, to the amount of \$1,500; said sum being the amount assessed against this County, for the construction of what is known as the extension of the Chatham & Dover Town Line Drain, said Drain being now finished, as shewn by the Report of Engineer.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), The claim of James G. Laird, now read, for attendance on Committees in 1874, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Stephens, That the sum of \$25 be

granted to build a Culvert on the Town Line between the Townships of Chatham and Camden, over Little Bear Creek, and that the Reeve of Chatham and the Deputy Reeve of Camden, be a Committee to expend the same.—Referred to Roads and Bridges Committee.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Langford, That a certain sum of money be appropriated at the discretion of this Council to improve that portion of what was formerly known as the Chatham & London Stage Road, and leading from what is called Kent Bridge to the Town of Chatham.—Referred to R. & B. Committee.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, (T.E.), seconded by Mr. Dolsen, That the sum of \$150 be granted to meet the same amount appropriated by the County of Essex, on the County of Kent and Essex Town Line.—Referred to R. & B. Committee.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Warden and all the Councillors present.

Various notices of motion were given; various accounts were read, and referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. McKinlay, That \$100 be appropriated for putting the Town line between the Village of Ridgetown and the Township of Howard, North of the Canada Southern Railway, in good repair—Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Moved by Mr. Dunlop, seconded by Mr. McArthur, That a grant of \$100 be given for repairs on the Chatham and Dover Town line, and that the Deputy Reeve of Dover be a Commissioner to expend the same.—Referred to Road & Bridge Committee.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Dolsen, That the Building Committee be instructed to fit up the old Registry Office for the Master in Chancery.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Northwood, seconded by Mr. Robert, That the sum of \$30 be appropriated by this Council for the purpose of having Shade Trees planted on the streets in front of the Court House and Registry Office, and that the Reeve of Chatham have expenditure of the same.—Referred to Finance.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), the Council went into Committee of the whole, on the following resolution. Mr. Anderson in the Chair.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich) seconded by Mr. Holmes, that Messrs. Coatsworth, Lee, Holmes, the Reeve of Ridgetown, the Warden and the mover be a committee to draft a petition to the Dominion Parliament and Local Legislature, asking them to make an appropriation or grant of money to aid by way of subsidy to Steam Ships carrying live stock between Canada and Great Britain, by which means thorough-bred stock could be brought into Canada.—Carried.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported a resolution passed in Committee.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, (Harwich) seconded by Mr. Holmes, That the resolution passed in Committee of the whole be adopted as the report of this Council—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dolsen, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), That Dr. Jacob Smith be appointed High School Trustee in lieu of the retiring trustee.

Moved in amendment by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Holmes, That the Rev. Wm. King be High School Trustee.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost. Motion carried.

The yeas and nays were called for on the motion and taken down as follows:

YEAS—Councillors Wilson (Harwich), Lee, Cameron, McDonald, Dolsen, McArthur, Gallagher, Wilson (T. E.), McKinlay, McKerricher, Sherman, Trerice, Dillon, Cruickshank and Robert—15.

NAYS—Councillors Langford, Jackson, White, Coatsworth, Dunlop, Anderson, Somerville, Northwood, Holmes and the Warden—10.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McDonald, That Messrs. Langford and Anderson be a Committee to confer with the Warden relative to assessments made by Municipalities against County Roads under the Drainage Act.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Northwood, a By-law to repeal By-law No. 329, passed on 17th June, 1875, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. White, That this Council grant the sum of \$200 in aid of the East Kent Agricultural Society; also, the same amount to West Kent Society.—Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), That the sum of \$300

be granted for the purpose of improving the County line between Romney and Mersea.—Referred to Com. on Roads & Bridges.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Anderson, That the 18th and 25th Rules be suspended for the balance of the Session.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Northwood, a By-law to repeal By-law No. 329, passed on 17th June, 1875, was read a second time.

On motion the Council went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law, Mr. Lee in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law as having passed in Committee without amendments.

Moved by Mr. Northwood, seconded by Mr. Lee, That said By-law be read a third time.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Dr. Smith, That the By-law be not read a third time.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost. Motion carried.

The Yeas and Nays were called for, and taken down on the motion, as follows:

YEAS—Councillors Lee, McDonald, Coatsworth, Dolsen, Wilson, (Filbury East), White, McArthur, Langford, Jackson, Trerice, Dillon, Anderson, Somerville, Northwood, Holmes, and the Warden—16.

NAYS—Councillors Wilson (Harwich), Cameron, Beattie, Stephens, Gallagher, McKinlay, McKerricher, Smith, Sherman, Cruickshank, Dunlop and Robert—12.

The By-law was then read a third time and passed.

On motion the Council adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, SATURDAY, 27th January, 1877.

The Roll was called. Present—Robert Ferguson, Esq., Warden, and Councillors Anderson, Beattie, Cameron, Coatsworth, Cruickshank, Dunlop, Holmes, Jackson, Langford, Lee, McArthur, McKinlay, McDonald, Northwood, Robert, Sherman, Stephens, Somerville, Trerice, Wilson, (Harwich), Wilson, (T.E.)

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read—

From E. B. Harrison, Esq., Inspector of Public Schools, stating that the number of Public and Separate Schools in the County of Kent are one hundred and seventeen, (117).

From J. W. Steinhoff, asking to have some one appointed to look after the Big Ditch on the Chatham & Dover Town Line, to prevent it from being obstructed by logs, &c.

A Report from the Special Committee appointed to report on a plan for the election of the Warden by Ballot, was read and laid over till next Session.

A Report from the Rond Eau and St. Clair Plank Road Co., was read and laid on the table, with a financial statement relating to the same.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was read.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Beattie, That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wilson, (T.E.) seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, That the Report be amended by this Council, granting the small amount of \$40 asked by the Reeve, in behalf of the settlers on the first and second Concessions of Tilbury East—Lost.

Moved as a second amendment by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Dolsen, That the Finance Report be referred back, and be amended by striking out \$150 for Steam Pump on the Chatham & Dover Town Line.—Lost.

The yeas and nays were called for on the last amendment, and were taken down as follows:—

YEAS—Councillors McDonald, Cameron, Jackson, White, Dolsen, Wilson, (T. E.), McKerricher, McKinlay, Smith, Sherman, Anderson, Robert and the Warden—13.

NAYS—Councillors Wilson, (Harwich) Langford, Coatsworth, Lee, Beattie, Stephens, McArthur, Gallagher, Trerice, Cruickshank, Dunlop, Somerville, Northwood and Holmes.—14.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the original motion to adopt the Finance Report was then put to vote and carried.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-Law to grant \$80, the amount assessed to the

benefit of the Raleigh and Tilbury Town Line, for a certain drain, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, a By-Law to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain officers for the County of Kent, for the year 1877, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Cameron, That the Reeve of Dover with the Warden, be a Committee to audit the Gaol Accounts for the year 1877—Carried.

On motion, the Report of the Road and Bridge Committee was read.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Robert, That the Report now read, be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Jackson, That the Report of the Road and Bridge Committee be amended by this Council, granting the sum of \$300 to meet the appropriation made by the County of Essex, for the improvement of the County Line between Romney and Mersea, and that the sum of \$15 be appropriated to repair a Bridge on the County Line between Romney and Tilbury East.

Moved as a second amendment by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Stephens, That the Report of the Road and Bridge Committee be amended by granting the sum of \$80 for repairing the Wallaceburg Bridges, and that the Reeve of Wallaceburg be a Commissioner to superintend the expenditure of the same.

On being put to vote, both amendments were lost.—Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Stephens, That Messrs. Langford, Stephens, the Warden and the mover, be a Committee to examine and report to this Council at its next Session, the amount of all moneys paid for the selection of Juries to serve in the several Courts of this County, for the year 1876, with a view to suggest amendments to the law in reference to the same.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Anderson, That John J. J. Thompson, Chatham, and A. H. Hughes, of the Village of Dresden, be appointed Auditors for Criminal Justice Accounts for the year 1877.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Dolsen, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), That John J. J. Thompson and Stephen White, be appointed Auditors for Criminal Justice Accounts.—Amendment lost, motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Smith the opinion of A. Bell, Esq., Barrister, was read, relating to matters connected with the Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road Company.

On motion of Mr. Northwood, a petition to the Lieut.-Governor and Council, of Ontario, praying for aid to the Erie & Huron Railway Company, was read and ordered to be signed and forwarded in the usual manner, on behalf of this Council.

Three petitions to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, were read and ordered to be transmitted for presentation, as follows: 1st. For a Subsidy to Ocean Steamers for the importation of thorough bred Stock. 2nd. For certain amendments to the Municipal and Ballot Acts. 3rd. For a grant in Trust of the Rond Eau Point to the County, for the purpose of obtaining a supply of evergreen trees.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Northwood, That the Report of the Building Committee read on the 25th inst., be adopted by this Council, and that the Com. on Public Buildings, be instructed to go on and carry out said Report respecting the building of the Co. Offices, in accordance with the plans and specifications presented to this Council last year.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, That the number of commitments to Gaol for hard labour, with the amount of labour performed for the past year, be laid before this Council at its next Session.—Carried.

In answer to an inquiry by Mr. Stephens, the Warden brought down a statement in detail, from the County Treasurer, shewing the amount paid in the years 1874, '75 and '76, for Office Rents, Fuel, Furniture & Salaries.—To be printed with proceedings.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Stephens, That having heard read the Communication from Mr. Steinhoff to the Warden, complaining of the probability of persons putting logs and cordwood into the Chatham and Dover Town Line Drain, that the Commissioners of that road be instructed by this Council to look after the matter complained of.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to grant \$80—the amount assessed for the benefit to the Raleigh & Tilbury East Town Line for a certain drain—was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to repeal By-law No. 334, entitled "A By-law to amend By-law No. 237, passed the 10th day of June, 1869," was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, a By-law to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain Officers for the County of Kent for the year 1877, was read a second time.

On motion the Council went into Committee of Whole on the three By-Laws. Mr. Holmes in the Chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-Laws passed in Committee the one for appointment of officers, with blanks filled up, the other two without amendment.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-Law to grant \$80, the amount assessed for the benefit to the Raleigh and Tilbury East Town Line for a certain drain, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, a By-Law to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain officers for the County of Kent for the year 1877, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-Law to repeal By-Law No. 334, entitled "A By-Law to amend By-Law No. 237, passed the 10th day of June, 1868," was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Lee, That this Council adjourn until the 2nd Monday in June next.—Carried.

The Council adjourned accordingly.

REPORTS.

FROM ALEX. COUTTS, ESQ., M. P. P.

D. Kerr, Esq., County Clerk, Chatham.

DEAR SIR,—I presented the petition of your Corporation, praying for certain amendments to the Temperance Act, but it was rendered illegal on account of the fourth clause, the Dominion Government having the authority in that case.—Yours truly,

ALEX. COUTTS.

House of Assembly, Jan. 8th, 1877.

FROM ROBERT O'HARA.

To the Clerk County Council, Kent.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 26th ult, in which you ask me to send you a written application for any furniture that may be required for the office of Master and Deputy Registrar in Chancery.

I beg to return thanks to the Council, as I am indebted to them for the suggestion.

The following list is that of the furniture required for the above offices:—Six common chairs, two tables, stove, 1 set pigeon holes, 1 office chair.

Please have this requisition attended to at the present sitting of the Council.—I have the honor to be, &c.,

R. O'HARA, Master in Chancery.

Chatham, Jan. 18th, 1877.

To the Clerk of the County Council of Kent.

SIR,—I have to request that you will submit to the Council at its present sitting the following claims which I have, as Master and Deputy Registrar of the Court of Chancery.

If the same be not forthwith paid I shall place the matter in my Solicitor's hands.

To office rent from Jan. 1st, 1873, to Jan. 1st, 1877, at \$75 per annum, \$300. By cash \$200. Balance due by Council, \$100—Total, \$300.

I may intimate that I have been obliged to pay \$75 a year for the office which I now occupy, and which I apprehend the Council are bound to provide.—I have the honor, &c.,

R. O'HARA, Master in Chancery.

FROM A. BELL, ESQ.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—In answer to the question submitted to me, I am of opinion:—

1. That the Road Company are not obliged to keep the drains on the sides of the road clear further than may be necessary for the benefit of the road.

2. The Company have a legal title to the road until it is forfeited or surrendered by them.

3. That the Company can collect tolls thereon unless they are prevented from doing so in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

4 & 5. If the Company allow the Road to get out of repair the County Judge may, on the application of 12 freeholders, appoint an Engineer to examine it. If it be found out of repair the right to collect tolls may be taken away until the road is properly repaired. Arbitrators may also be appointed, and if they find the road out of repair, and if it be permitted to remain out of repair for nine months after being notified, the Company shall forfeit all right to the road, and it may be assumed by the Council.—I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your obdt. servt.,

A. BELL.

Chatham, Ont., Jan. 27th, 1877.

PETITION TO AMEND DUNKIN BILL.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The Petition of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, humbly sheweth, That you in your wisdom will, at your present Session, make amendments to the Temperance Act passed in the year 1864. We take the liberty of suggesting a few such amendments:

1st. That sub-section 2 of section 3 be amended by causing a poll to be opened in each Ward, or Electoral Division, as the case may be, instead of having only one polling place in each Municipality.

2nd. That sub-section 4 of section 5 be amended by taking the vote by Ballot, as is required in other By-Laws submitted by Municipal Councils for the approval of the Ratepayers.

3rd. That section 8 be amended so as to make the By-law of a Municipality, after being approved by the people, take effect the first day of May after the passing thereof, instead of the first of March. And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Co. Clerk.

(L.S.)

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

Passed in Council, January 26th, 1877.

AID TO ERIE & HURON RAILWAY CO.

To His Honor the Hon. Donald Alex. McDonald, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Council.

The humble petition of the County Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, humbly complaining, sheweth—

A Charter for the construction of the Erie & Huron Railway through the Counties of Kent and Lambton, running from Lake Erie on the South to Lake Huron on the North, has been granted by the House of Assembly of this Province. The necessary stock has been subscribed for the said Railway, and the payments required by the said Charter have been paid thereon and is at the credit of the Company. The line of the road has been surveyed, and all the terms of the Charter complied with; and the stockholders are now prepared to proceed with the construction of the said Railway. A portion of the County of Kent has granted a bonus of \$155,000 in aid of that part of the said Railway running through it.

That although the County of Kent and the Municipalities in it contribute largely to the revenue of this Province, and have spent and are annually spending very large sums in developing the resources of the County—more than almost any other County in the Province, yet it has never received any aid or assistance in any way to any of its enterprises from the Province of Ontario, and has received no sum in aid of Railways.

The proposed line of Railway, when completed, will be a most important and beneficial link in the Railway system of Ontario, and will do much towards settling and developing one of the finest and most productive parts of Ontario, which has hitherto been kept in some places almost in a state of nature for want of and the impossibility to make good roads, and for the want of Railway facilities.

Your petitioners therefore pray that a sufficient sum may be granted by your Honor and Council to the said Railway Company in order to secure the construction of the said Railway.—And your petitioners in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

R. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

Passed in Council 27th Jan., 1877.

PETITION TO AID IN THE IMPORTATION OF THOROUGH-BRED STOCK.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

We, the Warden and Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth, That it would be of great advantage to the farming community, and the Province at large, to have a subsidy granted to the Ocean Steamers carrying live stock from Canada to Europe, to enable and assist those who would like to import thorough bred stock in the same, on their return trips from England. By taking the advantage about to be offered in ships built expressly for the trade, live stock can be brought over much cheaper than heretofore, and we pray your Honorable Body to grant a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of the freight on all stock imported for breeding purposes, or what amount you in your wisdom might think proper to encourage the above-mentioned object. Then, with the assistance and aid from County and Township Municipalities, Agricultural Society, and private individuals, we would soon establish valuable herds in every County in this Province.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk. (L.S.) ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

Passed in Council, 27th January, 1877.

PETITION FOR AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL ACTS.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

We, the Warden and Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth, That you in your wisdom would see fit to make the following amendments to the Municipal and Ballot Acts.

1st. That the Statute be so altered as to permit Municipal Councils to use their own discretion in advertising drainage By-Laws in any papers they may see fit, and to make it obligatory upon Councils to furnish each person interested in any drain with a copy of the By-Law.

2nd. That section 92 of the Municipal Act of 1873 be so altered that Townships may lawfully hold their nominations in their Town Halls, when situated in an Incorporated Village within the limits of the Township.

3rd. That the Ballot Act be so altered that there shall be as many Ballot papers as there are different offices to be voted upon, viz: For Reeve, Deputy Reeve or Reeves, and Councillors.

4th. That that portion of section 412, (Municipal Act, 1873), be so altered that all after the words "substantial manner," be repealed.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk. (L.S.) ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

RESPECTING ROND EAU POINT.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

We the Warden and Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth, That it would be a lasting benefit to this section of the Province if you would grant in trust to this Council the Rond Eau point for the purpose of encouraging the planting of shade and ornamental trees, as experience has taught us that want of shelter is very injurious to fall wheat in this and other sections of the Province. If you in your wisdom would do so, we propose to put the Point in care of a competent person, whose duty it would be to see that no tree or shrub was removed whereby the point might be injured. By charging a small amount on each tree to defray the expenses we believe it would give general satisfaction, and encourage those who are anxious to plant out shelter on their farms. At present the best place to get young pines is on the point. It is five miles wide. We believe that no damage could occur by removing any amount of young trees, as there are thousands of them on that part of the point. There is a growing desire to plant out shade and ornamental trees, and we humbly hope that your honorable body will do all in your power to encourage the same.—All of which is respectfully submitted.—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk. (L.S.) ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

Passed in Council 27th Jan., 1877.

REPORT FROM COUNTY TREASURER.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, Chatham, 24th January, 1877.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN.—I have the honor to submit herewith to your Honorable Body, (1)

A detailed statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the County of Kent for the year 1876. (2) An abstract thereof, and (3) A statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the County, as on 1st January, 1877.—I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your ob't serv't,
C. G. CHARTERIS, TREASURER, KENT.

P. S.—25th January. I beg to say that the Registrar, Mr. P. D. McKellar, has, this morning, paid in the sum of \$700 on account of the fees due by him for the year 1875—shewn in Statement of Assets.
C. G. CHARTERIS, TREAS., KENT.

CHARLES G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, in account with the County of Kent for Receipts and Expenditure of County funds during the year 1876.

RECEIPTS.

| | | | |
|---|-----------|---|------------|
| Cash on hand 1st Jan., 1876..... | \$9596 79 | 1875 and act. 1876..... | 4341 17 |
| Treasurer Orford, County rate 1876..... | 2378 20 | License account..... | 330 00 |
| Tilbury E. do 1875..... | 1569 43 | Lands redeemed..... | 247 21 |
| Harwich, bal. 1875 & on act. 1876..... | 4744 43 | Treasurer Zone on act. County rate 1876 7 6 00 | |
| Bothwell, County rate 1875..... | 391 50 | Thamesville, do 1875..... | 157 00 |
| Registrar Kent, bal. fees for 1874..... | 224 87 | Raleigh, do 1875..... | 3127 16 |
| Treasurer Romney County rate 1875..... | 685 62 | Payment of Jurors..... | 108 00 |
| Interest act. from Merchant's Bank..... | 217 32 | Treasurer Camden, County rate 1875..... | 1618 30 |
| High School for Master..... | 444 50 | Wallaceburg, do 1875..... | 211 63 |
| John Mercer, Sheriff..... | 450 00 | Blenheim, do 1875..... | 196 05 |
| Finance Master for Administration Justice and payment of witnesses..... | 4741 95 | Wild Land tax, collection for different Municipalities..... | 20051 91 |
| Treas. Dover E. & W. Co. rate 1875..... | 2401 18 | Legislative School Grant from Governm't 4240 00 | |
| Dresden do..... | 500 00 | Poor School, Raleigh and Tilbury E..... | 22 00 |
| Town Chatham, balance 1875..... | 2400 00 | Fuel for offices refunded by Mr. Douglas..... | 10 00 |
| Chatham, County rate 1875..... | 3170 85 | | |
| Kent Bridge for lumber..... | 16 00 | | |
| Treasurer Howard, County rate, balance | | Total receipts..... | \$69153 37 |

EXPENDITURE.

| | | | |
|--|----------|---|------------|
| West Kent Agricul Society, grant for 1876..... | \$250 00 | Bills payable—note to Messrs. Fergusson..... | \$8533 00 |
| Council Room furniture..... | 12 25 | Debiture interest..... | 5000 00 |
| Medicine for Prisoners..... | 13 97 | Insurance..... | 256 25 |
| Office Furniture..... | 40 39 | Payment Jurors..... | 2886 40 |
| Registry Office furniture..... | 7 75 | Councillors wages and Committees..... | 2158 83 |
| C. B. Atkinson, law expenses..... | 88 35 | Care-taker of offices..... | 240 00 |
| Industrial farm, paid for plans and survey interest..... | 50 00 | Wallaceburg Bridges..... | 474 95 |
| High School for Master..... | 874 84 | Bothwell Bridge, south approach..... | 129 34 |
| East Kent Agricul Society grant for 1876..... | 350 00 | Selectors of Jurors..... | 114 00 |
| Board of Examiners..... | 240 79 | School Superintendence..... | 750 00 |
| Poor School, Raleigh and Tilbury E..... | 49 00 | Miscellaneous..... | 300 34 |
| Board of Audit..... | 12 00 | Coroners' orders..... | 159 00 |
| John Mercer, Sheriff..... | 550 00 | Payment of Witnesses..... | 590 30 |
| Registry Office for books..... | 154 90 | New County offices..... | 270 00 |
| County printing..... | 164 37 | Administration of Justice not Criminal..... | 4537 82 |
| Engineering and Surveying..... | 31 85 | County grant for Map..... | 200 00 |
| Fuel for offices..... | 81 85 | Wallaceburg Lock-up..... | 250 00 |
| Bothwell Bridge—north approach..... | 280 93 | Grant for pump Chatham & Dover T. L.D..... | 500 00 |
| Dresden Bridge..... | 38 85 | Moravia Bridge care-taker..... | 19 00 |
| Tecumseh Bridge repairs..... | 3881 59 | Grants to different County and town lines..... | 2689 62 |
| Kent Bridge..... | 7 00 | Legislative School grant to different Municipalities..... | 4240 00 |
| Salary account..... | 106 07 | Different Municipalities Wild land taxes..... | 13087 41 |
| Lands redeemed..... | 49 21 | Wild land taxes ref'd by J. & E. Henderson..... | 24 24 |
| Administration Criminal Justice..... | 4025 76 | Cash on hand..... | 4115 16 |
| Public Buildings repairs..... | 9 33 | | |
| Office rent..... | 464 00 | | |
| | | Total Expenditure..... | \$90153 37 |

County Treasurer's Office, 1st Jan. 1877.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

BALANCE SHEET, County of Kent Ledger, 1st Jan., 1877.

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| Gaol and Court House..... | \$2418 04 | Treasurer Township Chatham and Gore..... | \$3888 72 |
| do Wall..... | 6561 69 | Dresden Bridge..... | 8881 59 |
| Office furniture account..... | 780 58 | Kent Bridge..... | 1597 22 |
| Registry Office furniture..... | 290 29 | Treasurer Howard..... | 865 12 |
| Treasurer Tilbury East..... | 1842 14 | New Registry Office..... | 7183 83 |
| Registry Office additions..... | 716 24 | Treasurer Zone..... | 190 09 |
| Treasurer Harwich..... | 543 57 | do Thamesville..... | 188 40 |
| do Bothwell..... | 499 80 | Tecumseh Bridge..... | 16455 50 |
| Industrial farm..... | 2091 85 | Insurance account..... | 296 25 |
| Registrar Kent..... | 97 27 | Treasurer Raleigh..... | 3713 91 |
| Treasurer of Romney..... | 827 17 | do Camden..... | 1945 48 |
| Chatham and Dover E. T. L..... | 24 | do Wallaceburg..... | 253 96 |
| John Mercer, Sheriff..... | 200 00 | do Blenheim..... | 235 25 |
| Cash account..... | 4115 16 | High School..... | 6992 85 |
| The Finance Minister..... | 967 89 | Payment of Witnesses..... | 45 25 |
| Registrar Dover E. and W..... | 2880 32 | New County offices..... | 270 00 |
| do Dresden..... | 480 00 | Moravia Bridge..... | 4261 82 |
| Gaol and Court House furnishings..... | 19 7 63 | | |
| Treasurer Chatham Town..... | 4080 00 | | |

\$11807 53

BALANCE SHEET, County of Kent Ledger.

| | | Ct. |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| West Kent Agricultural Society | \$ 250 00 | |
| Zone and Mosa T. L. | 5 75 | Village of Dresden |
| Howard grant for Roads | 98 | Raleigh and Tilbury E. T. L. |
| Orford do | 83 | Romney and Mersea T. L. |
| Harwich Communication road | 90 | Bothwell Bridge |
| Kent and Middlesex C. L. | 17 50 | Bothwell Bridge—new approach |
| Township of Orford | 706 73 | Tecumseh Bridge, repairs, &c. |
| Elgin and Middlesex C. L. Bridge | 48 00 | Howard and Harwich T. |
| Wallaceburg Bridges | 400 00 | Lands redeemed |
| Town Chatham, Dover and Chatham T. L. | 58 42 | Adm. Criminal Justice |
| Interest account | 685 00 | Raleigh and Town Chatham |
| Harwich and Town Chatham | 65 60 | Camden Line, Kent and Lambton |
| Otter Creek drain | 200 00 | Village of Thamesville |
| Chatham and Camden T. L. | 241 09 | Debenture account |
| Zone and Bothwell | 02 | Gore of Chatham and Sombra |
| Gore of Camden and Dawn | 142 73 | Township Howard |
| Kent and Lambton C. L. | 26 26 | do Raleigh |
| Raleigh and Tilbury East Poor School | 22 00 | Howard and Harwich tap drain |
| Chatham and Gore of Camden | 14 97 | Raleigh and Tilbury E Plains T. L. |
| Board of Audit | 16 90 | Howard and Harwich gravel pit |
| Harwich and Raleigh T. L. | 35 | Bothwell Bridge, south approach |
| Township of Zone | 757 12 | Township Romney |
| do Chatham and Gore | 5406 81 | Village of Wallaceburg |
| Romney and Tilbury East | 104 60 | do Blenheim |
| Township of Harwich | 792 15 | Drill Shed, Wallaceburg |
| do Camden and Gore | 2370 83 | Blenheim Lock-up |
| do Tilbury East | 2453 81 | Camden and Zone T. L. |
| Howard and Orford T. L. | 16 00 | Orford and Aldboro' T. L. |
| Chatham and Camden | 11 17 | School Superintendence |
| Chatham and Dover East T. L. | 1800 00 | Zone and Euphemia T. L. |
| Chatham and Dresden T. L. | 2 65 | Romney and Tilbury West |
| Dover East and West T. L. | 03 | Robinson drain, Camden |
| Dover East and West Township | 273 25 | L. B. C. Drain, Camden and Zone |
| Chatham and Dover East T. L. | 11 74 | McKerricher drain |
| County of Kent General Account | 52536 21 | Kent and Elgin C. L. drain No. 1 |
| East and West Tilbury T. L. | 3 71 | |
| | | \$19807 53 |

County Treas'. Office, Chatham, Jan. 1, 1876.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

STATEMENT showing Liabilities and Assets of the County of Kent, as at 1st of January, 1877.

LIABILITIES.

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Due Zone and Mosa Twn Line | \$ 6 75 | Howard and Harwich T. L. | \$ 2 89 |
| Howard grant for roads | 98 | Lands redeemed | 401 73 |
| Orford do do | 83 | Administration of Criminal Justice | 329 48 |
| Harwich Communication Road | 90 | Raleigh and Town of Chatham T. L. | 3 90 |
| Kent and Middlesex County Line | 17 50 | Camden Line, Kent and Lambton | 150 00 |
| Township of Orford | 706 73 | Village of Thamesville | 50 37 |
| Elgin and Middlesex C. L. Bridge | 48 00 | Debenture to retire | 1000 00 |
| Wallaceburg, for Bridges | 400 00 | Gore of Chatham and Sombra | 647 40 |
| Chatham and Dover T. L. | 58 42 | Township of Howard | 238 74 |
| Harwich and Town of Chatham | 65 60 | do Raleigh | 1530 69 |
| Otter Creek Drain | 200 00 | Howard and Harwich tap drain | 51 27 |
| Chatham and Camden Town Line | 241 09 | Raleigh and Tilbury East Plains | 248 00 |
| Zone and Bothwell | 02 | Howard and Harwich Gravel pits | 50 00 |
| Gore of Camden and Dawn | 142 73 | Township of Romney | 2663 03 |
| Kent and Lambton T. L. | 26 26 | Village of Wallaceburg | 44 38 |
| Poor School, Tilbury East | 22 00 | do Blenheim | 166 63 |
| Chatham and Gore of Camden | 14 97 | Drill shed at Wallaceburg | 200 00 |
| Harwich and Raleigh T. L. | 35 | Blenheim lock-up, special grant | 200 00 |
| Township of Zone | 757 12 | Camden and Zone T. L. | 4 50 |
| do Chatham | 5406 81 | Orford and Aldboro' T. L. | 17 18 |
| Romney and Tilbury East T. L. | 104 60 | Zone and Euphemia | 100 25 |
| Township of Harwich | 792 15 | Romney and Tilbury West | 67 |
| do Camden | 2370 83 | Interest account | 685 00 |
| do Tilbury East | 2453 81 | East and West Tilbury T. L. | 3 71 |
| Howard and Orford T. L. | 16 00 | Bothwell Bridge, south approach | 70 66 |
| Chatham and Camden T. L. ditch | 11 17 | Due school superintendence | 150 00 |
| Chatham and Dover T. L. drain | 1800 00 | Board of audit | 16 00 |
| Camden and Dresden T. L. | 2 65 | Robinson drain, Camden | 28 00 |
| Dover East and West T. L. | 03 | L. B. C. drain, Camden and Zone | 50 00 |
| Township of Dover | 273 25 | McKerricher drain, Howard and Orford | 70 00 |
| Chatham and Dover T. L. | 11 74 | Kent and Elgin, C. L. drain No. 1 | 21 00 |
| Village of Dresden | 188 99 | West Kent Agricultural Society | 250 00 |
| Raleigh and Tilbury East T. L. | 27 85 | | |
| Romney and Mersea T. L. | 03 | Amount of Liabilities | \$28271 32 |
| Bothwell Bridge, North approach | 149 15 | Excess of Assets over Liabilities | 398 19 |
| Tecumseh Bridge repairs | 5 00 | | |
| | | | \$28,669 51 |

ASSETS.

| | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|--|
| Due by Treasurer | Tilbury East..... | \$1842 14 | Due by Treasurer | Camden..... | \$1945 48 |
| do | do | Harwich..... | do | do | Wallaceburgh..... |
| do | do | Bothwell..... | do | do | Blenheim..... |
| do | do | Romney..... | do | do | Registrar of County, being proportion of Fees for 1875..... |
| do | do | Dover..... | do | do | John Mercer, Sheriff..... |
| do | do | Dresden..... | do | do | Finance Minister..... |
| do | do | Town of Chatham..... | do | do | Proportion of Fees paid Criminal Witnesses repayable by Gov't..... |
| do | do | Township of Chatham..... | | | Cash on hand..... |
| do | do | Howard..... | | | Total Assets..... |
| do | do | Zone..... | | | \$28,669 51 |
| do | do | Thamesville..... | | | |
| do | do | Raleigh..... | | | |
| do | do | | | | |

DEFERRED LIABILITIES—Being County of Kent Debentures, \$39,000
 County Treasurer's Office, 1st Jan'y, 1877. C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS PAID FOR SALARIES TO THE COUNTY OFFICERS FOR 1874, 1875, 1876.

| | | |
|---|---|-----------|
| 1874—Paid | C. G. Charteris, Co. Treasurer..... | \$1200 00 |
| | Daniel Kerr, County Clerk..... | 500 00 |
| | John E. Brooke, Auditor..... | 30 00 |
| | A. B. McIntosh, do..... | 30 00 |
| | Stephen White, Government Auditor..... | 8 00 |
| | John J. J. Thompson, do..... | 8 00 |
| | Total for 1874..... | \$1776 00 |
| 1875—Paid | C. G. Charteris, Co. Treasurer..... | \$1200 00 |
| | D. Kerr, Co. Clerk..... | 500 00 |
| | G. D. Ross, Auditor..... | 30 00 |
| | A. Heyward, do..... | 30 00 |
| | H. J. Eberts, Government Auditor..... | 8 00 |
| | John J. J. Thompson, do..... | 8 00 |
| | Total for 1875..... | \$1776 00 |
| 1876—Paid | C. G. Charteris, Co. Treasurer..... | \$1200 00 |
| | D. Kerr, Co. Clerk, 11 months..... | 550 00 |
| | G. D. Ross, Auditor..... | 30 00 |
| | A. Heyward, do..... | 30 00 |
| | Messrs. McDougall and Thompson, \$8 each..... | 16 00 |
| | Total for 1876..... | \$1826 00 |
| Care-taker of offices appointed in 1875—salary in 1875..... | | \$ 200 00 |
| do do 1876..... | | 240 00 |

STATEMENT RENTS PAID FOR PUBLIC OFFICES IN THE YEARS 1874, 1875 AND 1876.

| | | |
|---|---|-----------|
| 1874—Paid to | W. D. Eberts for Judge's Office,..... | \$ 50 00 |
| | Sheriff Mercer,..... | 50 00 |
| | William Douglas, Clerk of the Peace,..... | 60 00 |
| | Mrs. A. C. Charteris, for Clerk's office..... | 30 00 |
| | Messrs. Atkinson and Charteris, for Co. Treasurer's Office,.. | 150 00 |
| | R. O'Hara, for Surrogate Office..... | 50 00 |
| | Mr. Bell, Judge and Clerk of County Court Office..... | 62 50 |
| | Total paid for rents in 1874..... | \$452 50 |
| 1875—Paid to | Mr. Bell, for Judge's Chambers and Clerk Co. Court Office.. | \$ 125 00 |
| | Sheriff Mercer,..... | 50 00 |
| | William Douglas, Clerk of the Peace,..... | 60 00 |
| | Mrs. A. C. Charteris, for Clerk's office..... | 30 00 |
| | Messrs. Atkinson & Charteris..... | 150 00 |
| | R. O'Hara,..... | 50 00 |
| | Total for 1875..... | \$465 00 |
| 1876—Paid similar amount in 1876 and to same persons..... | | \$465 00 |

STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS PAID FOR FUEL FOR PUBLIC OFFICES
FOR 1874, 1875, 1876.

| | | | |
|--|----|-----|----|
| 1874—Paid Sheriff Mercer, allowance..... | \$ | 10 | 00 |
| County Treasurer, do | | 10 | 00 |
| County Court, Clerk and Judge..... | | 20 | 00 |
| Wm. Douglas, C. P., allowance..... | | 10 | 00 |
| D. Kerr, County Clerk..... | | 10 | 00 |
| Total paid in 1874..... | | | |
| | \$ | 60 | 00 |
| 1875—Paid R. O'Hara, per order Council..... | \$ | 33 | 42 |
| Wm. Douglas, allowance..... | | 10 | 00 |
| Wm. A. Campbell, C. C. Clerk..... | | 10 | 00 |
| County Clerk..... | | 10 | 00 |
| County Treasurer..... | | 10 | 00 |
| Sheriff Mercer..... | | 10 | 00 |
| Taylor & Fisher, coal for Registry office..... | | 12 | 46 |
| J. W. Patching, do do | | 8 | 50 |
| P. D. McKellar, do do | | 30 | 95 |
| Assignee P. E. McKerrall wood furnished Registry office in '74 | | 9 | 75 |
| J. W. Patching, for coal..... | | 30 | 50 |
| W. A. Campbell, C. C. C..... | | 16 | 30 |
| Total for 1875..... | | | |
| | \$ | 191 | 88 |
| 1876—Paid J. W. Patching for coal for Clerk of Peace office..... | \$ | 14 | 00 |
| do do Registry office..... | | 8 | 00 |
| Sheriff Mercer..... | | 10 | 00 |
| County Clerk, allowance..... | | 10 | 00 |
| J. W. Patching, for coal..... | | 48 | 50 |
| T. Wrong, coal for Sheriff..... | | 16 | 00 |
| do do different offices..... | | 100 | 00 |
| J. O'Rourke, for wood..... | | 64 | 43 |
| Total in 1876..... | | | |
| | \$ | 270 | 93 |

STATEMENT OF MONEYS PAID FOR OFFICE FURNITURE FOR DIFFERENT OFFICES IN YEARS 1874, 1875 AND 1876.

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| 1874—Paid Messrs. McKeough for Stoves for Judge's and County Court Clerk's Offices, | \$ | 51 | 51 |
| H. F. Cumming for Carpet for Judge's Chambers, | | 24 | 89 |
| A. Bogart for furniture for Clerk's Office | | 5 | 00 |
| Total for 1874, | | | |
| | \$ | 81 | 41 |
| 1875—Paid William Ball, for sundries, | \$ | 1 | 38 |
| Coltart & Neilson, for upholstering for Registry Office,..... | | 7 | 00 |
| J. & W. McKeough, for sundries, | | 87 | 29 |
| James Harper, for sign board for Judge's Chambers,..... | | 5 | 00 |
| J. & W. McKeough, for sundries, | | 14 | 00 |
| do do do | | 40 | 39 |
| Total for 1875..... | | | |
| | \$ | 155 | 03 |
| 1876—Paid Messrs. Coltart & Neilson, furniture for Mr. O'Hara's office, .. | \$ | 10 | 65 |
| A. Jahnke, for Mr. Douglas..... | | 13 | 00 |
| J. & W. McKeough, sundries for different Offices, | | 16 | 65 |
| Total for 1876, | | | |
| | \$ | 40 | 30 |

REPORT ON HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Corporation of the County of Kent, in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN—The Board of High School Trustees begs leave to Report to your Honorable Body, as follows:—

That the High School, during the year 1876, has been effectually conducted by J. B. Rankin, B. A., during the first three quarters, assisted by William Maclise, till June 30th, when he resigned, and his place was supplied by David S. Patterson, a gold medallist and a graduate of the University of Toronto, with the degree of B. A. On the 1st of October Mr. Rankin resigned, having left teaching to study Law, and his place is now supplied by David S. Patterson, who was appointed by the Trustees, Head Master, on the 2nd of October last, and he is now assisted by John Dougherty, B. A., a silver medallist in modern languages, and a graduate of the University of Toronto. The High School is now conducted by these two gentlemen, and the last examination showed that they were well qualified for the situation. The questions asked were searching and thorough, and the answers in general were well given by the pupils, showing that they had been well instructed in the branches on which they were examined. The number of pupils enrolled during the present year was thirty-eight; of these thirty were from the Town and eight from the country. Of these enrolled during the first half-year, nineteen were boys, and seventeen were girls. The second half-year, seventeen were boys, and thirteen were girls.

The branches taught, and the number in each class, are as follows:—2 in Greek, 12 in Latin, and 16 in French; in algebra and geometry there were 33; in arithmetic, English grammar, composition, and English literature, 38; in geography and English history, 36; in Ancient history, 2; Book-keeping, 8; Philosophy, 8; and Mensuration, 38. Last year a number stood for the Intermediate examination, one only passed. Four passed the entrance examination during the year. This year a much larger number are coming forward. Five have already entered the Intermediate examination, and twenty-two the entrance examinations. With a preparatory class, the number of entrances would be doubled. To this Report is appended the Financial Statement of the Treasurer, in which you will find a detailed account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the High School during the present year. The Board would also beg leave to report, that the term for which the Rev'd William King had been elected as Trustee, has expired.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. KING, SEC'Y B. H. S. TRUSTEES.

BUXTON, January 8th, 1877.

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT FOR 1876.

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| To balance from 1875, \$71.96; Co'y grant for 1876, \$400.00; Government grant, last half of 1875, \$200.00, do., do., 1st half of 1876, \$244.50 | |
| — \$444.50; Grant from Chatham Town, \$950.00; 1st quarter's school fees, \$34.00, 2d do., do., \$22, 3rd do., do., \$30.00, 4th do., do., \$34.00 | |
| — \$120.00 | \$1986 46 |

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| SALARIES—Paid under this head, Mr. Rankin, Head Master, \$675.00; Mr. Maclise, 2nd Master, \$300.00; Mr. Patterson, 2nd Master, \$75.00; Mr. Patterson, Head Master, \$225.00; Mr. Dougherty, 2nd Master, \$150; Rev'd Wm. King, as Secretary, \$12.00; George Young, as Treas., \$10. \$1447 00 | |
| REPAIRS—Paid under this head, Messrs. McKeough, repairing stove pipes, \$2.70; Thomas Baxter, repairing roof, &c., \$15.61; J. A. Crosswhite, cleaning chimneys, \$1.50; Henry Baxter, repairing plaster, &c., \$8.25; James Richardson, window blinds, \$31.53; Messrs. McKeough, new stove pipes, &c., \$39.13; Messrs. Rankin and Patterson, for cleaning rooms, \$54.00; Perry Gales, whitewashing, \$15.00 | 167 72 |
| SUNDRIES—Paid under this head, Rev. A. McColl as 2d entrance examiner, \$30.98; R. Cooper, stationery, \$16.64; J. Holmes, stationery, \$3.17; Rufus Stephenson, printing, \$2.18; J. R. Gemmill, printing, \$9.48; J. O'Rourke, 25 cords of wood, @ \$2.63, \$65.75; Alex'r Venable, cutting wood, \$11.18; Mr. Rankin and Mr. Kerr wood, \$6.00; Philosophical apparatus, chemicals, &c., &c., \$41.75; Shelby Smith, cleaning privies, \$3.00; Trustees, attending meetings of board, \$92.00 | 282 13 |
| By balance | 89 61 |

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GEORGE YOUNG, TREASURER.

ESTIMATES FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to submit for your consideration an Estimate of the expenses for the High School for the present year, 1877.

ESTIMATES—Teachers' salaries, \$1500.00; salaries for Clerk and Treasurer, \$22.00; Members' wages attending Board meetings, \$75.00; fire wood, \$50.00; cleaning rooms and lighting fires, \$55.00; cost of Intermediate examination of pupils, \$35.08; painting wood work, say, \$40.00; white-washing and cleaning, \$20.00; repairs, say \$40.00; new seats for upper class room, \$40.00; sundries, including printing, stationery, &c., \$100. \$1977 00
To meet this, say cash on hand, \$89.61; Government grant, \$444.50; school fees, \$120.00..... 654 11

To be raised from from the several Municipalities in the County, or by the County Council.....\$1322 89

Since the new High School Act came into force, two years ago, the Town of Chatham, under section 45 of said Act, has paid each year \$950.00; but since the late Judgment of Justice Adam Wilson, on the Niagara cause, shows that unless the Co. Council make the Town of Chatham the limits of the existing High School District, the Town of Chatham will hereafter pay no more than her proportion with the rest of the County, although reaping two-thirds benefit of all. The Trustees have no power in this matter: it rests entirely with the Co. Council. The Teachers' salaries are payable quarterly, and the Trustees will have to apply at once to the several Municipalities for their proportion of that \$1322.89, unless the Co. Council provide otherwise.—I am, respectfully, &c.,

GEO. YOUNG, TREAS. H. S. B.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EXAMINERS

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Examiners for the County of Kent, for the year 1876, begs to report for the information of your hon. body as follows:

That one hundred and fifteen made application, or presented themselves, for Teachers' Certificates before the Board which met in July, 1876, and with the following results:—

Only one competed for a first-class certificate; but the effort was unsuccessful.

Of the 2nd class applicants, two only received a second class certificate, grade B, and 11 received 3rd class certificates.

Of the 3rd class applicants, 23 received third class certificates; 21 received specials and the rest were rejected.

The Board would beg leave to Report, for the information of your Honorable Body, that the expenses of the Board of Examiners for the year ending December 31st, '76 amounted to \$252.39—a detailed statement of which is hereto appended.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

EDMUND B. HARRISON,
P. S. I., KENT.

Chatham, January 16th, 1877.

EXPENDITURE of the Board of Examiners for the County of Kent, for the year 1876.

1876, July.—Rufus Stephenson, Esq., advertising meeting of Board, \$3.60
J. R. Gemmill, Esq., do., do., \$3.36; R. Cooper, stationery, \$16.53; Jas. Holmes, do., \$2.00; Albert Jahnke, use of tables, chairs, &c., for use of Board, \$7.00; Joseph Boag, 25 days' services, &c, \$50.00; John McCabe, do., \$50.00; E. B. Harrison, Inspector, 20 days, \$40.00; Rev. A. McColl, 22 days' services, \$44.00; John B. Rankin, 10½ days' services, \$21.00; Express charges, postage, telegram to Department, \$3.30; Joseph Boag, 1 day's services at a meeting of Board, August 29th, 1876, \$2.00; John McCabe, do., do., \$2.00; John B. Rankin, do., do., \$2.00; Rev'd A. McColl, do., do., \$2.00; E. B. Harrison, do., do., \$2.00; Joseph Boag, mileage for attendance at an extra meeting of Board, August 29th, 1876, \$1.60.....\$252 39

EDMUND B. HARRISON, P. S. I., KENT.

REPORT OF GAOL SURGEON.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present the Medical Report of the sick in the Gaol for the year 1876.

| Diseases. | No. cases. | Terminat'n Recovered | Ulcerated arm, Headache & slight f'v'r Felon in hand, Inflammation of eyes Abscess on scrotum, Frostbitten toes, Injury from violence, to neck, Cut throat, Insanity, | 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 | Recovered " " " " Under treatm't Recovered " Removed to lu- natic asylum, 2. } |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| Rheumatism, | 2 | | | | |
| Gonorrhoea, | 1 | | | | |
| Cough, | 3 | | | | |
| Epilepsy, | 1 | | | | |
| Quinsy, | 2 | | | | |
| Fever, bilious, | 2 | | | | |
| Diarrhoea, | 1 | | | | |
| Constipation, | 1 | | | | |
| Bilious colic | 1 | | | | |
| Delirium tremens, | 2 | | | | |
| Ulcerated scalp, | 2 | | | | |

J. H. SIVEWRIGHT, M. D., Gaol Surgeon.

Chatham, Jan. 23rd, 1877.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL FARM.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on the Industrial Farm beg to report that in obedience to the instructions given to them, they continued the insertion of the advertisement in the newspapers calling for tenders for the purchase of the property, but that none have been received except those previously submitted and reported.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. LANGFORD, }
C. G. CHARTERIS, } Committee.

Committee Rooms, Chatham, 24th Jan'y, 1877.

REPORT ON WALLACEBURG BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County Kent in Council assembled.

Your Commissioner appointed to superintend the Wallaceburg Bridges bega leave to report as follows:—

That the contract for the care-taking of said Bridges expired on the closing of navigation during the month of November last.

That the care-takers of said Bridges for the past year were paid each the sum of \$24 per month. At the close of the engagement your Commissioner advertised for tenders from parties desirous of becoming caretakers of said bridges during the season of navigation for the year 1877, and receiving nine tenders from parties desirous of engaging as care-takers.

That the tender of William Stewart as Care-taker of large Bridge at \$24 50 per month, he to furnish all oil required for light and lubricating purposes, was the lowest and was duly accepted.

The tender of Samuel Bennet as Care-taker of the North Branch Bridge, at \$19.00 per month was the lowest, and was accepted, on the same conditions as those of Stewart's as to furnishing of oil, thus effecting a reduction from last year's expenses of \$4 50 per month.

Your Commissioner begs to suggest that it is absolutely necessary to have some person constantly in charge of the said Bridges, in winter as well as in summer, to protect them from being destroyed by parties driving heavy teams and loads over the said Bridges at a fast rate of speed, which has a tendency to damage said Bridges; and it is utterly impossible for your Com'r, whoever he may be, to prevent at all times the difficulty above suggested.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. McDOUGALL, Com'r.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees, beg to report as follows:—

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Councillors Lee, Holmes, Coatsworth, White, Wilson (Harwich), Stephens, Smith, McKercher and Beattie.

ROADS AND BRIDGES—Councillors Anderson, McArthur, McDonald, Somerville, Cameron, Dunlop, Cruickshanks, Dolsen, McKinlay, Wilson (T.E.) Coatsworth.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS—Councillors Langford, Northwood, Robert, Trerice and White.

PRINTING—Councillors Gallagher, Dillon, Sherman, and Jackson.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE, CHAIRMAN.

Dated Chatham, Jan'y 24, 1877.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report as follows:—1st. That they recommend that all applications for money on Roads and Bridges be laid over to the June session. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR ANDERSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Buildings beg leave to report:—That in accordance with the resolution of the Council passed at the last December session, they advertised for tenders for the erection of Public Buildings, according to the plans and specifications prepared by James Anderson, Esq., Architect, Detroit. That on the 18th inst., the Committee met and opened the following tenders: 1st. J. M. Sandford, \$19,175; 2nd. Leland, Blaikie & Scott, \$24,149; 3rd. Otis Hulen, \$18,250; 4th. William Smith, \$15,675; 5th. James H. Oldershaw, \$18,270; 6th. Logan & Johnston, \$19,700. Your Committee would recommend that the tender of William Smith be accepted by the Council, as they consider it a very low tender.

Your Committee would further report that the cess pool at the end of sewer from the Gaol has been cleaned out, to the satisfaction of the Jailor, and your Committee have also furnished the office of the Deputy Clerk of the Crown with six chairs, at the cost of \$7.50. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. YOUNG, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit their report on the matters and accounts referred to them, and would recommend the following:—

That the following sums be paid to the following persons for Committee work:—J. A. Langford, \$3; A. Trerice, \$3 80; Peter Robert, \$2 70; T. Dillon, \$4 30; George Young, \$3 20; A. B. McIntosh, \$2; A. McDougall's acct. of \$6, only \$2 be paid; R. Tiffin, care-taker Dresden bridge, \$12 50; H. M. Misner, lumber for Wallaceburg bridges, \$6 49; H. y Robinson, drawing wood, \$8 22, Radley & Patton, medicine for Gaol, \$9 30; Asa Cronk, advertising, \$4; R. Cooper, stationery, \$5; Urquhart & Green's account for building fence surrounding County farm be referred to Building Com., they to report to this Council; acct. of R. Cooper, \$5 30, for stationery for R. O'Hara, be laid over for information, as we do not think this Council is required to furnish the same.

That we recommend the payment of \$200 to East Kent Agr. Society; also the same amount to West Kent.

That the sum of \$175 00 be placed at the disposal of the Reeve of Wallaceburg to pay balance of contract for the erection of pump at Chatham and Dover town line.

That the letter of J. G. Laird relative to attending meeting of Erie & Huron Railway be laid over till June, and that Mr. Laird be asked to furnish account in detail.

That the acct. of R. O'Hara for office rent be not paid. The acct. of Board of Examiners of School Teachers be paid, less \$42 that is charged by Mr. Harrison, as we think he should perform those services through the virtue of his office.

That the application of the Reeve of Tilbury asking a grant of \$40 as a refund of County rate to some parties in Tilbury be not entertained, as we think it would be a bad precedent.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE, Chairman.

Dated Council Room, Jan. 27th, 1877.

BY-LAWS.

No. 347.

A BY-LAW to repeal By-law number 329, passed on the 17th June, 1875.

PASSED 26th January, 1877.

