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Municipal Council

OF THE

County of Kent.

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OF THE
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF
I have hereunto set my hand and seal
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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Municipal Council of the County of Kent.

JANUARY SESSION, 1879—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, 28th January, 1879.

Certificates from the Clerks of the several Municipalities in the County were deposited with the County 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 BOTHWELL,	THOMAS BOON, REEVE.
" CHATHAM,	THOMAS HOLMES, REEVE.
" "	T. W. JACKSON, 1ST DEPUTY.
" "	ARCH'D CAMPBELL, 2ND DEPUTY.
VILLAGE OF BLENHEIM,	T. R. JACKSON, REEVE.
" DRESDEN,	ALEXANDER WATSON, REEVE.
" RIDGETOWN,	JOHN WHYTE, REEVE.
" THAMESVILLE,	LEMUEL SHERMAN, REEVE.
" WALLACEBURG,	GEORGE MITCHELL, "
TOWNSHIP OF CAMDEN,	JOHN DOBBYN, REEVE.
" "	DANIEL V. HICKS, DEPUTY.
" CHATHAM	WM. H. STEPHENS, REEVE.
" "	DAVID McARTHUR, 1ST DEPUTY.
" "	BERNARD GALLAGHER, 2ND DEPUTY.
" DOVER,	JAMES McFARLANE, REEVE.
" "	CORNELIUS PURSER, DEPUTY.
" HARWICH	JOHN A. LANGFORD, REEVE.
" "	WILLIAM CAMERON, 1ST DEPUTY.
" "	JAMES McMULLEN, 2ND DEPUTY.
" HOWARD,	JOHN FERGUSON, REEVE.
" "	" 1ST DEPUTY.
" "	JOHN SERSON, 2ND DEPUTY.
" ORFORD,	JOHN MASON, REEVE.
" "	ARCH'D J. McDONALD, DEPUTY.
" RALEIGH	STEPHEN WHITE, REEVE.
" "	ROBERT J. MORRISON, 1ST DEPUTY.
" "	WILLIAM IRWIN, 2ND DEPUTY.
" ROMNEY,	THOMAS M. FOX, REEVE.
" TILBURY EAST,	ANDREW WILSON, REEVE.
" "	WILLIAM HICKEY, DEPUTY.
" ZONE... ..	L. E. VOGLER, REEVE.

The Roll was called. Present—all the Councillors who had filed their certificates, being 30 members.

The Council then proceeded to elect a Warden, the Clerk in the chair.

The three following motions were put in and on being separately voted on, were lost: Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Whyte (Ridgetown), that T. R. Jackson, Reeve of Blenheim, be Warden for the year 1879.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, that Thomas Holmes, Reeve of the Town of Chatham, be Warden for the year A. D. 1879.

Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that Andrew Wilson, Reeve of Tilbury East, be Warden for the year 1879.

Further motions being asked for, were made as follows:—

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. MacFarlane, that Thomas Holmes be Warden for 1879.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Whyte (Ridgetown), that T. R. Jackson, Reeve of Blenheim, be Warden for the year 1879.—Carried.

Mr. Jackson was then declared Warden, and after making the declaration of office, was conducted to the chair. He returned thanks in suitable terms.

The minutes of the last day of the December session; also, the minutes of the Special session, were read and approved. The following communications were read:

From the Department of Secretary of State, Ottawa, acknowledging the receipt of a Petition relating to obstructions in the navigation of the River Thames, and stating that the petition is transferred to the Department of Public Works to be here dealt with.

From the Provincial Secretary, Ontario, acknowledging the receipt of a petition asking to have certain concession lines in Raleigh surveyed.

From the same, acknowledging the receipt of a resolution urging that the resignation of Robert Ferguson as Trustee for the Erie & Huron Railway Debentures, be not accepted.

From the Department of Crown Lands, Ontario, relating to the appointment of a Surveyor to survey certain concession lines in Raleigh.

From the County Council of Carleton, asking this Council to co-operate with them in petitioning the Legislature to extend the time to three years for Reeves and Deputy-Reeves to be elected and remain in office.

From Wm. Douglas, Clerk of the Peace, Kent, a statement shewing the number of Jurymen returned to him by the various Municipalities in the County for 1879.

From the Rev. Wm. King, the annual Report respecting the High School, with a financial statement for 1878, and an estimate of the probable amount required for the current year.

From Wilmot M. Nichols, P. S. Inspector, a report with statement in detail of the expenses, &c., of the Board of Examiners for 1878.

From the Board of Public School Trustees, Chatham, asking a further grant to the Model School.—Referred to Finance.

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From A. Counts, Esq., M. P. P., acknowledging receipt of petition to the Legislature for amendments to the Drainage Act.

From Joseph H. Beattie, ex-Reeve of Wallaceburg, submitting a supplementary report of the repairs to the Main Bridge at Wallaceburg.

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.

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, 29th January, 1879.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors, excepting Dr. Mitchell.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was read from the County Treasurer submitting his accounts with the County for the year 1878, embracing

1st. Copy of Cash Book, giving in detail the receipts and expenditure during the year.

2nd. Abstract of Accounts.

3rd. Balance Sheet.

4th. Statement of Liabilities and Assets of the County as at 1st January, 1879.