WHEREAS, it is expedient to repeal By-law number 329, passed on the 17th June, 1875.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal Institution Acts of the Province of Ontario:

1st. That said By-law be and the same is hereby repealed.

DANIEL KERR, CLERK.

[L.S.]

ROBERT FERGUSON, Warden.

NO. 348.

A BY-LAW to grant \$80, the amount assessed for the benefit to the Raleigh and Tilbury East Town Line, for a certain Drain.

PASSED 27th January, 1877.

WHEREAS \$80 was assessed for the benefit of the Finn Creek Drain to the Raleigh and Tilbury East Town Line—\$40 to Raleigh and \$40 to Tilbury East—after the assumption of the said Town Line by this Council.

AND WHEREAS said assessment was illegally made on the Townships, that should have been made against the County.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent, under and by virtue of the Municipal Acts of Ontario:

1. That the said sum of Eighty Dollars be granted for the benefit derived from said Drain to said Town Line; and that the Treasurer pay the same to the Treasurer of the Township of Raleigh, on being furnished with a report of the Engineer that the said Drain is completed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

No. 349.

A BY-LAW to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain Officers for the County of Kent for the year 1877.

PASSED 27th January, 1877.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint and confirm the appointment of the following County Officers for the year A. D. 1877, and until their successors are appointed

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent, by virtue of and under Municipal Acts of Ontario.

1. That Wm. Fraser, appointed by the Warden, and Geo. D. Ross, be Auditors for the Corporation of Kent.

2. That D. S. Paterson, John McCabe, John B. Rankin, be Examiners of Public School Teachers for the current year.

3. That Rev. Wm. King be High School Trustee.

4. That J. J. J. Thompson and A. H. Hughes be appointed members of the Board of Audit for the County of Kent, under the Law Reform Act.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

[L.S.]

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

NO. 350.

A BY-LAW to repeal By-Law No. 334, entitled "A By-Law to amend By-Law No. 237," passed the 10th day of June, 1868.

PASSED 27th January, 1877.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, under and by virtue of the Municipal Institutions Acts of the Province of Ontario:

1st. That the said By-law passed the 19th day of June, 1875, entitled "A By-law to amend By-Law No. 237," be and the same is hereby repealed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

APRIL AND JUNE SESSIONS--1877,

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

—OF THE—

COUNTY OF KENT.

ROBERT FERGUSON, - - - Warden
DANIEL KERR, - - - Clerk.

CHATHAM:

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1877.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Municipal Council of the County of Kent,
APRIL AND JUNE SESSIONS, 1877.

SPECIAL SESSION—FIRST DAY.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held at the Court House, Chatham, on Friday, 27th day of April, 1877, relative to the Erie & Huron Railway Debentures.

The Roll was called. Present—Robert Ferguson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Mr. Dolsen.

The Warden stated that the Erie & Huron Railway Co. had made a formal application to him to have the Debentures issued and placed in the hands of the Trustees, in accordance with the By-law granting a Bonus to said Company; also, that a Bill in Chancery had been served on him by other parties to prevent him from issuing or signing said debentures. These documents with the correspondence, &c., relating to them, would be laid before the Council for their consideration and their action thereon.

The Clerk read the documents, &c., referred to as follows:

1. From A. McKellar, Esq., President of the E. & H. R. Co'y, with a resolution under the corporate seal of said Company, asking to have the Debentures for the bonus granted by a portion of the County placed in the hands of the Trustees.

2. From Cameron, McMichael and Hoskin, on behalf of the Township of Harwich, notifying the Warden not to sign or issue the debentures in aid of the E. & H. R. Co.

3. From Bethune, Osler & Moss, legal opinion.

4. From the President of the E. & H. R. Co'y, informing the Warden that work had been commenced on the road; also, relative to the debentures, with a copy of the Warden's reply to the same.

5. In Chancery, bill of complaint, respecting the E. & H. R. debentures.

6. From Bethune, Osler & Moss, legal opinion relative to the Bill in Chancery, with a copy of the Warden's letter, asking for said legal advice.

In answer to Mr. Anderson's inquiry, the Warden replied that the Government had offered him the appointment of Trustee for the E. & H. R. debentures.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that the 18th and other necessary rules be suspended so as to enable the Council to proceed with the business for which the Warden has called us together, namely, the issuing of the debentures of the Erie & Huron Railway.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that the President of the E. & H. R. Co., A. McKellar, Esq., be heard at the bar to give his reasons why he wishes this Council to issue the debentures.—Carried.

Mr. McKellar addressed the Council at length.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, April 28th, 1877.

The roll was called. Present—Robert Ferguson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the Warden and Treasurer of this Corporation be advised by this Council not to issue or sign any of the Erie & Huron debentures.

Moved as a first amendment by Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Robert, that no action be taken with reference to instructing the Warden concerning the issuing of the debentures until the legal opinion of Mr. Bethune be read at this meeting.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Sherman, as a second amendment, that the Warden be instructed through his solicitors to answer the Bill now filed in Chan

very against the County in reference to the issuing of the Erie & Huron Railway Debentures, and that this Council are of the opinion that unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the Warden should, on the 1st day of June next, sign the debentures for the eighteen years for which the said Bonus By-law has yet to run; and that for the two years which have already expired the debentures be not signed until special legislation be obtained to make them payable in 19 and 20 years.

Moved by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Arnold, as a third amendment, that the Warden follow the advice of the attorneys, Messrs Bethune, Osler & Moss, as given in their letter to the Warden, dated April 21st, 1877, respecting the E. & H. R. debentures.

The vote was taken on third amendment and lost.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows :

Yeas—Councillors Wilson (Harwich), Cameron, Beattie, Stephens, McArthur, Gallagher, Arnold, McKinlay, Smith, Cruickshank, Dunlop and Robert.—12.

Nays—Councillors Lee, McDonald, Langford, Jackson, White, Dolsen, Wilson, (T. E.), Coatsworth, Sherman, Trerice, Anderson, Dillon, Somerville, Northwood, Holmes and the Warden—16.

The vote was taken on the second amendment and carried.

Motion and first amendment lost.

The yeas and nays were called for on the second amendment and taken down as follows :

Yeas—Councillors Lee, McDonald, Langford, Jackson, White, Dolsen, Wilson, (T. E.), Coatsworth, Sherman, Trerice, Anderson, Dillon, Somerville, Northwood, Holmes and the Warden—16.

Nays—Councillors Wilson (Harwich), Cameron, Beattie, Stephens, McArthur, Gallagher, Arnold, Smith, McKinlay, Cruickshank, Dunlop and Robert—12.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

JUNE SESSION.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to adjournment, at the Court House, Chatham, on Monday, the 11th day of June, 1877.

The Roll was called. Present—Robert Ferguson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Mr. Cameron.

The Warden addressed the Council in reference to the business of the session. The minutes of the last meeting of the January Session, also the last day of Special Session, were read and approved.

The following communications were read:

From C. G. Charteris, Esq., County Treasurer, laying before the Council an estimate of monies required to meet the current expenses of the County for the present year, and that provision be made for the Erie & Huron Railway debentures, if they are issued.—Referred to Finance Committee.

From the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging receipt of the petition of this Council, asking that aid be granted to the Erie & Huron Co.

From the same, acknowledging the receipt of the Municipal Statistics of the County for the year 1877.

From the Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands, in answer to an application to have a portion of the 2nd Concession line in the Township of Romney surveyed, stating that instructions had been issued to W. G. McGeorge, Esq., P. L. S., Chatham, to make the same.

From C. R. Atkinson, Esq., Solicitor, informing the Council that the G. W. R. Co. had agreed to remove during the summer the centre part of the Bridge at Baptiste Creek so as to open the way for boats equal to what it was when the old bridge was there.

From the President of the Ontario School of Agriculture, Guelph, relative to the nomination by the Council of one duly qualified candidate as a student to that Institution, and with reference to Agricultural Statistics.

From the Clerk of the County of Simcoe with a draft of Petition from the Council to the Lieut.-Governor, praying that all Municipal Corporations in this Province be

furnished with two copies of the Consolidated Statutes when published, and asking the co-operation of this Council in the matter.

From Wilmet N. Nichols, Esq., Head Master of Blenheim School, applying to be appointed as Inspector of Public Schools for West Kent; also, as an Examiner of Public School Teachers, and enclosing a certificate of his eligibility and qualification for said offices from the Dept. of Public Instruction for Ontario.

From the Rev. A. W. Waddell, Harwich, certifying to the fitness of Mr. Nichol for the office of Public School Inspector and Examiner.

Various notices of motion were given. Various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, Tuesday, 12th June, 1877.

The roll was called. Present—Robert Ferguson, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Arnold, Beattie, Cruickshank, Dillon, Dunlop, Gallagher, Jackson, Langford, Lee, McArthur, McKinlay, McDonald, Smith, Sherman, Stephens, Somerville, White, Wilson (Harwich), and Wilson (T. E.)

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Warden again called the attention of the Council to the E. & H. By-law.

A communication from E. B. Harrison, Esq., A. S. L., was read, submitting a report of the Public and Roman Catholic Schools in the County for 1876, exclusive of Bothwell.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the Warden's report on the County Bridges was read and referred to the Committee on Roads & Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Dillon, the report of the Committee on Printing was read and adopted.

Various notices of motion were given.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that the sum of \$200 00 be granted by this Council to improve the Townline between the Township of Chatham and Camden.—Referred to Road & Bridge Com.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that \$150 00 be granted by this Council to improve the Townline between the Gore of Chatham and Gore of Camden.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), that the Reeves of the several Municipalities be a Committee for the purpose of equalizing the Assessment rolls for 1876.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (T. E.), a By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1861, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that this Council grant the sum of \$100 to lay out on the Townline that divides the Corporation of Thamesville from the Township of Camden.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. White, that Blenheim be granted \$250 to assist them in building a Lockup.—Referred to Finance Com.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—Robt. Ferguson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

A return of the number of commitments to the County jail for 1876 with hard labor, asked for at the January Session was read, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of the Council.

Various notices of motion were given.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that the Reeve of Howard be placed on the Finance Com.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), that the sum of \$500 be appropriated to improve the County line between Romney and Mersea; also, the sum of \$400 on the County line between Romney and Tilbury West; and also the sum of \$200 be appropriated on the Townline between Romney and Tilbury East.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that the sum of \$500

be granted on the County line between East and West Tilbury, on condition that Essex grant an equivalent.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. White, that whereas that portion of the Dover and Chatham Townline, known as the Diverted Road, from the "Elbow" to Wallaceburg, a distance of two miles, is in a very bad condition, the surface of the road being nearly on a level with the water in the ditches; and that whereas no money has been expended on the said two miles of road for about six years, be it therefore resolved, that the sum of \$500 be granted for the purpose of improving the above road and that the 1st Dep.-Reeve of Chatham Township and the Reeve of Wallaceburg be the commissioners to superintend the expenditure of the grant.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that the sum of \$150 be appropriated to improve the Townline between the Village of Dresden and Township of Camden.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. McKinlay, seconded by Dr. Smith, that a grant of \$60 be made to repair the Townline between the Village of Ridgetown and the Township of Howard, in the south half of the 10th Con.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Robert, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that the sum of \$500 be appropriated to improve the Townline between Chatham & Dover.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Beattie, that \$800 be granted on the Harwich and Raleigh Townline, said road being very much out of repair.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Northwood and resolved, that the sum of \$100 be granted for the purpose of permanently marking the channel in the East passage of the Chenil E'Carte where it enters into Mitchell's Bay.—Referred to Finance Com.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Northwood, that \$50 be granted to improve the road between the Township of Harwich and Town of Chatham.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Northwood, that \$100 be granted to improve the road between the Township of Raleigh and the Town of Chatham.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Dunlop, that \$200 be granted to improve the Townline between Dover East and West.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Mr. Stephens presented the petition of Eli W. Hazlett and 17 others, praying for a grant of \$500 to improve the Townlines lying between the Townships of Chatham and Camden, and the Gore of Camden and the said Township of Chatham.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Dolsen, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), that this Council grant \$1,000 for the improvement of the Townline between Raleigh and Tilbury East.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Dolsen, that \$500 be granted to that part of Raleigh and Tilbury East Townline, diverted from the original boundary on the plains, and assumed by By-law of this Council.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (Harwich), the Council went into Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the best means to encourage and protect the growth and increase of Insectivorous Birds, Mr. Anderson in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Lee, that Messrs. Stephens, Holmes, Dr. Smith and the mover be a Committee to draft a By-law to encourage and protect the growth and increase of Insectivorous Birds.—Carried.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported a resolution passed in Committee of the Whole be adopted by this Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that \$200 be granted to improve the Townline between the Townships of Camden and Zone.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, that the sum of \$200 00 be granted to improve the County line between the Gore of Chatham and the Township of Sombra.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Sherman, that the sum of \$150 be granted by this Council to repair the Townline between the Gore of Camden and Zone.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that the sum of \$75 be granted to repair the Townline between the Township of Zone and the Town of Bothwell.
—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that a Committee be appointed to devise means to procure work for those committed to gaol for hard labor, composed of the Reeves of Camden, Raleigh and Orford, and the 1st Deputy-Reeve of the Town of Chatham, with the mover, and that they report to this Council.
—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. White, that whereas it has been the custom for years past for grants of money to be asked for by representatives of different Municipalities to assist in building and repairing Townline roads; and whereas some Townships have rivers running through them; and whereas there are Townships and Gores of said Townships; and whereas it has been the custom heretofore to ask aid to assist in building and improving said lines; and whereas grants have been given in aid of such roads, but have been divided into several divisions, Therefore be it resolved, that the R. & B. Com. be instructed to grant but one sum in aid of any one Townline road dividing two Municipalities, irrespective of whether the said Townline road is between Townships or Gores of Townships, or whether a river runs through a Township or not.—Carried.

Various notices of motion were given.

On motion the Council adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th, 1877.

The roll was called. Present—Robert Ferguson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Various notices of motion were given, and various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, (T.E.) seconded by Mr. Dolsen, that the By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864 be read a second time.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), that the By-law be read a second time this day three months.

The amendment was put to vote and lost. The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:—

Yeas—Councillors Wilson, (Harwich), Coatsworth, Anderson, Dillon, Dunlop, Robert, Somerville and Northwood—8.

Nays—Councillors Langford, Cameron, White, Dolsen, Wilson, (T.E.) McDonald, Beattie, Stephens, McArthur, Gallagher, Arnold, McKinlay, Smith, Lee, Sherman, Cruickshank, Holmes and the Warden—18. The motion was then put to vote and carried.

On motion the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The roll was called. The Warden and all the Councillors present.

The By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, (T.E.) the Council went into Committee of the whole on said By-law, Mr. Holmes in the chair.

After being in Committee for some time the Council resumed. The chairman reported progress with leave to sit again.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—Thursday, June 14th, 1877.

The roll was called. Present—Robt Ferguson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors, except Messrs. Arnold, Jackson, Langford, Terice and Wilson, (Harwich.)

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from C. R. Atkinson, Esq., Solicitor, was read in reference to the suit in Chancery, Harwich vs. E. & H. R. Co.

A petition from David Smith, Lieut. Col. 24th Kent Battalion, was read, asking the Council to make an annual grant to secure a rifle range.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, (T.E.) the Council again went into committee on the

By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864, Mr. Holmes in the chair. The Council resumed. The chairman reported that the By-law passed in committee with blanks filled up.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (T.E.) the By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864 was read a third time and passed.

The following fourteen resolutions were read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges:—

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that the several grants of money made at different times by the County of Kent, to improve the County Line between the Townships of Sombra and the Gore of Chatham, not having been met by the County of Lambton, that the whole sum now standing to the credit of said County line be re-granted to the municipality of the Township of Chatham, or if that cannot consistently be re-granted, then in such case, that the Warden be instructed to use immediate action to compel said County of Lambton to meet said grants, so that the whole amount of said grants may be laid out in good time the present year.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that the sum of \$200 be granted to repair and improve the Town line between the Gore of Camden and the Township of Chatham.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that the sum of Three Hundred dollars be granted to repair the Town line between the Township of Chatham and Dover East, at the mouth or outlet of the Chatham and Dover Town line drain, as per report of A. McDonell, Esq., Engineer, &c.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Lee, that \$250 be granted to improve the north approach of the Moravia Bridge.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Dillon, that the sum of \$200 be granted to improve the County line between Kent and Lambton and the Townships of Zone and Euphemia, on condition that the Co. of Lambton grant an equal amount.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that \$200 be granted for the purpose of painting Kent Bridge, and that the Warden and mover be a Committee to expend the same.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Langford, that the sum of \$1000 be granted to improve the road leading from the Town of Chatham to Kent Bridge, on the north side of the River Thames, formerly known as a part of the Chatham and London Stage Road.

Moved by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. McKinlay, that \$150 be granted to open the Town line between Ridgetown and the Township of Howard, north of the railway.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McKinlay, that the sum of \$600 be appropriated to improve the Howard and Orford Townline, and \$500 to improve the County line between Kent and Elgin.

Moved by Mr. Northwood, seconded by Mr. Holmes, that the sum of \$100 00 be granted by this Council for the improvement of the road between the Town of Chatham and the Tp. of Chatham.

Moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Langford, that this Council grant the sum \$500 to repair the Townline between Howard and Harwich.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Langford, that the sum of \$400 be granted for the improvement of the Communication Road in the Twp of Harwich.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that the sum of \$60 00 be granted to repair the Townline between Mosa and the Town of Bothwell.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that the sum of \$600 be appropriated for the purpose of repairing Wallaceburg Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Arnold, a By-law to repeal By-law 225, passed at the January Session, 1875, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that the sum of \$9 be granted to Michael Dupras for work done by him on the Romney and Tilbury Town line in the year 1875.—Referred to Finance Com.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of building culverts in the Chatham & Dover Townline.—Carried.

The Council then went into committee, Mr. Wilson in the chair. The following motion was considered.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. McArthur, and resolved, that the Warden be and is hereby authorized to take the necessary means to cause a culvert to be

aced in the Chatham and Dover Town line so that a natural watercourse between the Townships of Chatham and Dover may not be obstructed.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress with leave to sit again.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The roll was called. Present—Robt. Ferguson, Esq., Warden; Councillors Beattie, Coatsworth, Cruickshank, Dillon, Dolsen, Gallagher, Holmes, Lee, McArthur, McKinlay, Robert, Smith, Sherman, Stephens and Wilson (T. E.)

Various notices of motion were given and various accounts read and referred to the Finance Com.

On motion of Mr. Beattie, the Council again went into Committee of the Whole on a resolution relating to the Chatham & Dover Townline. Mr. Wilson in the chair.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that this Council take no action in this matter, as the damage to the road is caused by the Steam-pump flood-gate at the end of the Townline drain; and that the Council of the Tp. of Chatham are the parties who took the responsibility of building said pump and flood-gate.—Carried.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr. Dolsen, seconded by Mr. Wilson, (T. E.), that this Council take no action in regard to the Dover and Chatham Town line but leave the grievance to be settled between the townships interested.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported a resolution passed in committee, viz., the amendment moved by Mr. Lee.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that the resolution passed in committee be adopted by this Council.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Northwood, a By-law relating to the dog tax in the Town of Chatham was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Trerice, that Mr. Langford, 1st Deputy-Clerk of Harwich, be added to the Road and Bridge committee.—Carried.

Mr. White presented the draft of a petition from this Council to the Lieut.-Gov. of the Province of Ontario praying that all the Municipal Corporations in the said Province be furnished with the Consolidated Statutes.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Dolsen, that the petition just read be engrossed, and a copy forwarded to His Excellency the Lieut.-Gov. of Ontario and the Prov. Secretary.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Lee, a By-law to raise the current expenses of the County of Kent and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read a first time.

In answer to Mr. Beattie's inquiry, if it was imperative to open on Sunday for the passage of boats the swing bridges in the County on navigable streams, the Warden replied that he did not understand the law on that point.

In answer to an enquiry by Mr. Beattie of the amount due the County by P. D. McKellar, Registrar, the Warden stated that by the Treasurer's report at the January Session of 1875 the sum of \$227 was then due, and that no further report has been made since.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Sherman, that the sum of \$200 be granted by this Council to repair the County Line between the Gore of Camden and the Township of Chatham.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

On motion of Mr. Northwood, a By-law to regulate the public travel over the 3rd and 5th Street bridges spanning the river Thames, in the Town of Chatham, and to provide for the care and maintenance of the same, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Lee, R. S. Woods, Esq., addressed the Council relative to the Prangley Drain.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KEER, Clerk.

ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, FRIDAY, 15th June, 1877.

The Roll was called. Present—Robert Ferguson, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Beattie, Cruickshank, Dillon, Dunlop, Holmes, Langford, Lee, McArthur, McKinlay, McDonald, Northwood, Smith, Sherman, Somerville, Trerice, White and Wilson (T. E.)

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Various notices of motion were given. Various accounts read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Trerice, the report of the Commissioners to superintend the Dresden Bridge was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Trerice, the report of the Committee on Public Buildings was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, a By-law to give the Council of Chatham Township control of the expenditure of certain sums of money on County Line between Kent and Lambton, was read a first time.

On motion of Dr. Smith, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the report of E. B. Harrison, I. P. S. Mr. Holmes in the chair.

Moved by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. McKinlay, that this Council Chamber be granted to the County Examiners of Public School teachers for the purpose of such board of examiners.—Carried.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported a resolution as passed in Committee of the Whole.

On motion the resolution passed in Committee was adopted by this Council.

Moved by Mr. Northwood, seconded by Mr. Somerville, that the sum of \$50 be appropriated by this Council for the purpose of paying the rent of Rifle Range for the use of the volunteers of the 24th Battalion. Referred to Com. on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, a By-law to divide the Corporation of the County of Kent into two divisions, for Public School purposes, and to appoint and confirm the appointment of Public School Inspectors therefor, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that a special Committee be appointed, composed of Messrs. Langford, Holmes, Robert and the mover, to examine and report upon the best means of repairing, preserving and improving the Chatham and Dover Town Line, from Little Bear Creek to the River Sydenham, and that such report be made at the next Session in December, if not sooner, and that this motion is not intended to interfere with the appropriations made by the Road and Bridge Committee.—Lost.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), a By-law to aid and protect the growth and preservation of insectivorous birds, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Northwood, seconded by Mr. Somerville, that the Reeves of Harwich, Howard and Orford, be a special Committee to examine into and report to this Council at its next session on the grievance complained of by Mr. Chambers, of Camden.—Lost.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The roll was called. Present—Robert Ferguson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Mr. Cameron.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the report of the R. & B. Com. was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the report of the Committee on County Assessments for drainage was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (T. E.), the report of the Committee to report on the best means of employing prisoners sentenced to hard labor was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Village of Blenheim be granted \$250 as an additional grant to assist them in building a Lock-up.—Referred to Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Arnold, a By-law to repeal By-law No. 225, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Northwood, a By-law relating to the Dog Tax in the Town of Chatham, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Northwood, a By-law to regulate the public travel over the 3rd and 5th Street Bridges, in the Town of Chatham, was read a second time.

On motion the 18th and 24th Rules were suspended during the remainder of the Session.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, a By-law to give the Council of the Township of Chatham control of the expenditure of certain grants of money on the County line between Kent and Lambton, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Langford, a By-law to aid and assist the growth and preservation of insectivorous birds was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, a By-law to divide the County into two divisions for public school purposes, and to appoint Public School Inspectors therefor, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Langford, the report of the County Auditors was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the report on Equalization be read and adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Langford, that the Equalization Report be referred back for the purpose of equalizing the rate of the Townships of Harwich and Howard upon the same basis as Orford and Camden.

Amendment lost. Motion carried. The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows on the motion:—

Yeas—Councillors Lee, McDonald, McArthur, Gallagher, White, Dolsen, Wilson (T. E.), Coatsworth, Smith, Sherman, Trerice, Anderson, Dillon, Cruickshank, Dunlop, Robert, Somerville, Northwood, Holmes and the Warden.—20.

Nays—Councillors Wilson (Harwich), Langford, Jackson, Beattie, Stephens, Arnold and McKinlay—7.

The report on Equalization was then read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Northwood, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the six By-laws that had received their second reading this afternoon. Mr. Holmes in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that four By-laws were lost in Committee, as follows:—1st. A By-law to repeal By-law No. 225.

2d. A By-law to regulate the Dog Tax in the Town of Chatham.

3rd. A By-law to regulate the public travel over 3rd and 5th St. Bridges in the Town of Chatham.

4th. A By-law relating to insectivorous birds.

Also, that two By-laws had passed as follows:—1st. A By-law to give the Council of the Township of Chatham control of the expenditure of certain grants of money on the County Line between Kent and Lambton, with a new clause added.

2d. A By-law to divide the Corporation of the County of Kent into two divisions for Public School purposes, and to appoint and confirm the appointment of Public School Inspectors therefor, with blanks filled up and a new clause added.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, a By-law to appropriate certain sums of money to the Township and County Lines and Bridges in the County of Kent, and to appoint Commissioners to expend the same, was read a first and second times.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the aforesaid By-law. Mr. Holmes in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law passed, with a clause added and the blanks filled up.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, said By-law to appropriate certain sums of money, was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Sherman, that the Council adjourn till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.—Carried.

SIXTE DAY—CHATHAM, Saturday, 16th June, 1877.

The roll was called. Present—Robert Ferguson, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Arnold, Beattie, Dillon, Dunlop, Gallagher, Holmes, Langford, McArthur, McDonald, Sherman, Stephens, Somerville and Trerice.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that the By-law to give Chatham Township control of the expenditure of certain grants of money on County line between Kent and Lambton, be read a third time.—Carried.

The By-law was then read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, that the By-law to divide the County of Kent into two divisions for Public School purposes, and to appoint Inspectors therefor, be read a third time.—Carried.

The By-law was then read a third time and passed.

In answer to an inquiry by Dr. Smith, the Warden replied that no sale had been made of any portion of the Industrial Farm, and that it was withdrawn from the market, as there was no prospect of selling to advantage for some time.

Several members who were absent at Roll call now entered and took their seats.

Moved by Mr. Somerville, seconded by Mr. Northwood, that the Building Committee be instructed to cause lightning rods to be put on the County Buildings.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the resolu-

tion instructing the Building Committee to put lightning rods on the County Buildings be laid over till the December session.

Amendment lost. Motion carried. The yeas and nays were called for on the motion and taken down as follows :

Yeas—Councillors Langford, Jackson, McDonald, McArthur, Wilson (T.E.), Lee, Coatsworth, Smith, Trerice, Anderson, Dillon, Dunlop, Somerville & Northwood—14.

Nays—Councillors Beattie, Stephens, White, Dolsen, Gallagher, Arnold, McKinlay, Cruickshank, Robert, Holmes, Sherman, and the Warden.—12.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that Andrew Marcus be appointed caretaker of Moravian Bridge.—Carried

On motion of Mr. Lee, a By-law to raise the sum of \$33,512,30, to meet the current expenditures of the County, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read a second time.

The Council went into Committee on said By-law. Mr. Holmes in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law passed in Committee with blanks filled up.

On motion of Mr. Lee, said By-law was then read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that the Building Committee take tenders for putting lightning rods on the buildings before letting the contract.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that this Council adjourn till Monday the 10th day of December next.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned accordingly.

PETITION.

PETITION FOR STATUTES.

To His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The petition of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent humbly sheweth—

That it is very desirable that all the Municipal Corporations in this Province should be in possession of the Consolidated Statutes when published,

Therefore your petitioners pray that you will cause all the Municipalities in the said Province of Ontario to be furnished with two copies of the same, or such other number as your Honor may deem sufficient.—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

COMMUNICATIONS.

ESTIMATE OF MONEYS REQUIRED FOR 1877.

County Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 11th June, 1877.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Herewith I have the honor to lay before your Honorable Body an estimate of the moneys required to meet the current expenses of the County for the present year, amounting to Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-eight dollars and Sixty-one cents. Besides this amount, provision will have to be made for the Huron & Erie Railway Debentures maturing, if they are issued.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your obed't serv't,

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

Estimate of moneys required to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent for the year 1877.

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| Grant West Kent Agr'l Society, \$ | 200 00 | Selectors of jurors, | \$ 114 00 |
| " East do do | 200 00 | School superintendence, | 600 00 |
| Rewards acc't, apprehension of horse thieves, | 40 00 | Miscellaneous expense, | 300 00 |
| Medicine for prisoners, | 9 30 | Coroner's orders, | 200 00 |
| Interest on Debentures, | 2675 00 | Paym't of criminal witnesses, .. | 600 00 |
| Debentures to retire, | 5000 00 | Adm. Justice not criminal, | 4830 50 |
| Grammar School, for Master, .. | 791 00 | G't pump, Chatham & D'r E.T.L. | 175 00 |
| Board of Audit, | 16 00 | Office Furniture, | 100 00 |
| Registry Office, for books, | 182 00 | Board of Examiners, | 200 00 |
| County printing, | 250 00 | Thamesville Bridge, | 50 00 |
| Fuel for offices, | 250 00 | Moravia Bridge, | 250 00 |
| Dresden bridge, for attendance, | 100 00 | Kent Bridge, | 200 00 |
| Sal. Treas'r, Clerk, & Auditors, | 1860 00 | Cooper D'n, Tw'p Romney, | 154 00 |
| Registry Office, for pump, | 10 00 | Gov. drain, Tilbury & Raleigh, | 11 42 |
| Public Buildings repairs, | 1800 00 | do do Romney, | 22 83 |
| Office rent account, | 465 00 | Marsh d'n, Howard & Orford, .. | 50 00 |
| Ins. on Pub. buildings & bridg's | 281 25 | | |
| Payment of Jurors, | 3000 00 | | \$28896 80 |
| Council's wages and Committees | 2400 00 | Less Surplus in 1876, | 398 10 |
| Caretaker of offices, | 240 00 | | \$28498 61 |
| Wallaceburg bridges, attendance | 500 00 | G't Town Chatham for bridges, | 800 00 |
| do repairs, | 500 00 | | \$29298 61 |

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

APPLICATION FOR P. S. INSPECTOR.

To the Warden and Members of the Council of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I inclose herewith the necessary certificate of qualification, and I respectfully ask to be appointed as Inspector of Public Schools in West Kent, and also as Examiner.

I have undergone the full course of training at the Toronto Normal School, and, excepting the time spent at that institution and while studying for my degree, I have been continuously engaged in teaching since the year 1859.

If appointed, it is my intention to have an office in Chatham.—I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, respectfully yours,

W. M. NICHOLS, B. A.
Headmaster, Blenheim School.

Rond Eau, June 6th, 1877.

REV. A. WADDELL, (INCLUDED IN ABOVE.)

To the Warden and Members of the Council of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I have been for nearly 18 months intimately acquainted with Wilmot M. Nichols, B. A., now Principal of the Blenheim School, and have much pleasure in presenting to your Board a decided testimony in his favor.

I have frequently attended the examination of his classes since he came to this place, and have no hesitation in saying that I consider him one of the best teachers and one of the best principals I ever knew in such a position.

I would further say that he possesses in no small degree those special qualifications required in one who aspires to fill the office of School Inspector. He is gentle in manner, while firm in purpose; he is exceedingly exact in all school regulations; he spares no labor, he dreads no weather.

In brief, Gentlemen of the Council, I consider that the Schools in West Kent may consider themselves fortunate to obtain an Inspector who, in character, scholarship, and aptitude is qualified as Mr. Nichols is.—I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obdt. sevt.,

A. W. WADDELL,
Min. of the Pres. Church, Harwich.

Rond Eau, 7th May, 1877.

BAPTISTE CREEK OBSTRUCTION.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

Queen, vs. G. W. R. Company.

GENTLEMEN,—The Defendants, by their Solicitor, have agreed to remove the Central part of the bridge at Baptiste Creek, so as to open a way for scows and steam tugs, equal to what it was when the old bridge was there, sometime during the summer, and have requested me not to press this matter at the coming Assize, with the understanding that we are to proceed with the suit at the Fall Assizes if they fail to remove the obstructions. I have assented to this on behalf of this County, as I think it very reasonable on their part, and under the circumstances the Court would give them, in all probability, time to remove the obstructions. Hoping what I have done will meet with approval. I remain, yours, very truly,

Chatham, April 26th, 1877.

C. R. ATKINSON.

OPINION *RE* HARWICH vs. E. & H. R. CO.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. of Kent.

HARWICH vs. E. AND H. R.

SIRS—In the above suit, acting on behalf of the Council, I have caused the answer of the Warden to be filed in reply to the plaintiff's bill taking a *neutral position* and leaving the Plaintiffs and the Railway Co'y to fight out the matter on the merits. Since our answer was filed the Plaintiffs' Solicitors applied to me to get your consent not to issue Debentures till the suit was tried in the fall in the ordinary way, and urging as a threat that if they were forced to apply for an injunction they would try to make the County pay the costs of it. I at once replied that I could not so advise; that I thought it was in the interest of all parties that the merits of the suit should be tried on an application for injunction, and that it was due to the Plaintiffs, the Co'y, and all concerned that it should be applied for at once. I then communicated to the Warden what had been done, since which time an injunction has been applied for, and the motion is now pending. I have advised the Warden (since the matter has been moved in for an injunction) not to issue the Debentures, is the safest and only proper course to take. He will explain more fully what has given rise to his having been called upon to consult with me about it, and I do think that your honorable body, whether friendly to the plaintiffs or otherwise, will sustain him in the position taken, *i. e.*, not to issue the debentures till the merits of the case is heard in court and an injunction refused, or if granted, till after suit is finally disposed of.—Yours very truly,

CHAS. R. ATKINSON.

Chatham, June 7th, '77.

R E P O R T S .

ON SCHOOLS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipal Corporation of the Co. of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit the following report respecting the Public and Roman Catholic Separate Schools, (not including the Town of Bothwell), in the County of Kent, for the year 1876, and at the same time to bring under your notice certain other matters.

The number of Schools and Departments recognized by the Education Department on the 31st December, 1876, was 133, viz:

Rural Public Schools, 103; Public Schools in the Incorporated Villages, 5; Roman Catholic Separate Schools, 5; Additional and distinct departments of Rural and Village schools taught in separate rooms, with teachers and registers of their own, 16; the number of Public Schools and Departments in the Town of Bothwell, 4.

The total value of property assessed for public school purposes during the year amounted to \$10,271,420.

The Trustees received during the year from the Municipal Grant, \$5067 01, Government Grant, \$4937 09; School Tax on property, \$56,209 34; and from all other sources, \$6586 03; making a total of receipts with the balance on hand of \$6694 64 added, of \$79,494 11, against \$70196 92½, of 1875, showing an increase of \$9297.18½.

The expenditures by the Trustees were for teachers' salaries, \$43608.56; increase \$4091.57; repairs of School Houses, Fences, &c., \$3307.80; increase, \$282.74½. Pur-

chase of school site, and building school houses, \$17,173.96, increase \$2554.56; Libraries, maps, apparatus and prize books, \$518.05, increase \$90.32, incidental expenses, \$6773.00; increase, \$1364.45; making a total expenditure of \$71,381.37, against \$62997.72, of 1874; showing an increase of \$8383 65.

The Trustees' debts on the 31st Dec'r, 1876, amounted to \$23,613.82. They owe \$22,908.89, for buildings, an increase of \$2,865.14.

An expenditure of \$68,190.47 for buildings during the past six years, show that continuous efforts have been made, during that time, to render our school houses more comfortable.

Notwithstanding the present amount of indebtedness on the part of the school sections, added to the large amounts due by very many of the same sections for drains and other public improvements, a judicious annual expenditure of even small sums of money, will, in a few years, provide the schools with suitable apparatus and other school requisites.

The cost per annum for each pupil estimated on the number of pupils of all ages on the Daily Registers of the Public and Separate Schools, and the total expenditure, was about \$6.15, increase 33 cents. The cost per pupil estimated on the average attendance, and the total expenditure, was about \$7.83, increase, 13 cents.

The cost per pupil estimated on the number of pupils of all ages on the Daily Register, and the amount paid to teachers was about \$3.75, increase, 10 cents. The cost per pupil estimated on the average attendance and the amount paid to teachers was about \$4.78, decrease, 5 cents, showing a better attendance.

The number of pupils of all ages enrolled on the Daily Register was 11,611, increase 791, of whom 10,918 were between the ages of 5 and 16.

About 12 per cent. attended less than 20 days; about 20 per cent. attended less than 50 days; about 27 per cent less than 100 days; about 21 per cent. less than 150 days; about 15 per cent. less than 200 days; and only about 3 per cent. 200 days. These show that the attendance is still not what it ought to be, but in advance of the attendance for 1875, by 2 per cent. for less than and over 200 days.

There were (including the Town of Bothwell,) 136 teachers employed on the 22nd December. Four of these held 1st Class Provincial Certificates; twenty-five, 2nd Class Provincial Certificates; one, a 1st Class Old County Board Certificate; one, a 2nd Class Old County Board Certificate; ninety-three, 3rd Class New County Board Certificates; and 12 Interim Certificates.

The average salary paid to a male teacher was at the rate of \$388.38, being a decrease of 53 cents. The average salary paid to a female teacher was \$284.41, being an increase of \$20.09.

The number of pupils in the first three forms was 10,797, and in the next three forms 1,814. The subjects belonging to the former, are on the whole fairly taught, but with few exceptions—very many of the subjects belonging to the latter are not well taught. In my opinion, they ought to be made optional, at least until we are better supplied with trained teachers.

Ninety-five Sunday Schools, with an attendance of 4,046 pupils, and 463 teachers, were in operation during 1875. They had 8,992 volumes in their libraries.

The total value of the school property is \$112,844.99. The school houses and sites are estimated at \$99,030.00; the school desks and furniture at \$9,076.00; maps and apparatus at \$3524.70; and text books and Library Books, the property of the school at \$1214.29.

The County Examiners have raised the standard for the Third-Class Certificates, by requiring the candidates to take at least 50 per cent. of the marks given for grammar, the same for arithmetic, and the same of the total number of marks given for all the subjects, including music and drawing. For the renewal of the Third-Class Certificates, 75 per cent. will be exacted for Grammar, the same for arithmetic, and two-thirds of the total marks given for all the subjects, including the First Book of Euclid, music and drawing.

One hundred and forty-six candidates for Public School Teachers' Third-Class Certificates intend to present themselves for examination, and as there is not sufficient accommodation for them in the High School, I am under the necessity of asking your Honorable Body, in accordance with the "Consolidated Public School Act of 1874," Section 61, Sub-Section 10, to provide additional accommodation for holding the examination.

After the present year Third-Class Teachers who succeed in passing the examina-

tion in July, will be required to attend for one session at one of the proposed County Model Schools, and pass a satisfactory examination at the close of such session. In order to carry out the above, and to assist Teachers' Associations, the "Consolidated School Act of 1874" has been amended by the addition of the following clause as sub-section eight: "To provide and levy in each year the following sums:

"(a) The sum of one hundred dollars, at least, towards each public school which may become a County Model School; and which may be established by the Council in the County or an Electoral District, or in any city or town separated under any agreement with the School Board of any such city or town."

"(b) The sum of fifty dollars towards the County Teachers' Institute or Association in the County or in each Inspector's District."

The School Law Amendment Act of 1877, in Section No. 11, Sub-Section 1, has amended the Act of 1874, by providing for the proportion which the part in each municipality is liable to contribute towards the erection and maintenance of the Union School and other requisite expenses, consequently the Reeves and Inspector are not now required annually to equalize the assessments of the Union School sections.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

EDMUND B. HARRISON, P. S. I., Kent.

Ridgetown, June 11th, 1877.

COUNTY AUDITORS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

The Auditors for the current year beg leave to report as follows:—

That they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the High School Board, also the vouchers for expenditure therefor, and have to report all correct.

The accounts of the various sub-Treasurers of School monies, together with vouchers, have been examined and found correct. The books and vouchers for expenditure for the past year of the County Treasurer have been duly audited, and were found in a satisfactory state.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. D. ROSS, } Co. Auditors.
WM. FRASER, }

Chatham, 15th June, '77.

ON PRISONERS SENTENCED TO HARD LABOR.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to report on the advisability and best means to employ persons sentenced to hard labor in the County, beg leave to report, That on examining the Acts passed last session, we find that the Lieut.-Governor in Council of this Province will have to make the regulations for putting the law in force before any action can be taken in the matter, and recommend that it lay over for the present.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW WILSON, Chairman.

RETURN OF COMMITMENTS.

Total number of Prisoners sentenced to the County Gaol with hard labor for the year ending 31st Dec., 1876.

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| Males..... | 43 | Total days..... | 2086 |
| Females..... | 9 | “ | 811 |
| | 52 | | 2,897 |

This does not include prisoners removed to Central Prison, Toronto.

R. MERCER, Gaoler.

DRAINAGE ASSESSMENT.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed under By-laws of your Council to examine Assessments against the County for improvements to the County Roads by making certain drains, beg leave to report as follows:

We had the following assessments served on us, viz: Engineer's report on South Marsh drain, served by the Tp. of Howard, assessment against Townline between Howard and Orford, \$50. Cranberry Marsh drain, served by the Tp. of Howard,

assessment against Townline between Howard and Orford, \$189.70. Harper drain, served by the Tp. of Zone on Townline between Camden and Zone, \$30. Brubacher drain, by the Tp. of Zone on County line between Mosa and Zone, \$20 00. Murray drain, by the Tp. of Zone, on County line between Euphemia and Zone, \$17. Two Fence-viewer's awards, served by the Reeve of Harwich, viz: On Brookbank ditch, \$18.25; on Achinson ditch, \$6.50—both on Townline between Harwich and Raleigh.

Your Commissioners, after examining plans, profiles, awards, &c., of the drains and ditches above mentioned, consider that all the above assessments and awards should be allowed and provided for and paid as soon as satisfactory proofs are given that the works are completed and the full amount expended.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. FERGUSON, Warden.

COUNTY BRIDGES.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to report that I have examined the different Bridges belonging to the County and find them as follows:

The Moravia Bridge is getting old and will soon have to be rebuilt. At the January session there was not any person appointed in charge of it. I told the Reeve of Bothwell to ask Mr. Marcus, who lives close by it, to see that parties crossing it did not drive over it faster than a walk, and that the Council would allow him a little for his trouble. There will have to be a grant made to repair the North approach, and also the flooring, as there are some holes in it.

The Thamesville Bridge is all right, but you will have to make a small grant to get the bolts screwed up in it.

The Kent Bridge is standing all right, but the iron work is in much need of painting, and I would recommend you to make a grant for the same before the iron gets covered with rust.

The Dresden Bridge is all right, and I am told that the swing works easily.

I had a letter and telegraph from the Reeve, Mr. Beattie, of Wallaceburg, on 19th May, stating that one of the bridges there had got out of repair. I went to Wallaceburg on 25th May, and found that the Reeve had to engage an extra man to turn the bridge that spans the main stream, as one man was not able to swing it. I caused the bridge to be swung, and Mr. Beattie and myself went under and examined it. We found that the foundation under the centre pivot had sunk down, and the pivot had got fast in the socket and would not turn, and all the weight of the bridge was lying on the rollers that were under it to steady it when it was being swung, and the bridge turned on the screw of the centre point instead of the socket end, and that was the cause of it being so hard to swing. I found also that all the bolts were in much need of being screwed up. The cables that are in it have not screw buckles in them, and that there is not any way of tightening up the ends of the abutments as the timber shrinks in the bridge. The floor at each end of the bridge is sinking down, owing to the pieces that are fastened on at each end to the chords with tenons being broken. I am of opinion that the bridge will have to be raised up with jack screws, as its own screw will not raise it, owing to its being fast in the socket, and the centre taken out and repaired so that it will turn in the socket, and a piece of timber placed on top of the piles for the centre to rest on, and the weight rest on the pivot instead of on the rollers. There will also have to be screw buckles placed in the cables, and the ends of the bridge will have to be repaired and a piece of iron placed under the end for the rollers to run on, as at present there is not any, and the rollers have cut a groove in the timber and helps to make it hard to turn. The bridge will have to be repaired at once, as there is danger of not being able to turn it all, and obstruct navigation.

I found the bridge across the North branch in pretty good repair. It showed also that it was sinking in the centre, and will have to be raised. I think its own screw will raise it high enough so that the braces in it can be tightened up to their place. It requires a new floor, as the present floor is wore very thin, and there are a good many holes in it.

The Treasurer called my attention some time ago to the fact that the bridges on the River Sydenham were not insured, and as the County had the bridges on the Thames belonging to it insured, I told him to insure the Dresden bridge for \$2000, and would recommend the Council to do likewise with the Wallaceburg bridges.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. FERGUSON, Warden.

DRESDEN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Commissioners, appointed to superintend the caretaking of Dresden Bridge, beg leave to report as follows:—1st. That we sold the swinging and caretaking of the Dresden bridge for the present year for the sum of Seventy-five dollars; also, that the bridge is in good repair and gives perfect satisfaction to the travelling public. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR ANDERSON, }
A. TRERICE, } Commissioners.

PRINTING.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Printing beg leave to report that the Clerk having received two tenders for the County Printing, we met and after due consideration awarded the contract to Mr. Gemmill for the current year, his tender being the lowest. We instructed the Clerk to procure two set of Electrotypes, representing the Corporation Seal of the County, to be used as a heading for the official advertisements, and on the title page of the printed minutes. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

THOMAS DILLON.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

We your Committee on Public Buildings, beg leave to report as follows:—

Committee met at the Clerk's office on the 15th day of May, 1877, when it was decided that in consequence of an application made to this Council at its January session for a new office for the Master in Chancery, that the Warden be instructed to wait on Mr. O'Hara, and offer him the old Registry Office as directed by this Council, which offer Mr. O'Hara refused to accept, stating that he would withdraw the demand made to this Council for office rent.

The Committee then visited the Gaol and found it in a bad state, and much in need of repairs—in fact, found that it was absolutely necessary to make the change we did in accordance with instructions from the Inspector of Prisons. The changes and repairs made were about as follows:

The concentrating of the water closets with pipes leading into one main drain, and have the same conveyed into main sewer outside gaol wall, with brick pipes; and also to have the water from the eaves conducted into the said crock pipes, with proper conductors laid underground outside.

Your Committee also found it necessary to procure 20 suits of clothes for the prisoners, which we did, after taking particular pains to see where we could get them cheapest and best, which we got at about \$8.90 per suit.

Your Com. also caused soft maple trees to be planted on street in front of Registry office and Court House, as directed by this Council. We also furnished coal boxes with proper fastenings for use of Clerk of the Peace and Sheriff; also, some common chairs for Clerk of Peace and Judge.

We also had a well dug and pump placed therein for the use of Registry office.

We received an application from A. E. Merritt, which we laid over for consideration of this Council, for the purpose of putting lightning rods on our Public Buildings.

We also received an application from Judge Wells and W. A. Campbell, Clerk of Co. Court, for new offices. Their applications we could not grant, inasmuch as the County is holding to Mr. Bell for the present year's rent for the offices they now occupy.

Below you will find a statement of accounts for the work which we recommend:—

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| T. W. Jackson, for 20 suits of clothing for prisoners at gaol, \$8 90..... | \$178 00 |
| Robert Mercer, for extra Turnkey..... | 13 00 |
| J. C. Small, for pump..... | 10 00 |
| Henry Baxter, for men working at gaol..... | 317 69 |
| J. & W. McKeough..... | 764 02 |
| G. H. Sexsmith..... | 10 00 |
| A. Jahnke, for chairs for Douglas and Judge..... | 14 25 |
| Joseph Northwood & Son, lumber..... | 9 60 |
| Charles Fisher, for plastering at gaol..... | 77 51 |
| A. Jahnke, for chairs and table for O'Hara's office..... | 16 00 |

\$1410 07

Your Com. have no doubt but you will think the expenditure as above stated is large, but your Com. are well aware although large it was very necessary to make the above mentioned improvements, more especially as it was imperative that such should be done; as no doubt you are all, or many of you, aware that in other Counties the Government have compelled the Councils to build new gaols in consequence of neglect of keeping the old one in good repair. Consequently we think the money well expended, and trust and believe that it will be a lasting benefit to the County.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. TRERICE, Chairman Com.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We your Committee on Roads & Bridges beg leave to report as follows—

We recommend that the following sums be granted to the following Townlines and Bridges:—

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| Townline between Chatham gore | Camden & Chatham..... | \$200 00 |
| & Camden..... | Thameville and Camden | 80 00 |
| Romney and Tilbury Co. line.... | Tilbury E. & W. Co. line..... | 250 00 |
| Dresden and Camden | Ridgetown and Howard | 150 00 |
| Harwich and Raleigh..... | Town Chatham and Harwich.... | 50 00 |
| Raleigh and Chatham..... | Raleigh and Tilbury..... | 400 00 |
| Camden and Zone..... | Bothwell and Zone..... | 50 00 |
| Mosa and Bothwell Co. line..... | Chatham and Dover town line... | 700 00 |
| Moravian bridge..... | Zone and Euphemia Co. line.... | 100 00 |
| Kent bridge..... | Howard and Orford lowline .. | 300 00 |
| Kent and Elgin Co. line..... | Tp. of Chatham and Town.... | 100 00 |
| Howard and Harwich..... | County line Dawn and Camden.. | 150 00 |
| Wallaceburg bridge..... | Tilbury & Romney townline.... | 200 00 |
| Thamesville bridge..... | Town Chatham and Dover.... | 100 00 |
| Bothwell bridge, south approach.. | | |
| | Total..... | \$6000 45 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. ANDERSON, Chairman.

FINANCE.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Com. on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the matters referred to them and report as follows. That the following accounts for committee work be paid:

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| Lemuel Sherman..... | \$2 00 | John Lee..... | \$2 00 |
| Stephen White..... | 8 00 | R. Ferguson..... | 26 20 |
| Wm. Northwood..... | 6 00 | G. H. Dolson..... | 4 00 |
| Arthur Anderson..... | 6 00 | Peter Robert..... | 10 00 |
| J. A. Langford..... | 6 00 | Alex. Trerice..... | 8 00 |
| Thos. Dillon..... | 2 00 | | |

We recommend that nothing be given in aid of a grant for the Rifle range to 24th Battalion of Kent.

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| R. Tiffin, care-taker of Dresden bridge..... | \$43 25 |
| Wm. Patterson, lumber for Wallaceburg bridges..... | 5 76 |
| S. L. Jackson, painting on Dresden bridge..... | 6 00 |
| C. R. Atkinson, fees relative to Baptiste creek..... | 28 00 |
| Willing & Williamson, Law Journal..... | 10 00 |
| S. Barfoot, rent for postage for Co. Clerk..... | 6 00 |
| Rufus Stephenson, printing..... | 19 46 |
| Henry Robinson, sundries..... | 8 70 |
| R. Cooper, stationery for Judge Wells..... | 5 60 |
| Jas Holmes, | 8 40 |
| A. McDonell, examining Chatham & Dover townline drain by order of the Reeve of Chatham Tp..... | 6 00 |
| E. B. Harrison, stationery, express charges, and postage..... | 16 57 |

The application of Michael Dupran for work on Tilbury and Romney T. L. was referred to commissioner on that road, with instructions to pay the same.

We cannot recommend the payment of Mr. Harrison's account for attending Board

of Examiners, as we think that duty is imperative as School Superintendent.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE, Chairman.

P. S.—Also recommend the payment of \$15 to D. G. Fleming, for examination of lunatics..... \$15 00
Bernard Gallagher, day on Printing committee..... 2 00

\$254 80

9 00

\$245 80

EQUALIZATION.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to Equalize the Assessment Rolls of the different Municipalities in the County beg leave to report as follows: That they have equalized said Rolls as per schedule herewith submitted, and would recommend that this Council strike the rate for the year 1877 on the several Municipalities in accordance with the said schedule and that the same be transferred to the Committee on Finance for said purpose.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. COATSWORTH, Chairman.

Council Room, June 15th, 1877.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 351.

A BY-LAW for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864,

PASSED 14th June, 1877.

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and necessary that the Temperance Act of 1864, (as amended by the Statutes of Ontario, 40th Vic., 1877, chap. 8, sec. 72), should be enforced within the County of Kent,

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal Acts of Ontario and the Temperance Act of 1864;

1st. That the sale of intoxicating liquors and the issue of licenses therefor is hereby prohibited within the County of Kent, under authority and for enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864, as amended by the aforesaid recited Act of the Legislature of Ontario; and it is hereby ordered that this By-law be submitted for approval to the Municipal Electors of the County of Kent; and in that case the same shall not take effect unless approved. And that a Poll be opened on Tuesday the 24th day of July, 1877, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon in each of the several Municipalities of the County of Kent in terms of the Statute.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

NO. 352.

A BY-LAW to appropriate certain sums of money to the Township and County Lines and Bridges in the County of Kent, and to appoint Commissioners to expend the same.

PASSED 15th June, 1877.

WHEREAS it is necessary to grant the following sums, and they are hereby granted to improve the different County and Township lines,

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Acts respecting Municipal Institutions of the Province of Ontario—

1st. The sum of \$150 to improve the Town line between the Gore of Camden and Chatham; the Reeve of Chatham Tp. and the Deputy-Reeve of Camden, Com'rs.

2nd. The sum of \$200 between the Townships of Chatham and Camden; the Reeve of Chatham Tp. and the Deputy-Reeve of Camden, Com'rs.

3rd. The sum of \$80 between Thamesville and Camden; the Reeves of Thamesville and Camden, Com'rs.

4th. The sum of \$400 on County line between Romney and Mersea; the Reeve of Romney, Com'r.

5th. The sum of \$250 on County line between Tilbury East and West; the Reeve of Tilbury East, Com'r.

6th. The sum of \$100 between Dresden and Camden; the Reeve of Dresden and the Deputy-Reeve of Camden, Com'rs.

7th. The sum of \$400 between Harwich and Raleigh; the Reeve of Raleigh and the 2nd Deputy-Reeve of Harwich, Com'rs.

8th. The sum of \$50 between the Town of Chatham and Harwich; the 1st Deputy-Reeve of Chatham and the Reeve of Harwich, Com'rs.

9th. The sum of \$75 between the Town of Chatham and Raleigh; the Reeves of Chatham and Raleigh, Com'rs.

10th. The sum of \$400 between Raleigh and Tilbury East; the Reeve of Tilbury East and the Deputy-Reeve of Raleigh, Com'rs.

11th. The sum of \$250 between Camden and Zone; the Reeves of Camden and Zone, Com'rs.

12th. The sum of \$50 between Bothwell and Zone; the Reeves of Bothwell and Zone, Com'rs.

13th. The sum of \$40 between Mosa and Bothwell; the Reeve of Bothwell, Com'r.

14th. The sum of \$700 between the Townships of Chatham and Dover; the 1st Deputy-Reeve of Chatham Tp. and the Deputy-Reeve of Dover, Com'rs.

15th. The sum of \$250 to Moravian Bridge; the Reeves of Zone and Orford, Com'rs.

16th. The sum of \$100 between Zone and Enphemia on the County line; the Reeve of Zone, Com'r.

17th. The sum of \$200 to Kent Bridge; the 1st Deputy-Reeve of Harwich and the Warden, Com'rs.

18th. The sum of \$300 between Howard and Orford; the Reeve of Howard and the Deputy-Reeve of Orford, Com'rs.

19th. The sum of \$300 between Kent and Elgin; the Reeve of Orford, Com'r.

20th. The sum of \$100 between the Township and Town of Chatham; the 2nd Deputy-Reeves of the Township and Town of Chatham, Com'rs.

21st. The sum of \$300 between Howard and Harwich; the 1st Deputy-Reeve of Harwich and the Deputy-Reeve of Howard, Com'rs.

22nd. The sum of \$150 between Dawn and the Gore of Camden; the Deputy-Reeve of Camden, Com'r.

23rd. The sum of \$600 to repair Wallaceburg Bridges; the Reeve of Wallaceburg and the Warden, Com'rs.

24th. The sum of \$200 between Tilbury and Romney; the Reeves of Tilbury East and Romney, Com'rs.

25th. The sum of \$50 to the Thamesville Bridge; the Reeve of Thamesville, Com'r.

26th. The sum of \$100 between the Town of Chatham and Dover; the Reeve of Dover and the 1st Deputy-Reeve of Chatham, Com'rs.

27th. The sum of \$100 to repair the South Approach of Bothwell Bridge; the Reeve of Orford, Com'r.

28th. The sum of \$150 between Ridgetown and Howard; the Reeve of Ridgetown and the Deputy-Reeve of Howard, Com'rs.

And that the County Treasurer pay the said amounts on the order of the Commissioners.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

[L.S.]

ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

NO. 353.

A BY-LAW to give the Council of Chatham Township control of the expenditure of certain grants of Money on County Line between Kent and Lambton.

PASSED 16th June, 1877.

WHEREAS the sum of Six Hundred and Forty-seven Dollars and Forty-three Cents has been granted at different times by the County Council of the County of Kent to

improve the Town-line between the Townships of Sombra and the Gore of Chatham, the same being also the County Line between the County of Kent and Lambton.

AND WHEREAS the said sum of Six Hundred and Forty-seven Dollars and Forty-three Cents has not been expended in improving said Town Line, in consequence of not being met by an equal amount by the said County of Lambton; and as it is necessary that said Road should be improved so that said Road may be put in an equal state of repair with the Roads in the Municipalities of the said Township of Sombra and Gore of Chatham.

Therefore be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, assembled under and by virtue of an Act respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of Ontario.

1st. That the said sum of Six Hundred and Forty-seven Dollars and Forty-three Cents, formerly granted to be expended on the County Line between Kent and Lambton, be re-granted to the Corporation of the Township of Chatham, to be used for that purpose, and to call on the Corporation of the Township of Sombra to apportion by By-law an equal amount, and to put in force the law on that subject; and that the 14th section of By-law number 304 and the 1st section of By-law number 331 be and is hereby repealed.

2nd. That the money be paid by the County Treasurer as soon as the Township of Sombra or County of Lambton appropriate an equal amount; or should Sombra or County of Lambton appropriate a less sum, then an equal amount should be paid to meet them.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

[L.S.]

ROBT. FERGUSON, Warden.

NO. 354.

A BY-LAW to divide the Corporation of the County of Kent into two Divisions for Public School purposes, and to appoint and confirm the appointment of Public School Inspectors therefor.

PASSED June 16th, 1877.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to divide the Corporation of the County of Kent into two Divisions for Public School purposes and appoint a School Inspector for each of such Divisions.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal laws of Ontario, and by authority of the Consolidated School Act of Ontario;

1. That the East and West Ridings of the Corporation of the County of Kent, as now divided for Electoral purposes, shall hereafter be known and called the East and West Divisions of Kent for Public School purposes.

2. That the appointment of Edmund B. Harrison as Public School Inspector for the said East Division of Kent, and Wilmot M. Nichol as Public School Inspector for the said West Division of Kent, be hereby confirmed in their appointments; and that the salary of each said School Inspector shall be \$5 00 annually for each School kept open according to law, to be paid as the law directs, and no more.

3. And that all other By-laws or portions of By-laws inconsistent with this By-law are hereby repealed.

4. That this By-law shall take effect as soon as approved by the Governor in Council of this Province.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBT. FERGUSON, Warden.

NO. 355.

A BY-LAW to raise the sum of \$33,572.30 to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent and for other purposes therein mentioned,

PASSED 16th June, 1877.

WHEREAS it is requisite and necessary to raise the sum of \$33,572.30 to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent for the year 1877.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and by virtue of an Act respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of Ontario;

1st. That in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, that there shall be raised, levied and collected from and off all rateable property in the County of Kent the sum of \$33,572.30 for the following purposes:—

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| West Kent Agr'l Society,..... | \$ 200 00 | Selectors of jurors,..... | \$ 114 00 |
| East do do | 200 00 | School superintendence,..... | 600 00 |
| Rewards,account horse thieves.. | 40 00 | Miscellaneous expenses..... | 200 00 |
| Medicine for prisoners,..... | 9 30 | Coroner's orders,..... | 200 00 |
| Interest on Debentures,..... | 2675 00 | Payment of criminal witnesses. | 400 00 |
| Debentures to retire,..... | 5000 00 | Adm. Justice not criminal,..... | 4830 50 |
| Htgh School, for Master..... | 791 00 | Chatham & Dovertownline pump | 175 00 |
| Board of Audit, | 16 00 | Office Furniture,..... | 100 00 |
| Registry Office, for books,..... | 182 00 | Board of Examiners,..... | 200 00 |
| County printing,..... | 250 00 | Thamesville Bridge, | 50 00 |
| Fuel for offices, | 250 00 | Moravia Bridge,..... | 250 00 |
| Dresden bridge, for attendance, | 100 00 | Kent Bridge, for painting..... | 200 00 |
| Sal. Treas'r, Clerk, & Auditors, | 1860 00 | Cooper drain, Tp. of Romney.. | 154 00 |
| Registry Office, for pump,..... | 10 00 | Gov. drain, Tilbury & Raleigh, | 11 42 |
| Public Buildings repairs, | 1800 00 | do do Romney, | 22 83 |
| Office rent account,..... | 465 00 | Marsh drain, Howard & Orford. | 50 00 |
| Ins. on Pub. buildings & bridg's | 281 25 | Grant Town of Chatham bridges | 800 00 |
| Payment of Jurors,.. | 2500 00 | Grant to Roads & Bridges in ex- | |
| Council's wages and Committees | 2200 00 | cess of what is already mention'd | 5045 00 |
| Caretaker of offices, | 240 00 | | |
| Wallaceburg bridges, attendance | 500 00 | | |
| do repairs,.... | 600 00 | | |
| | | | \$33572 30 |

2nd. And be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid that the sum aforesaid shall be levied and collected from and off the several Townships, Towns and Villages and Municipalities in the County of Kent, and to be paid to the County Treasurer without any deduction whatever, on or before the 14th day of December, 1877, in the following proportion, that is to say—

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|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Township of Harwich..... | \$5377 12 | Town of Chatham..... | 4250 00 |
| “ Camden..... | 1917 17 | “ Bothwell..... | 400 00 |
| “ Chatham..... | 3873 80 | Village of Dresden..... | 475 00 |
| “ Dover..... | 2854 55 | “ Thamesville..... | 225 00 |
| “ Howard..... | 3693 48 | “ Wallaceburg..... | 275 00 |
| “ Orford..... | 2453 91 | “ Glenheim..... | 275 00 |
| “ Raleigh..... | 3771 54 | “ Ridgetowu.... | 250 00 |
| “ Romney..... | 828 36 | | |
| “ Tilbury East..... | 1708 14 | | |
| “ Zone..... | 944 23 | | |
| | | | \$33,572 30 |

3rd. And be it further enacted that the sum of \$5000 00, more or less according to the apportionment of the Legislative School Grant for the year 1877, be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Municipalities within the said County of Kent to meet the Government appropriations to each Municipality for Common School purposes.

4th. And be it enacted that it shall be the duty of the County Clerk to notify the Clerks of the several Municipalities of the County of Kent the amount of the Common School grant appropriated to each Township as soon as he shall be notified of the same by the Minister of Education of Ontario, in order that the amount may be raised according to law.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

ROBT. FERGUSON, Warden.

| TOWNSHIPS. | Total No. of Acres. | No. Acres Resident Land. | Value of Resident Land. | Average ass'd value per acre. | Equalized value Res-ident Land. | Equalized rate per acre. | No acres non-resid't land. | Value non-resident land. | Assessed value per acre. | Equalized value non-res. land. | Equalized rate per acre. | Personal property. | Total value. | Equalized value. | Amount of rate. |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| CAMDEN..... | 40777 | 36095 | \$ 456997 | \$12 73 | | | 4682 | \$36666 | \$7 80 | | | \$27070 | \$520733 | | \$ |
| Equalized value | | | | | \$ 718206 | \$20 00 | | | | \$48670 | \$10 00 | | | \$766870 | 1917 17 |
| CHATHAM..... | 82985 | 67867 | 816120 | 12 02 | 1398290 | 20 00 | 15118 | 80903 | 5 34 | 151180 | 10 00 | 90180 | 987203 | 1549320 | 3873 80 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DOVER..... | 68916 | 49208 | 632903 | 12 84 | 984160 | 20 00 | 19708 | 62095 | 3 15 | 157654 | 8 00 | 47615 | 742618 | 1141820 | 2854 55 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HARWICH..... | 86710 | 85620 | 2157031 | 25 37 | 2125500 | 25 00 | 1690 | 25560 | 15 12 | 25350 | 15 00 | 115997 | 2298585 | 2150850 | 5377 12 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOWARD..... | 59375 | 58577 | 1543105 | 26 29 | 1466925 | 25 00 | 698 | 9750 | 13 96 | 10470 | 15 00 | 119680 | *1672535 | 1477395 | 3693 48 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ORFORD..... | 40762 | 43394 | 963860 | 19 91 | 967880 | 20 00 | 1368 | 15337 | 11 21 | 13680 | 10 00 | 49730 | 1028927 | 981560 | 2453 91 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RALEIGH..... | 70384 | 64332 | 1418723 | 22 03 | 1448595 | 22 50 | 6002 | 73631 | 12 26 | 60020 | 10 00 | 166804 | 1559158 | 1508615 | 3771 54 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ROMNEY..... | 27116 | 17063 | 287433 | 16 84 | 255945 | 15 00 | 10053 | 86187 | 8 57 | 75397 | 7 50 | 36843 | 410463 | 331342 | 828 36 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TILBURY EAST.. | 54113 | 36988 | 499731 | 13 51 | 554820 | 15 00 | 1712 | 111588 | 8 57 | 128437 | 7 50 | 40545 | 651864 | 683857 | 1708 14 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ZONE..... | 26281 | 24078 | 179558 | 7 45 | 361170 | 15 00 | 2203 | 16150 | 7 33 | 16522 | 7 50 | 25898 | 221606 | 377692 | 944 23 |
| Equalized value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| TOWNS AND VILLAGES. | ASSESSED VALUE.* | At 60 per cent. produces. | Equalized value at 60 per cent. | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Town of Bothwell..... | \$ 164,858 | \$ 98,914 | \$ 267,000 | \$164558 | \$100000 | \$100 00 |
| " Chatham..... | 1,283,560 | 770,136 | 2,833,000 | 1283560 | 1700000 | 4250 00 |
| Village of Blenheim.... | 254,981 | 152,988 | 184,000 | 254981 | 110000 | 275 00 |
| " Dresden..... | 272,430 | 163,458 | 317,000 | 272430 | 190000 | 475 00 |
| " Ridgetown.... | 113,815 | 68,289 | 167,000 | 113815 | 100000 | 250 00 |
| " Thamesville... | 67,665 | 40,599 | 150,000 | 67665 | 90000 | 225 00 |
| " Wallaceburg.. | 140,685 | 84,411 | 184,000 | 140685 | 110000 | 275 00 |
| | | *Deduct for Ridgetown. | | | | |
| | | | | 12277871 | 13428921 | 33572 30 |

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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—OF THE—

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—OF THE—

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MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Municipal Council of the County of Kent,

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER SESSIONS, 1877.

SPECIAL SESSION—FIRST DAY.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to notice by the Warden, at the Court House, Chatham, on Friday, 2nd day of November, 1877.

The roll was called. Present—Robt. Ferguson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Messrs. Beattie and McDonald.

The Warden explained that the meeting was called relative to the Erie and Huron Railway Debentures.

A copy of a decree in Chancery, "Harwich vs. Erie," was read by the Clerk; also, a report from C. R. Atkinson, Esq., Counsel for the County of Kent, respecting said suit.

Moved by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Holmes, that the 18th and 24th rules be suspended during this session, and that the Council proceed at once to the business for which this special session was called, viz: matters relative to the Erie & Huron Railway Bonus Debentures.—Carried.

Mr. Atkinson, also Messrs. Bain and McNabb, of Toronto, addressed the Council within the bar.

Moved by Mr. Traice, seconded by Mr. Northwood, that Messrs. Lee, Stephens Wilson (Harwich), Robert, Coatsworth, Holmes, White, the Warden and the mover be a committee to draft a By-law, if found necessary, in accordance with section 9 of the Statute, passed in the year 1874 by the Ontario Legislature, in reference to the charter of the Erie & Huron Railway Company, and the issuing of the debentures under the County By-law; said Committee may, if they think necessary, employ counsel to assist them in preparing said By-law, and that they report to this Council to-morrow morning.—Carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—Chatham, 3rd Nov., 1877.

The roll was called. Present—Robt. Ferguson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Messrs. Beattie and McDonald.

The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Holmes submitted the report of Committee appointed yesterday, which was on motion read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, a By-law to amend section 3 of By-law No. 319, passed 8th June, 1874, was read a first time.

The 25th rule having been suspended, the By-law was read a second time.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law, Mr. Anderson in the chair. The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law as having passed in Committee without amendment.

The By-law was, on motion of Mr. Holmes, read a third time.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. White, that this By-law now under consideration, do not now pass, but that it lay over until the December session of this Council.—Lost.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:

Yeas—Councillors Wilson (Harwich), White, Wilson (T. E.), Stephens, Gallagher and Arnold—6.

Nays—Councillors Langford, Cameron, Jackson, Dolsen, Lee, Coatsworth, McArthur, McKinlay, Smith, Sherman, Trerice, Anderson, Dillon, Cruickshank, Dunlop, Robert, Somerville, Northwood, Holmes and the Warden—20.

On motion the By law was then passed.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that the Warden be instructed to give the proper notice in the papers relative to procuring legislation relative to overdue debentures of the Erie & Huron Railway Co., and for any other matters he may think necessary in connection with the same.—Carried

The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

DECEMBER SESSION—FIRST DAY.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to adjournment at the Court House, Chatham, on Monday, 10th December, 1877.

The Roll was called. Present—Robert Ferguson, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Arnold, Beattie, Cameron, Coatsworth, Cruickshank, Dillon, Dolsen, Dunlop, Gallagher, Holmes, Langford, McArthur, McKinlay, Northwood, Robert, Sherman, Stephens, Somerville, White, Wilson (Harwich), Wilson (T. E.)

The minutes of the last meeting of the June session, also of the second day of the Special Session held in November, were read and approved

The following communications were read :

From the Provincial Secretary, Toronto, respecting the distribution of the Consolidated Statutes.

From the same, two communications relating to the dividing the County into two Divisions for Common School purposes.

From Joseph Boag, for mileage from Dresden for attend ingmeeting of the Board of Examiners in 1876.—Referred to Finance Com.

From R. O'Hara, Esq., Master in Chancery, asking to be furnished with an extra stove for his office.

From John Hallam, Chairman of the Exemption Committee, Toronto, asking the co-operation of this Council in petitioning the Local Legislature with a view of abolishing all tax exemptions.

From the County Clerk of Waterloo, with draft of a memorial praying the Local Legislature to amend 37 Vic., chap. 16, relating to bridges more than 100 feet in length over streams in Incorporated villages, and asking the co-operation of the Council therein.

From Frank B. Stewart, Raleigh, with petition, praying to have a portion of the Townline between Tilbury East & Raleigh surveyed.

From the Solicitors of the Erie & Huron Railway Co'y, Toronto, requesting the Warden to issue the bonus debentures.

From Bethune, Osler & Moss, a legal opinion relating to the E. & H. R. Debentures, with copy of the Warden's letters requesting the same.

From the Secretary of the E. & H. R. Co., asking the payment of \$400 towards the survey of said railway—Referred to Finance Committee.

From the Education Dept'ment, relating to Model Schools and Teachers' Associations. From the Collector of Inland Revenue, Windsor, and from the Deputy Collector, Chatham; also, from the Clerks of each local Municipality in the County, acknowledging the receipt from the County Clerk of a certified copy of By-law No. 351, a By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864.

From A. Bell, Esq., barrister, legal opinion to the Warden in the matter of Perrin vs. County of Kent, and submitting copies of the affidavits filed on the application to quash the Temperance By-law.

From the Warden, with statement of the vote taken on the Temperance By-law.

From His Honor Judge Wells, an application to have a shorthand writer appointed for the County Court.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Langford, that the 18th rule be suspended for the purpose of introducing a resolution in regard to the petition of W. B. Wells, Judge of Co. Court.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that the petition just read from W. B. Wells, Judge of the County Court, be agreed to, asking for the appointment

of a shorthand writer for the County Court, and that the Warden telegraph to the Hon. Attorney General to appoint A. W. Brown, Asst. Deputy Clerk of the Crown, to act at the Court commencing here to-morrow, and that if appointed he be paid \$5 a day when employed.—Carried.

Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—Chatham, Tuesday, 11th Dec., 1877.

The roll was called. Present—Robert Ferguson, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Arnold, Beattie, Coatsworth, Cruickshank, Dillon, Dolsen, Dunlop, Gallagher, Langford, Lee, McArthur, McKinlay, McDonald, Smith, Sherman, Stephens, White, Wilson (Harwich), Wilson (T. E.)

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By invitation of the Warden, Mr. Dobbyn, the editor of the *Chatham Tribune*, took a seat at the reporter's table within the bar.

Communications were read—

From Wm. A. Campbell, Esq., Clerk of the County Court, asking to be furnished with a blank book for chattel mortgages; also, a new table for his office.—Ref'd to P. B. Com.

From the Township Clerk of Tilbury East, stating that the fourth ground of the plaintiff, *in re Perrin vs. County of Kent*, is entirely without foundation.

Various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee, and various notices of motion were given.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the report of the Commissioners on the County Line between the Gore of Camden and the Township of Dawn, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. White, that rule 18 be suspended to allow a resolution to be passed relative to appointing a committee relative to enquiring into the application of quashing the Dunkin Bill By-law.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. White, that Councillors White, Holmes, Smith, Coatsworth, Langford and the mover, be a committee to enquire into the application relative to the quashing of the Dunkin Bill By-law, and that they report to the Council what steps they think should be taken in the matter.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (T. E.), the report of the Commissioners on the County line between East & West Tilbury, was read and ref'd to the R. & B. Com.

On motion of Mr. Beattie, the report of the Commissioners on the Wallaceburg Bridges was read and ref'd to the R. & B. Com.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SITING.

The roll was called. All the members present except Councillors Langford and Smith.

A communication was read from A. B. Baxter, Esq., Chairman B. P. S. Trustees, Chatham, asking \$200 to be applied to the payment of a Master and other necessary expenses connected with the Model School—Referred to Finance Committee.

Various notices of motion were given, and various accounts were read and ref'd to the Finance Com.

Mr. Jackson submitted a report relative to certain grants for a Lock-up in the Village of Blenheim, which was ref'd to the Finance Com.

On motion of Mr. Sherman, a report on Thamesville Bridge was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Robert, the report of the Commissioner on Chatham and Dover Townline was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. McArthur, the report of Commissioners appointed to expend the appropriation of \$700 on the Chatham & Dover Townline was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Sherman, the report of the Commissioners on Townline between Camden and the Village of Thamesville was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Cruickshank, the report of the commissioners on town line between Bothwell and Zone was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dillon, the report on the County line between Bothwell and Mosa was read and adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—Wednesday, 12th Dec., 1877.

The roll was called. Present—Robt. Ferguson, Esq., Warden; Councillors Anderson, Arnold, Beattie, Coatsworth, Cruickshank, Dillon, Dolsen, Dunlop, Gallagher, Holmes, Lee, McArthur, McKinlay, McDonald, Robert, Smith, Sherman, Stephen White, Wilson (Harwich), Wilson (T. E.)

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from W. M. Nichol, P. S. I. for West Kent, relative to matters connected with his office, and enclosing an account, which was ref'd to the Com. en Finance.

Various notices of motion were given.

The following 10 reports were read and adopted:

1. The Report of the Commissioner on the County line between the Gore of Chatham and Township of Sombra.
2. The Report of the Commissioners on Townline between Howard & Orford.
3. The Report of the Commissioners on the County line between Kent & Elgin.
4. The Report of the Commissioners on the Townline between Tilbury East and Raleigh.
5. The Report of the Commissioners on Townline between Howard and Ridgeway town.
6. The Report of the Commissioners on Townline between Harwich and Chatham.
7. The Report of the Commissioners on Townline between Camden and Zone.
8. The Report of the Commissioners on Townline between Chatham and Raleigh.
9. The Report of the Commissioners on Townline between Chatham and Camden.
10. The report of the Commissioners on Bothwell Bridge.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Dolsen, and resolved, that A. M. Donell, Esq., P. L. S., be requested, at his earliest convenience, to straighten that part of the Town line between Raleigh and Tilbury East, in accordance with the petition of Mr. F. B. Stewart, and report to this Council at the next session.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that Councillors White and Wilson (T. E.) be a committee to examine into the propriety of straightening the Tilbury and Raleigh Townline near Mr. Stewart's place, and that they have the power to settle any difficulty existing between Mr. Stewart and this Corporation and that they report to this Council.—Amendment carried, motion lost.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERSOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. The Warden and all the members present.

A communication was read from A. Bell, Esq., Solicitor, relating to the quashing of the Temperance By-law, Perrin vs. County of Kent.

Various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Com.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that the Treasurer be instructed by the Warden to pay no orders on Townlines where two commissioners are appointed, without the signatures of both commissioners.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Beattie, a By-law for assuming that portion of a road from the Chatham and Dover Townline to the Village of Wallaceburg, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Arnold, a By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the township and North Gore of Chatham, was read a first time.

In answer to an inquiry by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), relating to obstructions on County lines, the Warden replied that the Commissioners appointed by the County Council were the proper parties to act in the matter.

In answer to Mr. Beattie's inquiry, what action Commissioners of Bridges on Navigable Streams should adopt where vessels damage them,

The Warden replied that the Commissioners in charge ought to prosecute.

The Warden replied in answer to Mr. Wilson (T. E.), that he had received no communications from the Governor in Council relating to the law with regard to commitments for hard labor.

The following five Reports were read and adopted:

1. The Report of the Commissioner on County line between Essex and Kent.
2. The Report of the Commissioners on Townline between Romney and Tilbury East.

3. The Report of the Commissioners on Dresden Bridge and on the Townline between Dresden and Camden.

4. The Report of the Commissioner on County line between Zone and Euphemis.

5. The Report of the Commissioners on Townline between Harwich and Raleigh.

On motion, the Council adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—Thursday, 13th Dec., 1877.

The roll was called. Present—the Warden and all the Councillors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from Andrew Marcus on the state of the Moravia Bridge was read, with an account as caretaker.—Ref'd to Finance Com.

Mr. Beattie presented the petition of Wm. Stewart, Wallaceburg, relating to certain law costs in the case of Stewart vs. County of Kent.

Various notices of motion were given; various accounts were read and referred to Finance Com.

The following 6 Reports were read and adopted:

1. The Report of the Warden on Drainage Assessments against the County, for Improvements by making certain drains.

2. The Report of the Commissioners on Townline between Harwich and Howard.

3. The Report of the Commissioners to have Kent Bridge painted.

4. The Report of the Commissioners on Townline between the Town and Tp. of Chatham.

5. The Report of the Commissioners on Moravia Bridge.

6. The Report of the Committee on Roads & Bridges.

Moved by Mr. Dolsen, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T. E.) that Councillors Smith, Wilson, White, Lee and the mover, be a committee to draft a petition to the Legislature to suggest amendments to the Dunkin Act of 1864.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. McKinlay, that the Clerk of this Council write to the Chief Engineer of the C. S. Railway to have the culvert on the east side of the crossing on Townline between Howard and Harwich made deeper and cleared out, as it is damming the water back, and to have the work done as soon as convenient.—Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The roll was called. The Warden and all the Councillors present.

On motion of Mr. Trerice the report of the Committee on Public Buildings was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Langford, that the Warden be instructed to compel the Chatham & Rond Eau Plank & Gravel Road Co. to put their road in a good state of repair at once, as the road is not fit for public travel.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Beattie, a By-law for assuming that portion of a Road known as the diverted road from the Chatham & Dover Town line to the Villages of Wallaceburg, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Arnold, a By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864 was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Chatham, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Beattie the Council went into Committee of the Whole on a By-law for assuming the diverted road from Chatham & Dover Town line to Wallaceburg, Mr. Anderson in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-law was lost in committee.

On motion of Mr. Arnold, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on a By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864, Mr. Anderson in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress with leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Chatham, Mr. Anderson in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law as passed in committee.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, said By-law to confirm a By-law of the Tp. of Chatham was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Northwood, the report of the Commissioners on Townline between Town of Chatham & Dover was read and adopted.

Various notices of motion were given; various accounts were read and referred to Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Beattie, Mr. Shackleton was heard within the bar relative to certain matters relating to drainage on the Townline between Dover & Tp. Chatham.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—Friday, 14th Dec., 1877.

The roll was called. Present—Robt. Ferguson, Esq., Warden and all the Councilors except Mr. Jackson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk laid on the table requisitions from each of the local municipalities requiring that any By-law that the Municipal Council of the County of Kent may pass, under authority and for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864, at any time within one year from the date (11th of Dec., 1877,) be submitted for approval to the Municipal electors of said Municipality.

On motion of Mr. Arnold, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on a By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864. Mr. Anderson in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-law passed in committee without amendment.

On motion the Council adjourned till Two o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The roll was called. The Warden and all the Councilors were present except Mr. Jackson.

A communication from the County Treasurer was read relating to the E. & H. Railway bonus debentures.

Moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Dolsen, that the By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864 be read a third time and passed.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Northwood, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that the By-law in respect of the Temperance Act of 1864 be not now read a third time, but lay over to the January session.

The vote was taken on the amendment and lost.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:

Yeas—Councilors Cameron, Coatsworth, Somerville and Northwood—4.

Nays—Councilors Wilson (Harwich), White, Dolsen, Wilson (T. E.), Langford, Lee, McDonald, Beattie, Stephens, McArthur, Gallagher, Arnold, McKinlay, Smith, Sherman, Trerice, Anderson, Dillon, Cruickshank, Dunlop, Robert, Holmes and the Warden—23.

The vote was then taken on the original motion and carried.

The By-law was then read a third time and passed.

Moved by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the By-law now passed by this Council prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors and the issue of licenses therefor, in accordance with the Temperance Act of 1864, be and is hereby ordered to be submitted to the Municipal electors of this Municipality for their approval, in accordance with the provisions of said Act, provided that the requisitions are correct.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that this Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider what is to be done with the steam pump and flood gate at the mouth of the Chatham and Dover Townline drain.—Carried.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on the following resolution, Mr. Anderson in the chair.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that the Councils of Chatham Tp. and Wallaceburg have full power to remove the pump, etc., now at the north end of the Townline drain, or sell the same if they think proper; and if sold, to pay whatever share in proportion to the amount paid, to the Treasurer of the County; if sold to be approved by the Warden.—Carried.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported a resolution passed in committee.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that the resolution passed in committee be the report of this Council, and that the same be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that Councillors Wilson (Harwich), Holmes, White, Coatsworth, Smith and the mover be a committee to draft a petition to the Legislature of Ontario praying for amendments to the Municipal Act 29 & 30 Vic., sec. 271 & 31 Vic., chap 30, sec. 26.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. White and resolved, that the Warden request Mr. A. Bell, the Solicitor of this Municipality, to withdraw the execution and stay proceedings against Mr. Stewart, Wallaceburg, for law costs for the period of one year, upon Mr. Stewart satisfying Mr. Bell that he (Stewart) will pay the costs within the term mentioned, with reasonable interest on the money, and all expenses.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McKinlay, seconded by Mr. Arnold, that the Warden and Mr. Lee be a committee to inquire into the matter of complaint referred to in the petition of John and Peter McKenzie, of the township of Howard, and that they report to this Council at next session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that Messrs. Trerice, Northwood, Lee, Stephens, Beattie and the mover, be a committee to take into consideration the petition of the County of Waterloo in regard to certain amendments to the Statutes of Ontario in regard to the building and maintenance of Bridges in Incorporated Villages.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that the Building Committee be instructed to put new seats in the Petit Jury box, so as to make it comfortable; also, to erect a privy or water-closet convenient to the Court House.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that Dr. Smith, Mr. Lee and the mover, be a committee to confer with the Reeves of the Townships of Chatham and Dover for the purpose of arranging some plan to the mutual satisfaction of all parties concerned, for placing culverts in the Chatham and Dover Townline at points where said road obstructs the natural watercourses on the Chatham and Dover town line; said committee to report to this Council at its next session.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Langford, that the committee asked for by the Reeve of Wallaceburg to make some mutual arrangements between Chatham and Dover respecting putting culverts in Townline between Chatham and Dover, be not granted.—Amendment carried, motion lost.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

SIXTH DAY—Saturday, 15th Dec., 1877.

The roll was called. Present—Robt. Ferguson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that the 18th, 24th and 25th rules be suspended for the balance of the session.—Carried.

Mr. White presented the report of the Special Committee recommending that the Warden be elected in future by ballot.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Dr. Smith, that the report now read be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that the report be not adopted, but that the Warden be elected in future in the usual way, and not by ballot.—Amendment carried, motion lost.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (T. E.) a By-law to provide for the removal of obstructions on County and Township boundary lines within this County, was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law, Mr. Holmes in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-law passed with amendments and with blanks filled up.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (T. E.), the aforesaid By-law was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Lee presented the draft of a petition to the Governor in Council of the Dominion praying that Grand Juries may be abolished. Said petition was ordered to be engrossed and forwarded by the Clerk.

Moved by Mr. Dolsen, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), that this Council appoint a committee to examine the requisitions on the Temperance By-law to assist the Clerk and see if they are correct in having the necessary names as the law directs, and that Messrs. Northwood and Somerville be that committee—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Lee the report of Finance Committee was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Trerice, seconded by Mr. Holmes, Whereas the Treasurer has applied to this Council for instructions regarding the signing of the Erie & Huron Railway debentures, the Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Treasurer that he is to sign the debentures whenever the Warden calls on him to do so, as the law directs.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), that the Warden and Treasurer of the County of Kent be advised and requested to not sign the Debentures claimed by the E. & H. Railway Co'y, nor hand over the said debentures until the appeal case now pending against the judgment of Vice-Chancellor Blake, given on the third day of October last, in the matter of the Municipalities of the township of Harwich and others as plaintiffs, and the E. & H. Railway Co. as defendants, be decided.

The amendment on being put to vote was lost.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:

Yeas—Councillors Wilson (Harwich), White, Dolsen, Beattie, Stephens, Gallagher and Robert—7.

Nays—Councillors Langford, Cameron, Jackson, Wilson (T. E.), Lee, McDonald, McArthur, McKinlay, Smith, Sherman, Trerice, Anderson, Dillon, Cruickshank, Dunlop, Somerville, Northwood and Holmes—18.

The motion was then put to vote and carried.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:

Yeas—Councillors Langford, Cameron, Jackson, Wilson (T. E.), Lee, McDonald, McArthur, McKinlay, Smith, Sherman, Trerice, Anderson, Dillon, Cruickshank, Dunlop, Somerville, Northwood, Holmes—18.

Nays—Councillors Wilson (Harwich), White, Dolsen, Beattie, Stephens, Gallagher, Robert—7.

Mr. Arnold was excused from voting on the foregoing motion and amendment.

The Warden stated in answer to an inquiry relating to the Treasurer's bonds, that they were not filed in the Clerk's office, and he was not aware that any had been furnished for some time.

Moved by Mr. Northwood, seconded by Mr. Holmes, that the Clerk be instructed to draft a petition to the Lieut. Governor to issue such regulations in Council as may be required to give this Corporation authority to employ prisoners under sentence of hard labor on work outside the gaol limits, and that the Warden and Clerk sign and forward the same.

Mr. Dolsen presented the draft of a petition to the Legislature of Ontario praying for certain amendments to the Temperance Act of 1864, which was ordered to be engrossed and forwarded in the usual way.

On motion of Mr. Langford, the report of a special committee appointed to examine a memorial of the County of Waterloo relative to Bridges over 100 feet in length in Incorporated Villages, was read and adopted.

By request the Warden left the chair, which was filled by Mr. Northwood.

It was moved by Mr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Lee, That as this is probably the last session for 1877, we take great pleasure in offering our sincere thanks to the Warden for his uniform kindness and courtesy in the chair, and beg to bear our testimony to the efficiency and zeal displayed by him in the discharge of the high and onerous duties of his office.—Carried by acclamation with a standing vote.

Mr. Northwood then presented the resolution to the Warden, who, on resuming the chair, thanked the Council in suitable terms.

The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

PETITIONS.

TO ABOLISH GRAND JURIES.

To His Excellency the Rt. Hon. the Earl Dufferin, K. P. .C.K B., Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, &c., &c., in Council.

The Petition of the County Council of the County of Kent humbly sheweth that we believe Grand Juries should be abolished, as they are expensive and unnecessary; and we believe that justice would be well administered and the law enforced were they abolished. Therefore we pray that the prayer of this petition be granted, and we as in duty bound will ever pray. (Passed in Council 15th December, 1877.)

DANIEL KERR, Clerk. (L.S.) ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

TO EMPLOY PRISONERS OUTSIDE OF GAOL.

To the Hon. D. A. McDonald, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, in Council.

The Petition of the County Council of the Co. of Kent humbly sheweth, that it is the desire of your petitioners that you will issue such orders in Council as may be required to give this Corporation authority to employ prisoners under sentence of hard labor on work outside the Gaol limits. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Passed in Council 15th December, 1877.
DANIEL KERR, Clerk. (L.S.) ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

TO AMEND THE TEMPERANCE ACT OF 1864.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The Petition of the County Council of the County of Kent humbly sheweth. That the Temperance Act of 1864 requires to be amended so that the vote can be taken in the ordinary way of taking votes under the Municipal Institutions Acts; also, that sub-section 4 of sec. 12 be amended by prohibiting the sale of five gallons or twelve bottles of liquor by any merchant or trader having his place of business in the County, as we believe this power at present allowed is a serious impediment to the enforcement of this Act. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Passed in Council 15th December, 1877.
DANIEL KERR, Clerk. (L.S.) ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ACTS RELATIVE TO BRIDGES IN INCORPORATED VILLAGES.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The Petition of the County Council of the County of Kent humbly sheweth, That sections 410 & 412 of the Act respecting Municipal Institutions as amended by the Act 37 Vic., chap. 15, contain a provision, amongst others, that the County Council shall have exclusive jurisdiction "over all Bridges crossing streams or rivers over "one hundred feet in width within the limits of any Incorporated Village in the "County, and connecting any highway leading through the County," the latter section making it obligatory upon the County Council to build and to maintain Bridges so situated in Incorporated Villages, and necessary to connect any highway leading through a County.

That it is manifestly unjust to the Township and Town Municipalities within the County to compel them to maintain Bridges within Incorporated Villages over and above the burden necessarily cast upon them of building and maintaining bridges within their respective Township and Town limits. Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your honorable House will be pleased to amend the said sections so as to impose upon the Municipalities within the limits of which Bridges are required and situate, the duty of building and maintaining the same, excepting only such Bridges as are necessary to connect any road or highway which may have been assumed by a By-law of the County Council. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Passed in Council 15th December, 1877.
DANIEL KERR, Clerk. (L.S.) ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

TO SURVEY PART T. E. AND RALEIGH TOWN LINE.

Unto the Honorable the Warden and Council of the Co. of Kent in Council assembled.

The Petition of Frank B. Stewart of the Township of Raleigh in the said County humbly sheweth, That your petitioner is owner of lot 1 in the 6th concession of the said Township of Raleigh, fronting the Townline between the said Township of Raleigh and the township of Tilbury East.

That the said Townline as presently travelled encroaches on the said property to a considerable extent in the form of a long curve, commencing somewhere about the N W $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 1 in the 5th con., and running out in lot 1 in 7th con. of the said township.

That your petitioner is anxious to build a permanent fence along the front of said property, and in consequence of the said curve does not know where to put it.

May it please your honorable body therefore to cause a survey of the said Townline to be made on an early day, with a view of straightening the same at this point, so restoring that portion of your petitioner's land encroached upon, and giving him an opportunity of building a permanent fence where it ought to be. And your petitioner will ever pray.

F. B. STEWART.

Raleigh, 5th Dec'r, 1877.

TO APPOINT A SHORT-HAND WRITER FOR CO. COURT.

To the Honorable the Warden and the Municipal Council of the County of Kent.

The Petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth, That the Ontario Legislature in 1877 made provision in chap. 8, sec. 12, for the appointment of Reporters for the County Courts, as well as for Reporters for the higher Courts. That the appointment of such Reporters in the higher Courts has saved a large sum of money to the Province by shortening the proceedings in such Courts. It is believed that the same results would follow in our local Courts, were such Reporters to be appointed.

Your petitioner therefore respectfully prays that your honorable body may see proper to pass a resolution for such appointment under the said 12th section of the said Act. And your petitioner will ever pray.

WM. BENJ. WELLS,

10th Dec'r, 1877.

Judge C. C. of Kent, Ont.

TO GIVE A GRANT FOR MODEL SCHOOL.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The Central School of this Town having been nominated and set apart as a Model School for this County, I am directed by the Board of Public School Trustees to respectfully ask your honorable body to grant the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200), to be applied to the payment of a Master and other necessary expenses connected therewith. Since the establishment of the School 46 pupils have entered, 32 of which were successful candidates for Certificates at the last Examination, and in all probability a large percentage of those now attending will receive the necessary qualifications when they present themselves for examination.—I am, Gentlemen, your obdt. servant,

A. B. BAXTER, Chairman of B. P. S. T.

FROM THE WARDEN RELATING TO THE TEMPERANCE BY-LAW.

To the County Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of the vote taken on By-law No. 351, for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864, passed by your honorable body on the 14th day of June last, and approved of by the Municipal electors of the County by a majority of 1580 votes. You are aware that an application was made to the Court of Common Pleas at Toronto by one Samuel Perrin, a Hotel Keeper of the Town of Chatham, to have the By-law quashed. When I became aware that the case was entered in Court, and being desirous of having it speedily settled, I requested the plaintiff's Solicitors, Messrs. Douglas & O'Neil, to serve the "Rule Nisi" (a copy of the same having been sent to each of you) on Arch. Bell, Esq., Barrister, whom I appointed Solicitor on behalf of the County in this suit. After due consultation and consideration, seeing that all the Reeves who acted as Returning Officers with their Clerks, were charged with using the wrong Assessment Rolls, &c., &c., and taking into consideration the expense and time necessary for obtaining rebutting evidence, I, with the advice of Mr. Bell, concluded that your honorable body, the representatives of the people, are the best and most competent arbitrators to decide in this case; therefore I lay the whole matter before you. If the

By-law is quashed you have the remedy in your own hands to pass during this present session another, without submitting the same to replace the objectional one, which I have no doubt you will agree with me was carried and approved of on fair and equitable grounds—I have the honor to be, your most obdt. sevt.,

ROBT. FERGUSON, Warden.

STATEMENT OF VOTE ON TEMPERANCE BY-LAW.

Statement showing the total number of votes polled for and against By-law No. 351, entitled "A By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864," passed on the 14th day of June, 1877, by the Municipalities of the County of Kent, and submitted for approval to the Municipalities of the said County of Kent, from the Poll Books returned to the County Clerk by the Clerks of the Local Municipalities; also, showing the dates on which the polls were opened and closed.

| Municipalities. | Yeas. | Nays. | Maj. for | Maj. against. | Total vote. | Poll opened. | Poll closed. |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Town of Chatham... | 310 | 154 | 156 | .... | 464 | July 24, '77. | July 27, '77 |
| " Bothwell.... | 39 | 17 | 22 | .... | 56 | " | 24 |
| Village of Blenheim.. | 62 | 36 | 26 | .... | 98 | " | 24 |
| " Dresden...134 | 23 | 111 | .... | .... | 157 | " | 24 |
| " Ridgetown.. | 66 | 13 | 55 | .... | 79 | " | 24 |
| " Thamesville | 41 | 19 | 22 | .... | 60 | " | 24 |
| " Wallaceburg | 78 | 20 | 58 | .... | 98 | " | 24 |
| Township of Camden. | 183 | 45 | 138 | .... | 228 | " | 25 |
| " Chatham...248 | 23 | 225 | .... | .... | 271 | " | 26 |
| " Dover..... | 86 | 138 | .. | 52 | 224 | " | 25 |
| " Harwich....228 | 63 | 165 | .... | .... | 291 | " | 26 |
| " Howard....228 | 97 | 131 | .... | .... | 325 | " | 26 |
| " Orford.....193 | 66 | 127 | .... | .... | 259 | " | 25 |
| " Raleigh....248 | 10 | 238 | .... | .... | 258 | " | 26 |
| " Romney...38 | 19 | 19 | .... | .... | 57 | " | 24 |
| " Tilbury East | 143 | 22 | 121 | .... | 165 | " | 25 |
| " Zone... ..53 | 33 | 20 | .... | .... | 86 | " | 24 |
| | 2378 | 798 | 1632 | 52 | 3176 | | |

This is to certify that the foregoing statement is correct.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ROBT. FERGUSON, WARDEN.

Chatham, 30th July, 1877.

A BELL, OPINION RE TEMPERANCE BY-LAW.

To the Warden of the County of Kent.—Perrin vs. Co. of Kent.

DEAR SIR,—In this matter I beg to report that I have procured copies of the affidavits filed herein, and the same are submitted herewith. It will be observed that the objections on which the application to quash the By-law are based are wholly technical, and it is not alleged that there is not a large majority of the people in favor of the By-law. Many of the objections are of little or no force. On some points, particularly the voting in the Townships of Howard and Harwich, the state of the law is uncertain. Instead of a tedious and expensive litigation, I beg to suggest that it would be more satisfactory to all parties to allow the By-law to be quashed, and for the Council to pass a similar By-law themselves. Awaiting further instructions, I am, sir, your obdt. sevt.,

A. BELL.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 5th, 1877.

A BELL, OPINION RE TEMPERANCE BY-LAW.

To the Warden of the County of Kent.—Perrin vs. Kent.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to report that the Dunkin By-law was yesterday quashed. The way is now clear and the Council have full power to pass the By-law themselves.—

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 12, 1877.

Truly yours,

A. BELL.

FROM CLERK TILBURY EAST RE TEMPERANCE BY-LAW.

Daniel Kerr, Esq., County Clerk, Chatham, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—In re Samuel Perrin vs. The Corporation of the County of Kent, I have the honor to state that plaintiff's 4th ground for quashing By-law No. 351 of said Corporation is entirely without foundation.

The Tilbury East Assessment Roll for the year 1877, which was the finally revised, was by me laid openly on the table at which the presiding officer sat on the morning of each of the two days of the polling, and was only removed after the adjournment and close of the poll.

Whether it was used or not I am not prepared to say; certainly it was not consulted in the case of every voter; but I am satisfied that as far as Tilbury East was concerned the letter as well as the spirit of the law was observed in the whole proceedings throughout.—I have the honor to be, dear sir, your obdt. servt.,

D. R. FARQUHARSON, Tp. Clerk T. E.

BETHUNE, OSLER & MOSS, OPINION RE E. & H. R. DEBENTURES.

TORONTO, 28th Nov., 1877.

ROBT. FERGUSON, Esq., Warden, Co. Kent, Thamesville.

SIR,—You have requested an opinion as to the duty of the Council and yourself in issuing the Debentures of the County under By-law No. 319, as amended by By-law No. 356 for aiding the Erie & Huron Railway by a Bonus of \$155,000. We have given the subject the best consideration in our power, and the following is our opinion:—

1. We are of opinion that By-law 319 was wholly confirmed and validated by 3 Vic., chap. 46. sec. 1. If any authority is needed in support of this view, it will be found in the case of the Canada Central Co'y—Brown, Reeve of Admaston, 33 U. C. St., 390.

2. All Debentures to be issued must be payable in a series of 20 years, numbers from 1st January, 1875. There is no authority that we have been able to find for the proposition that they may be issued in 20 years from the date of the By-law 356 amending clause 3 of By-law 319, passed under authority of section 9 of the Act above mentioned (38 Vic., chap. 46.) That section enables the County to amend the third section of By-law 319 by making the annual instalments and interest for the twenty years therein mentioned as nearly equal as possible. The only 20 years referred to in the 3rd section, and that inferentially, are the 20 years from the 1st of January 1875.

3. We can see no objection to the Debentures bearing date any time of the present year, the year of your Wardenship. They will not be payable by reference to the time, but by reference to the year in which they become due, *o. g.*, on the 1st day of January, 1878, the Corporation of the County of Kent promise to pay to the bearer, \$4982 79, or as the case may be. We are not aware that a date is necessary to the validity of the debentures, but if one is mentioned it must of course be the true date. In the case of the Admaston debentures, the Reeve of this year has been compelled to issue debentures under a By-law much older than yours.

4. As to the debentures and coupons past due, we are of opinion that the Council may properly withhold them, no provision having been made for their payment, and we think this is what they ought to do, leaving the Company to get what relief they can from the Legislature. Since the above was written we have seen Mr. Douglas, who showed us the proposed draft of the Company's Bill, making the three years debentures payable at the end of the term. It would require to be put into some what better shape, but in the main it provides for what is wanted. The effect of it would be to make the first payment under the By-law, the one due in 1879. We presume it would be very easy to have the clause properly framed in the Company's Bill so as to make it unnecessary for the County to introduce one of their own. However, we are not in a position to advise you in any question relating to the Bill. Mr. Bethune being a member of the House.—We are, your obdt. servants,

BETHUNE, OSLER & MOSS.

To R. FERGUSON, Esq., Thamesville, Ont.

FERGUSON, BAIN & MEYERS RE E. & H. R. DEBENTURES.

DEAR SIR,—We are instructed by the Railway Company to write you relative to the bonds of the County of Kent, to be issued under the By-law granting a bonus to the Company. It is now nearly two months since the right of the Company to these bonds was determined, and although every reasonable effort has been made on behalf of the Company to have the bonds issued, and the matters in difference, if there are any, settled, still the issue of the bonds seems to be as far off as ever. The Directors of the Company, while desirous of giving you ample time to consider how and when

the bonds should issue, have instructed us to say that unless some definite action is taken within a week from this date proceedings will be commenced against the County to compel the issue and delivery of the debentures.—Yours, &c.,

FERGUSON, BAIN & MEYERS.

ROBT. FERGUSON, Esq., Thamesville P. O.
Toronto, Nov. 30, 1p77.

CO. TREASURER RE E. & H. R. DEBENTURES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I have this morning received notice of the filing with the Clerk of Records and Writs of the Court of Chancery of Bond to prosecute appeal against the decision of the Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake in the cause *Harwich et. al. vs. Erie & Huron Railway*; and I have spoken to Mr. Atkinson, your Solicitor, who says it is not advisable for me to sign and deliver the Debentures until the matter is further disposed of by the Courts.

Under these circumstances I beg respectfully to apply to your honorable body for instructions in the premises.—I am, Gentlemen, your obdt. servt.,

Chatham, Dec. 14, 1877.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treas.

RELATIVE TO E. & H. R. BONUS DEBENTURES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to investigate the matters connected with the issuing of the Debentures (decided by the Court) to be handed to the Trustees, beg leave to submit a By-law and Schedule herewith as the report of the Committee.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. HOLMES, Chairman.

Council Chambers, adopted 3d Nov., 1877.

ON CHATHAM AND DOVER TOWNLIN.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We your Commissioners appointed to expend the appropriation made to the Chatham & Dover Townline beg leave to report as follows:

The amount of appropriation to said townline was \$700; of that amount we expended the sum of \$411 30, leaving balance of \$288 70 to credit of said town line.

Job No. 1—For levelling between the Plank road and the 12th Con., Vankdyke Wemp, \$65. 2—For levelling between 12th Con. and 17th Con., John Hinton, \$55. 3—For scraping said road to the Elbow, V. Wemp, \$40. 4—Chopping shade timber on west side of townline, Geo. Keller & S. Watson, \$32 80. 5—Repairing north end of said townline, Thos. James, \$200. 6—Levelling between 17th Con. & River Sydenham, Alex. Lowrie, \$3. 7—Ditching between 10th and 11th Cons., J. Evans, \$12. Wm. Reed for job, \$2. 8—To Mr. Ferguson, for printing notices of sale, \$1. 9—To Mr. Ladd for repairing culvert, 50 cts.—total, \$411 30. Balance, \$288 70.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. McARTHUR, JOHN DUNLOP, Com'rs.

Co. Council Room, Chatham, Dec. 11, 1877.

ON TOWNLIN BETWEEN CAMDEN & VILLAGE OF THAMESVILLE.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$80 to improve the Townline between Camden and Thamesville, beg leave to report that we sold the following work and have given orders on the Treasurer for the same: Rich. Lancaster, grading, \$38; Jos. Prey, gravelling, \$42.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. FERGUSON, L. SHERMAN, Com'rs.

Council Room, Chatham, Dec. 11, 1877.

CHATHAM & DOVER TOWNLIN.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

Your Commissioner a for the Chatham and Dover townline begs leave to report that he expended the balance at the credit of said townline, amounting to \$11. 74, in getting said line scraped from the 4th Con. to Little Bear Creek, and has issued on order on the Treasurer for \$11.24 to Jos. Sharpe.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

PETER ROBERT, Com'r.

ON TOWNLIN E BETWEEN BOTHWELL & ZONE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned Commissioners beg leave to report that they have expended the following amounts on the townline between Bothwell & Zone: July 1st, '77, Abraham McMaster for turnpiking road, \$13; Geo. Taylor, turnpiking, \$29; Wm. Dent for fixing culvert, \$6.50; Jas. Crate for printing bills, \$1.50. The above jobs are all completed.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. CRUICKSHANK, THOS. DILLON, Com'rs.

ON CO. LINE BETWEEN GORE CAMDEN & TP. DOVER.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the grant to the County line between the Gore of Camden and the Tp. of Dawn appropriated the sum of \$300 to the said line, and \$300 from the County of Kent—\$600 in all—and in conjunction with the commissioner from Dawn have expended the following amounts to persons on the 13th and 14th Cons.:

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| Job No. 1-2 and 3 to Nelson Youngs, 3½ at \$7 75 per acre..... | \$27 12 |
| 4 and 5, sold to A. Joice, 2, 1 at \$7 and 1 at \$8 per acre..... | 16 00 |
| 6 sold to Thos. Tiffen, at \$14 per acre..... | 14 00 |
| 7 to Thos. Youngs, at \$12 do | 12 00 |
| 8 to Thos. Joice, \$15 do | 15 00 |
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Jobs on 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th Cons. as follows :

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| No. 1 sold to J. Ellis, 1½ acres at \$7 per acre and 1 at \$15..... | \$23 75 |
| 2 to A. McCollum, 2 acres, 1 at \$4 and 1 at \$9 per acre..... | 13 00 |
| 3 to Wm. Sturges, 1 acre at \$3 75 per acre..... | 3 75 |
| 4 and 5 sold to Geo. Robinson, 2½ acres at \$15 per acre..... | 37 50 |
| 6 sold to Abraham Tensworth, 1 acre at \$15..... | 15 00 |
| 7 and 8 sold to Chas. Ross, 1 at \$14 and 1½ at \$11 per acre..... | 33 25 |
| 9, 10 and 11 to Jas. Armstrong, 2 acres at \$13 50 and 1 at \$11 50..... | 38 50 |
| 12 sold to Chas. Moore, 1 acre at \$10 per acre..... | 10 00 |
| 13 and 14 to Geo. Robinson, 1 acre at \$5 and 1 at \$5 75..... | 10 75 |
| 15 to James Ellis, the balance of 2nd con..... | 10 00 |
| 16 to Wm. Cook, 1 acre being the disputed line on 7th con..... | 10 00 |
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| | \$288 62 |

Jobs of ditching on 1st Concession—

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| 1 2 3 4 5 6 and 7, 135 rods in all, averaging 40½ cts. per rod..... | \$54 33 |
| 6th con., 1 2 3 4 5 and 6, 156 rods in all, averaging 47½c. per rod..... | 74 10 |
| 13th con., 34 rods at 75c. per rod..... | 25 50 |
| 10th con., 80 rods at 45c. per rod..... | 36 00 |
| do 40 rods at 50 cents per rod..... | 20 00 |
| do 30 rods at 46 cents per rod..... | 13 80 |
| do 92 rods clearing out ditch, 17c. per rod..... | 15 64 |

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| Ditching in all..... | \$239 37 |
| Chopping und logging in all..... | 288 62 |

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| Total..... | \$526 92 |
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All of which is respectfully submitted, A. ANDERSON, Com'r.

ON CO. LINE BETWEEN BOTHWELL & MOSA.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned commissioners beg leave to report that they have expended the following amounts on Co. line between Bothwell & Mosa, Dec. 5, '77: Geo. McCruchey, \$24 63; Wm. Oliver, \$2 62; Chas. Gillet, \$8 75; Miran Harked, \$4. All the jobs are completed.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. DILLON, Com'r.

ON COUNTY LINE BETWEEN EAST & WEST TILBURY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the sum of \$250, with a balance of \$3.71 in favor of the line from last audit, on the County line between East

and West Tilbury begs leave to report, that the Tp. of West Tilbury appropriated an equal amount. I sold the above sum; but as competition ran high several of the jobs had to be re-sold, which overrun the amount in favor of the line \$22.19, which I trust the Council will allow, as the jobs are completed and orders given.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW WILSON, Com'r.

ON CO. LINE BETWEEN KENT & ELGIN.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to submit my report as Commissioner on the Co. line between Kent and Elgin. There was a balance to the credit of said line at the commencement of present year of \$17.18, and an appropriation at June session of \$300, making \$317.18 in all. I expended the money in grading and gravelling, and repairing culverts, but owing to the Tp. of Aldboro not meeting the grant in full, I was unable to expend the grant in full.

I have given orders to the following parties for the sums following: Nelson Ferris, \$65 60; W. J. Marcus, \$47 20; Samuel Herst, \$28; Thos. Tear, \$25; Neil McDougall, \$24 88; Jos. Gill, \$16; Dan'l McGuigan, \$11 50—\$218 18—which leaves a balance to the credit of said road of \$99.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE, Com'r.

Chatham, Dec'r 12, 1877.

ON CO. LINE BETWEEN GORE CHATHAM & SOMBRA.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I the undersigned having been appointed commissioner on the Co. line between the Gore of Chatham and Tp. of Sombra beg leave to report as follows:

I have sold the chopping, logging and clearing of said County line from lot 16 inclusive to lot 27 inclusive, leaving 16 feet in the centre of the road grubbed or chopped close to the ground. The chopping and logging to be all done by the 1st day of Jan'y, 1878, and the clearing to be fully completed by the 1st day of July, 1778—the parties taking jobs, with one exception, giving bonds with sureties for the performance of the work.

I also sold the building of a bridge over Otter Creek, which is finished to the satisfaction of the Com'r. The Municipal Council of the Tp. of Sombra voted the sum of \$300 for the improvement of said Co. line, and I have appropriated an equal amount.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. STEPHENS, Com'r.

ON TOWN LINE BETWEEN RALEIGH & TILBURY EAST.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Commissioners appointed in the year 1877 to expend moneys on the Raleigh and Tilbury town line, beg leave to report that we have expended the full amount appropriated; and also, that we have expended the sum of Thirty-six Dollars for repairing Jennett's Creek bridge; also, making culvert on said line of road, which we found had to be done. We now present our report for the same; also, statement of the amounts due for said work, and hope you will have the kindness to pay for the same:—F. Kelly, ditching, \$5; T. Gilhuly, do., \$17; Wm. Barry, do., \$7.50; Matthew Knott, do., \$16.25; P. Murphy, do., \$40; J. McNamara, do., \$19.20; W. Stinger, do., \$55.07; J. McLean, do., \$14.08; S. Wellwood, do., \$8; Wm. Barry, do., \$15.20; Thos. Rice, do., \$20.70; J. McNamara, do., \$12; John King, do., \$17; S. Gilhuly, do., \$18.40; P. Murphy, do., \$25.65; Wm. Barry, do., \$4.75; P. Dooley, do., \$13.50; W. Wallis, do., \$25; Geo. Stinger, repairing bridge, \$7.67; Joseph Lebo, do., \$5; M. Dillon, making culvert, \$12.50; J. McNamara, ditching, \$52; G. Lewis, do., \$22.80; S. Wellwood, do., \$14.20; J. Mason, do., \$15; G. Stinger, repairing bridge, \$5; J. Wallis, ditching, \$22.80; Wm. Wallis, do., \$25.30; J. McNamara, do., \$27.36; S. Gilhuly, do., \$5.20; Sam. Wellwood, do., \$4.20; P. Kalahar, do., \$42.52; G. Stinger, do., \$10—Total, \$675.85.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. H. DOLSEN, AND. WILSON, Commissioners.

ON TOWNLINE BETWEEN HOWARD & ORFORD.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$300 appor- tioned to the Howard and Orford Tp. line, beg leave to report as follows: Aug. 4, said David Green, 80 rods ditch, order no. 1, \$45; Oct. 11, James Vickery, 52 rods

sanding, order no. 2, \$43 50; 24, Cor. Brown, rep. 2 culverts, grading 28 rods, order no. 3, \$23 75; 30, John Ferguson, rep. 2 culverts, grading 24 rods, order no. 4 \$23 30, R. Shanky, sanding 20 rods, order no. 5, \$9.75; 30, T. Lead, gravelling 30 rods order no. 6, \$29.27; 30, A. Park, digging 255 rods ditch, order no. 7, \$76 50; No 16, A. Whitehill, 1 culvert and 25 feet box drain, order no. 8, \$7; 16 David Gladston rep. culvert and grading, no. 9, \$20; Dec. 5, D. McCormick, rep. 2 culverts and cleaning out ditch, no. 10, \$19.23—\$300.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. ARNOLD, A. J. McDONALD, Com'rs.

ON TOWNLINE BETWEEN HARWICH & RALEIGH.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$400 on the Harwich and Raleigh Town line report as follows:—The following orders were granted on the Treasurer:—John Laurie, \$10; do., \$12; L. C. Lamont, \$26; Luke Kell \$13.75; Robert Shaw, \$14; O. Sawyer, \$13.88; J. Lafrance, \$21 80; D. Irwin, \$1 50; L. Kelly, \$33.80; J. Laurie, \$50 40; J. Lafrance, \$8.80; J. McDowell, \$6; George Apthorpe, \$14; T. McDowell, \$41 75; Wm. Leggatt, \$1.50; T. McDowell, \$5; John Laurie, \$12; H. Doherty, \$2.25; H. McPherson, \$10; W. Keiver, \$19—Total, \$32 43. The balance would have been expended, only that the parties on the East side of the road did not perform their Statute Labor in deepening the ditch in time to put on gravel.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN WHITE, WM. CAMERON, Commissioners.

ON HOWARD & RIDGETOWN TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$150 00 on the Town line between Howard and the Village of Ridgetown, beg leave to report as follows:—Jacob Teel, gravelling, \$30.74; G. Grant, repairing culvert, \$4.75; W. Laird, law, gravelling, \$14.22; C. Horton, grading and gravelling, \$40; C. Horton, gravelling, \$24; W. Stanley, ditching, \$3.25; A. Campbell, gravelling, \$12; J. Symington gravelling, \$15; J. Irons, 4½ days shovelling in gravel pit, \$6.04—Total, \$150—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB SMITH, A. McKINLAY, Commissioner

Ridgetown, Dec'r 8, 1877.

ON TOWN LINE BETWEEN HARWICH AND CHATHAM.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed on the Townline between the Town of Chatham and the Tp. of Harwich to expend the sum of \$50 beg leave to report. That from the large amount of travel over this short line of road your commissioners thought it would be advisable to gravel it. We tried to get gravel by the G. W. R. but after learning what it would cost to make a good road, and knowing the small amount at our disposal, we had to abandon it and endeavor to make it as passable as we could by putting in a large culvert and grading the whole line. This we did by letting the job to John Berkly for the sum of \$50. The work is finished and the order given.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID WILSON, WM. NORTHWOOD, Com'rs.

Council Chamber, Dec. 12th, 1877.

ON TOWNLINE BETWEEN CAMDEN & ZONE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$250, granted at the June session of the present year to improve the said line between Camden and Zone, beg leave to report as follows: Job no. 1, for ditching to Thos. Vince, \$2 no. 2, scraping, Thos. Harris, \$4; no. 3, ditching, Mich. Lewis, \$10; no. 4, do, Alex. Miller, \$18 75; no. 5, T. Vince do, \$11 10; no. 6, T. Conlin, \$61 59; no. 7, F. Buchanan do, \$7 50; no. 8, Wm. Dent do, \$7 50; no. 9, John Bagley do, \$10 14; no. 10, T. Brooks do, \$2 87; no. 11, T. Brooks do, \$12 70; no. 12, T. Vince do, \$14 60; no. 13, Isaac Brown do, \$6 78; no. 14, Peter McAnally, culvert, etc., \$8; no. 15, ditching, John Dailey, \$2 00; 16, J. Vance, culverts, \$2 00; 17, J. Hinton, do, \$—making a total of \$212 53; leaving a balance of \$37 47 to the credit of said line.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. CRUICKSHANK, ROBT. FERGUSON, Com'rs.

ON TOWNLINE BETWEEN CHATHAM & RALEIGH.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$75 in improving the line between the Town of Chatham and Raleigh report that they have expended the sum of \$71. The following is a statement of orders granted on the Treasurer: V.W. Foster, \$44; J. & W. McKough, \$6; Jos. Shupe, \$6; N. Jones, \$15; balance, \$4—\$75. All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WHITE, THOS. HOLMES, Com'rs.

Dec. 12, 1877.

ON TOWNLINE BETWEEN CHATHAM & CAMDEN.

To the Warden and Council of the Corporation of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the grants of money to the Townline between the Townships of Chatham and Camden, beg leave to report that we have sold the following jobs to the following parties: Jas. Shaw, 100 rods of gravelling at \$1 per rod, \$100; Jas. Shaw, do, at \$1.25 per rod, \$125; Jas. Shaw, 50 do, \$62 50; John Dobbyn, last year, in all, \$61 55; clearing out 120 rods ditch, \$26; A. Ruble do, \$4, Jas. Acquaintance, building culvert, \$4; R. McFadden, grading & ditching, \$19 75; Jesse Kendal, culvert, \$6; Thos. Priddy, scraping road and filling holes, \$8—\$416 80.

Between Tp. Chatham and Gore Camden—John Scott, grading, filling holes, \$17. 98; W. E. Murney, grading, ditching 68 rods, \$35; C. Goodberry, rep. bridge over Drummond creek, \$10; C. P. Watson, ditching, \$10; S. Abernathan, grad'g, rep. culvert, \$15; J. Kendal, do and filling holes, \$5; Geo. Neil, ditching, \$6; E. Johnson, do, \$8; Alex. Thomas do, \$5; Barber Taylor, grading, culvert, \$3 50; James Fitzgerald, do, \$6—\$121 48.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. ANDERSON, W. H. STEPHENS, Com'rs.

ON CO. LINE BETWEEN ZONE & EUPHEMIA.

To the Warden and Council of the County Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners on Co. line between Kent and Lambton and Zone & Euphemia begs leave to report as follows: That there was \$99 75 to the credit of the line from 1876, and \$100 granted at the June session of this year, of which I expended \$58 in making new approach to the bridge near Florence on said line, for which an order was issued in favor of Jas. Cropp for said amount, leaving a balance of \$141 75 to the credit of said line. JAS. CRUICKSHANK, Com'r.

ON TOWNLINE BETWEEN ROMNEY & TILBURY EAST.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to expend the sum of \$200 on the Townline between Romney and Tilbury East, beg leave to report that they have expended said sum in underbrushing and ditching. The contracts have all been completed except the burning of the brush, and for which your Com. hold a balance back from contractors for the burning of the same to the amount of \$28 02, which will appear to the credit of said line.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. COATSWORTH, A. WILSON, Com.

Council Chamber, Dec. 12, 1877.

ON CO. LINE BETWEEN ESSEX & KENT.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee appointed to expend \$400 on the County line between Essex & Kent, beg leave to report that the above sum has been expended, and that the Co. of Essex has also expended a similar sum, all of which has been expended in gravelling; but in consequence of the heavy rains this fall two of the contractors have not completed their jobs. This money, amounting to \$88, still remains in the Treasurer's hands.

I may further state that the Com'rs for the Co. of Essex still hold a balance for the improvement of said line, and your Com'r would recommend that the same be met as soon as convenient.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. COATSWORTH, Com'r.

ON TOWNLINe BETWEEN CHATHAM & DOVER.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your Com'rs on expenditure of appropriation for improvement of Townline between Town of Chatham and Tp. of Dover, beg leave to report that they have expended the sum of \$26 25 in making tap drain, and \$4 to W. Crowe, Esq., surveyor, for taking levels. The balance of the appropriation remains to the credit of the line. To complete the work there requires a further grant, which we trust will be made by next Council.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. NORTHWOOD, PETER ROBERT, Com'rs.

ON TOWNLINe BETWEEN HOWARD & HARWICH.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your Com'rs appointed to expend the sum of \$300 on the Howard and Harwich Townline, beg leave to report that they have expended the following sums in the following manner: Jas. Brown, putting in tile, \$10; Jas. Matimore, ditching, \$15; Thos. Weldon do, \$63 74; Jas. Brown, grading, \$15; D. T. Holmes, plank, \$4 04; C. Keatch, fixing culverts, \$3 52; John Scott, ditching, \$29 12; George Hall, road scraper, \$7 50; Nat. Rae, ditching, \$17 60; L. P. Holmes, rep. bridges, \$6 50; John Anderson, ditching, \$7 20—\$179 32.

We also beg leave to report that there is a job of grading sold not yet completed, to the amount of about \$100.—All of which is respectfully submitted

J. A. LANGFORD, A. MCKINLAY, Com'rs.

ON LINE BETWEEN TOWN & TOWNSHIP CHATHAM.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We your Com'rs beg leave to report that we have expended the following sums on the townline between Town and Tp. of Chatham: L. Lafrancis, culvert, \$10; Chas. Reaume, ditching, \$6 25; M. Marshall, 2 culverts, \$42; Walter Crowe, taking levels, \$12; Geo. Monck, ditching, \$30; Geo. Paluccie, do, \$8; Moses Jackson do, \$20—\$123 25.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. J. SOMERVILLE, B. GALLAGHER, Com'rs.

ON BOTHWELL BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned Com'r begs leave to report that I have expended for repairs on Bothwell bridge, Sept. 22d, '77—Angus Brady, \$7.65; George Taylor, \$2 37.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. DILLON, Com'r.

ON MORAVIAN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to expend the sum of \$250, to improve the approach to the Moravia Bridge, beg leave to report that they sold the contract to Alex. Cruickshank, for the sum of \$250; and that we put in five extra bents under the North approach, as we found the old bents very rotten, and some of them nearly washed out by the water in time of freshets; and also re-planked nearly 200 feet of said approach. We consider that the approaches now will last as long as the rest of the Bridge.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE, JAMES CRUIKSHANK, Commissioners.

ON THAMESVILLE BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your Com'r appointed to get the Thamesville Bridge screwed up and repaired, begs leave to report as follows: I employed John Ferguson to do the same, and it cost \$25; and I have given him an order on the Treas. for the same.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. SHERMAN, Com.

ON KENT BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee appointed to have the Kent Bridge painted, beg leave to report that they furnished the material and employed a competent man to do the painting, which has been completed with two coats of white lead, at a cost of \$190.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. FERGUSON, J. A. LANGFORD, Com'rs.

ON BRIDGE ON TOWNLINe BETWEEN DRESDEN & CAMDEN.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN—We your Com'rs appointed to superintend the expending of the sum of \$100 on the townline adjoining the Village Dreden, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We sold jobs of grading on said townline to amount of \$60, which was done as ordered by your Com'rs.

2. We may also add that the Dresden Bridge is in good repair and working to the satisfaction of the public generally.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. ANDERSON, A. TRERICE, Com'rs.

ON WALLACEBURG BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners for the Bridges at Wallaceburg, beg leave to report, That the care-taker of the North Branch Bridge has been paid up to the 2nd day of December, the sum of \$152 00.

That the care-taker of the Main Bridge, has been paid to the 2nd day of December, the sum of \$196,00, and that the assistant for the Main Bridge, has been paid up to the 1st day of December, the sum of \$146,25,.

That in consequence of the necessity of having had to employ an assistant, for the large Bridge, there will not be a sufficient appropriation for paying the care-takers, by about \$65 00. Your Committee trust you will provide for the same.

Your Commissioners have further to report that in consequence of the large Bridge being so much out of repair, it was found necessary to make some temporary repairs—in order to make it safe, until it could be properly repaired in the winter, after the ice was strong enough for crossing Teams, for which purpose the material cost \$64 20, and labor \$60 29, including repairs to the flooring of the North Branch Bridge.

It was also found necessary to build a small cabin for the care-taker while attending his duties, especially at night. A suitable place has accordingly been built adjoining the approach to the Bridge, at a cost of \$58,00, which amount has been charged against the appropriation for repairs. There is yet a small amount for oak timber and lumber, unpaid.

A competent man has been engaged, and is now preparing the material for the required repairs, in order that the work may be completed with as little delay as possible, after the Bridge has been opened.

We also beg to submit the following estimate of the cost of the work required to be done this winter, in order to make the Bridge safe for travel, and so that one man may open and close it the next season:—Iron work, \$300; Timber, &c., \$50; Labor, \$250—Total, \$600, which will exceed the appropriation made in June, by about \$200, which your Commissioners trust you will supply.

We have also further to report that during the summer and fall damages have been done to the approach on three occasions by Barges running against them.—All of which is respectfully submitted. J. H. BEATTIE, ROBT. FERGUSON, Com'rs.

ON ROADS & BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report that they recommend the payment of the following sums: \$22 19 on the County line between Tilbury East & West; the sum of \$260 for repairing the Wallaceburg Bridges; and that the Treas. be and is hereby authorized to pay the above sums on the orders of the Com'rs in charge.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR ANDERSON, Chairman.

ON DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS ON CO. ROADS.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Com'rs appointed under By-laws of your Council to examine assessments against the County for improvements to the Co. Roads by making certain drains, beg leave to report as follows: We had the following assessments served upon us, viz: Engineer's report on McKim drain, served by Tp. East Tilbury, being assessment against townline between Tilbury and Romney, \$40; Bedford-Ellis drain, served by Tp. Camden, being assessment against townline between Chatham & Camden, \$28 06. McKerricher drain, served by Tp. of Orford, being assessment against

townline between Howard and Orford, \$70. Fleming Creek drain, served by Tp. of Orford, being assessment against Co. line between Kent and Elgin, \$220—this amt. being half of the assessment against said line. Stephens' drain served by township of Camden against townline between Chatham & Camden, \$75. Boyle drain, served by township of Dover, being assessment against townline between Chatham Tp. and Dover, \$250. Fenceviewer's award on Tap drain of townline between Howard and Harwich, emptying into McGregor creek, \$99.

Your Com'rs, after examining plans, profiles, awards, &c., of the drains above mentioned, consider that all the above assessments and awards should be allowed and provided for, and paid as soon as satisfactory proofs are given that the above works are completed and the full amount expended.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. FERGUSON, Warden.

OF THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

Your Committee on Public Buildings, beg leave to report as follows:—

1. In accordance with instructions given by this Council at its June Session, we advertised for Tenders on the 6th of July, for putting Lightning Rods on Court House, and on the 8th of September we met, and after careful consideration, accepted the Tender of Robert Martin for rodding the Court House, with current cable rods, at a cost of \$117. After which Mr. Martin erected the rods to the satisfaction of your Committee. Before we decided on the rod to be used, we submitted samples of all rods offered us to the approval of Professor Crofts, of Toronto, for his opinion and advice.

2. We also received an application from the High School Trustees, for the use of the old Registry Office for a class room. We decided to allow them the front part; allowing the Gaolr the back room, causing a door to be put in back room for ingress from the outside.

3. The plans and specifications of the Blenheim Lock-up, were presented to us for our approval, of which we did approve, and recommended the payment of the \$250 granted by By-Law, by this Council.

4. We also received the tenders for the supply of coal for County offices, the Tender of R. C. Girdlestone, Esq., at a cost of \$6.50 per ton, being the lowest, was consequently accepted.

5. We also accepted the Tender of T. O'Rouke, for fire wood, at \$2.63 per cord.

6. We also caused a soft-water cistern to be put down in the Gaol yard, at a cost of \$50, which your Committee thought very desirable.

The following accounts was duly examined and ordered to be paid:—T. Wrong, for coal, \$16.71; Northwood, bal. on lumber, \$6.75; Sommerville & Chaffee, for lumber, \$10.90; Urquhart, for fence at Industrial Farm, \$19.58; Green for do. \$19.58; Jas. Hansboro, for white-washing, \$1.50; H. Baxter, for cistern in Gaol yard, \$50; S. F. Dennis, repairing glass, \$9.75; Prof. Crofts, examining Lightning Rods, \$3.00.

In addition to the above, we recommend that a book for the Registry of Chattel Mortgages for this County, be furnished for the use of the Clerk of the Co. Court, for that purpose. Also a table for the use of said office be furnished.

We also further recommend, that inasmuch as the Master in Chancery has no stove belonging to this County, and we think it desirable that the Master's office should be furnished with a stove; we therefore recommend the purchase of the same—All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. TRERICE, Chairman, P. B. Committee.

ON FINANCE.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Finance report as follows: that the cost of taking the vote on Dunkin Act By-law in the County in July last, was \$216.50, for which we recommend payment as follows: Alex. Trerice, \$8; Peter Robert, \$14; J. H. Beattie, \$9; W. H. Stephens, \$20; T. R. Jackson, \$7; Robert Ferguson, \$12; Andrew Wilson, \$14; Lemuel Sherman, \$6; Jas Cruickshank, \$7; M. Arnold, \$18; Dr. Smith, \$7.50; Caleb Coatsworth, \$8; John Lee, \$14; Stephen White, \$20; David Wilson, \$20; Colin Reid, \$7; Town of Chatham yet to pay, say \$25—\$216.50.

Com'rs wages—recommend the following: M. Arnold, \$18; Thos. Holmes, \$4; John Lee, \$16; Wm. Northwood, \$2; A. McKinlay, \$6; D. Wilson, \$2; S. White, \$22; A. Trerice, \$16; J. H. Beattie, \$25; Thomas Dillon, \$12; Lemuel Sherman, \$6; A. J. McDonald, \$8;

SCHEDULE "A"—PART OF BY-LAW NO. 356.

ERIE AND HURON RAILWAY BONUS DEBENTURES.

SCHEDULE of equal Annual Payments of \$155,000—payable in Twenty Years at the rate of Six per centum per annum.

| DEBENTURES. | | VALUE AND NUMBER OF COUPONS FOR EACH DEBENTURE—EACH TO BE MADE IN TWO EQUAL PARTS FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST HALF-YEARLY. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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DANIEL KERR, CLERK.

(L. S.)

Passed 3rd November, 1877.

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

Wm. Cameron, \$8; John Dunlop, \$20; D. McArthur, \$21; A. Wilson, \$36; G. H. Dolsen, \$14; W. H. Stephens, \$35; Caleb Coatsworth, \$28; Arthur Anderson, \$50; Dr. Smith, \$6; Bernard Gallagher, \$6; Wm. Northwood, \$10; Peter Robert, \$10; Robert Ferguson, expenses to Toronto in reference to E. & H. R., \$50; Jas. Cruckshank, \$28.50; A. McKinlay, \$14; J.A. Langford, \$32; S. J. Somerville, \$6—\$511 50.

We also recommend the following: R. Stephenson, printing, \$11.86; Jas. Holmes, stationery for Clerk's office, \$8.52; Richard Tiffin, repairs on Dresden Bridge, \$19.75; Cronk & Ferguson, printing, \$2; W.N. Nichols, expenses as Supt. West Kent Schools, \$10.90; H. C. Girdlestone, coal for various offices, \$55; J. Donovan, computation of E. & H. Railway debentures, \$10; W.G. McGeorge, surveying Co. line between Kent and Lambton, \$46.65; H'y Robinson, getting wood drawn and carried into various offices, \$19.12; Andrew Marcus, caretaker Moravian bridge, \$10; Robert Cooper, stationery, \$33.58; School Board, Town Chatham for Central School being used as Model School, \$150; S. F. Dennis, repairing glass at gaol, \$5.25—\$382.66.

Reference to Blenheim lock-up, the amounts appropriated not to be paid until certified statement from Treas. of Blenheim of the amount of cost of said building to be laid before the Council.

The application of Mr. McNabb, asking this Council to pay the sum of \$400 for the survey of the E. & H. Railway be not paid.

Your Committee recommend that only one stove be furnished to the different offices for which we are compelled to furnish fuel, except the Sheriff's office.

Your Committee further recommend that J. G. Laird be paid \$14 for attending Committee of Investigation on charges against Mr. Harrison, and for attending meetings to appoint a Trustee for E. & H. R. Debentures. Total amounts recommended: Dunkin Bill By-law, \$216 50; Com'rs' wages, \$511 50; Miscellaneous, \$382 56; J. G. Laird, \$14.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE, Chairman.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 356.

A BY-LAW to amend section Three of By-Law, No. 319, passed 8th June, 1874, in titled "A By-Law to aid and assist the Erie and Huron Railway Company by giving \$155,000 to said Company, by way of Bonus, and to issue Debentures therefor, and to authorize the levying of a special rate for the payment of the Debentures and Interest."

PASSED 3RD NOVEMBER, 1877.

WHEREAS, by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, 38th Vic., Chap. 64, Sec. 9, authority has been given to amend the third section of By-Law No. 319, passed 8th June, 1874, granting aid to said Erie and Huron Railway Company.

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient to amend said third section or clause of said By-Law, No. 319.

BE IT THEREFORE enacted by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Acts respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of Ontario.

1st. That the said Third section or clause of By-Law No. 319, passed 8th June 1874, granting aid to the Erie and Huron Railway Company, is hereby amended to read as follows:—That the said Debentures shall be made payable annually for twenty years, that is to say: the annual instalments of principal and interest for the said term of twenty years to be paid according to, and as set forth in Schedule attached, marked "A," forming part of this By-Law; said instalments of principal and interest payable at the office of the Branch of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, in the Town of Chatham aforesaid, and shall have attached to each of them, Coupons for the payment of interest, at the rate and in manner hereinafter mentioned,

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

[L.S.]

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

NO. 357.

A BY-LAW to confirm a By-Law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Chatham and North Gore, passed 15th July, 1877.

PASSED 13th December, 1877.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to confirm a By-Law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Chatham and North Gore, passed the 15th day of July, 1877, and Numbered 63, being a By-Law to open the Road between the first and second Concessions, from the present terminus North Easterly across Lot No. 9 to the Caladonia Road.

AND **WHEREAS** it appears in, and by said By-law, that all the notices and other requirements of the 424th Section of the Municipal Act of 1873, have been complied with.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, by virtue of the Municipal Acts of Ontario.

1. That the said recited By-Law for opening the Road between the first and second Concessions from its present terminus North Easterly across No. 9, to the Caladonia Road, therein mentioned, as recited in said By-law of the Township of Chatham and North Gore, be and the same is hereby confirmed; a copy of said By-law is hereto attached.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

NO. 358.

A BY-LAW for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864.

PASSED 14th December, 1877.

WHEREAS, it is deemed expedient and necessary that the Temperance Act of 1864 should be enforced within the County of Kent,

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal Acts of Ontario and the Temperance Act of 1864—

1st. That the sale of Intoxicating Liquors and the issue of Licenses therefor is hereby prohibited within the County of Kent, under authority and for enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

NO. 359.

A BY-LAW to provide for the removal of obstructions from County and Township boundary lines within this County.

PASSED 15th December, 1877.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient to provide for the clearing of all obstructions placed upon any road within the County over which this Council has jurisdiction;

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, assembled under and by virtue of the Municipal Institutions Acts of Ontario—

1st. That it shall be the duty of any Commissioner or Commissioners appointed from time to time to oversee or expend money on roads assumed by this County, to notify any party or parties placing any obstructions thereon that would obstruct the public travel, or otherwise interfere with any watercourse that is made for the purpose of draining said roads, to have the same removed forthwith; and in case of refusal or neglect so to do within six days, the said Commissioner or Commissioners shall have the same removed at the expense of the owner or offending party or parties

2nd. Any person or persons violating the provisions of the first section of this By-law shall be liable to a fine of from one dollar to twenty dollars and expenses; also, to pay the cost of removing said obstructions, to be recovered from the offending parties before any Justice of the Peace within the County, and on default, be subject to imprisonment for a term of from ten to twenty days in the common gaol of this County.

3rd. This By-law shall take effect on the passing thereof.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

ROBERT FERGUSON, WARDEN.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

JANUARY SESSION--1878,

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

—OF THE—

COUNTY OF KENT.

ALEXANDER TRERICE,
DANIEL KERR,

Warden,
Clerk.:



CHATHAM:

PRINTED AT THE "BANNER" OFFICE, 153, KING STREET WEST.

1878.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Municipal Council of the County of Kent,
JANUARY SESSION, 1878—FIRST DAY.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to Statute, at the Court House, Chatham, on Tuesday, January 22nd, 1878.

Certificates from the several Municipal Clerks in the County were deposited with the Clerk, whereby it appeared that the following Reeves and Deputy-Reeves were duly elected and had taken the declarations required by the Statute.

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| TOWN OF BOTHWELL..... | THOMAS DILLON, REEVE. |
| “ CHATHAM..... | THOMAS HOLMES, REEVE. |
| “ “..... | WILLIAM CRADDOCK, 1ST DEPUTY. |
| “ “..... | WILLIAM BALL, 2ND DEPUTY. |
| VILLAGE OF BLENHEIM..... | THOMAS R. JACKSON, REEVE. |
| “ DRESDEN..... | ALEX. TRERICE, REEVE |
| “ RIDGETOWN..... | JACOB SMITH, REEVE. |
| “ THAMESVILLE..... | LEMUEL SHERMAN, REEVE. |
| “ WALLACEBURG..... | JOS. H. BEATTIE, REEVE. |
| TOWNSHIP OF CAMDEN..... | ROBERT FERGUSON, REEVE. |
| “ CHATHAM..... | WM. H. STEPHENS, REEVE. |
| “ “..... | JOHN TASSIE, 1ST DEPUTY. |
| “ “..... | ALEX. W. CROW, 2ND “ |
| “ DOVER..... | PETER ROBERT, REEVE |
| “ “..... | CORNELIUS PURSER, DEPUTY. |
| “ HARWICH..... | GEORGE YOUNG, REEVE. |
| “ “..... | JAMES McMULLEN, 1ST DEPUTY. |
| “ “..... | WM. CAMERON, 2ND “ |
| “ HOWARD..... | MICHAEL ARNOLD, REEVE. |
| “ “..... | BENJAMIN WILLSON, 1ST DEPUTY. |
| “ “..... | ALEXANDER CLARK, 2ND “ |
| “ ORFORD..... | JOHN LEE, REEVE. |
| “ “..... | A. J. McDONALD, DEPUTY |
| “ RALEIGH..... | STEPHEN WHITE, REEVE. |
| “ “..... | THOS. L. PARDO, 1ST DEPUTY. |
| “ “..... | GILBERT H. DOLSEN, 2ND “ |
| “ ROMNEY..... | CALEB COATSWORTH, REEVE. |
| “ TILBUEY EAST..... | ANDREW WILSON, REEVE. |
| “ “..... | WM. HICKEY, DEPUTY. |
| “ ZONE..... | JAMES CRUICKSHANK, REEVE. |

All the Members who had their certificates filed were present. The Council then proceeded to the election of a Warden, the Clerk in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Arnold, that Alexander Trerice, Reeve of Dresden, be Warden for the year 1878.—Carried.

The Clerk then declared Alexander Trerice, Warden.

Mr Trerice then made the declaration of office, and, on taking the chair, returned thanks for the honor conferred on him.

The roll was called; the same members present; the Warden in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting of the December session of 1877 were read and approved.

The following communications were read:—

From the Provincial Secretary's office, and from J. W. Langmuir, respecting a petition from this Council asking authority to employ prisoners sentenced to hard labor outside the limits of the County Jail.

From the Department of the Secretary of State, Ottawa, acknowledging receipt of petition praying that Grand Juries be abolished.

From the Provincial Secretary's office, acknowledging receipt of a resolution asking for the appointment of A. W. Brown as short-hand writer to the County Court.

From the County Clerk of Huron, with a copy of a Memorial to the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario in Council, praying for the erection of a House of Refuge in this Province for the reception of indigent persons who are afflicted with incurable diseases, and asking the co-operation of this Council therein.

From the County Clerk of Elgin, asking this County to co-operate with the County Council of Elgin in petitioning the Legislature for certain amendments to the Voter's List Act.

From the Township Clerk of Raleigh, with a copy of a Fence-viewer's award.—Referred to Committee on Drainage Assessments.

From Rev. Wm. King, Secretary of the Board of High School Trustees, with annual report and statement of receipts and expenditures of the School for 1877.

From Alex. Coutts, Esq., M. P. P., stating that he had presented two petitions from this Council to the House of Assembly, viz: one for amendments to the Temperance Act of 1864, and one for amendments to the Municipal Act.

From John McCabe, an application to be appointed a member of the Board of Examiners.

From the C. S. R. Co. Engineer's office, stating that the crossing on Harwich and Howard Townline had been attended to.

Various notices of motion were given:

From the County Clerk, a report in reference to By-law No. 358, passed 14th Dec., 1877, for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Arnold, that the report now read be adopted.—Carried.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:—

Yeas—Councillors Lee, White, Pardo, Dolsen, Stephens, Tassie, Crowe, Wilson (Tilbury), Hickey, Sherman, Clark, Wilson (Howard), Arnold, Smith, Cruickshank, Ferguson, Holmes and the Warden—18.

Nays—Councillors Young, Coatsworth, Cameron, McMullen, Purser, Robert, Ball and Craddock—9.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ALEX. TRERICE, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, Wednesday, 23d Jan., 1878.

The roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden; Councillors Arnold, Ball, Beattie, Craddock, Cruickshank, Dobbyn, Dillon, Holmes, Lee, McDonald, Pardo, Purser, Sherman, Smith, Stephens, Tassie, White, Wilson (Howard.)

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read:

From the County Treasurer, submitting to the Council copy of Cash Book, Abstract of Accounts, Balance Sheet, Statement of Liabilities and Assets, Statement of Accounts with the different Municipalities for the year 1877.

From Edmund B. Harrison, Esq., P. S. I., a report of the Board of Examiners, with a statement of expense for 1877.

Various notices of motion were given, and various accounts were read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Warden nominated A. B. McIntosh, County Auditor for the current year.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Pardo, that Messrs. Lee, Ferguson, Robert, Holmes, Coatsworth, Stephens, Arnold, Young, Dillon and the mover, be a Committee to strike the Standing Committees, as follows: Finance, County Property, Roads and Bridges, Education, Printing, Drains, Gaol Accounts and Contingencies.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Tassie, that the appropriations for County Roads in the County of Kent, for the year A. D. 1878, be made during the present session of this Council.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Ball, that this Council grant \$200 each to East & West Kent Agricultural Societies for the present year.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Warden, Councillors Lee, Smith and the mover, be a Special Committee to consolidate and revise the By-laws of the County of Kent.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Beattie, that Geo. D. Ross, Esq., be appointed Auditor for the year 1878.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the Commissioners appointed to expend grants of money on the Dover and Chatham Townline be and are hereby authorized to use a part of the unexpended grants for the said Townline for the purpose of improving the diverted road to Wallaceburg.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that Councillors Lee, Arnold, Cruickshank and the mover, be a Committee to draft a petition to the Legislature to amend the Municipal Assessment Act, so as to give power to Township Councils, or a Committee of such Councils, to revise the Assessment Roll previous to holding the Court of Revision.—Lost.

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

Yeas—Councillors White, Dolsen, Pardo, Coatsworth, Hickey, Wilson (T. E.), Crowe, Beattie, Dillon, Cruickshank, Purser, Robert, Tassie and the Warden—14.

Nays—Councillors Lee, McMullen, Cameron, McDonald, Stephens, Wilson (Howard), Arnold, Smith, Sherman, Dobbyn, Ferguson, Ball, Craddock and Holmes—14.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden; Councillors Arnold, Beattie, Coatsworth, Clark, Cameron, Craddock, Cruickshank, Dolsen, Ferguson, Hickey, Holmes, McDonald, McMullen, Pardo, Purser, Robert, Sherman, Smith, Stephens, Tassie, White, Wilson (Howard), Wilson (T. E.), and Young.

Communications were read:—From Minister of Education, with reference to the remuneration of County Inspector of Schools for the information of County Councils.

From Treasurer of Board of High School Trustees, with estimate of the amount required for 1878.—Referred to Com. of Finance.

From Robert Ferguson, Reeve of Camden, relative to the issuing of the Erie & Huron Railway bonus debentures.

On motion of Mr. Robert, the report of the Commissioners on the Chatham and Dover Townline was read and adopted.

Notices of motion were given, and accounts were read and referred to Com. on Finance.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ALEX. TRERICE, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, Thursday, 24th Jan., 1878.

The roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden; Councillors Arnold, Ball, Beattie, Coatsworth, Clark, Crowe, Cruickshank, Dobbyn, Dillon, Hickey, Holmes, Jackson, Lee, McDonald, McMullen, Purser, Sherman, Smith, Stephens, Tassie, White, Wilson (Howard), Wilson (T. E.) and Young.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read:—

From C. R. Atkinson, Solicitor, statement of matters placed under his care—first, in re G. W. R. Co. and the Baptiste Creek bridge; 2nd, in the suit in Chancery, Harwich vs. Erie & Huron Railway Co.

From Sheriff Mercer, enclosing circular from J. W. Langmuir, Inspector of Prisons, &c., relative to prison clothing.

From T. R. Jackson, Reeve of Blenheim, with statement in detail of the amount paid by the Treasurer of Blenheim for the erection of a Lock-up.—Ref'd to Com. on Finance.

From W. D. Eberts, Esq., Managing Director of the Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road Co., with annual report and financial statement.

From Daniel Johnson, applying to be appointed a member of the Board of Examiners.—Ref'd to Com. on Education.

Various notices of motion were given; various accounts were read and referred to Com. on Finance.

On motion of Mr. White, the report of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the current year was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Howard), that Messrs. Young, Holmes, and the Warden, be a Committee to inquire into the standing of the bondsmen of the County Treasurer, and report to this Council during the present session.—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Lee, that Messrs. Lee, White, Holme^s, Coatsworth and the mover, be a Committee to inquire into the lawfulness of the apportionment of the County taxes among the various Municipalities during the last and previous years, and whether the County Treasurer can lawfully sell lands for taxes if found to have been unlawfully levied.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Tassie, that a Committee be appointed, composed of Mr. Beattie and the mover, to consult with the Committee of the County of Lambton as to the necessity of building a Bridge over the North Branch of the River Sydenham, on the County line between the Counties of Kent and Lambton; also, the selecting of a site, and the probable cost of said Bridge, and report to this Council at the June session of 1878.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Dolsen, that Messrs. Lee, Coatsworth, Dolsen, Wilson (T. E.), Ferguson and the mover, be appointed a Committee to draft a petition to the Legislature asking for amendments to the Assessment Act.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. White, the report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition of F. B. Stewart in regard to straightening the Raleigh and Tilbury East Townline near the Canada Southern Railway, was read and adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SITTING

The roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors. Communications were read:

From John P. Sivewright, M. D., from J. L. Bray, M. D., and from John R. Van Allen, M. D., each asking for the appointment of Gaol Surgeon.

On motion of Mr. Young, the report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, the report of the Committee on Public Buildings was read and adopted.

Moved by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Howard), that in the opinion of this Council, the Township of Howard, the Township of Orford, and the Village of Ridgetown, should be set apart for High School purposes as a High School District, to be called the Ridgetown High School District.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Arnold, that the East Riding of Kent be the High School District.

Moved as a second amendment by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that this Council is of opinion that an additional High School is not necessary at present.

Moved as a third amendment by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McMullen, that it is not expedient at present to form another High School District.—Carried. Motion and other amendments lost.

Various notices of motion were given; various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Com.

On motion, Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ALEX. TRERICE, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, 25th Jan., 1878.

The roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read: From Jas. P. Rutherford, M.D., in reference to the Gaol Surgeon.

From the Members of the Board of Audit, with statement in detail, showing the amount of claims and the amounts allowed by them.

Various notices of motion were given. Various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Dolsen, a By-law to impose tolls for crossing the Swing Bridges over the River Sydenham, in the Villages of Dresden and Wallaceburg, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Jackson, That Dr. Bray be appointed Gaol Surgeon for this County in place of Dr. Sivewright, who is incapacitated thro' illness.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Dolsen, That the appointment of Dr. Sivewright as Gaol Surgeon be not annulled at present.

Moved as a second amendment by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Stephens, That the

matter of dismissing Dr. Sivewright and appointing a new Gael Surgeon, be laid over till the June session of this Council.—Carried. Motion and amendment lost.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—A. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors. Communications were read:—From the County Treasurer, with statement of expenses incurred in connection with taking the vote on By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864.

From the same, relating to the Erie and Huron Railway Debentures.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, a By-law to confirm By-law No. 231, of the Township of Romney, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain Officers of the Corporation of the County of Kent, for the current year, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Dobbyn, seconded by Mr. Sherman, that this Council grant the sum of \$1,500 by way of aid towards erecting a Stone and Iron Bridge over the River Sydenham, on the 11th Concession, Gore of Camden, on the site known as the Croton Bridge; the said \$1,500 not to be paid over in favor of said Bridge till said Bridge is completed to the satisfaction of a Committee of this Council; and it is herein understood the above grant of \$1,500 is to relieve the Council of any liability of being called upon to construct a Bridge on the County line, which crosses one mile further up said river.—Referred to Com. on Roads & Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Young, a By-law to amend By-law No. 318, entitled a By-law to Incorporate the Village of Blenheim, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), that this Council do now go into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of amending the Municipal Act with a view of reducing the expenses of the working of the same.—Lost.

In answer to an inquiry by Mr. Stephens relative to parties obstructing the ditch on the Chatham and Dover Townline, the Warden replied that Commissioners could prosecute under By-law No. 359.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury), seconded by Mr. Pardo, that Councillors White, Coatsworth, Lee, Cruickshank and the mover, be a Committee to fix the percentage for letting and receiving jobs on County Roads according to the sums expended.—Carried.

The Warden submitted return under Section No. 274, of the Municipal Act, shewing the debt of the County up till 31st December, 1877.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the 18th, 24th and 25th rules of this Council be suspended for the remainder of this session.—Carried.

The Finance Report was read.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. White, that the report now read be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Young, seconded by Dr. Smith, that the Report be referred back to amend the same, so that the total sum estimated for and required by the Treasurer of the Board of High School Trustees be granted.—Amendment lost; motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Dolsen, seconded by Mr. Pardo, that the By-law to put tolls on Wallaceburg and Dresden Bridges be read a second time.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Howard), seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the By-law to put tolls on the Wallaceburg and Dresden Bridges be read a second time this day six months.—Amendment carried; motion lost.

The yeas and nays were called for on the amendment and taken down as follows:

Yeas—Councillors Young, Jackson, Cameron, McMullen, Beattie, Stephens, Tassie, Crow, Arnold, Wilson (Howard), Smith, Sherman, Dobbyn, Dillon, Cruickshank, Purser, Robert and the Warden—18.

Nays—Councillors Lee, McDonald, White, Pardo, Dolsen, Clark, Wilson (T. E.), Hickey, Ball, Craddock and Holmes—11.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrowing.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

ALEX. TRERICE, WARDEN.

The roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councilors except Mr. Jackson.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges was read.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Dobbyn, that the report now read be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Clark, that the Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges lay over till the June session.—Lost.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows on the amendment:—Yeas—Councillors McDonal, White, Pardo, Clark, Stephens, Wilson (T. E.), Hickey, Ball, Craddock and Holmes.—10.

Nays—Councillors Young, McMullen, Cameron, Lee, Beattie, Tassie, Crowe, Cruickshank, Wilson (Howard), Arnold, Smith, Sherman, Dillon, Ferguson and the Warden.—15.

The motion to adopt the report was then put to vote and carried.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Beattie, that a Committee be appointed by this Council, composed of Messrs. Young, White, Robert and the mover, to watch the proceedings of the Legislature, at its present session, relative to amendments or legislation that may be asked for by the Erie & Huron Railway Company, and to take such action as such Committee thinks the several Municipalities may require in the matter above referred to.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that we consider the grouped Municipalities who have to pay the bonus are the proper parties to send those delegates to Toronto to watch the Erie & Huron Railway Bill before the Legislature, and that the Warden be instructed to watch the proceedings on behalf of this Council relative to said Bill, either by Counsel or otherwise.—Amendment carried; motion lost.

A petition was presented by Mr. Young from the Council of the Village of Blenheim, praying to have By-law No. 218 amended.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law for the appointment of certain Officers of the County of Kent, for the current year, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, a By-law to confirm By-law No. 233, of the Township of Romney, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Young, a By-law to amend By-law No. 318, entitled a By-law to Incorporate the Village of Blenheim, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Beattie, a By-law to amend By-law No. 333, entitled a By-law to regulate travel on the Bridges spanning the River Sydenham at Wallaceburg, and to provide for the maintenance thereof, was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Beattie, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the foregoing By-laws, Mr. Holmes in the chair.

The Council resumed; the Chairman reported that the By-laws passed in Committee, the By-law for the appointment of Officers with blanks filled up.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law for the appointment of certain Officers of the County of Kent, for the current year, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, a By-law to confirm By-law No. 231, of the Township of Romney, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Young, a By-law to amend By-law No. 318, entitled a By-law to Incorporate the Village of Blenheim, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Beattie, a By-law to amend By-law No. 333, entitled a By-law to regulate travel on the Bridges spanning the River Sydenham at Wallaceburg, and to provide for the maintenance thereof, was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that Messrs. Lee, Dolsen, White, Stephens and the mover, be appointed a Committee to report a scheme on the first day of the June sessions whereby the duration of the session of this Council might be shortened, and the expenses incurred lessened.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Craddock, that the By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864 be submitted to the people, and that the Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to have the vote taken thereon.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Lee, that this Council adjourn until the 2nd Monday in June next.—Carried.

Council then adjourned.

REPORTS.

FROM BLENHEIM COUNCIL.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We the undersigned, the Municipal Council of the Village of Blenheim, respectfully petition your honorable body to amend By-law No. 218 of the Co. of Kent, defining the boundaries of the Village of Blenheim, as per plan and survey of Sherman Malcolm, Esq., P. L. S., hereunto annexed, with description thereof.

THOS. R. JACKSON, Reeve, and Councillors MOUNTFORD, MORGAN, KNAPP, and THOMPSON.

ON PRISON LABOR.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR OF PRISONS AND PUBLIC CHARITIES, ONT., }
Toronto, 31st Dec., 1877. }

Chatham Gaol RE Employment of Prisoners beyond Gaol Limits,

SIR,—The petition of the Council of the Co. of Kent to be allowed to use the labor of the prisoners beyond the Gaol walls, under the provisions of the Act passed at the last session of the Dominion Parliament, has been referred to me.

I may inform you that the Act in question only authorizes such employment of prisoners who have been sentenced for offences against the *laws of Canada*. These bear but a small proportion to the number of prisoner sentenced under the Provincial Statutes and Municipal laws, who are not affected by the Act. I am advised, however, that it is the intention of the Government of Ontario to submit a bill, in the coming session, authorizing the employment of all classes of prisoners in the public streets and works.

From enquiry of the Sheriff, you will learn whether it would be worth while to have the authority to work the small number of the class of prisoners first above mentioned—the most of whom are transferred to the Penitentiary or Central Prison—or whether it would be better to wait until power is vested in the Government to authorize the employment of all classes of prisoners—Waiting your reply, I have the honor to be, Sir, your obdt. servant,

J. W. LANGMUIR, Inspector.

D. KEER, Esq., Co. Clerk, Chatham.

ON E. & H. R. DEBENTURES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—For the information of the Council in the matter of the Erie and Huron Railway Debentures issuing, I beg leave to report as follows:

Under an order of the Courts requesting the Erie and Huron Railway debentures to be placed in the hands of the Referee of the Court, pending the lawsuit, and under the advice of Bethune, Osler & Moss, I have signed the Debentures for the 17 years of the By-law, to run from 1st Jan. of this year, and also the Treasurer; but owing to sickness in the Treasurer's family, he has been unable to go to Toronto with the debentures to deliver them over to the Referee of the Court and take his receipt for the debentures, or some proof of the delivery of them. Mr. Atkinson will report more fully.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. FERGUSON.

BAPTISTE CREEK AND E. & H. RAILWAY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

At the request of the Warden for the past years, I enclose you the following statement of the matter placed by your Honorable Body under my care.

First—In re Great Western Railway Company and the Baptiste Creek Bridge, I am pleased to have to report that without the jangling and ill-blood of a law suit, beyond obtaining of an Indictment, we have been able to get the obstacle to scow navigation removed from under that bridge, by the Company.

Second—In the suit in Chancery, "Harwich vs. Erie Railway Co., I have little to report other than that it is in appeal, and will most likely come on for hearing in March next. It may or may not be successful; it is not for me to give an opinion upon; but in case it should fail to be successful, there is a duty incumbent upon the County at once to see properly discharged. At a special meeting of your honorable body

last year, I very strongly advised you to issue 20 years debentures from date of issue, and not from date of the original By-law on 1st July, 1875, and leave the Company by a special Act to get the issue confirmed, if they had any doubts; and I gave my opinion directly against what the Company's Solicitors advised and demanded. My own opinions, from anything that has happened since, I have seen no reason to change. However, you, I believe left the Warden at liberty to get other advice, and he did—that of Mr. Osler, of the firm of Bethune, Osler & Moss, who advised issuing only the 17 years debentures, payable from 1st January, 1875, in 4 to 17 years, respectively from that date, but bearing date as I advised, and so far as I have understood the matter, leaving the 3 past years yet an open question, and it so yet remains, with first 3 year's Coupons on all. By the decree of the Court of Chancery (now in appeal), it is declared the Company is entitled to the debentures, and as it originally was settled you were ordered to deliver them to the Trustees. This would in fact have saddled the County with an immediate debt unprovided for, of three years' debentures, and three years' interest on \$155,000. I appealed against this, and succeeded, but the question was still left open, the Vice-Chancellor simply declaring the Company entitled to the debentures, and chiefly I think for the purpose of enabling this Council obtaining Legislative sanction, if deemed necessary, and to issue them as from date in 20 consecutive years, or leaving them so to issue them. As the matter now stands, the 17 years' debentures, I believe, have been lodged in Court, as directed by an order of Court, pending the appeal. Mr. Manning, I am given to understand, has applied for an Act of the Legislature to alter the Charter Acts of the Company. I am not aware for what purpose, but as the debentures have in part been issued, and no provision made for the County's safety as to the 3 years debentures, and 3 years' interest, I would suggest to your honorable body, that the County employ some one to watch this amending Act, and see that no undue powers are further given to the Company, and no matter detrimental to the legal rights and status of the various Municipalities towards the Company is interfered with or affected, and no further duties imposed. At the same time to get a clause inserted (pending the decision on the appeal), for the issue of the debentures, payable in 18, 19, and 20 years from the date of the other debentures, and making provision for the payment thereof. The Coupons cut off the debentures now lodged in Court, a very bothersome difficulty that would have been avoided, had all been issued as I advised. It does seem to me so very necessary that this Bill should be watched by a competent agent, fully instructed when in committee, that I cannot too strongly urge it upon your notice, and especially the obtaining a provision for these three years' debentures and coupons.

I am, Sir, your Obed't Servant,

CHAS. R. ATKINSON.

Chatham, January 23^d, 1878.

ON E. & H. R. DEBENTURES.

Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden of County Kent.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your inquiries of yesterday RE Erie & Huron Railway debentures, I have the honor to inform you that the amount issued is \$141,703.08, payable with interest in as nearly as possible in seventeen equal annual payments, the first of which will become due on the 1st of Jan., 1879. The interest is payable half-yearly. The Debentures are dated 27th Dec., 1877. None have been issued for the first three years.

I hand you a copy of order of Court of Chancery requiring these Debentures to be deposited with the Referee in Chambers of that Hon. Court.—Yours very truly,

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treas., Kent.

Chatham, 25th Jan., 1877.

WEDNESDAY, 19th Dec'r, 1877.

IN CHANCERY—IN CHAMBERS.

Between the Corporation of the Township of Harwich and others, Plaintiffs, and the Erie & Huron Railway Company and others, Defendants.

Upon the application of the Plaintiffs, in the presence of the Solicitor for the Defendants, The Erie & Huron Railway Company and the Corporation of the County of Kent, upon hearing read the affidavit of Alfred Hoskin, the decree made herein and bearing date the 3rd day of Oct'r last, the Notice of filing the Appeal Bond is

this cause, and the pleadings and proceedings in this cause, and upon hearing what was alleged—

1st. It is ordered that the Debentures to be issued by the said Defendants, The Corporation of the County of Kent, with said decree referred to, be deposited with the Referee in Chambers until the appeal from the said decree to the Court of Appeal be disposed of.

2d. And it is further ordered that the costs of this application be costs with cause.
R. J. STEPHENS.

FROM COUNTY TREASURER.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor herewith to lay before your honorable body my accounts with the County of Kent for the year 1877, made out in the usual form.

I have nothing special to report further than that I have not included in the Statement of Liabilities the Debentures issued in aid of the Erie & Huron Railway, as the appeal in case Harwich vs. The Erie & Huron Railway Company, has not yet been decided. An order was issued that these Debentures should be deposited with the Referee in Chambers of the Court of Chancery pending the decision of the case, but severe sickness in my family has prevented my proceeding to Toronto with them, as I had intended to have done, under instructions from the Warden.—I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your obdt. servt.,
C. G. CHARTERIS, Treas., Kent.

Co. Treas'. Office, Chatham, 22d, Jan., 1878.

CHAS. GEO. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, in Account with the County of Kent for the Receipts and Expenditure of County Funds during the year 1877.

RECEIPTS.

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| To cash on hand 1st Jan., 1878..... | \$4115 16 | Treas. Thamesville, Co. rate '76 | \$ 118 40 |
| Treasurer Orford, County rate, 1877..... | 1000 00 | Raleigh do | 3713 91 |
| Town Bothwell, Co. rate, 1876..... | 469 86 | Payment Jurors | 122 50 |
| Industrial Farm, rent 1876..... | 30 00 | Treas. Cam'd. Co. rate '76 \$1945.48 '77 \$500 | 2145 48 |
| Registrar Kent, fees for '75-'76 | 1527 27 | Village Wallaceburg, Co. rate '76.. | 253 96 |
| Treas. Romney, Co. rate '76..... | 827 17 | Blenheim do | 235 26 |
| Interest acct., Merchants Bank..... | 211 74 | Wild land tax..... | 17835 70 |
| Raleigh, Tilbury E. & Dover, Poor sch'l. | 58 00 | Treas. Tilbury, Co. rate '76..... | 1842 14 |
| Fin. Min. for Adm. Justice, paym't wit's | 5241 89 | Harw'h Co. rate '76 \$543.57, '77 \$5000 | 8543 57 |
| Treas. Dover E., Co. rate '76..... | 2880 32 | License acct..... | 360 00 |
| Dresden do | 480 00 | John Mercer, amt. adv. con. pris. Penit'y | 900 00 |
| Town Chatham do | 4080 00 | High School from Gov't | 531 50 |
| Town'p do on acct. do | 3898 72 | Leg. School grant from Govt..... | 4056 00 |
| Howard, Co. rate '76, \$865.12 \$3093.48 | 4538 60 | | |
| Lands redeemed | 5275 37 | | \$73836 78 |
| Treas. Zone, Co. rate '76 \$190.09, '77 \$944.23 | 1134 32 | | |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| West Kent Ag'l Society grant for 1876 .. | \$250 00 | Payment Jurors..... | 3031 31 |
| Rewards acct. appr. horse thieves .. | 80 00 | Councillors' wages and committees..... | 2284 00 |
| Medicine for prisoners..... | 9 30 | Caretaker offices | 240 00 |
| Industrial farm for fencing..... | 39 16 | Wallaceburg bridges, wages caretaker.. | 507 75 |
| Bothwell bridge, orders..... | 10 02 | School Supt..... | \$ 458 75 |
| Wallaceburg bridges, grant in '76 \$400 00 | | Miscellaneous exp. acct..... | 247 94 |
| repairs '77 \$145 36 | 545 36 | Coroners' orders | 114 60 |
| Interest acct..... | 2710 00 | Payment Criminal witnesses..... | 701 62 |
| Raleigh, Tilbury E. & Dover Poor sch'l | 80 00 | Adm. Justice not Criminal..... | 4797 44 |
| Board Audit, Govt. Aud. acct..... | 16 00 | Grant for pump Chatham & Dover T.L. | 175 00 |
| Registry Office for books | 182 00 | Moravia bridge, salary caretaker..... | 10 00 |
| Co. printing | 275 49 | Robinson drain, Camden, amt. assm't .. | 28 00 |
| Engineering & surveying..... | 52 63 | L.B.C. drain, Camden, Zone do | 50 00 |
| Fuel for offices..... | 120 02 | Office furniture..... | 76 70 |
| Moravian bridge repairs | 2 00 | Board Examiners..... | 267 71 |
| Dresden do salary caretaker..... | 125 00 | Brooksbank drain..... | 17 20 |
| Tecumseh bridge repairs | 25 00 | Sheriff Mercer, conveying pris. to Penit'y | 800 00 |
| Kent bridge, painting and repairs..... | 214 75 | High School for Master..... | 1222 50 |
| Salaries acct., Clerk and Auditors..... | 1800 00 | Tap drain, Field's creek..... | 99 00 |
| New Registry office pump..... | 10 00 | Achison drain..... | 4 00 |
| Lands redeemed..... | 5317 25 | Wild land tax pd. different Municipalities | 20029 94 |
| Adm. Criminal Justice acct..... | 4491 01 | Grant to different Counties and T. lines. | 5752 55 |
| Public Building repairs..... | 1785 94 | Leg. school grant p'd diff. municipalities | 3361 00 |
| Ret. Officers' acct., Dunkin Aet..... | 216 50 | Selectors Jurors..... | 118 00 |
| Office rent acct..... | 465 00 | Cash on hand..... | 4347 08 |
| Debenture acct..... | 5000 00 | | |
| Insurance acct..... | 281 25 | | \$73836 78 |

Co. Treas'. Office, Chatham, 1st Jan., 1878.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

BALANCE SHEET, County of Kent Ledger, 1st January 1878.

| | | Dr. |
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| Gaol and Court House..... | \$24181 04 | |
| do do Wall..... | 6561 09 | |
| Registry Office, Furniture..... | 290 29 | |
| Treasurer, Orford..... | 1475 91 | |
| Registry Office, addition..... | 716 24 | |
| Treasurer Bothwell..... | 409 00 | |
| Industrial Farm..... | 2061 85 | |
| Registrar, Kent..... | 537 45 | |
| Treasurer, Romney..... | 828 38 | |
| Chatham & D. E. T. L. West Sydenham | 24 | |
| Treasurer Dover E. & West..... | 2854 55 | |
| Do Dresden..... | 475 00 | |
| Gaol & Court House furnishing act..... | 1307 63 | |
| Treasurer Town of Chatham..... | 4250 00 | |
| Do Chatham and Gore..... | 3873 80 | |
| Dresden Bridge..... | 8681 59 | |
| Kept do..... | 15007 22 | |
| New Registry Office..... | 7193 83 | |
| Treasurer Thamesville..... | 225 00 | |
| Tecumseh Bridge..... | | \$16455 50 |
| Wm. Douglas..... | | 9 90 |
| Insurance Account..... | | 281 25 |
| Treasurer, Raleigh..... | | 3771 54 |
| do Camden & Gore..... | | 1417 17 |
| do Wallaceburg..... | | 275 00 |
| do Blenheim..... | | 25 00 |
| High School..... | | 6682 85 |
| Payment of Witnesses..... | | 38 50 |
| New County Offices..... | | 570 00 |
| Moravia Bridge..... | | 4261 82 |
| Office Furniture..... | | 837 28 |
| Treasurer, Tilbury East..... | | 1708 14 |
| do Harwich..... | | 377 12 |
| do Ridgetown..... | | 250 00 |
| John Mercer, Sheriff..... | | 104 00 |
| | | \$118721 24 |

BALANCE SHEET, County Kent Ledger, 1st Jan., 1878.

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| West Kent Agricultural Society..... | \$200 00 | |
| Zone and Mosa, T. L..... | 5 75 | |
| Howard Grant for Roads..... | 98 | |
| Orford, do do..... | 83 | |
| Harwich Com. Roads..... | 90 | |
| Kent and Middlesex, C. L..... | 17 50 | |
| Elgin, Middlesex & Kent C. L. Bridge..... | 37 98 | |
| Wallaceburg Bridges, repairs account..... | 714 64 | |
| Town of Chatham and Dover T. L..... | 98 96 | |
| Interest account..... | 650 00 | |
| Harwich and Town of Chatham..... | 65 60 | |
| Otter Creek Drain..... | 200 00 | |
| East Kent Agricultural Society..... | 200 00 | |
| Chatham and Camden T. L..... | 130 79 | |
| Zone and Bothwell..... | 02 | |
| Gore of Camden and Dawn..... | 133 49 | |
| Kent and Lambton C. L..... | 1 38 | |
| Chatham and Gore of Camden..... | 52 49 | |
| Board of Audit..... | 16 00 | |
| Township of Zone..... | 405 67 | |
| do Chatham and Gore..... | 5719 17 | |
| Romney and Tilbury East T. L..... | 28 92 | |
| Township of Harwich..... | 370 01 | |
| do Camden and Gore..... | 1476 31 | |
| do Tilbury East..... | 3536 73 | |
| Chatham and Camden T. L. Ditch..... | 11 17 | |
| Chatham & Dover East T. L. Drain..... | 420 00 | |
| Camden Dresden T. L..... | 74 06 | |
| Dover East and West T. L..... | 03 | |
| Township of Dover East and West..... | 2213 03 | |
| County of Kent General Account..... | 57068 96 | |
| East and West Tilbury T. L..... | 22 19 | |
| Village of Dresden..... | 98 40 | |
| Raleigh and Tilbury East T. L..... | 6 00 | |
| Town of Chatham..... | 800 09 | |
| Romney and Mersea..... | 184 43 | |
| Bothwell Bridge approach..... | 149 15 | |
| Tecumseh Bridge repairs..... | 30 00 | |
| Howard and Harwich T. L..... | 189 83 | |
| Lands Redeemed account..... | 359 85 | |
| Administration Criminal Justice account..... | 37 10 | |
| Raleigh and Town of Chatham..... | | \$ 7 90 |
| Camden for surv'y bet' n Kent & Lam'n | | 150 00 |
| Village of Thamesville..... | | 42 24 |
| Debiture Account..... | | 3500 00 |
| Gore of Chatham and Sombra C. L..... | | 622 43 |
| Township of Howard..... | | 99 16 |
| do Raleigh..... | | 1486 92 |
| Howard & Harwich Tap Drain..... | | 23 25 |
| Bothwell Bridge, south approach..... | | 170 66 |
| Township of Romney..... | | 2066 08 |
| Village of Wallaceburg..... | | 69 41 |
| Drill Shed Wallaceburg..... | | 200 00 |
| Blenheim Lock-up..... | | 280 00 |
| Camden and Zone T. L..... | | 37 50 |
| Orford and Aldboro' T. L..... | | 86 00 |
| School Superintendence account..... | | 291 25 |
| Zone and Euphemia..... | | 142 25 |
| Romney and Tilbury West C. L..... | | 67 |
| McKercher Drain..... | | 70 00 |
| Kent and Elgin C. L. Drain, No. 1..... | | 24 00 |
| Township of Orford..... | | 450 78 |
| Chatham and Dover East T. L..... | | 292 70 |
| Chatham and Town of Chatham..... | | 96 |
| Harwich and Raleigh T. L..... | | 68 44 |
| Village of Ridgetown..... | | 20 30 |
| Hazlett Drain..... | | 150 00 |
| South Marsh Drain..... | | 50 00 |
| Cranberry Marsh Drain..... | | 183 70 |
| Harper drain..... | | 40 00 |
| Bulaeker drain..... | | 20 30 |
| Kuray drain..... | | 17 00 |
| McKim Drain..... | | 40 00 |
| Bedford Ellis' drain..... | | 28 00 |
| Stephens Drain..... | | 75 00 |
| Boyle Drain..... | | 250 00 |
| Fleming Creek drain..... | | 220 00 |
| Cooper drain..... | | 154 00 |
| Government Drain T. E. and Raleigh..... | | 11 43 |
| do do Romney..... | | 22 83 |
| | | \$118721 24 |

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

County Treasurer's Office, 1st January, 1878.

STATEMENT showing Liabilities and Assets of the County of Kent, as at 1st January, 1878.

| LIABILITIES. | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Due West Kent Agr'l Society..... | \$200 00 |
| Zone and Mosa T. L..... | 5 75 |
| Howard grant for roads..... | 98 |
| Orford do do..... | 83 |
| Harwich Com. road..... | 90 |
| Kent and Middlesex C. L..... | 17 59 |
| Elgin, Kent & do bridge..... | 37 98 |
| Wallaceburg bridges repairs acct..... | 714 64 |
| Town Chatham and Dover T. L..... | 98 96 |
| Interest acct..... | 650 00 |
| Harwich and Town Chatham T. L..... | 65 60 |
| Otter creek drain..... | 200 00 |
| Village Thamesville..... | \$ 42 24 |
| Gore Chatham and Sombra T. L..... | 622 43 |
| Township Howard..... | 99 16 |
| do Raleigh..... | 1486 92 |
| Howard and Harwich tap drain..... | 23 25 |
| Bothwell bridge, south approach..... | 170 66 |
| Township Romney..... | 2066 08 |
| Village Wallaceburg..... | 69 41 |
| Drill Shed do..... | 200 00 |
| Blenheim Lock-up..... | 280 00 |
| Camden and Zone T. L..... | 37 50 |
| Orford and Aldboro T. L..... | 86 00 |

LIABILITIES Continued.

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|---------------------------------------|---------|--|-----------|
| East Kent Agr'l Society | 200 00 | School Supt. acct | 391 25 |
| Chatham and Camden T. L. | 230 79 | Zone and Euphemia T. L. | 142 26 |
| Zone and Bothwell T. L. | 02 | Romney and Tilbury West T. L. | 67 |
| Gore Camden and Dawn | 133 49 | McKerrieher drain | 70 00 |
| Kent and Lambton C. L. | 1 38 | Kent & Elgin Co. line drain No.1 | 24 00 |
| Chatham and Gore Camden | 52 49 | Township Orford | 450 78 |
| Board Audit | 16 09 | Chatham & Dover East T. L. | 292 70 |
| Township Zone | 405 67 | Chatham & Town Chatham | 96 |
| do Chatham and Gore | 5719 17 | Harwich and Raleigh | 68 43 |
| Romney and Tilbury East T. L. | 28 92 | Village Ridgetown | 20 30 |
| Township Harwich | 370 01 | Hazlett drain | 150 00 |
| do Camden and Gore | 1476 39 | South Marsh drain | 50 00 |
| do Tilbury East | 3536 73 | Cranberry Marsh drain | 189 70 |
| Chatham and Camden T. L. ditch .. | 11 17 | Harper drain | 40 00 |
| do Dover East T. L. drain | 420 00 | Bulacker drain | 20 00 |
| Camden and Dresden T. L. | 74 06 | Murray do | 17 00 |
| Dover East and West T. L. | 03 | McKim do | 40 00 |
| Township Dover East and West | 2213 03 | Bed'd Ellis do | 28 00 |
| East and West Tilbury T. L. | 22 19 | Stephen do | 75 00 |
| Village Dresden | 98 40 | Boyle do | 250 00 |
| Raleigh and Tilbury East T. L. | 6 00 | Fleming C'k do | 2,0 00 |
| Town Chatham | 800 00 | Cooper do | 154 00 |
| Romney and Mersea C. L. | 186 43 | Govt. drain Tilbury East & Raleigh | 11 42 |
| Bothwell bridge approach | 149 15 | do Romney | 22 83 |
| Tecumseh bridge repairs | 39 00 | | |
| Howard and Harwich T. L. | 189 83 | | \$2652 28 |
| Lands redeemed acct. | 359 85 | Grant in aid Model School | 150 00 |
| Adm. Crim. Justice acct. | 37 10 | Excess of Assets over Liabilities | 669 24 |
| Raleigh and Town Chatham | 7 00 | | |
| Camden for line between Kent, Lambton | 150 00 | | \$2741 52 |

Deferred Liabilities Co. Kent Debs. \$35000 00
C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

ASSETS.

| | | | |
|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| Due by Treas. Orford | \$1453 91 | Wallaceburg | \$ 275 00 |
| do Bothwell | 490 00 | Blenheim | 275 00 |
| Registrar Kent. bal. fees for '76 | 537 45 | Fin. Min. pro. of smt. p'd Criminal Wit- | |
| Treas. Romney | 828 26 | nesses, repayable by Govt. | 38 50 |
| Dover East and West | 2854 75 | Treas. Tilbury East | 1708 14 |
| Dresden | 475 09 | Harwich | 377 12 |
| Town Chatham | 4 50 09 | Ridgetown | 250 00 |
| Chatham and Gore | 3873 80 | John Mercer, Sheriff, for Advances | 104 00 |
| Thamesville | 225 00 | Cash on hand | 4317 08 |
| Wm. Douglas, C.P., over paid on last acct. | 9 90 | | |
| Treas. Raleigh | 3771 54 | | \$2741 52 |
| Camden and Gore | 1417 17 | | |

Co. Treas'. Office, 1st Jan., 1878.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS DUE DIFFERENT MUNICIPALITIES FROM WILD LAND TAX COLLECTIONS, &c.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Camden and Gore | \$ 1476 39 |
| Chatham and Gore | \$5599 17 |
| Little Bear Creek Drain Assessment, | 120 00 |
| Dover East and West | 2213 03 |
| Harwich | 370 01 |
| Howard | 99 16 |
| Orford | 450 78 |
| Raleigh | 1486 92 |
| Romney | \$1961 08 |
| Legislative School Grant, 1877, | 105 00 |
| Tilbury East | 3536 73 |
| Zone | 405 67 |
| Dresden | 98 40 |
| Ridgetown | 20 30 |
| Thamesville | 42 24 |
| Wallaceburg | 69 41 |

\$18054 29

C. G. CHARTERIS, Co. Treasurer, Kent.

County Treasurer's Office, 1st January, 1878.

The undersigned having been appointed by the Warden members of the Board of Audit in place of Alfred Hughes, who left Canada some time last summer, and J. J. J. Thompson, who died in August last, beg to report to your honorable body that the

claims against the County for the year 1877, presented to the Board, amounted to \$3852 41, of which the sum of \$181 92 was disallowed, as shown by the accompanying schedule.

In addition to the claims against the County, those against the Government for Criminal Justice expenditure have also been duly audited, and amounted in the aggregate for the year to the sum of \$3980 91, from which your Auditors struck off \$80 58.—All of which is respectfully submitted

Chatham, 24th Jan., 1878.

S. WHITE, C. G. CHARTERIS, Auditors.

| APRIL AUDIT, 1877. | | Amt. Claim. | Amt. Allo'd. |
|--|--|-------------|--------------|
| Sheriff Mercer..... | | \$384 99 | \$384 99 |
| Wm. Douglas, Clerk of the Peace..... | | 249 87 | 228 62 |
| Isaac Busher, Constable..... | | 3 00 | 3 00 |
| Henry Leak, "..... | | 5 80 | 5 80 |
| A. McMillan..... | | 13 50 | 13 50 |
| "..... | | 5 10 | 5 10 |
| Dr. Sivewright..... | | 18 00 | 18 00 |
| J. R. Gemmill, printing acct..... | | 55 00 | 55 00 |
| J. O'Rourke, for wood..... | | 142 02 | 142 02 |
| J. R. Gemmill, printing for Clerk of Peace.... | | 74 40 | 74 40 |
| | | \$951 68 | \$930 43 |
| | | 930 43 | |
| Amount disallowed..... | | \$21 25 | |
| JULY AUDIT. | | | |
| Sheriff Mercer..... | | \$222 66 | \$222 66 |
| Wm. Douglas, Clerk of Peace..... | | 405 14 | 351 69 |
| J. R. Gemmill, printing Clerk of Peace..... | | 165 45 | 165 45 |
| " " County..... | | 85 41 | 85 41 |
| | | \$878 66 | \$825 21 |
| | | 825 21 | |
| Amount disallowed..... | | \$53 45 | |
| OCTOBER AUDIT. | | | |
| Sneriff Mercer..... | | \$163 54 | \$163 54 |
| Wm. Douglas, Clerk of Peace..... | | 325 95 | 276 20 |
| R. Stephenson, printing for Clerk of Peace.... | | 123 52 | 123 52 |
| J. R. Gemmill, " "..... | | 82 60 | 82 60 |
| " " County..... | | 16 80 | 16 80 |
| J. O'Rourke, for wood..... | | 67 06 | 67 06 |
| A. McMillan, Constable..... | | 10 00 | 6 00 |
| John Fritz, do..... | | 6 35 | 6 35 |
| W. J. McRainor..... | | 7 75 | 5 75 |
| | | \$803 57 | \$747 82 |
| | | 747 82 | |
| Amount disallowed..... | | \$55 75 | |
| JANUARY AUDIT. | | | |
| John Mercer, Sheriff..... | | \$293 48 | \$293 48 |
| Wm. Douglas..... | | 506 12 | 454 65 |
| Dr. Fleming..... | | 20 00 | 20 00 |
| W. A. Brown..... | | 55 00 | 55 00 |
| J. R. Gemmill, printing debentures..... | | 45 00 | 45 00 |
| do Co. printing..... | | 50 45 | 50 45 |
| do Clerk Peace..... | | 96 57 | 96 57 |
| J. O'Rourke, wood..... | | 97 97 | 97 97 |
| " Registry office..... | | 44 71 | 44 71 |
| John Fritz, Constable..... | | 7 20 | 7 20 |
| Jas Le Ber, "..... | | 2 00 | 2 00 |
| | | \$1218 50 | \$1167 03 |
| | | 1167 03 | |
| Amount disallowed..... | | \$51 47 | |

REPORT BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Co. Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN—The Board of Examiners for the County of Kent for the year 1877, beg leave to report for the information of your honorable body as follows:

That 100 presented themselves, or made application, for Teachers' certificates to the Board which met in July, 1877, and with the following results, viz: 63 of the applicants were rejected, inclusive of those who were under age.

There were 14 applicants for 2d class Teachers' certificates in the December Examinations.

The Board would beg leave to report for the information of your honorable body that the expenses of the Board of Examiners for the County of Kent for the year ending 31st Dec'r, 1877, amounted to \$328 56, a detailed statement of which is hereto appended.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, 21st Jan., 1878.

E. B. HARRISON, Chairman.

EXPENDITURE of the Board of Examiners for the County of Kent for the year 1877.

July—R. Cooper, stationery, \$20 56; J. R. Gemmill, adv'g meeting, etc., \$6 60; R. Stephenson, adv. meeting Board, \$7 26; H'y Robinson, putting lock on trunk in Ex's room, \$1; Jno. McCabe, 23½ days' ser. as Ex'r, \$47; J B. Rankin, 22 do., \$44; D. S. Patterson, 22 do., \$44; A. McColl, 21 do., \$42; A. McColl, exp. charges on parcels to and from Toronto, \$2 46; A. McColl, extra serv. as sec'y, \$5. Oct. 22—A. McColl, postage on certificates, 69c. Nov. 15—A. McColl, post. on certificates and envelopes, \$1 22. Dec.—A. McColl, parcels to & from Toronto, 50c; J. R. Gemmill, adv'g, \$2 70; R. Stephenson, do., \$3; R. Cooper, stationery, \$4 63; A. McColl, exp., charges, postage, \$2 94; A. McColl, 4½ days, serv., etc., \$9; John McCabe, 8 days' do, \$16, E. B. Harrison, 11 days' do. at July and Dec'r exam's for 2d class teachers' cer., \$22; E. B. Harrison, 19 do. 3d class do., \$28; E. B. Harrison, 4 days' at Oct'r & Dec'r exam's do.. \$8.....\$328 56
A. McCOLL, Sec'y B. of Examiners. E. B. HARRISON, P. S. I., Chairman.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTORS.

With reference to the remuneration of the County Inspector, the minimum allowance of five dollars per school from the county cannot be legally held to include the travelling expenses; and the County Inspector is entitled to be paid a reasonable allowance for such expenses. Failing, the amount being determined by the County Council, the County Inspector would be entitled to collect his actual expenses from the County Treasurer.

The Act plainly means that the allowance to the County Inspector from the Council should at least be the same for the inspection of each school as is payable out of the Legislative Grant, and to diminish this amount from the county by the travelling expenses of the Inspector would be a breach of the law.

(Signed)

ADAM CROOKS, Min. of Education.

Education Dept., Ont., Toronto, 1st Dec'r, 1877.

NOTE—In determining the allowance for Inspectors' travelling expenses it is expected that County Councils will fix such an amount as will, in their judgment, fully cover all such expenses.

REPORT ON HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Corporation of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN—The Board of High School Trustees begs to report to your honorable body as follows:

That the High School, during the year 1877, has been in a highly prosperous condition, and efficiently conducted by David S. Paterson, B. A., Head Master, and assisted during the first half year by John Doherty, a graduate of the University to Toronto; and during the last half year by Chas. Manly, who still continues as assistant, and gives good satisfaction as a faithful and efficient teacher. Two written examinations have been held during the year, each continuing during four days. These examinations embraced every subject taught in the High School, and consisted of all the work taken up during the term or terms which preceded them. The questions were thorough and searching, and the answers given by the pupils, both in style and

completeness, showed a good knowledge of the subjects they had been studying, and gave proof of the efficient manner in which they had been instructed. In the winter examination there was a marked progress over the summer, showing that the pupils were advancing in their respective studies. It was no uncommon thing for a pupil, after sitting two hours and a half writing, to give answers covering six or eight pages of foolscap, closely written, the percentage, in not a few cases, ranging from 80 to 90 per cent.

The number of pupils on the roll during the first half year were 46; of these, 24 were girls and 22 boys; average attendance, 37. During the summer half year the number enrolled were 36; of these, 20 were girls and 16 were boys; the average attendance during the half year was 27.

The following are the branches taught and the number receiving instructions in each class: In English Grammar and Etymology, English Literature and Readings, 46; in Arithmetic, Mensuration, Algebra and Geometry, 36; in Writing, Spelling and Composition, 46; in Modern History, Geography and Chemistry, 36; in Ancient Classics —; 20 were studying Latin and 5 Greek; in Modern Languages, 26 were studying French, and 3 German; 7 in Natural Philosophy, and 12 in Book-keeping. Of those attending the High School during the last year 12 passed the minimum examinations, and obtained third-class certificates as teachers; and one of the pupils, D. C. Milligan, matriculated at the University of Toronto, taking first-class honours. At the entrance examination, held in Dec'r, 1876, 20 of the applicants, and at the entrance examinations held in July, 1877, 6 of the 21 candidates passed. There is in most of our Common Schools a defect in the training of entrants to the High School. This has been long felt by the Board of Trustees, and has been a serious drawback to the prosperity of the High School. In order to meet this defect, the Board of Trustees, at a meeting held in August last, established a preparatory department in connection with the High School for the purpose of preparing entrants, most of whom intend to take an Academic and some of them a Collegiate course. The number enrolled in this department is 20, and at the last examination, 11 of these passed, and will enter the High School, which is considered very satisfactory, considering the very backward state of many of the pupils when they entered this class in September last. For this class enlarged accommodation will be required.

To this report is appended the Financial Statement of the Treasurer, in which your honorable body will find a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures of the High School during the past year.

The Board would also beg leave to report that the time for which Geo. Young has been elected as Trustee has expired, and the Board would respectfully recommend the reappointment of Mr. Young as an efficient Trustee.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. KING, B. H. S. T. Sec'y.

Buxton, Jan. 8th, 1877.

HIGH SCHOOL ACCT.

DR.

Jan. 1—To balance from '76, \$89 61; Gov't grant for last half year '76, \$200; add'l gov't grant, \$53; do. 1st half year '77, \$254 50; gov't grant, extra, \$24; grant town Chatham, \$500; do. Co. Kent, \$791; 1 quarter's sch'l fees, \$41; 2d do, \$49; 3d do, \$30; 4th do, \$31; to bal. cash advanced by treas. \$63 54.....\$2126 65

CR.

GEO. YOUNG, Treas.

By paid D. A. Paterson, Head Master, \$900; John Doherty, 2d do, \$400; C. Manley 2d do, \$200; Rev A McColl, Exam'r, \$30 88; Rev W King, Sec'y, \$12; Geo Young, Treas'r, \$10; Jas Baxter, rep'r seats, \$1 50; Coltart & Neilson, 12 desks and seats, \$42 60; J C Small, rep'r pump, \$2; Finister & Commode, build'g kitchen, \$50; H Baxter, plaster'g, etc., \$15 34; Jas Commode, new partition, etc., \$94 08; J Harper, painting, \$45; James Richardson, window blinds, \$3 10; J A Cross-white, cleaning chimneys, \$1 50; J C Small, new pump, \$8 50; J & W McKeough, acc't, \$14 93; John Morrish, station'y, \$2 76; James Holmes do, \$3 40; R Cooper do, \$3 17; Shackleton & McIntosh, Co map, \$6; J R Gemmill, printing, \$5 50; bonuses to two pupils, \$10; D A Paterson, clean'g rooms, etc, \$102 80; members' wages, \$72; S Smith, cut'g wood, \$4 75; K Urquhart, 10½ cords wood, \$26 88; J O'Rourke, wood for preparatory class, \$5 26, Sam'l Sloan cord wood \$52 60.....\$2126 65

GEO. YOUNG, Treas.

ON EDUCATION

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Education beg leave to report that they would recommend as Examiners of Applicants for Public School Teachers for the present year, John McCabe and D. S. Patterson.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. YOUNG, Chairman.

ON TEMPERANCE BY-LAW.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent in Council assembled

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to report to you my action in reference to By-law No. 358, passed 14th Dec'r, 1877, entitled "A By-law for the enforcement of the Temperance Act of 1864." Your Honorable body at the same time passed a resolution ordering said By-law to be submitted for approval to the Municipal Electors of the County, on condition that certain Requisitions were correct. These Requisitions have been carefully examined and found to be worthless. Each does not contain the necessary number of elector's names, as the LAW DIRECTS. They are also defective in other respects. It is now my duty as required by the 6th Sec. of the Temperance Act of 1864, to communicate by delivery a certified copy of the By-law to the Collector of Inland Revenue within whose official district this County is situated; also, a certified copy of the same to the Clerk of each Municipality in the County. These I have prepared and will transmit them unless otherwise directed by your hon. body. All of which is most respectfully submitted.—I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

DANIEL KERR, Co. Clerk.

COST OF SUBMITTING THE TEMPERANCE BY-LAW.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the request of your honorable body, I have the honor herewith to enclose statement of expenses incurred in connection with the taking the vote under the Temperance Act of 1864, showing the amounts paid for printing and publishing the By-law, &c., the amount of Mr. Kerr's expenses putting up notices and horse hire, and the amount paid Returning Officers. I have no means of giving the cost of quashing the By-law, the accounts of suit not having yet come under my notice.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your obd't servant,

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

County Treasurer's Office, 25th January, 1878.

STATEMENT in detail of the expenses incurred in the County of Kent in connection with taking the Vote under the Temperance Act of 1864.

| | | |
|---|--------|----------|
| R. Stephenson, publishing By-law..... | \$5 00 | |
| H. Doherty & Co., do do | 5 00 | |
| A. C. McLellan, do do | 5 00 | |
| Stobbs & Hughes, do do | 5 00 | |
| R. Constable, do do | 5 00 | |
| J. F. Crate, do do | 5 00 | |
| J. R. Gemmill, publishing By-law, printing, &c..... | 45 66 | \$ 75 66 |
| D. Kerr, expenses putting up notices..... | 15 00 | |
| I. Evans, horse hire for Clerk..... | 12 50 | \$ 27 50 |

RETURNING OFFICERS.

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|---|----------|----------|
| C. Reed, \$7 00; M. Arnold, \$18 00; J. H. Beattie, \$9 00; C. Coatsworth, \$8 00; James Cruickshank, \$7 00; T. R. Jackson, \$7 00; John Lee, \$14 00; Robert Ferguson, \$12 00; Peter Robert, \$14 00; W. H. Stephens, \$20 00; L. Sherman, \$6 00; Dr. Smith, \$7 50; Alexander Trerice, \$8 00; Andrew Wilson, \$14 00; Stephen White, \$20 00; David Wilson, \$20 00; Richard Monck, \$25 00 | \$216 50 | |
| | | \$319 66 |

Co. Treas'. Office, Chatham, 1st Jan., 1878.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Select Committee appointed to select the Standing Committees, beg leave to report as follows:—That the following shall be the Standing Committees:—

Finance & Accounts—Lee, Holmes, Stephens, Wilson (T. E.), Pardo, Arnold, McMullen, Beattie and Sherman.

County Property—Craddock, White, Ferguson, Young, Robert.

Roads & Bridges—Cameron, McDonald, Wilson (Howard), Coatsworth, Dolsen, Purser, Tassie, Dobbyn, Hickey, Cruickshank, Ball.

Education—D. Smith, Young and Clark.

Printing—Jacison, Dillon and Crowe.

Drainage Assessments—Ferguson, Young and the Warden.

Gaol Accts.—Ball and the Warden.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, Jan. 24th, 1878. S. WHITE, Chairman.

ON STRAIGHTENING RALEIGH & TILBURY EAST T. L.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of F. B. Stewart in regard to the straightening of the Townline north of the C. S. Railway, between the Tp's of Raleigh and Tilbury East, beg leave to report as follows:

That we met on Dec'r 19th last, and made an examination into the matter complained of and found that the grade of the road was too narrow, and that the ditch on the west side of said Townline was near the centre of the Townline proper.

There is no difficulty about the proper place where the road should be, as the stakes are standing at the north corner of lot 1, in Con. 6, of Tilbury East, and the fences are put up near the proper place.

A village plot has been laid out on each side of the Townline adjoining Fletcher Station, on the C. S. Railway.

Your Com. strongly recommend that the ditch on the west side of the road be put in the proper place as soon as the funds are available to do it.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WHITE, ANDREW WILSON.

January 24th, 1878.

ON CHATHAM AND DOVER TOWNLINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed on the Chatham and Dover Townline, along with the Deputy Reeve of Chatham, in the year 1877, to expend the sum of \$700, beg leave to report as follows:—I have expended a further sum of \$11 since reports of December session, on repairs on said line; and gave an order for the same, leaving balance to credit of said road of \$278. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DUNLOP, Commissioner.

Dover, January 25th, 1878.

OF ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges, beg leave to report, that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the Croton bridge, be and the same is hereby recommended and submitted for your further consideration.

C. COATSWORTH, Chairman.

OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. Kent.

GENTLEMEN—Your Com. on Public Buildings beg leave to report as follows:

That in accordance with instructions of this Council at its Dec'r session, your Com. met in Clerk's office Jan. 17th, 1878, and recommend, for the consideration of this Council, that the water closets required by the Council and for use of Court House be erected at or near the foot of the stairs leading to Council room, with pipe leading to main waste pipe below, to be flooded from tank above, and that the seats for petit jury be repaired as soon as possible.

2. Your Com. would also recommend that a safe be procured for the safety of Co. records, or that an office be furnished for Clerk with fire-proof vault.

The following accts were approved and ordered to be paid: J. & W. McKeough, furnishings for gaol and public offices, \$109 27; Somerville & Chaffee, repairs to old Registry office, \$18.15.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. TRERICE, Chairman P. B. Com.

ON FINANCE.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Com. on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the various matters referred to them, and recommend that the following acct's be paid:

| | | |
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| John Dunlop, Commissioner 1877..... | \$3 00 | |
| Andrew Wilson "..... | 4 00 | |
| Stephen White "..... | 2 00 | |
| Robt. Ferguson "..... | 18 00 | |
| Peter Robert "..... | 10 00 | \$37 00 |
| E. B. Harrison, postage and exp..... | \$21 71 | |
| Jas. Holmes, stationery..... | 7 70 | |
| H'y Robinson, cut'g and drawing fuel to various offices..... | 15 43 | |

We also recommend the payment of R. Stephenson's acct for adv. meeting of Co. Council—\$4.56—with a recommendation to the Clerk not to advertise meeting of Co. Council in Jan'y, as the statute defines the time of meeting.

We also recommend the Warden be requested to issue the order for \$200.00 to the Blenheim Lock-up; the acct of Jas. Lamont for payment of gas for Judge's office be not paid, as it was not ordered by this Council.

Your Com. recommend the payment of amt. required by the High School Board, less the amount of \$78 asked in said report for rental for rooms for geometry pupils; that the acct of W. J. Ranor be referred to the Board of Audit, who are the proper parties to recommend or refuse the payment thereof.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE, Chairman.

DEBENTURE DEBT.

RETURN under Section 274 of the Municipal Act of 1873, from the County of Kent for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

1. The original amount of debt, \$60,000 in three loans of \$20,000 each.
2. The date when each was contracted: First loan, 18th September, 1868; Second loan, 30th January, 1874; Third loan, 15th October, 1875.
3. The days fixed for its payment: First loan, 18th September; Second loan, 30th January; Third loan, 15th October in each year till paid.
4. The interest to be paid therefor: First loan, one half at 8 per cent., one half at 7 per cent.; Second, at $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; Third loan, at $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
5. The rate provided for the redemption of the debt and interest: for the first loan, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mill; second loan, $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mill; third loan, $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mill.
6. The proceeds of such rate for the year ending on such thirty-first day of December, \$7675,00; being \$5000,00 for principal, and \$2675,00 for interest.
7. The portion of the debt redeemed or paid during such year, \$5000,00.
8. The amount of interest unpaid on such last mentioned day. None.
9. The balance still due of the principal of the debt, \$35,000.

To the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, Toronto, Ontario.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 360.

A BY-LAW to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain Officers of the Corporation of the County of Kent for the current year,

PASSED 26th January, 1878.

WHEREAS it is necessary to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain Officers of the County of Kent,

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, under and by virtue of the Acts respecting the Municipal Institutions of Ontario and the School laws now in force—

1st. That A. B. McIntosh, nominated by the Warden, and George D. Ross, appointed by resolution of the Council, are hereby confirmed in the office of Auditors of this Corporation.

2nd. That John McCabe and D. S. Patterson are hereby appointed Examiners of persons applying for Certificates as School Teachers in the County of Kent.

3rd. That George Young is hereby appointed High School Trustee.

4th. That Stephen White and C. G. Charteris are hereby appointed members of the Board of Audit, under the amended Law Reform Act.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

A. TRERICE, Warden.

NO. 361.

A BY-LAW to confirm By-Law No. 231 of the Township of Romney.

Passed 26th January, 1878.

WHEREAS, the Township of Romney hath made certain sales of the original Townline between the Townships of Romney and Tilbury East, and it is now deemed proper to confirm said By-law.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal Institutions Acts of the Province of Ontario.

1st That By-law No. 231 of the Township of Romney is, and the same is hereby confirmed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

[L. S.]

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

NO. 362.

A BY-LAW to amend By-law No. 318, entitled a By-law to Incorporate the Village of Blenheim.

Passed 26th January, 1878.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the By-law of this Council passed the 7th day of March, 1874, and numbered 318 entitled a By-law to Incorporate the Village of Blenheim, and to better define the Western boundary of the said Village of Blenheim.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, by virtue of and under the Municipal Laws of Ontario.

1st. That section second of said By-law No. 318 is amended by inserting after the words Communication Road, in the seventh line the words, "That the Western boundary of the said Village of Blenheim shall be as follows:—Commencing on the line between Lots No. 11 and 12, 1st Concession West C. R., at the Gravel Road; thence Easterly along the South side of said Gravel Road to the line of McGregor Street in the Village of Blenheim; thence Northerly along the West side of McGregor Street to the line between Lots 16 and 15, McGregor Street; thence westerly along the line between lots 16 and 15, to the rear limits of said lots; thence Westerly in a continued line Westerly and parallel with the Gravel Road to the line between lots 11 and 12, 1st Concession, W. C. R., in the Township of Harwich; thence Northerly along said line to the Northern corner of the Village Plot of Blenheim, all as set forth in a Plan and Diagram made by Wm. G. McGeorge, Deputy P. L. S., with the amended plan and diagram hereto attached, and to form part of this By-law.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

[L. S.]

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

NO. 363.

A BY-LAW to amend By-law No. 333, entitled a By-law to regulate travel on the Bridges spanning the River Sydenham at Wallaceburg, and to provide for the maintenance thereof.

PASSED 26th January, 1878.

WHEREAS it is expedient and necessary to amend By-law number 333,

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent assembled under and by virtue of the Municipal Institutions Act of the Province of Ontario—

1st. That the third Section or Clause of By-law number 333 is hereby amended by inserting in the eighth line, after the words Care-takers, the words "Or other competent witness."

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

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FIRST DAY.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to adjournment at the Court House, Chatham, on Monday the 10th day of June, 1878.

The Roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Messrs. Ball and Dobbyn.

The minutes of the last meeting of the January session were read and approved.

Communications were read—

From William A. Mills, Clerk of Chatham Township, a certificate that William H. Stephens has been elected Reeve of said Township.

From Jeremiah Donovan, Clerk of Dover, a certificate that Peter Robert has been elected Reeve of said Township.

From T. C. Renwick, Clerk of Romney, a certificate that Caleb Coatsworth has been elected Reeve of said Township.

From the Clerk of the Township of Chatham, with return under Section 257 of the Municipal Act, being a statement of Receipts and Expenditures of said Township for the year 1877; also, return under said section of said Act from the Clerks of Harwich and Doyer.

From the Provincial Secretary's office, Toronto, stating that his honor the Lieut.-Governor has appointed A. W. Brown short-hand writer for the June sittings of the County Court.

From Ephraim Lounabury, claiming a reward for finding a horse at Wheatley.

From the County Clerk of the County of Elgin, two communications relating to the County line between Aldborough and Orford.

From J. W. Langmuir, Inspector of Prisons, &c., relating to supplementary Gaol regulations; three communications.

From the Education Dept., Ontario, circular on Legislative School apportionment.

From Wilmot N. Nichols, Esq., I. P. S., respecting educational matters in West Kent; also, respecting his travelling expenses.

From the County Clerk, copy of Annual return to the Prov. Secretary, containing statement of Assets, Liabilities, Revenue, Expenditures, &c., of the Municipalities within the County of Kent for the year 1877.

From the publishers of the 4th edition of Harrison's Municipal Manual.

The Clerk laid on the table copies of the minutes of January session of 1878, from the following Counties, viz: Oxford, Huron, Carleton and Wellington; also, Annual report from J. W. Langmuir, Inspector of Prisons, &c., for the year 1877.

Various notices of motion were given.

On motion of Mr. Young, the report of the Committee respecting the Treasurer's bond was read and adopted. The Board submitted, and said report was read and approved.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—Chatham, 11th June, 1878.

The Roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden; Councillors Arnold, Beattie, Coatsworth, Clark, Cameron, Cruickshank, Dillon, Dolsen, Hickey, Lee, McDonald, McMullin, Purser, Robert, Sherman, Smith, Stephens, Tassie, White, Wilson (Howard), Wilson (T.E.) and Young.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read—

From C. G. Charteris, Esq., County Treasurer, with estimate of the amount required to meet the current expenses of the County for 1878—Ref'd to Finance.

From E. B. Harrison, Esq., Inspector of Public Schools for East Kent, his annual report on educational matters.

From the Inspectors of Public Schools for East and West Kent respecting their traveling expenses.—Ref'd to Finance Com.

From the Secretary of the Board of High School Trustees, relating to the salary of a Third Teacher and other matters connected with the school—Ref'd to Finance Com.

From the County Auditors, their Annual report.

From Jas. H. Sivewright, Esq., M. D., Gaol Surgeon, his annual Report.

From the Clerk of Camden, relating to the overflow of water on road between the Townships of Chatham and Camden—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

Various notices of motion were given and various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Young, the report of the Committee on County Property was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McMullin, that the Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the communications from the Inspector of Prisons.—Carried.

The Council then went into Committee on said communications, Mr. Holmes in the chair.

On the invitation of the Warden, Jas. Houston, Esq., took a seat within the bar.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Lee, that while willing to receive any suggestions from Mr. Langmuir, Inspector of Prisons for the Province of Ontario, relative to the dietaries of the Gaol, that we consider the present mode of supplying the food for the prisoners is more expedient and more economical than the way he suggests, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Secretary, together with a copy of Mr. Langmuir's letter and a copy of what rations the prisoners are to receive each day, and that we respectfully suggest that we may be allowed to continue the present system.—Carried.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that a resolution passed in Committee.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the resolution passed in Committee of the Whole be adopted as the report of this Council.—Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Mr. Ball.

On motion of Mr. White, the report of the committee appointed to revise and consolidate the County by-laws, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dillon, the report of the Committee on County Printing was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Beattie, the report of the committee appointed to consider the necessity of building a bridge over the North Branch of the River Sydenham on the County line between the Counties of Kent and Lambton, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Clark, that the Reeve of Harwich and the mover be a committee to meet the G. W. R. Engineer respecting an over-crossing on the Howard and Harwich town line, and that the Clerk correspond with the Co'y to that effect.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Crow, that this Council grant the sum of \$200 for the purpose of replanking the approaches of the Kent bridge—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Hickey, that the Reeves of the several Municipalities be appointed as the committee to equalize the assessment rolls.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Lee, a By-law to amend By-law No. 237, passed June 10th, 1868, relative to the remuneration of Councillors while attending Council and acting on Committees, was read a first time.

Various notices of motion were given.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

GEO. YOUNG, CHAIRMAN.

THIRD DAY—Chatham, June 12th, 1878.

In the absence of the Warden, Mr. Young was appointed Chairman.
The Roll was called. Present—Geo. Young, Esq., Chairman, and all the Councilors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Stephens presented the petition of C. S. Hubbert and 19 other resident rate-payers of the Gore of Camden and the Gore of Cantham, praying to have the road surveyed between said Gores of Camden and Chatham.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that Dr. Bray be appointed Gaol Surgeon, as the present officer is unable to attend in person to the duties of his office on account of ill-health.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Smith, that the Council do not now annul the appointment of Dr. Sivewright as Gaol Surgeon, but that this Council will receive applications from the Medical gentlemen of the County, stating the amount of salary that they will perform the duties for per annum, and that the appointment will be made at the January session of this Council in 1879.

Moved as a second amendment by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Holmes, that Dr. Bray be not appointed Gaol Surgeon at the present time, but that the matter be laid over until Friday next, and that on that day the appointment of Gaol Surgeon be finally disposed of.

On the vote being taken the amendments were lost, motion carried.

The Yeas and Nays were called for on the motion and taken down as follows:—

Yeas—Councillors McMullin, Cameron, Jackson, Coatsworth, Hickey, Wilson (Tilbury East) Crow, Tassie, Beattie, Lee, Dobbyn, Arnold, Wilson (Howard), Dillon, Cruickshank, Purser and Young—17.

Nays—Councillors Holmes, Craddock, Ball, Robert, Ferguson, Sherman, Clark, Smith, Stephens, McDonald, White, Pardo and Dolsen—13.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councilors.

Communications were read—

From the President and Secretary of the Chatham District Teachers' Association, soliciting the statutory allowance of \$50 to form a nucleus of a Library Fund—Referred to Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, the report of the Committee to whom was referred the straightening a part of the Orford and Howard Town line, as petitioned for by John McKenzie, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to amend and consolidate the several by-laws now in force relating to the duties, salaries and other matters relating to certain officers of the Corporation of the County of Kent, and for the appointment of a Gaol Surgeon, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Arnold, that a Committee be appointed by this Council, composed of the Warden, Councillors Lee, Smith, Young, White, Coatsworth, Robert, Beattie, Ferguson, Arnold and the mover, to meet the Mayor and Council of the Town of Chatham, or a Committee appointed by the same, for the purpose of consulting and devising means, if possible, whereby the Bridges spanning the River Thames in the Town of Chatham may be made free of tolls; and also, of doing away with the market fees in the said town of Chatham, and that the Committee report this session.—Carried.

The following twenty-seven resolutions were read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Moved by Mr. McMullin, seconded by Mr. Craddock, that the sum of \$100 00 be granted on the Town line between the Town of Chatham and the Township of Harwich.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Howard), seconded by Dr. Smith, that the sum of \$250 be granted to improve the Town line between the Village of Ridgetown and the Township of Howard.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Howard), seconded by Mr. McDonald, that the sum of \$500 be granted to improve the Howard and Orford Town line.

Moved by Mr. McMullin, seconded by Mr. Clark, that the sum of \$500 be granted to improve the Town line between the Townships of Harwich and Howard.

Moved by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Pardo, that the sum of \$600 be granted to improve the Harwich and Raleigh Town line between Charing Cross and the Lake.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Dillon, that \$200 be granted to improve the line between Zone and Euphemia, being the County line between Kent and Lambton.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Dillon, that \$50 be granted to improve the County line between Kent and Middlesex and the Townships of Zone and Mosa.

Moved by Mr. Dolsen, seconded by Mr. Hickey, that this Council grant \$1500 for the improvement of the Raleigh and Tilbury East Town line.

Moved by Mr. Dolsen, seconded by Mr. Pardo, that this Council grant \$200 to improve the line of road between Raleigh and the Town of Chatham.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), that the sum of \$1000 be granted for the improvement of the County line between Essex and Kent.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that the sum of \$400 be granted to improve the County line between Kent and Essex, on condition that the County of Essex grant an equivalent.

Moved by Mr. Tassie, seconded by Mr. Crow, that the sum of \$300 be granted to improve the Town line between the Gore of Chatham and Township of Sombra.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Hickey, that the sum of \$400 00 be appropriated for the improvement of the Town line between Tilbury East and Romney.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that the sum of \$100 00 be granted to improve the Town line between Zone and the Town of Bothwell.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Craddock, that \$100 be granted to improve the line between the Township of Dover and the Town of Chatham.

Moved by Mr. Dobbyn, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the sum of \$300 be granted for enlarging and deepening the ditches and other improvements on the Town line between Camden and Chatham Township.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that the sum of \$75 00 be granted to improve the County line between Botwell and Mosa.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the sum of \$250 be granted to open up the Town line between the Village of Wallaceburg and the Gore of Camden.

Moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Dr. Smith, that this Council grant the sum of \$50 to repair the Town line between Thamesville and Camden.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Craddock, that \$100 be granted to the line between the Township of Chatham and the Town of Chatham.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Tassie, that the sum of \$75 be granted to build a Bridge over a creek on the Town line between the Township of Dover and the Township of Chatham, on the North side of the River Sydenham.

Moved by Mr. Purser, seconded by Mr. Tassie, that the sum of \$500 be granted to improve the Town line between Chatham and Dover.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the sum of \$300 00 be granted for the purpose of repairing and improving the Town line between the Gore of Chatham and the Gore of Camden.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that the sum of \$1,000 be granted to improve the County line between Kent and Elgin.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that \$300 be granted to improve the Town line between Camden and Zone.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McMullin, that \$200 be granted to improve the Town line between Howard and Harwich at the foot of Rond Eau.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that \$200 be granted to improve the County line between the Townships of Camden and Dawn, being the County line between Kent and Lambton.

Moved by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Howard), that the sum of \$50.00 be paid to the Village of Ridgetown to assist in defraying the expense of maintaining the Lock-up in said Village.—Ref'd to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Pardo, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that this Council grant the sum of \$100 to assist in purchasing a gravel bed for the benefit of the line between the Townships of Raleigh and Harwich, and that Messrs. White and Cameron be appointed a Committee to purchase the same.—Ref'd to the R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), that A. McDonell, P. L. S., be instructed to survey that portion of the Town line between Tilbury East and Raleigh, from the 4th to the 8th concession of Raleigh.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Lee, a By-law to amend By-law No. 237, passed June 10th, 1868, relative to the remuneration of Councillors while attending Council and acting on committees, was read a second time.

Various notices of motion were given and various accounts were read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Committee appointed at the December session of last year to sell the pump and remove the obstructions from the mouth of the Chatham and Dover town line drain was read, and referred to the Warden.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, the report of the committee appointed to equalize the assessment rolls was read and adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KEER, Clerk.

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—Chatham, 13th June, 1878.

The Roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read—

From G. E. Richardson, Esq., M. D., and from John Ross VanAllen, Esq., M. D., each applying for the appointment of Gaol Surgeon.

Various notices of motion were given and various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Holmes, that it is deemed necessary to erect a Poor House for the accommodation of the poor of this County, as soon as the same can be proceeded with.—Lost.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:—

Yeas—Councillors Jackson, Clark, Wilson, (Howard) Ball, Craddock, Holmes, Beattie and the Warden—8.

Nays—Councillors Young, McMullin, Cameron, Coatsworth, White, Pardo, Lee, McDonald, Stephens, Tassie, Crow, Wilson, (Tilbury East), Hickey, Arnold, Dobbyn, Ferguson, Dillon, Cruickshank, Purser and Robert—20.

The Council then adjourned till 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

Communications were read—

From Jeremiah Donovan, Esquire, Secretary of the "Chatham District Teachers' Association," notifying the Council that the Hon. Adam Crooks, Minister of Education, would deliver an address on education in Chatham on Friday evening under the auspices of the Association, and inviting the Council to attend.

From the Rev. Wm. King, Secretary of the Board of High School Trustees, with extract from the report of Inspector Marling on his visit to the High School at Chatham on 1st April, 1878.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the two following By-laws, Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

1st. A By-law relative to the remuneration of Councillors.

2nd. A By-law relating to the duties, &c., of certain officers, and to the appointment of a Gaol Surgeon.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-law relating to the remuneration of Councillors passed in Committee with blanks filled up. The Chairman also reported progress with leave to sit again on the By-law relating to the duties, &c., of certain officers, and relating to the appointment of Gaol Surgeon.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that the By-law for the remuneration of Councillors be read a third time and passed.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. White, that the By-law be referred back to Committee for the purpose of amending the first clause so that the remuneration of Councillors be the sum of two dollars per day instead of three dollars at the sessions of this Council.

Moved as a second amendment by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr.

Cruikshank, and resolved, that the first clause be filled with the sum of two dollars and fifty cents per day as remuneration of Councillors, and that the By-law be referred back for that purpose.

On the vote being taken the amendments were lost. Motion carried.

The yeas and nays were called for on the motion and were taken down as follows:
Yeas—Councillors Young, McMullin, Jackson, Cameron, Tassie, Coatsworth, Crow, Beattie, McDonald, Lee, Arnold, Smith, Sherman, Ferguson, Dillon, Ball, Craddock, Holmes and the Warden—19.

Nays—Councillors White, Dolsen, Hickey, Wilson, (Tilbury East) Clark, Stephens, Pardo, Wilson, (Howard), Cruikshank, Purser, Robert and Dobbyn—12.

The By-law was then read a third time and passed.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—Friday, June 14th, 1878.

The roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden and all the Councillors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read—

From C. E. Pegley, Esq., Solicitor in suit RE Roche v. Kent, his report with copy of judgment in said suit.

Various notices of motion were given; various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that Sherman Malcolm, P. L. S., be employed to survey and establish the Town line between the Gore of Chatham and Gore of Camden.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Lee, that Andrew Marcus be appointed Caretaker of the Moravian bridge on the River Thames.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. White, that Councillors White, Ferguson, Coatsworth, Robert and the mover be a Committee to draft a petition to the Legislature of Ontario requesting them to pass an Act to empower County Councils to pass By-laws to compel parties who travel entire horses to pay a license therefor.—Carried.

The following eight resolutions were read and referred to the Road & Bridge Committee.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Cruikshank, that the sum of \$50 be granted to improve the Town Line used in lieu of County Line between Zone and Euphamia.

Moved by Mr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Ball, that the sum of \$50 be granted to improve the Townline between Dover East and West.

Moved by Mr. Purser, seconded by Mr. Tassie, that the sum of \$150 be granted to improve that portion of the Town line between Dover Township and Gore of Chatham, North of the River Sydenham.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Lee, that \$250 be granted to plank Moravian Bridge.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Dolsen, that the sum of \$500 be granted to assist the Township of Tilbury East in building a Bridge across Jeanette's Creek on a leading road through this County, known as the Tecumseh Road; said road was assumed by the Quarter Sessions.

Moved by Mr. Dobbyn, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that \$150 be granted to improve the Town line between the Corporation of Dresden and the Gore of Camden.

Moved by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the sum \$100 be granted to improve the line between the Village of Blenheim and the Township of Harwich.

Moved by Mr. Tassie, seconded by Mr. Crow, that part of the proceeds of the sale of the engine and pump be applied to the fixing of the road at the mouth of the Chatham and Dover Town line drain, said road requiring to be fixed as soon as the pump is taken out.

The Warden replied in answer to an inquiry by Mr. Dolsen, that no steps had yet been taken to employ prisoners outside of the Gaol walls in this County.

On motion of Mr. White, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the By-law relating to the duties, &c., of certain officers, and for the appointment of a Gaol Surgeon, Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

The Council resumed; the Chairman reported that the By-law passed in Committee, with amendments and with blanks filled up.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Lee, that said By-law be read a third time and passed.

Moved in amendment, by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Dolsen, that the By-law be not now read a third time, but be referred back to the Committee for the purpose of amending the 12th clause so that the salary of the Gaol Surgeon shall be fixed at the sum of \$100 instead of \$150.

Amendment lost, motion carried.

The yeas and nays were called for on the motion and were taken down as follows:

Yeas—Councillors Young, McMullin, Cameron, White, Coataworth, Pardo, Hickey, Wilson, (T. E.) Crow, Tassie, Seattle, McDonald, Lee, Wilson (H.) Arnold, Dobbyn, Dillon, Cruickshank, Purser, Robert, Ball and Craddock—22.

Nays—Councillors Clark, Dolsen, Stephens, Smith, Sherman, Ferguson and Holmes—7.

The By-law was then read a third time and passed.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

On motion of Mr. Dolsen, a By-law to impose Tolls for crossing the swing Bridges in the Villages of Dresden and Wallaceburg was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Lee, a By-Law to raise the current expenses of the County for 1878, and for other purposes, was read a first time.

In answer to an enquiry by Mr. Hickey relative to the running at large of animals on County lines, the Warden replied that the County Council has no jurisdiction over the County roads except for the making and repairing of the same, they being assumed for that purpose, which in no way interferes with the municipal rights of local municipalities in regard to the running at large of animals.

On motion of Mr. Coataworth, the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges was read and adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

SIXTH DAY—Chatham, 15th June, 1878.

The Roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A memorial to the Under Secretary of State for War (England) was read, representing the case of William Chambers, of the Gore of Camden, relating to his services as a soldier in the service of the Crown at Corunna, Waterloo, etc., also, as an officer at the Rebellion of 1837, asking the Authorities of the War Office to recognize in some substantial way these services.

Moved by Dr. Dobbyn, seconded by Dr. Smith, that the Warden and Clerk be instructed to sign the memorial now read, addressed to the Under Secretary of State for War on behalf of this Council, and attach the Corporate seal thereto, believing that the import of said memorial is correct.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the draft of a petition to the Legislature of Ontario was read, approved and a copy of the same ordered to be transmitted, praying that an Act may be passed to empower County Councils to compel parties to pay a license who travel entire horses for stock purposes.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the 18, 24 & 25 rules be suspended during the remainder of the session.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the Finance Report was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to appropriate certain sums of money to the Township and County Lines and Bridges, and to appoint Commissioners to expend the same, was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Lee, a By-law to raise the sum of \$33,741 54 to meet the current expenses of the County for 1878, and for other purposes, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dolsen, a By-law to impose tolls for crossing the Swing Bridges in the Villages of Dresden and Wallaceburg, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. White, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the three foregoing By-laws, Mr. Holmes in the Chair.

The Council resumed; the Chairman reported that the By-law to appropriate certain sums to Roads and Bridges, passed with blanks filled up, and a clause added;

that the By-law to raise the current expenses passed without amendment, and that the By-law to impose Tolls on Bridges in Dresden and Wallaceburg, was lost and that a resolution passed relating to the same, as follows :

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Wilson, (T. E.) that in the opinion of this Council the cost of swinging the different bridges at Wallaceburg and Dresden is becoming a burthen to the County, and should the municipalities interested not take steps to reduce said expenses this Council will at the next session place tolls upon said bridges.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Wilson, (T. E.) that the resolution passed in Committee of the Whole be adopted as the report of this Council, relative to Dresden, and Wallaceburg Bridges.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to appropriate certain sums of money to Roads and Bridges, and to appoint Commissioners to expend the same, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lee, a By-law to raise the sum of \$33,741 54 to meet the current expenses of the County for 1878, and for other purposes, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Robert presented the petition of Wm. McKeough and 226 others, praying the Council to assume the Chatham bridges spanning the Thames, on certain conditions, so that said bridges may be free from tolls.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Beattie, That the County of Kent assume the Bridges spanning the River Thames in the Town of Chatham, provided the Corporation of said Town furnish caretakers for the same, and that said Bridges shall be free of tolls; and that the Market fees in the said Town be abolished on condition that the Corporation of the County of Kent pay yearly the sum of \$600 to the Town of Chatham.—Lost.

The Warden presented a report in reference to the steam pump near Wallaceburg, which, on motion of Mr. Beattie, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Clark the report of the Committee relating to the duration of the sessions of the Council, on being put to vote was lost.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Pardo, that Sherman Malcolm, P. L.S., be instructed to survey and stake the Town line between Harwich and Raleigh across 9th and 10th concessions of Raleigh.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that this Council do now adjourn, and stand adjourned till the second Monday of December next.—Carried.

PETITIONS.

TO THE HON. THE LEGISLATURE OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

GENTLEMEN :—

We the Council of the Co. of Kent, Council assembled, humbly petition your Hon. body, That we believe if your Honorable body would pass an Act empowering County Councils to pass By-laws (if they deem expedient), to compel parties who travel entire horses for the purpose of serving mares, to pay a License therefor, such amount not to be less than \$20 nor more than \$100; such sums to be paid to the County Treasurer, at such a time as the Council may direct, and the proceeds to be applied in aid of the Agricultural Societies of the County in which such sums are collected; that it would be a great advantage, as it would have a tendency to prevent a great many horses from travelling—which are not suitable for stock horses.

Trusting that you will take the matter into consideration at the earliest possible convenience. We as in duty bound will ever pray.

TO SURVEY ROAD BETWEEN GORES CAMDEN & CHATHAM.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Corporation of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN,—The petition of the undersigned residents and ratepayers of the Gore of Camden and the Gore of Chatham in the County of Kent, humbly sheweth,

That there exists at the present time a difference of opinion with regard to the location of the allowance for road between the Gore of Camden and the Gore of Chatham, in the County of Kent, there being a jog in the said road at the place where it crosses the River Sydenham in the County of Kent.

And your petitioners being interested in the proper location of said road, respectfully request that your Hon. body will be pleased to cause a survey to be made of the said road and locate it in its proper place—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray. C. S. HUBBERT, and 19 others.

TO ASSUME CHATHAM BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN,—We, the undersigned petitioners, ratepayers of the County of Kent, respectfully pray your Hon. body to take into consideration the advisability of passing a By-law accepting the offer made by the Corporation of the Town of Chatham, to allow the County Council to assume the Chatham Bridges, as we think it is unjust to collect tolls on the Chatham bridges and not on the other bridges in the County. We are of the opinion that either all should be free, or that all should pay toll. And furthermore, your petitioners are of opinion that all tolls are objectionable, and hope the time will soon arrive that you may deem it advisable to abolish all tolls.—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray. WM. MCKEDUGH, and 226 others.

COMMUNICATIONS.

ESTIMATES FOR 1878.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Herewith I have the honor to lay before your Hon. body, estimate of moneys required to meet the current expenses of the County, for the present year, amounting to \$28,536.76, exclusive of the amounts required to retire Debentures issued in aid of the Erie and Huron Railway, should the decision of the suit now pending be in favor of the Company, and to the desirability of providing for such a result, by passing a By-law fixing the rate to be levied on the grouped portion of the County, I beg respectfully to call your attention.

In accordance with instructions, I proceeded to Toronto in February last, and deposited with the Referee in Chamber of the Court of Chancery, the Debentures above referred to, No. 7 to 75 inclusive, for which I hold his receipt.

My expenses were \$14, which please grant audit in my favor.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your Ob't Servant,

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

Estimate of Monies required to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent, for the year 1878.

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| Rewards Account..... | \$ 100 00 | High School, for Masters..... | \$1600 00 |
| East Kent Agricultural Society.. | 200 00 | Finn Creek Drain..... | 80 00 |
| West Kent, do do .. | 200 00 | Government Drain, Tilbury East | 11 42 |
| Board of Audit..... | 16 00 | do do Romney, .. | 22 83 |
| Registry Office, for Books..... | 200 00 | Interest on Debentures..... | 2310 00 |
| Fuel for Offices..... | 250 00 | Salaries acct..... | 1860 00 |
| Administr'n Justice not Criminal | 5000 00 | Office Rent..... | 465 00 |
| Public Buildings, repairs..... | 1000 00 | County Printing..... | 300 00 |
| Debentures to retire..... | 5000 00 | Caretaker of Offices..... | 240 00 |
| Insurance of Public Buildings & | | Fence-viewers awards, Account, | 34 00 |
| Bridges..... | 343 75 | Model School..... | 150 00 |
| Payment of Jurors..... | 2600 00 | Law Expenses..... | 200 00 |
| Councillor's wages & Committees | 2300 00 | Grant to Bridge over R. Syd'm | 1500 00 |
| Wallaceburg Bridges, attendance | 500 00 | Dresden Bridge, attendance.... | 125 00 |
| Selection of Jurors..... | 118 00 | W. Kent Teachers' Association.. | 50 00 |
| Blenheim Lock-up..... | 250 00 | E. Kent, do do .. | 50 00 |
| School Superintendence..... | 800 00 | | |
| Miscellaneous expense account.. | 200 00 | | |
| Coroners' Orders..... | 250 00 | Less Surplus in 1877..... | \$29206 00 |
| Payment of Witnesses..... | 500 00 | | 669 24 |
| Office Furniture..... | 30 00 | | |
| Board of Examiners..... | 350 00 | | \$285366 00 |
| County Treasurer's Office, Chatham, | | C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent. | |

10th June, 1878.

HIGH SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of High School Trustees begs to notify your Hon. body that on account of the large increase of pupils in attendance at the High School, we have been under the necessity of employing a third teacher at a salary of \$500.00 per annum; this sum we will require from you, together with \$100.00 for alterations and extra seating, making in all \$600.—I have the honor to remain, your obdt. servt.,

WM. KING, Sec'y B. H. S. T.

Extract from the Report of Inspector Marling on his visit to the High School at Chatham, on the 1st April, 1878, transmitted for the information of the Board and Head Master.

ACCOMMODATIONS.

The accommodations are not by any means equal to the present requirements of the School; the pupils are crowded together in a very undesirable way. The out-buildings are in decent condition. New seats have been placed in the principal school room to seat 80 pupils; cost, \$150. Nothing has been spent on grounds or building beyond ordinary repairs. ORGANIZATION—Order satisfactory.

REMARKS.

This School is doing well. The Head Master and Mr. Manly are experienced teachers, and Mr. Hoople possesses qualities that promise, with experience, to make him a valuable addition to the staff. The higher English Classics and Mathematics would entitle the school to the standing of Class 1, but that the number in those classes is so small. The Board contemplate enlarging the accommodations; this is absolutely necessary, and delay in carrying it out will imperil the prosperity of the school. With the necessary room, Chatham High School might soon become a Collegiate Institute.

P. S. INSPECTOR, EAST KENT.

To the Warden and Councilors of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN—I hereby present a Report of the Public and R. C. Separate Schools (not including the Town of Bothwell) in the East Riding of the County of Kent for the year 1877.

The number of Schools and Departments recognized by the Education Department on the 31st Dec'r, 1877, was 77, viz:—

Rural Public Schools, 52; Public Schools in Villages, 6; R. C. Sep. School, 1; additional and distinct Departments of Rural and Village schools taught in separate rooms, with teachers and registers of their own, 14; the number of Public schools and Departments in the Town of Bothwell, 4.

The number of teachers employed at that date was 78. Three of these held 1st class Prov. certificates; 17 2nd class Prov. certificates; 1 a 1st class Old Co. Board certificate; 52 3rd class certificates, and 5 Interim certificates.

The highest salary paid to a male teacher was at the rate of \$566; the lowest \$300, and the average was (not including Bothwell) \$421.50; the latter being an increase of \$33.12. The average paid to a female teacher was \$282.79, being a decrease of \$1.62.

The number of pupils of all ages enrolled on the Daily Registers was 6,316; of these 6013 were between the ages of 5 and 16.

About 9 per cent. attended less than 20 days; about 18 per cent. attended less than 50 days; about 25 per cent. attended less than 100 days; about 26 per cent. attended less than 150 days; 29 per cent. attended less than 200 days, and less than three per cent. attended the whole year.

The average number of days during which the schools were kept open, including holidays and vacations, was 334.

The number of pupils in the first three forms was 5062, and in the next two forms 1254. Better work has been done in the 4th and 5th forms during the past year than had been done during the preceding years. This I attribute to a more flexible "programme of studies."

The cost per annum for each pupil, estimated on the number of pupils of all ages on the Daily Registers of the Public and Separate schools, and the total expenditure, was \$6.30; increase 15 cents. The cost per pupil, estimated on the average attend-

ance and the total expenditure, was about \$7.02; decrease 81 cents, showing a better attendance.

The cost per pupil, estimated on the number of pupils of all ages entered on the Daily Registers and the amount paid to teachers was \$3.77; increase two cents. The cost per pupil, estimated on the average attendance and the amount paid to teachers, was about \$4.21; decrease 57 cents.

The Trustees received during the year from the Municipal Grant, \$2401.75; Gov't Grant, \$2865.94; tax on the rateable property, \$29,658.45; and from all other sources, \$4,627.10; making with the balance on hand of \$4,912.44, a total of \$43,468.68.

The Trustees expended for teachers' salaries, \$23,837.81; building school houses and the purchase of school sites, \$9,478.33; library, books, maps, apparatus, etc., \$261.71; incidental expenses, \$6,168.19, making a total of \$39,746.09.

The Trustees' debts amount to \$15,756.68.

Although there are seats and desks for 92 per cent. of all the pupils who have attended school during the past year, yet in two or three school sections it will be necessary to require additional school accommodation.

The school houses lately erected are substantial and comfortable buildings, and with these the era of tree-planting has been fairly inaugurated. These will not only benefit the inhabitants of the sections who possess them, but will also prove a benefit to others by leading them to do the same for themselves.

The establishment of County Model Schools, by means of which professional training has been imparted to young teachers, notwithstanding its crude state, has been a move in the right direction. Satisfactory results have been obtained at a small cost. The teachers have received valuable information in school organization, discipline, methods of instruction, hygiene and school laws, and on assuming the charge of schools were enabled to discharge their duties with profit to their pupils. The last year's attempt must be considered in the light of an experiment, and the experience gained suggests that it would be better to have only one session instead of two sessions, and the time previously given to the two sessions could be more profitably employed by the one session.

Teachers' Institutes are intended to supplement the work of the Co. Model schools. They afford means for self-improvement to teachers and at the same time diffuse, with respect to our school work, valuable information among the community at large. Hitherto the Teachers' Association have been sustained by the voluntary efforts of the teachers. The number of teachers who attend these Teachers' Institutes and the trouble and expense they incur in attending, are sufficient to indicate the value which teachers attach to them.

The East Kent Teachers' Association held in 1877, two meetings, at which very fair work was done. The Hon. Adam Crooks, Minister of Education, showed his sympathy by kindly attending the October meeting of the Association, and giving valuable information on the School Law, as well as receiving suggestions for its amendment.

Feeling that books are "Repositories of the learning of past ages," and to some extent of the present age, and that by individual efforts "number sufficient for extensive usefulness" cannot be obtained, the East Kent Teachers' Association have commenced a Professional Library, and intend to add to it during the current year by expending at least \$50, which, with the 100 per cent. allowed by the Government, will give them additional books to the amount of \$100. I beg leave respectfully to recommend that as the Government has already granted to the said Teachers' Association the sum of \$50 for Institute work done during the past year, Your Hon. body, by virtue of and under the authority of the School Law Amendment Act of 1877, sec. 17, (b), will equalize the said sum by granting to the said Teachers' Association the sum of \$50, and thereby assist them to better carry on the work of such Institute by enabling them to purchase suitable books, apparatus, etc., and employ properly qualified persons to instruct them.

Owing to the extent of the County and the lack of facilities to travel, it has been deemed advisable to have a Teachers' Association in each Riding.—I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your obdt. servant,
EDMUND B. HARRISON,
P. S. I., East Kent,

P. S. INSPECTOR, WEST KENT.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to make the following report with respect to Educational matters in West Kent.

I have not thought it necessary to enter at any great length into mere statistics until the close of another year, when there will be the means for showing wherein, and to what extent variations have occurred.

The number of schools and distinct departments open according to law during the second half of the year, 1877, was 58, including 51 strictly rural schools; 4 Roman Catholic Separate Schools, and 3 departments of the Wallaceburg Public Schools.

The total amount received by Trustees from all sources for school purposes during the year 1877, was \$29732.05; total expenditure \$26444.67, leaving a balance on hand of \$3287.38, from which is to be deducted, debts amounting to \$2982.53.

The total amount of the Legislative grant was \$2124.49; Municipal grant, \$2,231.05; school tax, \$20,133.44; amount received from other sources, \$2251.82.

The highest salaries paid to male teachers, were as follows: in Chatham and Dover Townships, \$500; in Raleigh, \$450; in Tilbury East and Romney, \$400.

The lowest salaries paid to male teachers, were: in Raleigh, Dover, Tilbury East, and Romney, \$300; in Chatham Township, \$275.

The average salaries of female teachers in each Township, were as follows: in Raleigh, Tilbury East and Romney, \$300; in Chatham Township, \$293; in Dover, \$283.

The average salary in West Kent was, for male teachers, \$386.42; female teachers, \$292.42.

NOTE.—I have included Wallaceburg in the Township of Chatham.

I am pleased to state that the good effect of the County Model School training is quite apparent; and thus there is encouragement to support this agency in preparing young teachers for their work.

It is my intention to bring the subject of Township Boards of Trustees as prominently as possible before the rate-payers in each school section and ascertain by a vote at the annual school meeting, what is the feeling of the majority of the sections in each Township.

The rate per dollar levied in different school sections, even when they are adjacent, is so unequal as to be an evident injustice to the more heavily rated sections.

The inequality of the territorial limits of school sections in the same township occasions much hardship and complaint.

I am of the opinion that while the Township Board system would somewhat increase the aggregate expense in a Township, yet the whole expense being equally distributed, the difference in expense arising from the system of a paid Board of Trustees for the Township would be a very trifling item in the taxes of any individual rate-payer.

It would likely be found that the school houses now in use are sufficiently well located to render removal unnecessary, except in a few instances.

On the other hand, I think few persons can fail to perceive that the proposed arrangement would result beneficially wherever a frequent change of teachers is now made in any section.

I regret to state that long continued illness in my family, followed by the unusually bad state of the roads for so long a time, has made it impossible for me to perform the work of a Public School Inspector during the year past as uninterruptedly as I wished and intended. I am happy to add, however, that my difficulties in the first respect are, I trust, at an end, and that I shall now be able to give the various parts of my work as Inspector, all due attention throughout the year.

As there will not be sufficient accommodation in the High School for holding the examination of Candidates for Teachers' Certificates, I have to request that your Hon. body will grant the use of the Council Chamber for that purpose. The examination will commence on the 8th of July, and continue for two weeks.

According to law and the official regulations in that behalf, I have the honor to state that a Teachers' Association has been duly organized in West Kent, including the Town of Chatham; and I beg to call the attention of your Hon. body to the communication from the Minister of Education respecting an appropriation by County Councils in aid of this very important organization.

A formal invitation to the Warden and members of the Council to visit the Asso-

ciation in session, and hear the Address by the Minister of Education, on Friday evening, will be forwarded by the Secretary, and I beg leave to express my sincere wish to see as many members of the Council at our meetings as can make it convenient to spend some time with us while the business of the Association is in progress.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your Obedient Servant,
WILMOT M. NICHOLS, I. P. S., West Kent.

Rond Eau, June 4th, 1878.

INSPECTOR OF PRISONS.

TORONTO, 8th March, 1878.

SIR,—I beg to call the attention, through you, of the Council of the County of Kent to certain practices at the Chatham Gaol which are in violation of the Regulations.

1st. The Gaoler is allowed 14 cents per day for the food of each prisoner.

2nd. The Gaoler is allowed in addition to his salary of \$650, a sum of \$180 per annum for Turnkey's wages, leaving it to his discretion as to the occasions on which a turnkey shall be employed.

With regard to the dietaries, I beg to point out that it is absolutely necessary that no Gaoler shall have any pecuniary interest in that or any other branch of the prison service, beyond the reception of his own salary; although in this instance, the amount paid is not much in excess of what the dietaries actually cost, still the violation of the principle is the same, and therefore I have to request that this practice shall cease at the end of the present year, after which the supply of all kinds of Gaol food can be advertised for and the cooking of it done in the Gaol kitchen.

With regard to the second irregularity pointed out, I beg to state that the Council should pass a By-law defining the salary and perquisites of each of the Gaol officials, who must be permanently employed in the Gaol service, under the control and direction of the Sheriff.

I have also to call attention once more to the fact unless the Gaol walls are pointed without delay, they will be permanently injured.

Will you be good enough to lay this communication before the County Council at its first meeting, and advise me of the result.—I have the honor to be, Sir, your obdt. servant,

DANIEL KERR, Co. Clerk, Chatham.

TORONTO, 25th April, 1878.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 23d inst., I beg to say that I have to-day forwarded you copy of my last report, on page 147 of which you will find a table giving the cost of the daily rations in each Common Gaol of the Province.

I fear that the Council have misunderstood me in this matter. I did not complain that the rate of 14 cents per day per prisoner is high, but my objection was taken on the ground that neither the Gaoler nor any other officer should have a pecuniary interest in any branch of Gaol affairs; any deviation from this is a breach of the Gaol regulations. It is quite beside the question whether the Gaoler makes any profit or no, as the infraction of the rules by giving him an interest in the dietary arrangements is the same. In addition, I have no doubt a saving would be effected by following the regulations.—I have the honor to be, Sir, your obdt. servant,

J. W. LANGMUIR, Inspector.

D. KERR, Esq., Co. Clerk, Chatham.

TORONTO, May 6th, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the information and guidance of the Council, copies of the Supplementary Gaol Regulations for the carrying on of extra mural labor by the prisoners in the Common Gaols of the Province, under the provisions of 40 Vic., cap. 36, Dominion statutes, and 41 Vic., cap. 24, statutes of Ontario.

Extra mural labor of the character indicated in the Regulations may be at once furnished to any municipality applying for the same, upon the distinct understanding that the Regulations in respect to dietary, garb, and supervision while at work, are strictly adhered to.—I have the honor to be, Sir, your obdt. sev't.,

J. W. LANGMUIR, Inspector.

DANIEL KERR, Co. Clerk, Chatham.

REPORTS.

GAOL SURGEON.

To the Warden and Councillors in Council assembled, of the County Council of the County of Kent,

I have the honor to present the Medical Report of the Sick in the County Gaol, for the year, 1878.

| Disease. | No. cases. | Termination. | Disease. | No. cases. | Termination. |
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| Constipation with Dyspepsia | 1 | recov'd | Diarrhoea, | | |
| Delirium Tremens | 1 | " | [still very low, under treatm't | | |
| Cystitis | 2 | " | Dysentery | 4 | recover'd |
| Dropsy | 1 | " | Dysentery with Hemorrhage | | " |
| Swelled Ankle | 1 | " | Dropsey | 1 | recover'd |
| Apoplexy | 1 | died | Syphilis | 2 | " |
| Dysentery | 4 | recover'd | Cholera Morbus | 1 | " |
| Gonorrhoea | 1 | " | Unhealed Stump after Amputation | 1 | " |
| Gen. Debility with Paralysis | 1 | " | | | |

JAMES H. SIVEWRIGHT, M. D., Gaol Surgeon.

Chatham, June 11th, 1878.

COUNTY SOLICITOR, VS. ROCHE.

To the Warden of the County of Kent.

Under instructions given me by you in this matter I took the necessary steps to oppose the *rule nisi* granted and served upon you calling upon the Corporation of the County of Kent to shew cause why the Temperance Act, passed on the 14th day of December last, should not be quashed. The principal question turned upon whether the requisitions filed on the 13th of December, and more particularly upon the requisition sent in from the Township of Raleigh, which was the only one attached.

This requisition had by the affidavits filed on the part of the County been reduced to twenty-eight names and was clearly insufficient, thus justifying the Report made by your Clerk to the Council that he found the Requisitions insufficient. But the opposite party thereupon filed an affidavit shewing that three of the ratepayers in Tilbury East, who had signed the Tilbury East requisition, had also votes in Raleigh. The learned Judge permitted them to be counted to make up the deficiency in the Raleigh requisition, thus making the requisition good; but he adds in his judgment, "I easily see how the Council could have been misled by the form adopted, and such a consideration would have an undoubted effect in any such question as costs." He consequently held that the By-law itself was good, and could not be quashed; but holding the requisition to be sufficient counting in the Tilbury names, it should have been submitted to the electors for approval, and offered to make an order to quash the notice of the By-law given to the various parties under the Act and grant a mandamus, First—calling upon the Corporation to shew cause why the By-law should not be submitted to the electors upon the material already filed with leave to either party to file further affidavits.

This order was not taken out by the applicant, nor was any order made as to costs, the question of costs having been reserved until the question as to the mandamus was settled.

Acting upon the view expressed by you that in consequence of the strong intimation given by the Court, as expressed in the judgment of Chief Justice Hagarty, and taking into consideration the fact that a new and more comprehensive Temperance Act was about being passed by the Parliament of the Dominion, and that it was desirable to have the hands of the Council free to act as they may think proper, as well as your desire to avoid involving the Municipality in litigation without first consulting the Council. I took no further steps in the matter further than to keep the Council harmless as far as possible from the expenses already incurred.

Application having been made on the part of the liquor dealers to your Clerk to recall the notice given by him to the Inspectors on the grounds that it was given by mistake, I advised him not to do so, as it was not in accordance with the facts brought out on the argument of the *rule*, but advised to communicate to them the Judgment

of the Court upon the subject, upon condition that the Liquor dealers would pay one hundred dollars towards defraying the costs of opposing the *rule*. This they agreed to do, and your Clerk, acting under my advice, communicated to the Inspectors the substance of the Judgment.

The costs have not yet been paid in, but I am in hopes that according to promise they will be by the end of the present week, and in the meantime I deem it best not to send in a statement of my fees.

I enclose herewith a copy of the Judgment of Chief Justice Hagarty given upon the *rule*.

I may add that in the conduct of this difficult and intricate matter I have received the greatest assistance from your able and efficient Clerk, whose carefully kept minutes and thorough acquaintance with all the facts connected with the matter, and the assistance so willingly rendered in preparing the case of the Corporation, were of the greatest service to me in getting the case fully before the Court.—Respectfully yours,
CHAS. E. PEGLEY,

ROCHE,) The By-law appears to have been properly passed, and
ES.) was within the competence of the Council to pass. I do not
CORPORATION OF KENT.) therefore think that I can quash it.

If a requisition according to the Statute be presented to the Council, calling on them to submit it for the approval of the rate-payers, it is their duty so to submit it, and the By-law shall not take effect unless approved of.

Two requisitions sent to the Council. The law requires that where it is a County By-law, any thirty or more duly qualified electors of each Municipality, may at any time by a requisition in the Statutory form, or to the like effect, require it to be submitted.

There are 17 Municipalities here. Each list had a printed heading, purporting to be of the undernamed electors of all the 17 Municipalities; seventeen of these lists so headed were presented.

A list which I suppose was intended for the Township of Raleigh, had about 32 names, but several were impeached as not qualified, reducing the required number, by about two below thirty.

But in a list intended, I likewise suppose, for Tilbury, the adjoining Township, there were much more than 30 qualified, and that list being headed as well with the name of Raleigh Township, as of all the others, contained at least two qualified electors of Raleigh.

Now I am not prepared to say that if all the names had appeared in the requisition headed as each of these was, that if on examination, there were in fact thirty electors from each Municipality, the Council could reject or refuse to act on it.

I easily see how they might be misled by the form adopted, and such a consideration would have an undoubted effect in any such question as costs.

But as soon as it is brought to their knowledge, as has been done by this discussion, that the requisitions presented, in fact comply with the substantial requirements of Statutes, I do not see why the Council should hesitate to submit it for public approval.

They should look at the substance and not lay too much stress on the form.

Another requisition was subsequently presented, admitted to have a sufficient number of electors, but it was contended that this being done after the passing of the By-law, it was too late, and that the Statutes require it to be done prior thereto, and must be as a kind of warning to the Council.

If this be the correct construction, the result would be most singular. Parties desiring to have such a By-law submitted to public vote, must annually at the earliest moment present a requisition to the Council as to any By-law they might pass within the coming year. In effect if this be the law, the Council can generally dispense altogether with the public approval of the electors. This seems so much at variance from what we might naturally expect the Legislature to have meant that we must be very certain by any reasonable doubt, that the words used and do bear such an interpretation. I express no opinion at present on this point.

I am willing to allow this application to be carried to a motion for a mandamus, commanding the Council to submit this By-law to the ratepayers. But I must give the defendants an opportunity to answer it.

On the argument, the question can be fully discussed, whether one or other, perhaps both, the requisitions are sufficient under the Act.

If a legal requisition has been presented, and the Court so hold, the By-law must be approved by the rate-payers before it can come into force.

If it require to be so submitted, and it be attempted to enforce it without such submission and approval, the most serious consequences as must result, as anything done under color of it might be wholly unlawful and possibly subject persons presuming to act under it to acting of trespass, to which there would be no defence.

On the materials now before me, I am of opinion that nothing could be more dangerous or more unwise than to attempt to enforce it without submission to the rate-payers.

If duly submitted and approved by a Magistrate, such enacting will stand far higher in public opinion and respect, and any feeling that it has not been so sanctioned on some technical ground of objection, will be sure to cause it to be treated with a lesser degree of respect, and with less hearty acquiescence than always should be, and generally is accorded to the undoubted law of the land.

If, as was stated in agreement, this By-law has been officially communicated to the License authorities, and be acted on by them as legal, and it will be difficult to foresee the large extent of unjust and illegal consequences and hardships to individuals resulting therefrom.

I trust such consequences may be avoided by the exercise of a little common sense, to say nothing of "Temperance" in the conduct of the public affairs of the County.

ON ORFORD AND HARWICH TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of John McKenzie, in regard to straightening of the town-line opposite the 10th and 11th concessions of Howard, between Howard and Orford, beg leave to report as follows:—

That we met on May 21st, last, and made an examination into the matter complained of, and found that the road crooked into Mr. McKenzie's land about four rods in some places.

There is no difficulty about the proper place where the road should be, as the road is in its proper place, except between the 10th and 11th cons. mentioned above.

Your committee would recommend that a ditch on the east side of the road be made in the proper place, and the road graded up as soon as there is funds to do it, so that Mr. McKenzie can move his fence on his proper line as soon as possible.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. FERGUSON, JOHN LEE, Committee.

June 10th, 1878.

ON BRIDGES OVER RIVER SYDENHAM.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN,—According to a resolution passed at the January session of this Council, your committee met with a committee of the County of Lambton relative to the necessity of building a bridge over the North Branch of the River Sydenham, on the County line between the Counties of Kent and Lambton. We met on the fourth inst., and after carefully considering the matter, unanimously came to the conclusion that it is not necessary or expedient to build a bridge on said County line at present, inasmuch as said County road is not open for public travel. Your committee would also recommend that in case an arrangement can be made so that the Lambton line may become the County line between the Counties of Kent and Lambton, instead of the 5th concession, which is the County line at present. Then in that case, your committee would recommend that a bridge should be built on said Lambton line, or on the 7th concession of Sombra.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. STEPHENS, J. H. BEATTIE, Committee.

June 5th, 1878.

STEAM PUMP NEAR WALLACEBURG.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your committee appointed at the December session of last year to sell the pump and remove the obstruction from the mouth of the Chatham & Dover town line drain, beg leave to report as follows:

That they met on two or three occasions at the drain, and then found the water

in the drain so high that nothing could then be done to remove the obstructions. That about the beginning of this month we gave a contract to Thomas James, who agrees to remove all and every obstruction from the mouth of the drain on or before the 15th day of June inst., for which we agree to give him the engine shed and the timber used in the construction of the flood gates, this being the cheapest and best offer that your com. could get.

Your committee also further have to report that as the engine and pump was getting rusty and likely to be damaged, and as Capt. Steinhoff offered to take it and put in good order and keep it in good condition and return it when required in good condition, the pump was used by Capt. Steinhoff on the above conditions—Mr. Stephens dissenting.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. BEATTIE, W. H. STEPHENS, Com'rs.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—With reference to the report of the committee having charge of the steam pump near Wallaceburg, and you having referred the matter to me, beg leave to say, that inasmuch as the pump appears to be of no more use to the Municipalities interested, my opinion is that we should charge Capt. Steinhoff a reasonable remuneration for the use of the same, and in the event of him refusing to pay for use of same, then in that case I would say that the pump and engine should be taken care of and sold as soon as convenient by said com'rs.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. TRERICE, Warden.

REVISION OF BY-LAWS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your committee appointed to revise the By-laws of the County of Kent beg to report as follows :

That we have examined all the By-laws since the year 1868, including those of the last revision, and would recommend that a general index be prepared to shew the By laws now in force, and how all other By-laws have been disposed of; whether repealed or superceded by legislation or otherwise. Also, that all By-laws of a general or public nature be printed in a convenient form, to correspond with the minutes of Council in size; also, that the By-laws now in force relating to the duties and salaries of the Officers of the County, and the remuneration of Councillors attending Council, and any other By-laws that may be found necessary, be revised and consolidated the present session, with a view to have them printed soon after.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WHITE, Chairman.

June 11th, 1878.

COUNTY AUDITORS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

The undersigned Auditors for the current year beg leave to report:

That they have examined the Books and Vouchers of your Treasurer for year ending 31st December last, and have to report all correct.

The accounts of Treasurer of High School Board, as well as the accounts of Sub-Treasurers of School monies of all the Townships in the County, have been duly audited and satisfactory Vouchers submitted for expenditure connected therewith.

Your Auditors beg specially to report that they have received the accompanying communication from Wm. Stevenson, Esq., Treasurer of Dover Township, regarding a sum of \$56.61, which, it appears, has been lying in his hands, over and above the regular balance at the credit of school fund of the Township, which he surmises should be paid to the family of the late Thos. W. Smith, former Treasurer of the Township, which is also the opinion of C. G. Charteris, Esq., who, with the late J. J. Thompson, acted as Commissioners to investigate the accounts of the Township of Dover, in which opinion your Auditors concur, and would respectfully suggest that action be taken to that effect.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE D. ROSS,

A. B. McINTOSH,

} County Auditors,

June 18, 1878.

COUNTY PRINTING.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Printing, beg leave to report, that having asked for tenders, we received one from each of the offices in town, and after carefully examining and comparing the same, we awarded the contract to Mr. Gemmill, for the current year, his tender being the lowest.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

THOS. DILLON, Chairman Printing Committee.

Chatham, 11th June, 1878.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your committee on Roads & Bridges beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the several matters referred to them and beg leave to submit the following, viz:—

Re-planking Kent bridge, \$200; grant to Co. line between Bothwell and Mosa, \$50; town line between Wallaceburg and Chatham Tps., \$75; Thamesville and Camden, \$25; Chatham and Town, \$50; Tp. Chatham and Dover, \$300; Gore of Chatham and Sombra, \$200; Kent and Elgin, \$300; Camden and Zone, \$150; Dover and Town of Chatham, \$50; Zone and Bothwell, \$25; Tilbury and Romney, \$200; Gore Chatham and Camden, \$300; Kent and Essex, North Romney line, \$300; Essex and Kent, South Romney line, \$400; Raleigh and Town Chatham, \$50; Raleigh and Tilbury East, \$700; Kent and Middlesex, \$50; Zone & Euphemia, \$100; Harwich & Raleigh, \$500; Harwich & Howard, \$400; Howard & Orford, \$500; Ridgetown & Howard, \$200; Town Chatham & Harwich, \$100; Camden & Dawn, \$200; Raleigh & Harwich gravel pit, \$75; Zone & Euphemia (known as Nevon st.), \$25; Dover East & West, \$100; planking Moravia bridge, \$100; East Tilbury bridge, \$100; Dresden & Gore Camden, \$75; Blenheim & Harwich, \$50—total, \$5250.

Your committee would recommend \$200 of the \$500 granted Howard and Orford be laid out in straightening said road at the McKenzie farm.

The resolution of the Township of Camden we recommend to be returned to Camden Council; and also, recommend that the pump and engine be sold, and proceeds paid to the Co. Treasurer, and that the Com'r in charge of said road be empowered to do so; and that the gravel pit recommended to be bought be used exclusively for County roads.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. COATSWORTH, Chairman.

Council Room, June 14, 1878.

COUNTY PROPERTY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

The Committee on Public Property beg leave to report, that in accordance with instructions from the Council, they have had the Petit Jury seats changed, and in place of altering all the seats, they have dispensed with them altogether, and in lieu thereof, have given the Jury chairs to sit upon, which your Committee believe will be more comfortable.

They have also raised the bottom of the witness box, so as to place the witnesses in a better position to be heard by both Judge and Jury.

They have also given instructions to have the proposed water-closet, opposite the entrance door of the Court Room, fitted up for the use of the Lawyers, Jurymen and Councillors; this is not yet finished. They have also supplied the Clerk of the Crown's office, Mr. Campbell's, with a writing table and small desk; also, the Judge with a small open press for his books.

Your Committee visited the Industrial Farm, and found all right; they also found that no timber had been cut and taken off the ground, as reported, but that a few trees had been cut for rails to repair the outside fence. The rent for the farm that was in arrears, has been paid.

Your Committee have further to report, that in accordance with the instructions from the Prison Inspector, Mr. Langmuir, they advertised for tenders for pointing the Goal walls, but the sum was so large that they decided not to do anything till after this meeting of the Council, but lay the matter before you.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. YOUNG, Chairman.

EQUALIZATION.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Corporation of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your committee appointed to Equalize the Assessment Rolls, beg leave to report that they have examined the different rolls and have equalized the same, a schedule of which is herewith submitted and recommended for adoption,—All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. COATSWORTH, Chairman.

Council Chamber, June 12, 1878.

FINANCE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the various matters and accounts referred to them, and would recommend as follows:—

Payment of Committee and Commission Fees—

| | |
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| Wm. H. Stephens, for Commission Fees..... | \$ 2 00 |
| Stephen White, Committee Meetings..... | 6 00 |
| Thomas Dillon, do do | 2 00 |
| Robert Ferguson, do do | 6 00 |
| John Lee, do do | 4 00 |
| Peter Robert, do do | 4 00 |
| Caleb Coatsworth, Commission Fees..... | 2 00 |
| Thomas Holmes, Committee Meetings..... | 4 00 |
| George Young, do do | 12 00 |
| Wm. Craddock, do do | 8 00 |
| Arthur Anderson, Commission Fees | 2 00 |
| A. Trerice, do do | 65 00 |
| James Cruickshank, do do | 6 00 |
| D. Kerr, account of expenses, Dunkin Bill..... | 18 00 |
| S. Barfoot, postage account, for Clerk's Office..... | 10 47 |
| Printing— | |
| Rulus Stephenson, for Printing..... | 4 92 |
| W. R. Dobbyn, do | 2 50 |
| J. R. Gemmill, do | 5 00 |
| Miscellaneous— | |
| Thomas Stone, for Cocoa-matting furnished County Court House,.... | 11 41 |
| Henry Robinson, hauling wood to different offices..... | 8 95 |
| Coltart & Neilson, chairs furnished Court House, for Jurymen..... | 28 80 |
| James Holmes, Stationery and Telegrams, per D. Kerr..... | 16 93 |
| C. G. Charteris, expenses to Toronto, re E. & H. Railway..... | 14 00 |
| E. B. Harrison, P. S. I., Postage and Express charges..... | 3 77 |
| Your Committee further recommend that a grant of \$50 be made to Village of Ridgetown for a Lock-up..... | \$ 50 00 |
| A grant of \$50 to the Chatham District Teachers' Association to meet Statutory allowances to form a library fund..... | 50 00 |
| Also an equal amount to East Kent Teachers' Association for same object.. | 50 00 |
| To W. N. Nichols, P. S. I. of West Kent, and E. B. Harrison, P. S. I. East Kent, be paid the sum of \$50 each for travelling expenses whilst examining the public schools..... | 100 00 |

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We further recommend the payment of W. N. Nichol's acct. of \$9.69 for postage and express charges, when he furnishes this Council with dates of postages & express charges, and to whom addressed.

Your Committee recommend that the following accts. be not paid :

R. Butler's acct. of \$20.00 for labor on Co. line between Zone and Euphemia, and damages on 1 hogshhead sugar upset in ditch on C. L.

C. G. Charteris' acct. of \$6 13 for wood and cutting for Tr's office in 1875-6.

Ephraim Lounsbury's claim of \$20 for finding stolen horse in Wheatley.

Your Committee recommend that the report of the County Auditors, respecting a certain sum of money to the credit of the school fund in the hands of Treas. Township of Dover, be laid over for further information.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE, Chairman.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 364.

A BY-LAW to amend By-law No. 237, passed 10th June, 1868, relative to the remuneration of Councillors while attending Council and acting on Committees.

PASSED 13th June, 1878.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend and consolidate the By-law above mentioned, relative to the remuneration of Councillors of this Council while attending sessions of Council and attending on Committees,

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal Acts of the Province of Ontario.

1st. That each and every Councillor shall be entitled to receive the sum of three dollars per day for each day's attendance in Council, and the sum of two dollars for each and every day while attending any Committee of the same, or while acting as Commissioner in expending monies appropriated for public improvements.

2nd. That each and every Councillor shall receive over and above the sum mentioned in section one, the sum of five cents per mile for each and every mile necessarily travelled by each Councillor to and from the place of meeting of the Council.

3rd. That it shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Corporation to make out a list of the number of days attendance of each Councillor, together with the amount due to each Councillor for mileage, and the Treasurer shall pay the amount thereof on the order of the Warden.

4th. That all By-laws inconsistent with the provisions of this By-law are hereby repealed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

NO. 365.

A BY-LAW to amend and consolidate the several By-laws now in force relating to the duties, salaries, and other matters relating to certain Officers of the Corporation of the County of Kent, also to confirm the appointment of a Gaol Surgeon.

PASSED 14th June, 1878.

WHEREAS, it is expedient to amend and consolidate the various By-laws relating to certain Officers of this Corporation, also to confirm the appointment of a Gaol Surgeon.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, under and by virtue of the Municipal Acts of Ontario.

1st. The County Treasurer shall perform the duties of his office in the office provided for him by the County Council, and shall keep the said office open every lawful day, from the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon until four o'clock in the afternoon, for the despatch of business of the said office.

2nd. The Treasurer shall perform all and every duty required of him by the several Acts of Parliament, the By-laws and Resolutions of the County Council, and during office hours shall confine himself to the duties of his office as Treasurer.

3rd. The Treasurer shall furnish four good and sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the Council, for the faithful performance of his duties as Treasurer, and for the proper disposal and safe keeping of the funds of the County; and that the amount of security to be given by the Treasurer shall be as follows: The Treasurer in the sum of sixteen thousand dollars, and four sureties each in the sum of four thousand dollars.

4th. All fees or per centage, excepting fees for searches, and fees for sales of lands for taxes, that the Treasurer is by law entitled to take and receive, shall be accounted for by him and paid over to the County.

5th. The Treasurer shall receive for his services in lieu of all fees or percentage, except the fees for searches and the fees for sales of lands for taxes, the sum of twelve hundred dollars, per annum, payable quarterly.

6th. The County Clerk shall attend to all the meetings of the County Council, and keep a record of the proceedings of said Council, and shall file and safely keep all documents, papers and all other property of the Corporation, which may come into his hands by virtue of his office.

7th. The Clerk shall perform all and every duty required of him by the several Acts of Parliament, the By-laws and Resolutions of this Corporation.

8th. The salary of the Clerk shall be six hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly. He shall be provided with an office in the business part of the Town of Chatham.

9th. That John L. Bray is hereby confirmed in the appointment of Goal Surgeon,

10th. The Goal Surgeon shall attend all prisoners in the Gaol, likewise the Gaoler, Matron and Turnkey. The Surgeon shall keep a record of every patient he is called upon to visit in which he shall state the name of the disease, its duration, the number of visits made by him to each patient, and the date of such visits, and shall supply such other information in each and every case, said record to be kept in a book supplied for that purpose.

11th. The Surgeon shall perform all and every duty required to be done by him, by virtue of his office as Gaol Surgeon.

12th. The salary of the Gaol Surgeon shall be one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, payable quarterly, said Surgeon to find all medicines.

13th. The Messenger of the Council shall perform the duties required of him from time to time by the Council, and he shall receive for his services the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for each and every day he is in attendance.

14th. The Care-taker of County offices shall during the months that fires are required, put on one fire in each of the County Offices, except the Registry Office, where there are three stoves, and the Sheriff's Office, two stoves, that fires are required to be made in every lawful day, before nine o'clock in the morning. He shall also sweep and dust out said offices and see that they are kept clean and in good order for the convenience of the several Officers. The following are the County offices:—
1. Chambers of the County Judge; 2. Sheriff's office; 3. Clerk of Peace and County Attorney's office; 4. Clerk of the Surrogate Court and County Court office; 5. Master in Chancery office; 6. County Treasurer's office; 7. County Clerk's office; 8. Registry office.

15th. The salary of the Care-taker of County offices shall be two hundred and forty dollars per annum, payable monthly.

16th. The salary of the Gaoler shall be six hundred dollars per annum, with rations, payable monthly.

17th. The salary of first Turnkey, shall be three hundred dollars per annum, with rations, payable monthly.

18th. The salary of the Matron of the Gaol, shall be one hundred dollars per annum, with rations, payable monthly.

19th. That all By-laws or parts of By-laws inconsistent with the provisions of this By-law, are hereby repealed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

[L. S.]

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

NO. 366.

A BY-LAW to appropriate certain sums of money to the Township and County lines and Bridges in the County of Kent, and to appoint Commissioners to expend the same.

PASSED 15th June, 1878.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to grant the following sums and they are hereby granted to improve the several Township and County lines and Bridges herein mentioned,

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, under and by virtue of the Municipal Acts of Ontario—

1st. For replanking Kent Bridge, \$200; Messrs. Arnold and Ferguson, Commissioners.

2nd. Bothwell and Mosa County line, \$50; Mr. Dillon, Commissioner.

3rd. Chatham Tp. and Wallaceburg Town line, \$75; Mr. Tassie, Commissioner.

4th. Village of Thamesville and Camden Town line, \$25; Mr. Sherman, Commissioner.

5th. Tp. of Chatham and Town of Chatham Town line, \$50; Mr. Ball, Commissioner.

- 6th. Tp. of Chatham and Dover East Town line, \$300; Messrs. Purser and Tassie Commissioners.
- 7th. Gore of Chatham and Sombra County line, \$200; Mr. Tassie, Commissioner.
- 8th. County line between Kent and Elgin, \$300; Mr. Lee, Commissioner.
- 9th. Camden and Zone Town line, \$150; Messrs. Ferguson and Cruickshank, Commissioners.
- 10th. Dover and Town of Chatham Town line, \$50; Messrs. Holmes and Robert Commissioners.
- 11th. Zone and Bothwell Town line, \$25; Mr. Dillon, Commissioner.
- 12th. Tilbury East and Romney Town line, \$200; Messrs. Coatsworth and Wilson Commissioners.
- 13th. Gore of Chatham and Camden Town line, \$300; Messrs. Stephens and Doby, Commissioners.
- 14th. Kent and Essex (north part) County line, \$300; Mr. Wilson, Commissioner.
- 15th. Kent and Essex (south part) County line, \$400; Mr. Coatsworth, Commissioner.
- 16th. Town of Chatham and Raleigh Town line, \$50; Messrs. Holmes and White Commissioners.
- 17th. Raleigh and Tilbury East Town line, \$700; Messrs. Hickey and Dolse Commissioners.
- 18th. Kent and Middlesex County line, \$50; Mr. Cruickshank, Commissioner.
- 19th. Zone and Euphemia County line, \$100; Mr. Cruickshank, Commissioner.
- 20th. Harwich and Raleigh Town line, \$500; Messrs. White and Cameron, Commissioners.
- 21st. Harwich and Howard Town line, \$400; Messrs. Young and Arnold, Commissioners.
- 22nd. Howard and Orford Town line, \$500; Messrs. Wilson and McDonald, Commissioners.
- 23rd. Ridgetown and Howard Townline, \$200; Dr. Smith and Mr. Wilson, Commissioners.
- 24th. Town of Chatham and Harwich Town line, \$100; Messrs. Craddock and McMullin, Commissioners.
- 25th. Camden and Dawn County line, \$200; Mr. Ferguson, Commissioner.
- 26th. Gravel-pit, Raleigh and Harwich Town line, \$75; Messrs. Pardo and Cameron, Commissioners.
- 27th. Zone and Euphemia (known as Main Street), \$25; Mr. Cruickshank, Commissioner.
- 28th. Dover East and West Town line, \$100; Mr. Robert, Commissioner.
- 29th. To replank Moravian Bridge, \$100; Messrs. Cruickshank and Lee, Commissioners.
- 30th. To assist in building a Bridge on Jeanett's Creek, Tilbury East, \$100; Mr. Wilson, Commissioner.
- 31st. Dresden and Gore of Camden Town line, \$75; Messrs. Trerice and Dobby Commissioners.
- 32nd. Blenheim and Harwich Town line, \$50; Mr. Jackson, Commissioner.
- 33rd. That said Commissioners expend the aforesaid sums on said lines, and give orders on the Treasurer for the same to the order of parties performing the work.
- 34th. That the Treasurer pay the orders of the Commissioners out of any money in his hands.
- 35th. And that the grants to County lines be not expended till they are met by adjoining Counties or Townships with an equal amount.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

A. TRERICE, WARDEN

NO. 367.

A BY-LAW to raise the sum of \$33,741.54, to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Passed 15th June, 1878.

WHEREAS, it is requisite and necessary to raise the sum of thirty-three thousand seven hundred and forty-one dollars and fifty-four cents, to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent, for the present year, and for raising the sum of \$4071 more or less—from and off the different Municipalities, to meet the Government apportionment for Schools.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal Acts of Ontario.

1st. That in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, there shall be raised, levied, and collected from and off all the rateable property of the County, the sum of \$33,741.54, for the following purposes:—

| | | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Reward Account..... | \$ 100 00 | McKerricher Drain, Orford .. | \$ 70 00 |
| East Kent Agricultural Society | 200 00 | Government Drain, Tilbury.. | 11 42 |
| West Kent, do do .. | 200 00 | do do Romney.. | 22 83 |
| Board of Audit..... | 16 00 | Interest on Debentures..... | 2310 00 |
| Registry Office, for Books.... | 200 00 | Salaries Account..... | 1860 00 |
| Fuel for Offices..... | 250 00 | Office Rent..... | 465 00 |
| Administration of Justice, not Criminal..... | 4800 00 | County Printing..... | 300 00 |
| Public Buildings repairs..... | 800 00 | Caretaker's Salary..... | 240 00 |
| Debentures to retire..... | 5000 00 | Fenceviewers' award Acct | 34 00 |
| Insurance on Buildings and Bridges..... | 343 75 | Model School..... | 150 00 |
| Payment of Jurors..... | 2600 00 | Law Expenses..... | 200 00 |
| Councillors' wages and Committees..... | 2309 00 | Grant to Bridge over River | |
| Wallaceburg Bridges, attend'ce | 400 00 | Sydenham | 1500 00 |
| Selection of Jurors..... | 118 00 | Dresden Bridge, attendance.. | 125 00 |
| School Superintendence..... | 800 00 | West Kent Teachers' Associat'n | 50 00 |
| Miscellaneous expenses Acct. | 250 00 | East Kent, do do .. | 50 00 |
| Coroners' Orders..... | 200 00 | | |
| Payment of Witnesses..... | 434 78 | | \$28460 78 |
| Office Furniture..... | 30 00 | Grants to Roads and Bridges.. | 5950 00 |
| Board of Examiners..... | 350 00 | | |
| High School, for Masters.... | 1600 00 | Leas Surplus from 1877..... | 669 24 |
| Finn Creek Drain..... | 80 00 | | |
| | | | \$33741 54 |

2nd. And be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the sum aforesaid shall be levied and collected from and off the several Townships, Towns and Village Municipalities in the County of Kent, and to be paid to the County Treasurer without any deduction whatever, on or before the 14th day of December, 1878, in the following proportion from the several Municipalities, as follows:—

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|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Township of Harwich..... | \$ 5377 12 | Town of Chatham..... | \$4250 00 |
| “ of Camden | 1932 20 | Town of Bothwell..... | 387 50 |
| “ of Chatham..... | 3873 31 | Village of Dresden | 475 00 |
| “ of Dover | 2933 48 | “ of Thamesville..... | 225 00 |
| “ of Howard | 3673 48 | “ of Wallaceburg..... | 275 00 |
| “ of Orford | 2478 67 | “ of Blenheim | 250 00 |
| “ of Raleigh | 3809 50 | “ of Ridgetown..... | 325 00 |
| “ of Romney..... | 828 36 | | |
| “ of Tilbury East.... | 1735 17 | | |
| Township of Zone..... | 912 75 | | \$33741 54 |

3rd. And be it further enacted, that the sum of \$4071—more or less—to meet the Legislative School Grant for the year 1878, be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Municipalities within the said County of Kent, to meet the Government appropriation to each Municipality for Common School purposes.

4th. And be it enacted that it shall be the duty of the County Clerk to notify the Clerks of the several Municipalities of the County the amount of the Common School Grant appropriated to each Municipality, in order that the amount may be raised according to law.

DANIEL KERE, Clerk.

[L. S.]

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

STATEMENT Showing the Assessment of the County of Kent for the Year 1877, and the Equalized Values for the Rate Levied for the Year 1878.

| TOWNSHIPS. | Total No. of Acres. | No. Acres resident land. | Value of resident land. | Average ass'd value per acre. | Equalized value resident land. | Equalized rate per acre. | No. acres non-resident land. | Value non-resident land. | Ass'd value per acre | Equalized value non-resident land. | Equalized rate per acre. | Personal property. | Equalized value personal property | Total Value | Equalized value. | Amount of rate. |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| CAMDEN | 40479 | 36809 | \$488842 | \$13 28 | \$736180 | 20 00 | 3670 | \$30672 | \$8 35 | \$36700 | 10 00 | \$36491 | | \$556005 | \$772880 | \$1932 21 |
| Equalized value. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CHATHAM | 83261 | 70744 | 806405 | 11 40 | 1414880 | 20 00 | 12517 | 72255 | 5 77 | 125770 | 10 00 | 72640 | | 951300 | 1549320 | 3873 31 |
| Equalized value. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DOVER | 68131 | 52362 | 648168 | 12 38 | 1047240 | 20 00 | 15769 | 46174 | 2 92 | 126162 | 8 00 | 42855 | | 737197 | 1173392 | 2933 48 |
| Equalized value. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HARWICH | 92434 | 91137 | 2178764 | 23 90 | 2157031 | 25 00 | 1297 | 20947 | 16 15 | 25350 | 15 00 | 128151 | | 2327862 | 2150850 | 5377 12 |
| Equalized value. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOWARD | 59021 | 58408 | 1421632 | 24 34 | 1460200 | 25 00 | 613 | 8830 | 14 40 | 9195 | 15 00 | 96810 | | 1527272 | 1469365 | 3673 48 |
| Equalized value. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ORFORD | 49969 | 49178 | 960560 | 19 53 | 983560 | 20 00 | 791 | 8940 | 11 30 | 7910 | 10 00 | 49200 | | 1018700 | 991470 | 2478 67 |
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DECEMBER SESSION, 1878.

FIRST DAY.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to adjournment, at the Court House, Chatham, on Monday, December 9, 1878.

The Roll was called. Present: Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden; Councillors Arnold, Ball, Coatsworth, Clark, Cameron, Craddock, Crow, Cruickshank, Dillon, Dolsen, Hickey, Holmes, Jackson, McMullen, Pardó, Purser, Robert, Sherman, Stephens, Tassie, White, Wilson (T. E.), and Young.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read:—

From the Provincial Secretary, regarding the dietary arrangements at the County Gaol.

From the same, acknowledging the receipt of petition praying that an Act may be passed to enable County Councils to license travelling entire horses and devote the proceeds to the funds of County Agricultural Society.

From the Education Department, respecting Boards of Examiners where there are two Inspectoral Divisions in the County.

From the Crown Lands Department with returns of survey of part of the 2nd Concession line of Romney performed by W. G. McGeorge, P. L. S., with certificate and order for the payment of the same.

From the Governor General's Secretary, conveying to the Warden an expression of the Earl of Dufferin's thanks for an illuminated address forwarded in compliance with his request.

From the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, giving notice that he had mailed 39 copies of the Dominion Statutes for 1878.

From the Township Clerk of Raleigh with copy of award Harwich and Raleigh re Lawrie-McGregor Creek, Indian Creek and Mud Creek drains, in the Township of Raleigh.

From the Board of Public School Trustees, Chatham, making application for the annual grant to the Model School.

From Rowsell & Hutchinson, concerning a new edition of Harrison's Municipal Manual and with a list of blank forms for municipalities.

From A. McDonell, P. L. S., with report of a survey made by him on the Town-line between Tilbury East and Raleigh.

James G. Laird, Esq., ex-Reeve of Harwich, invited by the Warden, took a seat within the bar.

The Clerk laid on the table copies of minutes and proceedings of late sessions of the County Councils of the Counties of Peterborough, Peel, Oxford and Renfrew.

Various notices of motion were given, and various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Warden referred the several communications to the committees to which they respectively belong.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—Chatham, 10th December, 1878.

The Roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read—

From Wm. Stewart, claiming compensation for part of lot No. 15 in the First Concession of Zone, if required for road purposes.

From Wilmot N. Nichols, P. S. L., for West Kent, requesting that the Council Chamber be placed at his disposal, if required, for the examination of second class candidates.

From James McKerrecher, claiming damages for injury sustained to his horses, &c., through the alleged insufficiency of the Town-line road between Howard and Orford.

From Andrew Marcus, a report on the present condition of the Moravian Bridge.

From Arthur Green, relating to a sale of jobs on the Howard and Orford Town-line.

On motion of Mr. Young, the report of the Committee on Public Buildings was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Young, the Council went into Committee of the whole, to consider the present mode of paying Inspectors of Public Schools; also the payment of the Board of Examiners. Mr. Holmes in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Lee, That the Inspectors of Public Schools be paid a sum in full of all services to be rendered by them as such Inspectors, including Stationery, Postage, &c., &c.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Beattie, That Mr. Nichols, P.S. L., for West Kent, and Chairman for Board of Examiners for the County of Kent, be requested to return the amount paid Board of Examiners over and above \$3 00 per day, irrespective of how many hours work performed, otherwise the County Treasurer be instructed to retain the amount from Mr. Nichols' salary.—Carried.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that two resolutions passed in Committee.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Lee, That the resolutions passed in Committee of the Whole, be the report of the Council, and that the same be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Ball, That Malcolm McKerral be appointed Assistant Messenger to this Council.—Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Roll was called. Present—Alexander Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The following Communications were read.

From the Officers and Directors of the Chatham Mechanics' Institute, asking a grant of money in aid of that Institution.

From the President and Secretary of the Erie and Huron Railway Company; from the Warden; from Chas. E. Pegley; and from C. R. Atkins, all relating to the Erie & Huron Railway Bonus Debentures.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Chatham, was read a first time.

Mr. Wilsson, (T. E.), presented a petition, which was read.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Hickey, That the petition now read praying for amendments to the Ditching and Water-Course Acts, be signed by the Warden and Clerk in the usual way and forwarded to the Legislature before its next sitting.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Pardo, That the award of the Arbitrators on Gregory, Mud and Indian Creek Drains, be referred to the Committee on Drainage Assessment.—Carried.

Various notices of motion were given, various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk. A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY - Chatham, Wednesday, December 11th, 1878.

The Roll was called. Present—A. Trerice, Esq., Warden—Councillors, Arnold, Beattie, Clark, Craddock, Crow, Cruickshank, Dillon, Ferguson, Hickey, Jackson,

Lee, McDonald, McMullen, Pardo, Sherman, Smith, Stephens, Tassie, White, Wilson, (Howard), Wilson, (T. E.) and Young.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read:

From J. P. Sivewright, M. D., relating to an account for medicines as acting Gaol Surgeon.

From A. B. Baxter, Chief of Police, Chatham, asking a grant of money to Sergt. A. L. McMillan and Constable Best for arresting two notorious thieves who had committed offences in different parts of Ontario.

From Sherman Malcolm, P. L. S., with report of a survey made by him on town-line between Harwich and Raleigh, south of Charing Cross. Also, of a survey performed by him between the Gores of Chatham and Camden, with plans of said surveys.

The following seventeen reports of Commissioners on Roads and Bridges were each read and adopted:

- 1st. On townline between Howard and Ridgetown.
- 2d. Replanking Kent Bridge.
- 3d. G. W. R. crossing on Harwich and Howard Town-line.
- 4th. County line between Zone and Euphemia.
- 5th. Town-line between Bothwell and Zone.
- 6th. County line between Camden and Dawn.
- 7th. Town-line between Zone and Camden.
- 8th. County line on north approach of Bothwell bridge.
- 9th. Town-line between Wallaceburg and Gore of Chatham.
- 10th. Moravian Bridge.
- 11th. County line between Bothwell and Mosa.
- 12th. Town-line between Howard and Orford.
- 13th. County line between Kent and Lambton.
- 14th. County line between Zone and Mosa.
- 15th. Town-line between Tisbury East and Raleigh.
- 16th. Town-line between Harwich and Howard.
- 17th. Town-line between Thamesville and Camden.

On motion of Mr. Young a by-law for the payment of the salaries of Public School Inspectors and for other purposes was read a first time.

Mr. Holmes presented the petition of the President on behalf of the Directors of the Horticultural Society, of the Town of Chatham, asking a grant in aid of the funds of said Society. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Moved by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), that Messrs. Coatsworth, Robert and the mover be a committee to draft a petition from this Council to the Legislature of Ontario, asking an amendment to the Municipal Drainage Act. Carried.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—Alex. Terence, Esq., Warden; Councillors Arnold, Clark, Cameron, Cruickshank, Dobbyn, Dillon, Hickey, Holmes, Jackson, Lee, McDonald, McMullen, Pardo, Purser, Saerman, Stephens, Tassie, White, Wilson (Howard) and Young.

Various notices of motion were given, and various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McMullen, that the Council go into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the application of James McKerrecher for damages done to his buggy, etc. Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole—Mr. Holmes in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McDonald, That James McKerrecher be paid the sum of \$25, provided he give a receipt in full for all damages done to his horse, buggy, etc., on the Howard and Orford Town-line on the 7th of December last.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Battie, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the application of James McKerrecher for damages to horses and buggy be referred to the Reeve of Orford for investigation, and to report at next meeting of the Council.

Moved as a second amendment by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Wilson (T. E.), That a committee be appointed composed of Messrs. Arnold, Lee and Young, to

investigate the matter of the claim of Mr. Mc Kerrecher, and report to the Council at its January session. Lost.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the foregoing resolution and two amendments thereto were considered in committee and lost.

The Warden left the Chair, Mr. Young was appointed to the same.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Hickey, That the report of the Committee of the Whole be now adopted. Carried.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:

Yeas—Councillors McMullen, Cameron, Jackson, White, Coatsworth, Hickey, Wilson (T. E.), Crow, Stephens, Beattie, Ferguson, Dobbyn, Sherman, Dillon, Purser, Robert, Arnold, Craddock and Young—19.

Nays—Councillors McDonald, Tassie, Pardo, Smith, Wilson (Howard), Cruickshank and Holmes—7.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. McMullen, that Archibald Bell, Esq., Judge of the County Court, be allowed the use of the Court Room for the purpose of holding the Division Court therein. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Arnold, That Councillors Ferguson and Smith be a committee to investigate the grievance of Arthur Green relative to the construction of work performed on the Howard and Orford Town-line under the supervision of Councillors Wilson and McDonald, provided Mr. Green gives security or deposits \$10 to pay expenses, provided his charge is not well founded.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Clark, in amendment, That no action be taken in the matter, as Mr. Wilson states that there is the sum of \$18 to the credit of the line which will complete the work.

On being put to vote, amendment carried, motion lost.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

GEO. YOUNG, CLERK.

FOURTH DAY—Chatham, Thursday, 12th December, 1878.

The Roll was called: Present Geo. Young, Esq., Chairman, Councillors Arnold, Coatsworth, Clark, Cameron, Craddock, Crow, Cruickshank, Dillon, Ferguson, Hickey, Jackson, McDonald, McMullen, Pardo, Robert Purser, Sherman, Smith, Stephens, Tassie, White, Wilson, (Howard), Wilson, (T. E.)

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following six Reports of Commissioners on Roads and Bridges, were each read and adopted.

1st. On Wallaceburgh Bridges.

2nd. Townline between Blenheim and Harwich.

3rd. Townline between Town of Chatham and Harwich.

4th. The question of Tolls on the Wallaceburgh Bridges.

5th. Bothwell Bridge.

6th. Gravel Pit for the benefit of Raleigh and Harwich Townline.

Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Dolsen, That the Council do now go into Committee, for the purpose of shortening the duration of the Sessions, and Education Finance matters.—Carried.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Wilson, (T. E.), That Rule 1st be amended so that the Council shall meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., instead of 10 A. M.

Moved in amendment by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Pardo, That in future the June and December Sessions of this Council commence on Tuesday.

Moved as a second amendment, by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wilson, (Howard) That the Sessions of this Council terminate on Friday.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the foregoing motion and amendments were each considered and lost.

The Warden having arrived, took the Chair.

Various notices of motion were given; various accounts were referred to Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTER SOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—A. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors, except Mr. Ferguson.

tion of Mr. Purser, the report on Townline between the Townships of Chatham and Dover, was read and adopted.

tion of Mr. Young, the report of the Care-taker of Kent Bridge, was read and adopted.

tion of Mr. Wilson, (T. E.), seconded by Mr. Dolsen, That the Council now go into Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of erecting a Dock at the mouth of the River Thames, from a point on the Townline between Essex and Kent; and that the Dominion Government grant a sum to be supplemented by grants from the Municipalities of Essex and Kent, and the Municipalities and Railroads interested.—

tion of Mr. Lee, the Council went into Committee of the Whole, on the communications read on Tuesday, relating to the Erie & Huron Railway Debentures, Mr. Holmes in the Chair.

being in Committee for some time, the Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again. Motion of Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Dillon, That Mr. Ferguson and the Council be a Committee to investigate the matter referred to by Wm. Stewart, in his communication to this Council, relative to the County line, between Kent and Lambton, the Townships of Zone and Eugenia, and report at the January Sessions of the Council.—Carried.

tion of Mr. Young, a By-law for the payment of the Salaries of Public Inspectors, and for other purposes was read a second time.

tion of Mr. Stephens, a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Chatham, was read a second time.

tion of Mr. Young, the Council went into Committee of the Whole, on the going By-laws. Mr. Holmes in the Chair.

Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again on a law relating to the Salaries of Public School Inspectors, &c.; also that the Council confirm a By-law of the Township of Chatham, passed in Committee.

tion of Mr. Stephens, a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Chatham, was read a third time and passed.

tion of Mr. Clark, a By-law to repeal a certain By-law passed the 31st day of June, 1862, was read a first time.

Motion to adjourn was put and lost.

Pardo presented the petition of W. H. Pardo and 40 others, asking the Council a reward to Serjeant A. L. McMillan, for the capture of the two notorious thieves. Referred to Finance.

tion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Pardo, That the Clerk request the Clerk of Peace to make a return of the number of Jurors selected in each Municipality in the year, 1879.—Carried.

tion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Cameron, That in future the appropriations for Bridges, be made at the January Session, in place of June.

tion in amendment, by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Robert, That inasmuch as the months of July, August and September, are the best times to expend the monies on the crops of this County, at such an early date in each year, that the yearly appropriations for the same be not granted until the June Sessions, unless in cases of extreme necessity. Motion Carried.

Yeas and nays were called for, and taken down as follows:—

—Councillors Lee, Cruickshank and Robert—3.

—Councillors Cameron, McMullen, White, Pardo, Dolsen, Clark, McDonald, Crow, Wilson (T. E.), Wilson (Howard), Hickey, Arnold, Sherman, Dobbyn, Purser, Craddock, Holmes and the Warden—20.

Motion the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

EL KERR, Clerk.

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—Chatham, Friday, 13th December, 1878.

Roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Various notices of motion were given, various accounts were read and referred to Finance Committee.

The following four reports of Commissioners on Roads were each read and adopted:

1st. On town-line between the Townships of Chatham and Camden, and between the Gores of Chatham and Camden.

2d. Town-line between Chatham and Dresden.

3d. Town-line between Harwich and Raleigh.

4th. Town-line between the Town of Chatham and Township of Raleigh.

On motion of Mr. Clark, a by-law to repeal a certain by-law passed 31st January, 1862, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Young, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the aforesaid by-law; also, on the by-law relating to the salaries of Public School Inspectors, etc., Mr. Holmes in the Chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the by-law to repeal a certain by-law passed 31st January, 1862, was lost in committee; also, that the by-law relating to salaries of Public School Inspectors, etc., passed in committee with the first and second clause struck out and two new clauses substituted therefor.

On motion of Mr. Young, the by-law relating to the salaries of Public School Inspectors and for other purposes, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the Council again went into Committee of the Whole on the communications relating to the Erie & Huron Railway debentures, Mr. Holmes in the Chair.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. White, That the following questions be submitted to Messrs. Bethune, Osler & Moss, Toronto. Carried.

1st. Should it be necessary that the County Council be notified of the appointment and acceptance of each and every Trustee appointed to receive the Debentures?

2nd. Can the County Council require security from those Trustees for the safe keeping of the proceeds of the Debentures and their paying it out pro-rata to the contractor as the work progresses.

3rd. Is the County Council compelled to issue the three Debentures not yet issued, or is it at their option to issue them or not?

4th. As no rate has been levied to meet the Debentures and interest falling due on first of January next, can the Council issue a Debenture for that purpose? If not, what is the best course to pursue?

5th. In the event of the Council refusing to issue said three Debentures, what action can the Railway Company take against the Council?

6th. In providing for the payment of the Debentures and interest can the Council adhere to the sums specified in the petition as to be levied on each Municipality and part Municipality grouped together for the purpose of assisting said Railway.

7th. Are the Debentures now issued illegal, if so, what is the best course for the Council to pursue to rectify the matter?

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. White, that the Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notice for the purpose of getting further legislation relative to the Erie & Huron Railway Debentures of this County, application to be made at the next session of the Legislature. Carried.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that two resolutions were passed in committee, the first resolution having seven questions attached thereto.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Lee, That the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted as the report of this Council. Carried.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Jackson, That Messrs. Coatsworth, Arnold, Ferguson, Holmes, and the mover be a committee to draft a petition to the Provincial Legislature, praying for amendment to the jury laws. Carried.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Lee, That the County Treasurer be requested forthwith to advise the Council:—1st. As to whether the Registrar of the County has in each year made the returns required under the statute of Ontario, chap. 27, Vic. 35. 2nd. The gross amount of revenue derived from the Registry Office of the county since the passing of said Act. 3d. The amount, if any, now due by the Registrar to the County. Carried.

Mr. Robert presented the petition of G. W. Foote and 200 others, praying that the county assume the two bridges over the Thames on certain conditions. Referred to Roads and Bridges Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—A. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Mr. Young.

The following communications were read:—

From R. Ferguson, Reeve of Camden, relating to a bridge across the River Sydenham, in the said Township of Camden.

From D. D. Johnson and John McCabe, relating to the amount paid to them for the late examination as members of the County Board of Examiners.

From W. A. Campbell, Clerk of Assize, relative to furniture, etc., required for the petit jury room. Referred to Committee on County Property.

From the County Treasurer, relating to the fees from the County Registrar.

From the Warden: A communication from A. Clark, served on the County Treasurer, forbidding him to pay any money under by-law No. 159.

On motion the 18th, 24th, and 25th Rules were suspended for the remainder of the session.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Holmes, That the notice or communication served on the County Treasurer, by the Second Deputy Reeve of Howard Mr. Clark, is totally uncalled for, and shows a spirit not very creditable to the gentleman who served it; therefore, be it Resolved, That inasmuch as the duties of the Warden are onerous and responsible, and we believe this grant should be continued; therefore we will hold the Treasurer harmless while acting under by-law No. 157. Carried.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:

Yeas—Councillors McMullin, Cameron, Jackson, White, Pardo, Dolsen, Coatsworth, Lee, McDonald, Beattie, Stephens, Tassie, Crow, Wilson (T.E.), Hickey, Wilson (Howard), Arnold, Smith, Sherman, Dobbyn, Ferguson, Cruickshank, Purser, Robert, Ball, Craddock, Holmes, and the Warden—28.

Nays—Councillor Clark—1.

The three following Reports of Commissioners on Roads, were read and adopted.

1st. County line between Essex and Kent

2nd. County line between East and West Tilbury.

3rd. Townline between Romney and Tilbury East.

Moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Wilson, (T. E.), That the Warden instruct the County Solicitor to request the G. W. R. Company to comply with the Statutes respecting the Railway Crossing on the Howard and Harwich Townline.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Craddock, That the Assistant Messenger, Malcolm McKerral, be paid \$1 00 per day for his services to this Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Wilson, (T. E.) and resolved that the application of J. McKerrecher, for damages to horses, &c., be re-considered, and that the Reeve of Howard be authorized to investigate the matter, and to report at the next Session of the Council.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. White, That Messrs. Johnson and McCabe, members of the County Board of Examiners, be notified that their services are no longer required by this Council.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Lee, a By law to repeal a portion of clause two of By-law No. 260, was read a first and second time.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. McMullin, that the Warden be instructed to notify the County Treasurer not to pay any further sums to Mr. McCabe and Mr. Johnson as County Examiners for the year 1878, and also to defend any suit that may be brought by these gentlemen for services rendered in the above capacity.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Craddock, that Messrs. Lee, Robert and the mover be a committee to draft a petition to the Dominion Government praying them to grant a sum of money for the purpose of removing the bar at the mouth of the River Thames.—Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned till 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

SIXTH DAY—Saturday, 14th December, 1878.

The Roll was called. Present—A. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, the report of the Committee to draft a petition to the Legislature for amendments to the Drainage Laws, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges, were read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. White, the report of the Committee on County Drainage Assessments, were read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, a By-law to repeal part of By-law, No. 364, passed 13th June, 1878, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. White, That the better to enable Messrs. Bethune, Osler & Moss, to give their opinion on the questions submitted to them by this Council, the Clerk shall forward to them the following documents.—Carried.

1st Copy of Petition. 2nd. Copy of By-law, No. 319. 3rd. Copy of By-law, No. 356, under which the Debentures are issued. 4th. The number of Debentures, the amount of each, when dated, and when due.—Carried.

Also, refer them to the following Acts:—"Chap. 73 of the year 1873; Chap. 46 of the year 1874; Chap. 46 of the year 1878—Statutes of Ontario.

The draft of a petition to the Legislature of Ontario, was read.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Dolsen, that the petition just read to have parts of the lines between concessions 3rd and 4th, and 4th and 5th, in the Township of Raleigh surveyed, be engrossed and forwarded to the Provincial Secretary.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, a By-law to repeal part of By-law No. 364, passed 13th June, 1878, was read a second time.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. White, That the Council go into Committee of the Whole on the foregoing by-law; also, on the by-law to repeal a portion of clause 2 of By-Law No. 260, passed January, 1878. Lost.

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:

Yeas—Councillors Beattie, White, Pardo, Clark, Arnold, Wilson (Howard), Sherman, Ferguson, Craddock, Holmes and Dolsen.—11.

Nays—Councillors Young, McMullen, Cameron, Jackson, Coatsworth, Wilson (T. East), Hickey, Dillon, Pursler, Robert, Ball and McDonald—12.

On motion of Mr. White, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on by-law to repeal a portion of clause 2 of By-Law No. 360, passed January, 1878, Mr. Holmes in the Chair.

—The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the by-law passed without amendment.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, That the by-law to repeal a portion of clause 2 of By-Law No. 360, passed January, 1878, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Ball presented the draft of a petition to the Dominion Government, relating to the bar at the mouth of the River Thames.

Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Robert, That the petition just read be engrossed and signed by the Warden and Clerk and forwarded to the Government.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Beattie, That the Council go into Committee of the Whole on the by-law to repeal part of By-Law No. 364, passed 13th June, 1878. Lost.

The yeas and nays were called for and were taken down as follows:

Yeas—Councillors Beattie, Clark, Hickey, Wilson (T. E.), Arnold, Wilson (Howard), Dillon, Sherman, Ferguson, Robert and the Warden—11.

Nays—Councillors Young, McMullen, Cameron, Jackson, Dolsen, Coatsworth, Pursler, Ball, Craddock, Holmes, White, Pardo and McDonald—13.

On motion the Chair was taken by Mr. White.

It was then moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Jackson, That we, the members of the County Council of Kent, have great pleasure in returning our sincere thanks to Alexander Trerice, Esq., Warden of this County, for his universal kindness and courtesy to all of us, and for the able, efficient and impartial manner he has presided over this Council in the duties of his office for the year 1878. Carried unanimously. The Chairman presented the Warden with the resolution, who on returning to the Chair returned thanks in suitable terms.

On motion the Council adjourned *sine die*.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

TO AMEND THE DITCHING AND WATER COURSE ACT.

To the House of Assembly of the Province of Ontario in Parliament assembled.

The petition of the Municipal Council of the County of Kent humbly sheweth:

That, whereas by "The Ditches and Water Courses Act" the burden of making, maintaining and improving ditches or drains benefitting adjoining lands, is laid upon the owners of such portions of such lands as are occupied, while the owners of such portions thereof as are unoccupied are left absolutely exempt from such burden; and,

WHEREAS, It frequently happens that unoccupied lands are materially benefited and have their value largely increased by the opening or repairing of ditches or drains made or improved for the purpose of draining occupied lands, and solely at the expense of the owners of such occupied lands; and,

WHEREAS, Your petitioners are of opinion that in such cases provision should be made for requiring the owners of unoccupied lands to bear a just proportion, according to benefit, of the cost of making or improving such ditches or drains.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honorable House may be pleased to amend the said "The Ditches and Water Courses Act" so as to lay the burden of draining adjoining lands thereunder upon all the lands, without exception, benefited by such drainage, as in the Ontario Drainage Act.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

TO REMOVE BAR AT MOUTH OF THAMES.

To His Excellency Sir John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, Marquis of Lorne, Governor General of Canada, in Council:

The petition of the Municipal Council of the County of Kent humbly sheweth:

That there exists at the mouth of the River Thames at its debouchure into Lake St. Clair a bar, formed principally by the action of the waves during a west or southwest wind, that interferes to a material extent with the navigation of the same river, there being only from 8½ feet at low water to 9 feet at high water on the bar, while once inside the Thames is navigable to Chatham, a distance of 20 miles, for vessels drawing 13 feet.

That the trade of the Town of Chatham and the County of Kent is seriously affected, causing a loss through extra freight of from three to five cents per bushel on grain, and on lumber from 75c to \$1 per thousand, exacted as a compensation for lighterage, etc., etc.

That the number of arrivals at the port of Chatham have been as follows:

In the past five years two thousand foreign vessels have reported and cleared from the Custom House, and about the same number of British vessels.

That aid has been heretofore granted by the Government toward dredging out the said bar, and hitherto the expenditure of such monies, backed by local grants, has tended to alleviate the difficulties complained of, but the channel has again become filled in, so that the bar is now almost as great a hindrance as ever.

The only way to remove the disabilities under which we labor in this matter is, according to the opinion of Government and other engineers, to build a permanent breakwater on the southwest side.

Your petitioners, therefore, ask that the attention of the Government be called to the matter and an official inspection be made, and that such relief may be afforded as may be deemed right in the public interest.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

TO THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

To His Excellency the Honorable D. A. Macdonald, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, in Council:

The petition of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, by the Municipal Council thereof, sheweth:—That the Municipal Council of the Corporation have adopted a resolution in accordance with section 462 of the "Act respecting Municipal Institutions," being chapter 174 of the revised Statutes of Ontario, that it

is desirable to have the concession line between concessions 3 and 4, from the boundary of the Township of Raleigh to the side road between Lots 12 and 13 surveyed; also, the line between concessions 4 and 5, between said western boundary and the line between lots 18 and 19, and durable monuments at each side of said places where said concession lines cross them.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your Excellency will be pleased to cause a survey of said parts of concession lines mentioned to be made and such boundaries to be planted under the authority of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, pursuant to the provisions of the aforesaid Act, and that F. W. Foster, of the Town of Windsor, be appointed to make said survey.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

Adopted in Council, December 14, 1878.

FROM G. W. FOOTE AND 200 OTHERS.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned petitioners, ratepayers of the County of Kent, pray your Honorable Body to take into consideration at the present session of the County Council the petition presented by Mr. Robert, at the June sessions, and signed by Wm. McKeough and 226 others, as follows:

That the County assume the Chatham Bridges on the liberal offer made by the Corporation of the Town of Chatham.

And, furthermore, your petitioners think it unjust to collect tolls on the Chatham Bridges and not on the other bridges in the county—that either all should be free, or all should pay tolls; and that all tolls are objectionable, and hope the time may soon arrive that you may deem it advisable to abolish all tolls.

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

DIETARY ARRANGEMENTS AT GAOL

The Warden County Kent, Chatham: Toronto, 11th July, 1878.

SIR—With further reference to the correspondence that has taken place between the Council over which you have the honor to preside and the Inspector of Asylums, &c., regarding the dietary arrangements of the County Gaol, of the County of Kent, I am directed to inform you that, after due consideration of the minutes of the Council, setting forth the desirability of continuing the present mode of supplying food for the prisoners confined in that Gaol, the Government cannot but consider that it is of the utmost importance that the general regulations directing that neither the Gaoler or any other official in any of the Gaols of the Province shall have a pecuniary interest in the furnishing of gaol dietaries should be carried out in the case of the Chatham Gaol, as in the case of all the other gaols in the Province. In the event of complaints respecting the dietaries being made by the prisoners, the Gaoler would be placed in a very false position; the deficiency of provisions might be ascribed to his desire to acquire gain through the curtailment of the supply of the necessaries of life to the prisoners, a proceeding the County Council of Kent would, of course, not for moment give ground for the suspicion of.

I am, therefore, to intimate that the Government hopes that the County Council may see their way clear to putting an end at an early day to the present system, and of directing that the Government regulations respecting the dietary of gaols be conformed to by the Gaoler. I am to add that it is presumed that the salaries of the gaol officials, now having been defined by by-law, dated 14th of June, 1878, the sum of \$180—referred to in the Inspector's letter, dated 25th April last, to the County Clerk—will not be further expended at the direction of the Gaoler, and that when the Sheriff requires an extra turnkey he will be paid the amount actually earned.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,
J. R. ECHART, Assistant Secretary.

REGISTRAR'S FEES.

CHATHAM, 15th December, 1878.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with a resolution of your honorable body, I beg to state: 1st. That the Registrar has made his return of fees and emoluments for each


year, up to the 30th of December, 1877, under the Statutes 35 Vic. chap. 27. 2d. That the gross amount of revenue received by the County from the Registry Office since the passing of the Act, is seven thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$7,798.79). 3d. That there are arrears of fees now due by the Registrar to the County.

I have the honor to be gentlemen, your obedient servant,
C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

HURON & ERIE RAILWAY COUNTY DEBENTURES.

To the Municipality of the County of Kent and the Warden and Treasurer thereof: We hereby request that the Debentures of the County of Kent for the sum of one hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars, issued under the by-law of the said County, numbered 319, be forthwith issued and delivered to John Langford, Robert Ferguson and William Hammond, the Trustees appointed to receive the same, under the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, passed in the thirty-sixth year of Her Majesty's reign, chaptered seventy.

As witness our Corporate Seal, testified by the hand of our President and Secretary, this 9th day of October, A. D. 1877

(Signed) A. MACNABB, (Signed) ARCH. McKELLAR,
Secy, E. & H. Ry. President H. & E. R.R. 

To the Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN—Having been served with the foregoing notice of demand by the President and Secretary of the E. & H. R. R. Company, to at once deliver the Debentures over to the Trustees, and not wishing to act on my own judgment in the matter, I at once referred the matter to my solicitor, Mr. Pegley, asking him to fully investigate the matter and advise what course should be pursued; and Mr. Pegley, having carefully looked into the whole affair, has, at my request, made the accompanying report:

A. TRERICE, Warden
CHATHAM, December 5th, 1878.

A. Trerice, Esq., Warden County of Kent:

DEAR SIR—At your request I have looked into the matter of the Debentures of the Huron & Erie Railway Company, a demand for the delivery of which has been made upon you by the Trustees. It appears that the by-law amending clause 3 of By-Law 319 and the schedule attached to it and forming part thereof, has been registered in the Registry Office under the Act, and the Debentures should have been issued in accordance with that by-law, had it not been for the provision of a later Statute, namely, 41 Vic., cap. 45, which enables the Council, in the event of the suit then pending against the Company being decided in favor of the Company, to pass a by-law providing for the issue of the Debentures, making the three first Debentures the last of the series, and making the interest payable in all the Debentures from the 1st January, 1878.

The judgment given in the Court of Appeal decides that clause No. 3 of the decree, which declares that the Company is entitled to the delivery of the Debentures mentioned in the plaintiff's bill should be struck out and that it will be the duty of the Council to issue Debentures in accordance with the Act, that is, by passing a By-law for the issue of the Debentures, having it properly registered, and issuing the Debentures in accordance therewith.

I am of opinion that the Debentures which have been placed in the hands of the Accountant of the Court of Chancery should not have been issued until the suit was decided and the By-law passed, and being now invalid, should be cancelled.

I have not been able to ascertain upon what basis the calculation has been made for the Debentures already issued, but if it has been made upon the basis of Schedule "A," attached to the amending By-law by merely subdividing the Debentures from No. 4 upwards, the calculation would be all wrong, as the first, second and third Debentures could not be made the last without disturbing the whole calculation and making each Debenture wrong.

But there is a much more serious difficulty connected with the matter. By the terms of the Act in accordance with which the By-law must now be passed and

the Debentures issued, the first Debenture and the coupons for the payment of the interest from January, 1878, will fall due on the 1st of January next, and I am informed that no provision has as yet been made for the payment of the necessary amount. The Council have no authority to disburse this amount out of the County funds, and if they had, they cannot add it to the next year's rate, as By-law No. 319 only makes it payable yearly in equal annual payments. The only remedy for this will be to obtain the consent of the Company to make the Debentures and interest payable a year from January next, or failing that, to apply to the Legislature for further relief in that respect.

In the meantime I would advise you not to issue or deliver any Debentures until the necessary By-law is passed and the Council have an opportunity of fully considering the matter.

CHAS. E. PEGLEY.

Chatham, 9th December, 1878.

To the County Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—I send you herein my Report on the suit, Harwich vs. Erie By-law, instructed by you as defendants to my care, as your Solicitor therein. Since last reporting to you, the case has been in appeal, and an Act has been passed, the intention of the 4th clause, of which was to relieve you from the dilemma you were in, owing to delay in issuing the Debentures. Who ever acted for you in getting that Act through the Legislature, managed to have matters left worse than they were. You may remember my advice to you, which was not acted upon, was to issue the Debentures as if dated December, 1877, payable in 20 years, and get or let the Company get the same confirmed by the Legislature; other influences caused other advice to be taken, and the result was the issue of a despoiled lot of Debentures in December last, (I think). These, it was the intention of the Warden to hand over to the Trustees, when the Plaintiffs in the suit obtained an order directing them to be filed in Court, pending the Appeal. Your late Warden, I understood, caused the 17 years and undue Coupons to be filed, withholding the undue ones. The Plaintiffs went on with the Appeal, and a new Council, yourselves, having come into power, and a new Warden, Mr. Trerice, being duly installed, I ceased to be spoken to about the suit or the affairs of the Railway, and current report had it that I had been superseded by Mr. Pegley, a right I should not dispute, and a charge I certainly should willingly bow to. To continue the defence it would be necessary to take steps in the Court to change the Solicitor. I therefore called on Mr. Pegley stating that the Appeal required close watching on the part of the County, and that I understood that he was to be my successor in its management. He however, replied that it was not so. I thereupon telegraphed and wrote to Mr. Trerice, the Warden, asking if it was to be attended to, or what I was to do, urging the necessity of guarding the County's interest in the Appeal, and received his reply, which at present I cannot lay my hands on, but was to the effect that I had better do what I thought best. It being Saturday evening, and the case being set down for Monday morning, 4th March last, I at once left for Toronto, and on arriving in Court on Monday morning, found that owing to the absence of a quorum of Judges, it could not be argued, and was adjourned to the following Saturday. Not desiring to stay, I instructed Mr. C. Moss, of the firm of Bethune, Osler & Moss, the firm that I was instructed last year to employ in the suit by you. The case was on the following Saturday argued, and no change in the decree issued that would effect the County. I received a letter from him, a copy of which accompanies this note.

You are aware that Judgment has been lately given, and contrary to what inferences were drawn at the argument, the decree below has been sustained, varied only by the provision of the 4th clause of the Statute above referred to, passed on the 7th March last, which leaves again a difficult problem for you to solve. The costs are now being taxed, so soon as they are, the whole bill of Atkinson & Fraser against you will be rendered, closing up all matters we have had on hand for you.

Yours truly,

CHAS. R. ATKINSON.

Toronto, March, 9th, 1878.

HARWICH, v. s. ERIE.

DEAR SIRS.—This was argued to-day, and judgment reserved. The Court seemed rather against the Railway Company, but of course expressed no definite opinion. It

seemed to think that the 4th Section of the Act of last Session extending the time for issuing Debentures would be a sufficient protection to the County in the event of the Railway Company succeeding, and in any event it did not appear to question the right of the County to its coats.

(Signed).

Yours truly,
BETHUNE, OSLER & MOSS.

Messrs. Atkinson & Fraser, Chatham.

SURVEYS.

Plans and Reports of Surveys filed in the Clerk's office were laid before the Council during the December Session of 1878 as follows:

1st. From the Crown Land Department, survey of part of the second Concession line of Romney, performed by W. G. McGeorge, Esq., P. L. S.

2nd. From A. McDonell, Esq., P. L. S., survey made by him on the Town line between Tilbury East and Raleigh.

3d & 4th. From Sherman Malcolm, Esq., P. L. S., survey made by him on Town line between Harwich and Raleigh south of Charing Cross; also surveys between the Gorea of Chatham and Camden.

REPORTS.

ON TOWN OF CHATHAM & RALEIGH TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the balance from 1877 of \$7.90 and \$50 appropriated in 1878 on this line between the Town of Chatham and Raleigh, report that they have expended \$49 in grading and repairing Bridge over Indian creek, and gave orders as follows: Robert Payne, \$8; N. Jones, \$30; John Berkley, \$11—total, \$49; bal., \$8.91. S. WHITE, THOS. HOLMES, Com'rs.

Council Chambers, Dec. 12, 1878.

ON TOWN CHATHAM & HARWICH TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$100 on the line between the Town of Chatham and the Township of Harwich beg leave to report as follows:—

We paid the sum of 75c. per load for 35 loads of brickbats to John Burksby, \$26.

We sold the grading of the road for the sum of \$5, to John Burksby.

25, for which we gave orders for the sum \$31.25.

We also sold the graveling of the road, which has been covered with the brickbats, to C. A. Lutes, to be four inches deep of gravel and six feet wide, for the balance of the grant, amounting to \$38.75; but the job is not completed.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. CRADDOCK, JAS. McMULLEN, Com'rs.

Committee Rooms, Dec. 10, 1878.

ON CAMDEN & DRESDEN TOWN LINE.

To the Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We, the Commissioners on the Camden and Dresden Town line, beg leave to report as follows:

That we have expended the grant of \$75 made by this Council at its June Session to said Town line, in the way of grading, ditching and graveling.

We also report in reference to the Dresden Bridge that we have given orders for the payment of \$75 to the Caretaker; also, the sum of \$12 for repairs on said Bridge; and we would further say that the Bridge is in a good state of repair.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. FRENCH, JOHN DOBBYN, Com'rs.

ON TOWNLINE BETWEEN BLENHEIM & HARWICH.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the sum of \$50 on the Townline between Blenheim and Harwich, begs leave to report, that the following amounts have been expended: Geo. Cleveland, \$28; and W. R. Felows, \$20.

T. R. JACKSON, Commissioner.

CAMDEN AND THAMESVILLE

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

Your Commissioner on the County line between Thamesville and Camden, begs leave to report as follows: I gave Robert Orwald a job of gravelling and ditching, to the amount of \$25 00, and gave an order on the Treasurer for the same. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. SHERMAN, Commissioner.

GORE OF CHATHAM & WALLACEBURG.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Having been appointed by this Council to expend the sum \$75,00 on the boundary line between Wallaceburg and the Gore of Chatham, I have had the boundary line chopped and cleared out, and a culvert built across said boundary line; also a bridge and approaches on the Townline built, said amount of work being done for the sum of \$66,00, leaving a balance of \$9,00, unexpended. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN TASSIE, Commissioner.

HOWARD & RIDGETOWN.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

The undersigned beg leave to report to you that they gave out the following jobs on Townline between Howard and Ridgétown.

One job gravelling to Robt. McKay, \$8,25; job grading, gravelling and scraping West of the Corporation of Ridgétown, to Falkner & Teal, \$36,00; job grading and gravelling South of the village, to Geo. Thomas, \$21,00; job ditching, to William Stanley, \$17,60; job ditching, to Jas. Baxter, \$12,20; job shovelling gravel, to Jno. Jones, \$3,43; job grading, to Abram Stover, \$9,50; job grading and ditching, to Chas. Grant \$10,00; job gravelling, to Geo. Mowat, \$3,00; job grading to George Thomas, \$22; job gravelling to John Page, \$24; job ditching, to John Benton, \$6,00; job grading and gravelling, to Jno. Page, \$27,00.—Total, \$199,98.

JACOB SMITH, BENJ. WILLSON, Commissioners.

CHATHAM & CAMDEN; ALSO, GORES OF CHATHAM & CAMDEN.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$300, on the Townlines between the Townships of Chatham and Camden, and between the Gore of Chatham and the Gore of Camden, beg leave to report as follows: That we have sold jobs on said Township or County lines to the amount of \$275,44; a few of said jobs are not yet completed. We have also reserved a few dollars for the purpose of repairing and re-planking the bridge over Drummond Creek, on the County line between the Gore of Chatham and Gore of Camden, which would have been done before this, but owing to the desperate state of the roads, we could not get the material hauled for repairing said bridge. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. H. STEPHENS, JOHN DOBBYN, Commissioners.

HARWICH & RALEIGH.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to expend the sum of \$500 on the Harwich and Raleigh Town line, report that they have expended the sum of \$435 46 in ditching, gravelling, and repairing bridges and culverts.

The following orders have been granted: Edward Corcoran, \$6; Chas. McGuigan, \$5; Jas. Broadbent, \$10; Jas. Lowrie, \$10; Geo. Walker, \$13; Rich. Haskle, \$9 60; Robert Green, \$10; Jos. Holing, \$5; do., \$7; D. Clements, \$13; John Cameron, \$19, 50; Onas Terrell, \$14 40; Luke Kelley, \$12,50; John Hayworth, \$14; S. Cliniusmith, \$15; Thos. McDonnell, \$14 40; A. Doherty, \$2; John Lowrie, \$20; David Irwin, \$15; S. Cliniusmith, \$32 70; Wm. Leggett, \$13 60; Robert Green, \$14; Luke Kelley, \$24 60; S. Cliniusmith, \$15 60; John Bennett, \$9; Luke Kelley, \$14 80; R. Green, \$8; John Lowrie, \$61 96; John Hayworth, \$14; Thos. McDonnell, \$27 60; D. Irwin, \$13 60; L. O. Lamont, \$6; Wm. Keiver, \$15,80—\$435 46—All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WHITE, WM. CAMERON, Counr's.

Council Chamber, Dec. 17, 1878.

ROMNEY & TILBURY EAST.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners on the Romney and Tilbury East Town line, beg leave to report: That we met on the 26th of June, and let the amount of the appropriation, in ditching, logging and burning; the work sold low, and was not performed. We after re-sold nine hundred rods of chopping, width, 25 feet, at a cost of \$63,00; and ditching to the amount of \$99,96, leaving a balance of \$37,04, in favor of the line. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW WILSON, C. COATSWORTH, Commissioners.

CHATHAM AND DOVER.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Commissioners on the Town line between Chatham and Dover, beg to report as follows: That in addition to the grant made at the June Session, there was a balance of \$288.70 to the credit of said road; of that we expended \$363,02, leaving a balance of \$225.68. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. PURSER, JOHN TASSIE, Commissioners.

HARWICH & HOWARD.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled.

We, your Committee appointed to expend the sum of \$400,00, on the Howard and Harwich line, beg leave to report as follows: That we have let jobs to the full amount granted, in grading, gravelling and repairing bridges, but owing to the rise of the water and continuation of the same in the River Thames, it has been impossible for the gravelling to be done. The jobs completed are:—

No. 2, R. McDonald, five rods gravelling, at \$1.00 per rod, \$5,00; No. 6, E. Stover, repairing two culverts, \$9,75; No. 7, J. Stenton, job grading, \$17,00; No. 8, D. Holmes, repairing McGregor's Creek bridge, \$12; No. 12, James Brown, 35 rods gravelling, \$54; large culvert at the Eau, \$2500. Total, \$122,75.

All of which is respectfully submitted. GEO. YOUNG, M. ARNOLD, Com'rs.

TILBURY EAST & RALEIGH.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$700, on the Raleigh & Tilbury East Townline, beg leave to report as follows: In accordance with instructions from the Clerk, Mr. McDonell, P. L. S., surveyed a portion of the above mentioned line, his report has been read before you. Your Commissioners changed the grade according to his survey, expended \$640,00, for which we gave orders on the Treasurer, leaving a balance to the credit of the line, of \$59,61. Work been let, but not completed, to the amount of \$25. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. HICKEY, G. H. DOLSEN, Commissioners.

Council Room, Chatham, Dec. 11th, 1878.

HOWARD AND ORFORD.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$500, on the Howard and Orford Townline. Two hundred of the above mentioned, to be expended between the 10th and 11th Concession in Howard, for ditching on east side of the Townline, beg leave to report that they have granted orders to the amount of \$421,32.

Jos. Whitzell, repairing culvert, and putting in new culvert, \$22,50; Alex. Whitzell, for box culvert, \$5,00; Wm. Baird, ditching on east side Townline, \$59,25; Geo. Murray, ditching on east side Townline, \$52,50; W. Murray, ditching, \$18,45; D. McCormick, grading and ditching, \$40,77; James Gardiner, putting in new culvert, \$15,87; D. Gardiner, covering and repairing culverts, \$10,70; Thos. Vickery, repairing culverts and ditching, \$10,70; Wm. Rowland, for sanding, \$1,62; D. McCormick, turnpiking, \$10,50; Robt. Gladstone, turnpiking, \$10,50; James Vickey, ditching and putting in two box culverts, \$37,00; John Knotty, box culvert and ditching, \$8,00; Robt. Gladstone, gravelling and repairing culverts, \$5,50; David Green, ditching on east side of Townline, \$69,75; Jas. McKinlay, scraping and levelling gravel pit, \$7,00; Jos. Whitzell, box culvert, ditching and repairing culvert, \$12,71; Jos. Whitzell, per John Lee, order 1876, for culvert on Townline, \$22,00.

Leaving a balance unexpended to that portion between the 10th & 11th Cons., of \$18,50, and \$60,18, to the rest of the Townline. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. McDONALD, B. WILLSON, Commissioners.

ZONE AND CAMDEN.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$150, on the said Townline, beg leave to report, That we have expended the sum of \$145,29, and given orders as follows:—To John Haugh, \$3; M. Stedman, \$4; J. Ferguson, plank, \$2; G. Marshall, \$4; J. Bagley, \$3; A. Joice, \$4; A. Joice, \$19; J. Dray & Conlin, \$31,80; H. Buchanan, Jr., \$33,38; R. Chambers, \$13,72; Wm. Hinton, \$1,33; R. Chambers, 8; A. Joice, \$3 04; Thos. Vince, \$14,50; R. Camber, 50 cts.—making a total of \$145,29; leaving a balance to the credit of said road, of \$4,71. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours, &c.,

JAS. CRUICKSHANK, ROBT. FERGUSON, Com'rs.

ZONE & EUPHEMIA CO. LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the sum of \$100, appropriated at last June session, and the sum of \$142 standing to the credit of said road before that date, begs leave to report that I have expended the sum of \$183,26; and the Reeve of Euphemia met me and expended an equal amount, for which I have given orders as follows:—

A. Shupe, \$4; Thos. Trotter & Buchanan, \$8; W. H. Brown, \$29,75; Jas. Sherriff, \$3,25; John Chapman, \$26 30; R. Randall, \$11; Thos. Randall, \$4,13; J. Tuite, \$5; Wm. McMaster, \$10; Ernest Behensee \$20; John Minshel, \$7; Mr. Lanning, \$4; Jehiel Outhouse, \$4, Alex. Duncan, \$13; John Miller, \$5 75; N. Morrison, \$13,38; P. Ritchie, \$10; R. Randall, \$2; R. Hickie, \$2; total, \$183,26; balance, \$158,94 to credit of said line.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, Dec. 8th, 1878.

JAS. CRUICKSHANK, Com'r.

BOTHWELL & ZONE CO. LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commis'r appointed to expend money on Town line between Bothwell and Zone, begs leave to report that I have expended the \$25 appropriated at June session.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

December 11th, 1878.

THOS. DILLON, Com'r.

E. & W. TILBURY CO. LINE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner on the County line between East and West Tilbury would, beg leave to report, that he met the grant from Essex, amounting to the sum of \$250,00, and, with the Reeve of West Tilbury, let the work over the whole line to the amount of \$500, but, owing to the wet season, the work is not all performed. I have given orders for \$162 on the Co. Treasurer, leaving a balance \$138 in favor of the line. There are jobs let that may be finished by end of year.

I may also state that, being notified by the Roadmaster from the River of the unsafe state of Janett's creek bridge, I went and examined and found it worse than reported, owing to the decayed planks composing the covering. I let repairs to amount of \$39,40, leaving a balance of \$60,60 in favor of the bridge, which will very soon have to be built of new material.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW WILSON, Com'r.

ZONE & MOSA CO. LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the sum of \$50 on the Co. line between Kent and Middlesex, begs leave to report that I expended the sum of \$32 25, and the Com'r of the Tp. of Mosa has expended an equal amount, but on account of the Tp. of Mosa being so late in meeting our appropriation, a portion of the contracts are not completed yet, and I have only paid or given orders as follows: B. Hewitt, \$18,50.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, Dec. 10th, 1878.

JAS. CRUICKSHANK, Com'r.

ESSEX & KENT CO. LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend \$400 on the Essex & Kent County line, begs to report as follows:

That he sold in turnpiking and gravelling \$300 of above sum. The work has not all been completed, but your Com'r fully expects that the whole will be completed in a few days. The Com'r from Essex expended a similar amount. The bal. remains in the Treasurer's hands.

C. COATSWORTH, Com'r.

KENT & LAMBTON CO. LINE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Since last meeting of Council I have given orders to the contractors, who are working on the County line between Kent and Lambton, amounting to \$104. The work is progressing very slowly, owing to the wet state of the Co. line. There is the cutting of three lots—Nos. 28, 29 and 30—yet unstarted, and as these lots are all settled on our side of the line, these settlers have no road to get out, and I would recommend that this Council take such steps as would compel the County of Lambton to assist in opening up that part of the line.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN TASSIE, Com'r.

BOTHWELL & MOSA CO. LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner begs leave to report that I have expended the sum of \$5 66 out of the money appropriated at June session, on County line between Bothwell and Mosa.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

December 11th, 1878.

THOS. DILLON, Com'r.

CAMDEN & DAWN CO. LINE.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the grant to the County line between the Gore of Camden and Tp. of Dawn, begs leave to report as follows:—That I have granted an order on the Treasurer for \$43 00 to George Robinson for chopping and logging on said line.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. FERGUSON, Com'r.

GRAVEL PIT FOR HARWICH & RALEIGH TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to procure a gravel pit for the benefit of Raleigh and Harwich Town line, beg leave to report as follows:—

That we have procured a lease of land from L. C. Stripp, of Buckhorn, to be used as a gravel pit, said lease being for the term of five years, and we have granted an order on the Treasurer for the sum of \$75, being the amount of the appropriation.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. L. PARDO, WM. CAMERON, Committee.

G. W. R. CROSSING, HARWICH & HOWARD TOWNLINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to meet the officials of the G. W. R. respecting an overcrossing on the Howard and Harwich Townline, beg leave to report as follows: That we have not received any notice from the Company, although they have been notified by the Clerk of the Council in that respect; we further recommend that this Council do take immediate action in this matter, as to the crossing, as it is at present becoming a nuisance. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. YOUNG, M. ARNOLD, Commissioners.

PLANKING KENT BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Committee appointed to re-plank the Kent Bridge, beg leave to report as follows: Amount of plank required, 12,586, at \$13 per M feet, \$163,61; spikes and nails to lay the same, \$8,75; for laying the plank, \$15,75—Total—\$188,11. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. ARNOLD, ROBT. FERGUSON, Commissioners.

KENT BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Caretaker appointed to look after Kent Bridge, begs leave to report as follows: That the first part of the year, the covering of the approaches were in a bad state, causing a good deal of trouble, on account of breaking planks. That having been remedied by planking anew over all, which will answer a good purpose, and make it quite safe.

I would also recommend that your hon. body have two signs painted and placed on each end of the Bridge, forbidding any person riding or driving over the said Bridge faster than a walk, as there never have been any notices put up. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. LANGFORD.

BOTHWELL BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner begs leave to report, that I have expended for repairs on Bothwell Bridge the sum of \$6.09; also, on north approach, the sum of \$12.50.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. DILLON, Com'r.

MORAVIAN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to expend the sum of \$100 to plank the said Bridge, beg leave to report that we let the contract to A. Marcus for \$79 50, the work not to be done until after the spring freshet, as we fear the bridge may go with the high water, the abutments being badly rotted. We expended the sum of \$3.40 repairing approach at the north end, for which orders are issued—to A. Hastings, \$1.50, and to Mr. Loaming, \$1.90—total, \$3.40 paid.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. CRUICKSHANK, Com.

WALLACEBURG BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Co. of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed for the Wallaceburg Bridges beg to submit the following report:—

That Jas. B. McDougall, the caretaker of the Main Bridge, has been paid for nine months' services to the 6th Dec'r, at the rate of \$23 per month, amounting to \$207.

That Jas. McDougall, the caretaker of the North Branch Bridge, has been paid for three months' services to the 7th day of December, at the rate of \$18.75 per month, amounting to the sum of \$168.75.

That for repairs to the Main Bridge the following amounts have been paid, viz:—To John Lee, iron and iron work, including turnbuckles, the sum of \$287.21; Wm. R. Peck, labor and costs of court, the sum of \$151.08; David Bowhall, labor, the sum of \$17.50; M. Sherwood, do \$1.75; Wm. Patterson, sawing timber, \$7; T. B. West, the sum of \$2.72 for lamp and nails; W. B. Lundy, repairs, \$17.50; H. M. Misner, oak timber, the sum of \$31.68; steamer Hiawatha, freight on timber from Sarnia, the sum of \$6; David Sutherland, blacksmith work, 50c.—amounting in all to \$522.94.

That James McDougall has been paid \$3 for repairs to the roadway of the North Branch Bridge; that H. M. Misener has been paid \$7 37 for plank for N. Branch Bridge.

Your Commissioners have further to report that the material, including iron work and wood work, is now ready to be put into place, and that the work of finishing the repairs cannot well be done until the ice on the river is sufficiently strong to admit of teams crossing upon it, as the Bridge must be swung and raised up in order to get the new timber under it, and the turnbuckle spliced into the cables.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. BEATTIE, A. TRERICE, Com'rs.

TOLLS FOR WALLACEBURG BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg respectfully to report with reference to the Bridges at Wallaceburg, that the Council of the village of Wallaceburg have had the question of Bridge Tolls under consideration, and that I am of opinion that if this matter be laid over to the January Session of this Council, that an arrangement will be made, by the village of Wallaceburg, satisfactory to this Council.

I have the honor to be, your obd't servant,

J. H. BEATTIE.

COUNTY DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Drainage Assessments, to whom was referred the award of the Arbitrators on a certain Drain known as the Gregory, Mud and Indian Creek Drain, in the Township of Raleigh, would recommend that the suggestions made in the said award, be agreed to, and that \$16, assessed on the line between the Town of Chatham and Harwich, and the sum of \$34, on the line between Raleigh and the Town of Chatham, be paid by the County.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. TRERICE, Chairman, Com.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

Your Committee on Roads and Bridges, beg leave to report in the matters referred to them, as follows:—

1st. That the communication of A. Marcus, Care-taker of Moravia Bridge, has been considered, and from the information received by your Committee, deem it proper to lay it over until the January Session.

2nd. That no action be taken on the Petition referred in respect of taking off the Tolls or assuming the Town Bridges. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. COATSWORTH, Chairman.

PUBLIC PROPERTY.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Property, beg leave to report,

1. That the water closet and urinal on the landing opposite the entrance to Court Room, is now completed, and no doubt will be of great service to all requiring the use of the same. Your Committee found that the pump in use for supplying the water closets in the Jail, was nearly worn out and quite insufficient to supply water to the new water closet; they therefore had to procure a new pump of greater strength, and more power, which is now fitted up and supplies water for all the closets throughout the building.

2. Your Committee have fitted up with doors and locks the shelving in the Judges' Room, in front of Court Room, for the use of the Lawyers for the safe keeping of their books and papers while attending the sittings of the Court. They have also procured cushions for the chairs in the Council Room, that had no cushions.

3. Your Committee have had the Jail walls pointed with water-lime, in the best manner. They provided materials and hired men by the day to do the work, the cost has been less than any tender received for the work.

The cost of all, is as follows :

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| Thomas H. Baxter, time and material for Court Room and water closet..... | \$ 70 52 |
| Me srs. McKeough, for Pump, Pipes, &c., &c..... | 271 62 |
| J. Tilt, Painting..... | 8 00 |
| William Craddock, for Judges' Room and water closet..... | 21 83 |
| Pointing Jail Walls..... | 508 41 |
| Coltart & Neilson, four chair cushions,..... | 5 00 |

Total, (all of which has been paid)..... \$885 38

4. Your Committee have also provided a new Cooking Stove, for the use of the Jailer, in the Jail, cost, \$24,00; also a new Coal Stove for the Registry Office, \$16,00; these are yet to pay for.

5. Your Committee accepted the tender of Thomas Wrong, for the supply of Coal for the use of the several offices for the incoming year, at the following prices : Hard Coal, \$7,00 per ton; Soft Coal, \$6,50 per ton.

6. Your Committee, at the request of Mr. Bell, the newly appointed Judge of the County, met him in his Chambers, when he pointed out to the Committee, that the set of pigeon holes in the office were as full of papers as they could hold. Mr. Bell, also stated that he required some few books, for Division and other Courts, and some stationery. The Committee instructed Mr. Bell to procure what he required, suitable for the purpose. Mr. Bell also pointed out to the Committee, the very inconvenient situation of the Judge's Chambers, and the size of the rooms being quite too small for the amount of Chamber business required to be attended to by the Judge, to all of which the Committee agrees.

7. Your Committee would therefore recommend that other premises be procured both for the Judge and the Clerk of the Crown, Mr. Campbell, as the vault in his office is too small and is completely filled with papers of great importance to the County.

The lease of the premises occupied by the Judge and Mr. Campbell, will shortly expire; your Committee would therefore urge the necessity of procuring other premises as soon as possible. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE YOUNG, Chairman.

FINANCE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit their report on the matters referred to them. We recommend the payment of the following Commissioners' accounts:—

T. L. Pardo, \$2; C. Coatsworth, \$26; Thos. Dillon, \$8; Benj. Wilson, \$22; Robt. Ferguson, \$14; John Lee, \$16; A. W. Cr. we, \$2; Thos. Holmes, \$4; Jas. McMullen, \$4; John Tassie, \$24; Stephen White, \$20; J. H. Beattie, \$18; T. R. Jackson, \$6; Geo. Young, \$24; A. J. McDonald, \$14; A. Clark, \$2; Wm. Hickey, \$28; Wm. Craddock, \$14; Andrew Wilson, \$38; W. H. Stephens, \$22; John Dobbyn, \$16; G. H. Dolsen, \$20; L. Sherman, \$2; M. Arnold, \$11; Dr. Smith, \$6; Jas. Cruickshank, \$33; Wm. Cameron, \$10; Peter Robert, \$10; A. Trerice, \$15.88; C. Purser, \$18—total, \$449.88.

We also recommend the following:—Alex. Trerice, going to Quebec as representative of Kent in submitting address to Lord Dufferin, \$50; W. t. Dobbyn, printing, \$2.50; Rufus Stephenson, do. \$7.68; H'y Robinson, caretaker, \$24 75; A. Marcus, caretaker Moravian Bridge, \$10; R. Cooper, stationery, \$11.96; S. F. Denis, repairs to Court House, \$4.12; A. Jahnke, furniture, \$9.20; J. & W. McKeough, repairs on Gaol & Court House, \$68 65; E. Miller, illuminating address to Lord Dufferin & express chg's, \$16(p'd); A. D. zela, brick, \$1.50; A. McDonell, surv'g, \$17.50; J. P. Sivewright, medicine for gaol, \$11; A. L. McMillan, arresting cattle thieves, \$30; Constable Best do, \$30; C. E. Pegley, defending Dunkin By-law, \$50; W. M. Nichols, stationery, etc., \$19 28; J. A. Langford, repairs to Kent Bridge, \$12; Horticultural Society, Chatham, \$25; Model School, \$50; S. Malcolm, surveys, \$94.

We cannot recommend any grant to the Mechanics' Institute, in Chatham; also, the account of W. G. McGeorge for surveys in Romney, be referred to Tp. of Romney for payment. Various accts., \$533.06; Commissioners' acct., \$449 88—total, \$983.84.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE, Chairman.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 368.

A By-law to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Chatham and North Gore, passed the ninth day of November, A. D. 1878.

PASSED 12th December, 1878.

WHEREAS, It is necessary to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Chatham and North Gore, passed the 9th day of November, A. D. 1878, and numbered 69, being a By-law to open a Road between Lots numbers 23 and 24, in the 4th Concession of the North Gore of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Kent and Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, it appears in and by said By-law that all the notices and other requirements of the 506 Section of Chap. 174 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario have been complied with,

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, by virtue of the Municipal Acts of Ontario—

1st. That the said recited By-law for opening and establishing the Road between Lots numbers 23 and 24, in the 4th Concession of the North Gore of the Township of Chatham aforesaid, therein mentioned as recited in said By-law of the Township of Chatham and North Gore, be and the same is hereby confirmed. A copy of said By-law is hereunto attached.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

NO. 369.

A By-law for the payment of the Salaries of Public School Inspectors and for other purposes.
PASSED 13th December, 1878.

WHEREAS, It is expedient to make better provisions for the payment of the Salaries of Public School Inspectors; also, for the payment of the Examiners appointed by the Council for the Examination of third-class Teachers of Public Schools,

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal laws of Ontario—

1st. That the Public School Inspectors shall be paid at the rate of \$5.00 per School for each and every School under their respective jurisdiction.

2nd. That the sum of \$100.00 shall be paid to each Public School Inspector annually in full for their services as Public School Inspector, and to include all stationery for their Office, Postage Equalization of Union School Section Assessment Rolls, and all Examination of Teachers for Certificates or otherwise, as is required of them by law.

3rd. The Examiners of Teachers for Third-class Certificates, appointed by this Council for that purpose, shall be paid at the rate of \$3.00 per day, counting 6 hours as one day. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Board of Examiners to keep an account of each Member's time of attendance from day to day, and certify the same to the County Treasurer, who shall pay the parties mentioned the amount of time so certified at the above-mentioned rate.

4th. That this By-law shall be and remain in force from the passing thereof until it is either amended or repealed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

NO. 370.

A By-law to repeal a portion of Clause two of By-law No. 260, passed January, 1878.
PASSED 14th December, 1878.

WHEREAS, It is necessary to repeal a portion of Clause two of By-law No. 260, passed 26th January, 1878,

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal Institutions Acts of Ontario—

1st. That the portion of By-law number 260, passed 26th January, 1878, appointing John McCabe as an Examiner of persons applying for Certificates as School Teachers, be and the same is hereby repealed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

SPECIAL SESSION.

FIRST DAY.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to notice by the Warden, relative to the E. & H. R. Debentures, at the Court House, Chatham, on Thursday, 2nd January, 1878.

The Roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Messrs. Dolson and Pa. do.

The Warden explained the object of the meeting.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Robert, that the 18th, 24th and 25th Rules be suspended during this session.—Carried.

A communication was read from Bethune, Osler & M. ss, Toronto, being a legal opinion in answer to certain questions submitted to them respecting the Erie & Huron Railway Bonus Debentures.

On motion of Dr. Smith, a By-law to provide for the issuing of Debentures in aid of the E. & H. Railway Co., etc., was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that the By-law now read be submitted to a Committee composed of the Warden and Councillors Ferguson, Lee, White, Stephens, Coatsworth, Craddock, Robert, Beattie and the mover.—Carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

A. TRERICE, WARDEN.

The Roll was called. Present—Alex. Trerice, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Messrs. D. Ison and Pardo.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A verbal report was made by the Committee, approving of the By-law submitted to them at last meeting, being a By-law to provide for the issuing of Debentures in aid of the E. & H. R. Co.

On motion of Dr. Smith, the aforesaid By-law was read a second time.

On motion, the Council then went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law, Mr. Holmes in the Chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-law passed in Committee with amendments.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, and seconded by Mr. Stephens, That the By-law relative to the Erie and Huron Debentures be not now finally passed, but laid over to the next Session of the Council, in order to have time to more fully consider the matter.—Lost

The yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:—

Yeas—Councillors Beattie, Stephens, Clark and Dobbyn—4.

Nays—Councillors Young, Cameron, Jackson, McMullen, White Coatsworth, Hickey, Lee, Smith, Tassie, Wilson, (Tilbury East), Crow, Wilson, (Howard), Arnold, Sherman, Ferguson, Dillon, Cruickshank, Pursar, Ball, Craddock, Holmes and the Warden—23.

On motion of Dr. Smith, the By-law was read a third time and passed.

The draft of a Bill was read entitled, "An Act to enable the Corporation of the County of Kent to issue certain Debentures, and to levy the rates for the redemption of the same, to pay certain Debentures that have already been issued by the County in aid of the Erie & Huron Railway Company, that have become payable, and to legalize a By-law passed by the Municipal Council of said County in that behalf."

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Lee, That a copy of the Bill now read by the Clerk, relative to the matters connected with the Erie & Huron Railway Debentures, be forwarded by the Clerk to the Clerk of the Legislature of Ontario, together with \$100—the necessary fee for introducing Private Bills—and that the Council ask Mr. McCrae to take charge of said Bill, and that the Clerk send him a copy of the same.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. White, That inasmuch as we have understood that Mr. Ferguson has been thinking of resigning the position of Trusteeship for the Erie & Huron Railway Debentures, to which he has been appointed by the Government of Ontario. Therefore resolved, that this Council request Mr. Ferguson to reconsider the question, and that we ask the Government of Ontario to ask and request Mr. Ferguson to hold said Trusteeship, as this Council has full confidence in his integrity and ability.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. White, That the Trustees of the Erie & Huron Railway Debentures be respectfully requested to hold the overdue Debentures which will be placed in their hands shortly, until such time as this Council get an Act passed to legalize a By-law passed on the third day of January, 1879, authorizing them to issue Debentures in place and instead of the said over-due Debentures, and the interest thereon.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

OPINION OF MESSRS. BETHUNE, OSLER & MOSS IN RE E. & H. RAILWAY.

We have carefully considered the papers and questions submitted in reference to the Debentures to be issued by the County of Kent to the Erie & Huron Railway Company, under the Acts of Parliament and By-laws relating thereto.

We were at first disposed to advise the Council that the only safe course open to them, owing to the extremely unsatisfactory language of the Act of 1878, was to issue the Debentures under the former Act and By-law 319, applying to the Legislature at the ensuing session for power to pass a By-law to issue new Debentures to raise money for the payment of the past due Debentures and interest, and those coming due in 1879.

We understand, however, from the Warden that the Railway Company have been willing to throw off interest on all the Debentures up to the 1st January, 1878, and it is therefore very important that nothing should be done which would affect the County's position in that respect.

As we understand the Act of 1878, 41 Vict., cap. 45, sec. 4, its effect is to give the County the option of passing a new By-law postponing the Debentures for the years 1876, 1877 & 1878, and providing for the interest on the whole of the issue under By-law 319. But if this option is not exercised, the County must issue the Debentures, as provided by By-law 319, including those overdue and those yet to accrue due, in this way losing the advantage which was offered by the Railway.

On the several questions submitted we are of opinion as follows:—

1st.—The appointment and acceptance of office of the Trustees appears to have been proved or admitted in the Chancery suit, and we do not think the County can now require anything further to be done in this respect.

2.—The Council cannot require security from the Trustees. Neither the Act of Parliament nor the by-law requires it.

3. Is already answered. If the County do not exercise the option given by the Act, the Railway are entitled to the Debentures as under By-law 319.

4. The County Council could pass a by-law under section 334, cap. 174, Revised Statutes of Ontario, for the issue of a debenture to meet the payments falling due January 1st, 1879, being under \$20,000.

5. If the Council refuse to issue the three Debentures, the Railway can proceed to enforce the delivery of those already issued, either by Bill in Chancery or by mandamus at law, or possibly by a motion in the suit recently decided.

6. The whole amount of the bonus, principal and interest, must be levied on the Municipalities and parts of Municipalities grouped together, by an equal rate upon the whole rateable property comprised therein. There is no such thing as raising a specific part of the bonus out of each Municipality, etc., comprising the group.

7. We do not consider that the Debentures now issued are illegal. If the Council do not adopt the course mentioned in Section 4 of the Act of 1878, the Court would order these Debentures to be delivered up to the Company.

The course we recommend the Council to pursue is this:—To pass a By-law for the issue of the three debentures for the principal due in 1876, 1877 and 1878, and for the Debentures representing the interest on the remainder of the issue of Debentures under By-law 319, from 1st of January, 1878, as enabled to do by the Act of 1878. This of course, involves the recomputation of the whole interest, and the coupons attached to the other Debentures must be cut off or cancelled if those Debentures remain. But we think that the By-law should also provide for the issue of new Debentures in lieu of those already issued. This should have been expressly authorized by the Act, but we are inclined to think it is impliedly so.

The Bill, of which notice has been given, should contain a clause to validate this by-law and the Debentures issued under it, and to enable the Council to pass a further By-law to issue a debenture or debentures to raise money to pay the debentures and interest due January 1st, 1879.—Yours,
BETHUNE, OSLER & MOSS.

We should add that the Decree of the Court in *Harwich vs. Erie* was not varied by the Court of Appeal.

A. FRERICE, Esq., Dresden P.O.

BY-LAW.

NO. 371.

A By-Law to provide for the issuing of Debentures in aid of the Erie & Huron Railway Company, in the place and stead of the Debentures which, under the terms of By-Law Number Three Hundred and Nineteen would, if issued, have been payable on the First of January, 1876, 1877 and 1878, and to provide for the redemption of the Debentures and Coupons and accrued interest on said two Debentures issued in aid of said Erie & Huron Railway, payable on the First day of January, 1879.

PASSED 3rd January, 1879.

WHEREAS, By a By-Law of the County, passed on the Eighth day of June, 1874, numbered 319, and amended by By-Law No. 356, passed on the Third day of November, 1877, it was enacted that a Bonus of One Hundred and Fifty-five Thousand Dollars should be granted in aid of the Erie & Huron Railway Company, and that the Debentures to be issued therefor should be made payable in twenty years, according to and as set forth in the schedule thereto attached marked "A," forming part of said By-Law;

AND WHEREAS, Under the said enactments all the Debentures directed to be issued for the purpose of paying the said Bonus, with the exception of the first three, which, if issued, would have been payable on the First day of January, in the years 1876, 1877 and 1878, as shown in the schedule thereto annexed and marked "A," and subdivided into smaller Debentures, have been issued and placed in the Court of Chancery, to be disposed of by order of that Court, the first two of which said Debentures issued, as aforesaid, and the interest upon the remainder thereof, from the First day of January, 1878, became due and payable on the First day of January, 1879;

AND WHEREAS, By an Act of the Legislature of Ontario, 41st Vic., chap. 45, section 4, it was enacted:—That in the event of the suit then pending between the Corporation of the Township of Harwich and others, and the Erie & Huron Railway Company and others, should be finally decided in favour of the Erie & Huron Railway Company and others, the Municipal Council of the County of Kent might pass a By-Law for the issuing of Debentures of the County in the place and stead of the Debentures of the said County which, under terms of said By-Law No. 319, of said County, would, if the same had been issued, become payable on the First day of January, 1876, 1877 and 1878; and, also for the payment of the interest payable from the First day of January, 1878, upon the whole amount of the Debentures of said County, the issue of which is provided for by said By-Law upon the terms and conditions in the said Act provided;

AND WHEREAS, The said suit between the Corporation of the Township of Harwich and others and the Erie & Huron Railway and others, has been finally decided in favor of said Company by the Court of Appeal for Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, Owing to the delay in the decision of said suit, by the said Court of Appeal, no provision has been made for raising the rate, or otherwise, for the necessary funds to pay and redeem the Debentures and interest issued that are due and payable on the First day of January, A. D. 1879, and it has become necessary and expedient to issue three Debentures to redeem the same and the interest accrued thereon, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$14,232.79.

Be it therefore, enacted by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Acts respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of Ontario, and under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Province of Ontario, passed in the forty-first year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter 45.

1. That it may and shall be lawful for the Warden of the County of Kent to cause three Debentures of the said County to be issued in the place and stead and for the amount of the Debentures which, under the terms of By-Law Number Three Hundred and Nineteen, of said County, would, if the same had been issued, have become payable on the First day of January, in the years One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-six, One thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-seven and One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-eight; such Debentures to bear interest at the rate of six per cent, per annum, payable half-yearly, and to have Coupons for each instalment of interest payable on each Debenture attached thereto; and the principal moneys of such Debentures shall be payable in equal amounts on the First days of January, in the years One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven and One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight, respectively, that is to say, one-third of the whole amount of the said Debentures at each of said periods.

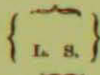
2. That the Debentures already issued under the By-Law of said County, numbered Three Hundred and Nineteen, as amended by By-Law No. 356, and delivered to the Court of Chancery to be handed over to the Trustees appointed to receive them, shall bear

interest from the First day of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-eight, as provided for by the fourth clause of said Act, and by the terms of said Debentures so issued.

3. That it shall and may be lawful for the Warden of the County to cause to be issued three new Debentures of the County for the sum of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-two Dollars and Seventy-nine cents, to provide for the payment of the two first of said Debentures already issued under said By-Law numbered Three Hundred and Nineteen, as amended by By-Law No. 356, said two Debentures being the amount falling due in 1879, and for the one year's interest which has accrued upon the whole amount of the said Debentures already issued according to the Coupons thereto attached, and for the interest accrued upon said three years' Debentures not issued, and which said Debentures and interest became due and payable on the First day of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine said three Debentures to bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly, and to have Coupons for each instalment of interest payable on each Debenture attached thereto, and the principal moneys and interest of the said Debentures shall be payable in equal amounts, on the First day of January, in the years One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven and One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight, respectively, that is to say: One-third of the whole amount of said Debentures and interest at each of said periods; and the said Debentures and the Coupons thereto attached, shall be payable at the Merchants' Bank of Canada, at the Town of Chatham.

4. That the amount necessary for the payment of the said Debentures and interest in the preceding section of this By-Law mentioned, shall be raised by a special rate to be raised, levied and collected in each year upon all the rateable property within the section of the County defined by said By-Law numbered Three Hundred and Nineteen during the continuance of the said Debentures, or any of them, in the manner provided by said By-Law numbered Three Hundred and Nineteen.

DANIEL KERR,
Clerk.



A. TRERICE,
Warden.

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109. To amend By-law No. 101.

1860.

110. To appoint certain Officers.
111. To establish a Ferry across the River Sydenham at Dresden.
112. To establish certain Statute Labor Divisions.
113. To grant \$100 to aid the teachers of the Deaf and Dumb School in Raleigh.
114. To make allowance to Court House keeper.
115. To appropriate a sum of money for building the Moravian Bridge.
116. To raise by way of loan \$4,000 to improve the Town line between the Townships of Chatham and Dover.
117. To appoint a Local Superintendent of Schools.
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119. To grant \$300 to aid the Corporation of Camden in building a Bridge across the Sydenham.
120. To appoint a Committee to expend \$4,000 on the Chatham and Dover Town line.
121. To grant \$125 to repair Baptiste Creek Bridge.
122. To provide for the preservation of the Public Morals.
123. To appropriate \$300 to improve portions of the Town line between Harwich and Howard.
124. To re-appropriate \$35.10 on the Town line between the Gore of Camden and Chatham.
125. To provide for the current expenses—\$15,277.
126. To regulate tolls of Ferry on the River Sydenham at Dresden.
127. To grant a sum of money for license to establish a Ferry at Dresden; and also, to erect a culvert on Town line between Raleigh and Tilbury East.
128. To provide for the establishment of a Lock-up in the Village of Wallaceburg.
129. To amend By-law No. 115.

130. To grant \$200 for raising gravel for Raleigh and Tilbury East Town line, and for part of Talbot Road.
131. To regulate tolls on Moravian Bridge.
132. To enable Thos. Smith to commute his Statute labor on Town line between Chatham and Dover.
133. To open Road between the Gores of Chatham and Camden, opposite No. 2 Gore of Camden.
134. To pay the Warden \$200 to meet contingent expenses for the current year.

1861.

135. To appoint Pathmasters.
136. To grant \$100 on County line between Aldborough and Orford.
137. To grant \$150 on County line between Romney and Mersea.
138. To appoint certain Officers.
139. To repeal by-law No. 70.
140. To alter certain Road Divisions on Town line between Aldborough and Orford.
141. To grant \$200 to Kent Agricultural Society to enable the Directors to contribute said sum towards the funds for holding the Provincial Exhibition at London,
142. To regulate the performance of Statute Labor on County Roads.
143. To extend the limits of the Dresden Ferry.
144. To grant \$50 for Town line between the Gores of Chatham & Camden.
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146. To grant moneys for certain Roads, and to appoint Commissioners.
147. To establish a new Statute Labor Division.
148. To provide for the current expenses—\$17,000.
149. To provide \$800 for the erection of a Pier for Kent Bridge.
150. To repeal By-law No. 145.
151. To appropriate \$200 balance on Pier at Kent Bridge.
152. To grant \$150 for a toll house at Thamesville Bridge.

- 153. To grant \$18 for County line between Romney and Mersea.
- 154. To grant \$13.50 for Town line between the Town of Chatham and Township of Harwich.
- 155. To grant the Warden \$150 to meet his contingent expenses.

1862.

- 156. To appoint certain Officers.
- 157. To make an annual allowance to the Warden.
- 158. To confirm the grant of \$60 on Town line between Howard and Harwich.
- 159. To regulate Statute labor on County lines.
- 160. To better regulate Statute labor on County lines.
- 161. To establish Statute labor division No. 41.
- 162. To regulate and define the duties of the Inspector of Weights and Measures.
- 163. To confirm the appointment of certain Officers.
- 164. To appoint certain Road Masters.
- 165. To regulate and define the duties of Inspector of Weights & Measures, and to repeal all former By-laws relating thereto.
- 166. To provide for the current expenses—\$18,217 27.
- 167. to appoint an Arbitrator to act in matters in dispute relating to Statute labor and the expenditure of moneys on County line between Romney and Mersea.
- 168. To appropriate certain sums of money on County Roads and on Kent Bridge.
- 169. To raise \$5,000 by way of loan.
- 170. To grant \$1,000 for the relief of unemployed operatives in the cotton districts in England and Scotland.
- 171. To pay a sum annually as salary to the Matron of the Gaol.

1863.

- 172. To amend By-law No. 147.
- 173. To appoint certain Officers.
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- 175. To amend By-law No. 111.
- 176. To provide for the current expenses—\$19,268 80.
- 177. To grant certain sums for Roads and Bridges.
- 178. To appoint certain Path Masters,
- 179. To appropriate \$50 on County line between Kent and Lambton.
- 180. To grant \$105 to the Town of Chatham, being amount paid by them for support of Emigrants.
- 181. To grant \$400 as a premium for the first 400 barrels of salt manufactured in this County
- 182. To alter Statute labor Divisions.
- 183. To provide for the rents of Public Offices.
- 184. To amend By-law No. 177.

1864.

- 185. To prevent accidents on the River Thames when frozen.
- 186. To appoint certain Officers.
- 187. To establish the salary of the Treasurer.
- 188. To amend By-law No. 179.
- 189. To extend the limits of Road Division No. 30.
- 190. To provide for the current expenses—\$15,734.
- 191. To regulate and define the duties of County Treasurer.
- 192. To appropriate \$1,000 for the Chatham and Dover Town line.
- 193. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Howard, entitled a By-law to establish a road along and on the east side of Lot No. 3, in the Block in Howard.
- 194. To appoint a Gaol Surgeon.

1865.

- 195. To alter certain Statute Labor Divisions.
- 196. To confirm grants to Volunteer Companies.
- 197. To appoint certain Officers.
- 198. To amend By-laws Nos. 19, 103 & 106.

199. To grant \$50 to survey County line between Kent and Lambton.
200. To raise \$16,128.37 for the current expenses for 1865.
201. To grant certain sums for Roads and Bridges.
202. To grant \$50 on County line between Kent and Middlesex.
203. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Harwich, conveying to John Kelly part of the 13th Con. line from Lake Erie.
204. To establish the salary of the County Clerk.
205. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Howard, conveying to Neil Campbell a portion of the line in front of lot No. 20, in the 12th Con. of Howard.
206. To appropriate \$300 to provide accommodation for the Troops stationed at Chatham.

1866.

207. To appoint certain Officers.
208. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Howard, conveying to Neil Campbell a portion of the line in front of No. 10, in the 12th Con. of Howard.
209. To alter Statute Labor Divisions 4 & 5.
210. To regulate the tolls on Kent, Tecumseh and Moravia Bridges.
211. To grant \$75 to aid Henry White in maintaining a School for Deaf Mutes in Raleigh.
212. To authorize the use of Lever Press Seal.
213. To appropriate certain sums for Roads and Bridges.
214. To grant a sum of money to the County Volunteers.
215. To provide for the County expenses—\$18 000.
216. To grant a sum of money to build a Bridge between Kent and Lambton.
217. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Howard, closing a portion of the Old Road leading from the 12th Con. to near Ridgetown.
218. To appropriate a sum of money on County line between Romney and Mersea.

1867.

219. To offer a reward for the apprehension of Horse Thieves.

220. To repeal all By-laws relating to Statute Labor Divisions on Town line Roads.
221. To appoint certain Officers.
222. To confirm a grant to Drill Sheds.
223. To appoint Commissioners to expend certain grants on Town lines.
224. To grant \$100 to aid Henry White in maintaining a School for Deaf Mutes in Raleigh.
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228. To provide for the current expenses—\$18,811 71.
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1868.

230. To provide for the purchase of land for an Industrial Farm.
231. To appoint certain Officers.
232. To re-appropriate certain grants for Town line between the Gores of Chatham and Camden.
233. To consolidate By-laws providing for the payment of Jurors.
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235. To amend and consolidate several By-laws relating to certain Officers, their duties and salaries.
236. To amend and consolidate By-law relating to the Audit of Public Accounts.
237. To amend and consolidate By-laws relating to the mileage and remuneration of Councillors.
238. To grant certain sums to the families of Volunteers who may be called out for actual service.
239. To appoint Commissioners to expend grants for Roads & Bridges.
240. To raise \$19,459 for current expenses for 1868.

- 241. To raise by way of loan the sum of \$20,000.
- 242. To empower Commissioners to expend certain grants on Roads and Bridges.
- 243. To amend By-law No. 227.
- 244. To amend By-law No. 241.
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1869.

- 246. To appoint certain Officers.
- 247. To raise \$16,511 91 for current expenses for 1869.
- 248. To establish Ferries at Wallaceburg.
- 249. To appropriate certain sums to repair Kent and Moravia Bridges.
- 250. To reduce rent on Tecumseh Bridge.

1870.

- 251. To appoint certain Officers.
- 252. To repeal a portion of By-law No. 239.
- 253. To confirm certain grants for Roads and Bridges.
- 254. To confirm certain grants to Kent and Bothwell Agricultural Societies.
- 255. To grant \$1,400 towards the removal of the bar at the mouth of the Thames.
- 256. To establish the salaries of the Treasurer and Clerk.
- 257. To amend By-law No. 225.
- 258. To appoint an Arbitrator re proposed Bridge between Kent, Elgin and Middlesex.
- 259. To appropriate certain sums on County Roads.
- 260. To raise \$18,854 74 for current expenses for 1870.
- 261. To repeal By-law No. 245, and to confirm the Rules of Order.
- 262. To appropriate certain sums on County Roads, and for the appointment of Commissioners.

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- 263. To appoint certain Officers.

264. To appoint a person to take the census of Dresden.
265. To grant \$400 for the relief of the sufferers from fire in the Ottawa District.
266. To grant a sum to repair the North Approach of Moravia Bridge.
267. To confirm certain grants.
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273. To raise \$22,337 to meet the current expenses for 1871.
274. To confirm the appointment of Officers.
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276. To appoint a member of the Board of Examiners.
277. To confer powers of Police Regulations on Wallaceburg.
278. To regulate Tolls on Bothwell Bridge.
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283. To confirm the appointment of Officers.
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321. To grant \$150 for the County line between Kent and Lambton.
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325. To assume the Town and County lines.
326. To grant \$20 to repair Bothwell Bridge.
327. To appoint a Caretaker, and to regulate his duties.
328. To appoint Officers for 1875.
329. To repeal By-law No. 319.
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335. To raise \$27,192 73 to meet the current expenses of 1875.
336. To raise by way of loan \$20,000.
337. To incorporate the Village of Ridgetown.
338. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Orford to alter or change a portion of road between the 4th Con. and N. half of M R. 1 according to a Plan made by Thes. Scane, P. L. S.
339. To detach certain lands from the limits of the Village of Dresden.

1876.

340. To repeal By-law No. 322.
341. To appoint Officers for 1876.
342. To detach certain lands from the limits of the Village of Ridgetown.
343. To regulate public travel on Dresden Bridge.
344. To amend By-law No. 334.
345. To raise \$32,567 95 to meet the current expenses for 1876.
346. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Tilbury East to provide for selling a portion of the Town line between Tilbury East Romney, and to confirm the purchase of part of Lot No. 1 Talbot Road West, for opening a new road in lieu thereof.

1877.

347. To repeal By-law No. 329.
348. To grant \$80 to Raleigh and Tilbury East Town line.
349. To appoint Officers for 1877.
350. To repeal By-law No. 334.
351. To enforce the Temperance Act of 1864.
352. To grant certain sums for Roads and Bridges.
353. To give the Council of Chatham Township control of the expenditure of certain sum on County line between Kent and Lambton.
354. To divide the County into two Divisions for Public School purposes, and to appoint Inspectors therefor.
355. To raise \$33,572 30 to meet the current expenses for 1877.

- 356. To amend By-law No. 319.
- 357. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Chatham to open the road between 1st & 2d Cons. across Lot 9 to the Caledonia Road.
- 358. To enforce the Temperance Act of 1864.
- 359. To cause obstructions to be removed from County and Township lines.

1878.

- 360. To appoint Officers for 1878.
- 361. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Romney to confirm certain sales of the original Town line between Romney and Tilbury East.
- 362. To amend By-law No. 318.
- 363. To amend By-law No. 333.
- 364. To amend By-law No. 237.
- 365. To define the duties, &c., of County Officers, and to confirm the appointment of a Gaol Surgeon.
- 366. To grant certain sums on Roads and Bridges.
- 367. To raise \$33,741 54 for the current expenses of 1878.
- 368. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Chatham, being a By-law to open a road between Lots Nos. 23 & 24, in the 4th Con. of the North Gore of the Township of Chatham.
- 369. To regulate the salaries of Public School Inspectors, &c., &c.
- 370. To repeal a portion of Clause Two of By-law No. 260.

1879.

- 371. To provide for the issuing of Debentures in aid of the Erie & Huron Railway Company, in the place and stead of the Debentures which, under the terms of By-law Number Three Hundred and Nineteen would, if issued, have been payable on the First of January, 1876, 1877 and 1878, and to provide for the redemption of the Debentures and Coupons and accrued interest on said two Debentures issued in aid of the said Erie & Huron Railway, payable on the First day of January, 1879.
- 372. To repeal By-law No. 325, being a By-law assuming the Town lines and County lines in the County.
- 373. To appoint County Officers for 1879.
- 374. To amend By-law No. 366.

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