5th. Statement of amounts due the different Municipalities from Wild Land Tax collections, &c., &c.

Various notices of motion were given.

On motion of Mr. Hickey, the report of a Committee on amendments to the Municipal Drainage Act, with the draft of a petition to the Legislature, was read.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the report just read be referred back for amendment, and that Messrs. White (Raleigh), MacFarlane, Dobbyn and Ferguson be added to the present Committee for said purpose.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Dobbyn, the report of a Special Committee relating to certain land occupied as a road between Zone and Euphemia, was read.—Report laid on the table.

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Morrison, that Messrs. Holmes, Langford, Mason, MacFarlane, Boon, Whyte (Ridgetown) and the mover, be a Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the current year.—Carried.

The Warden nominated Andrew Hayward as an Auditor for the current year.

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Morrison, that John E. Brooke, of the Town of Chatham, be appointed Auditor for the current year.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that George D. Ross be appointed Auditor for the current year.

Amendment carried; motion lost.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Morrison, that each and every Councillor of the Municipal Council of the County of Kent shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$2.00 per day for each day's attendance in session of this Council, and that the 1st clause of By-law No. 364 be amended in accordance with this resolution.

While the foregoing resolution was under consideration, a motion to adjourn was made and carried.

The Council then adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called; the same members present.

A petition presented by Mr. Langford was read, signed by Rufus Stephenson and 180 others, praying for a sum of money to reimburse C. R. Williston for certain sums expended by him in securing the conviction of Peter Traxler and John McAllister, who were convicted at last General Sessions of the crime of horse and cattle stealing.

The motion of Mr. Stephens relating to the amount per day for attendance was again brought before the Council.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Fox, that the question of Councillors' indemnity be laid over till the June Session.—Carried.

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

Yeas—Councillors Langford, Cameron, McMullen, Irwin, Fox, Hickey, Wilson, McDonald, Boon, Vogler, Hicks, Caspell, Jackson, Holmes, and the Warden—15.

Nays—Councillors White (Raleigh), Whyte (Ridgetown), Morrison, Mason, Stephens, McArthur, Gallagher, Serson, Ferguson, Watson, Sherman, Dobbyn, Parser and McFarlane—14.

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Whyte (Ridgetown), that the Council go into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing the propriety of petitioning the Legislature to so amend the Municipal Act so that the number of representatives in County Councils be reduced.—Carried.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on the following resolutions, Mr. Holmes in the chair.

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Morrison, that Messrs. Ferguson, Mason, Holmes, Langford, Stephens, Wilson and the mover be a Committee to draft a petition to the Legislature asking amendments to the Municipal Act so as to reduce the representatives in County Councils in Ontario, by dividing each County into suitable Districts—say twelve in each County—and that the members elected for each hold office for say two or three years.—Carried.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the resolution as having passed.

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Morrison, that the resolution passed in Committee of the Whole be adopted as the report of this Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that Stephen White, Reeve of Raleigh, be appointed by this Council High School Trustee.—Carried.

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

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, 30th Jan'y, 1879.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors, except Dr. Mitchell.

John Lee, Esq., ex-Reeve of Orford, being present, was invited by the Warden to a seat within the bar.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from John L. Bray, Esq., M. D., was read, submitting a list of medicines required by him as Gaol Surgeon.—Referred to Finance.

On motion of Mr. White, the report of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Langford, a By-law to repeal By-law No. 225, passed 29th Jan'y, 1875, was read a first time.

Upon motion of Mr. White, a By-law to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain officers of the County for the current year, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Boon, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that Charles Gillet, of the Town of Bothwell, be appointed Care-taker of the Bothwell Bridge, and that his salary be \$5 per annum.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that George McRitchie, of the Township of Orford, be Care-taker of the Bothwell Bridge, and that he be paid the sum of \$5.00 per annum for his services as such care-taker.

Amendment carried; motion lost.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that C. A. Williston be granted \$200 to reimburse him for money expended in the capture and conviction of Peter Traxler and John McAllister.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that Andrew Marcus, of the Township of Orford, be Care-taker of the Moravian Bridge, and that he be paid the sum of \$5.00 per annum for his services as such care-taker.—Carried.

Mr. Ferguson presented the draft of a petition, which was read.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Whyte (Ridgetown), that the petition now read in regard to amendments to the Municipal Act be engrossed, and a copy forwarded to D. McCraney, Esq., M. P. P.; also, a copy to the Provincial Secretary for the Lieut.-Governor in Council.—Carried.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

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

Mr. White (Raleigh), submitted the report of the Board of Audit, which was read and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of the Council.

In answer to an inquiry by Mr. Holmes the Warden replied that nothing had been done by the Council of the Village of Wallaceburg relative to putting on tolls on the Bridges in that Village.

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Whyte (Ridgetown), that the 18th, 24th and 25th rules be suspended for this afternoon for the dispatch of business.—Carried

On motion of Mr. Langford, a By-law to repeal By-law No. 225, passed 29th January, 1875, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. White (Raleigh), a By-law to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain Officers of the County for the current year, was read a second time.

On motion, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the two foregoing By-laws, Mr. Wilson in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-laws passed in Committee, the By-law for appointment of officers with the blanks filled up.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. McMullen, that the By-law to repeal By-law No. 225 be read a third time and passed.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that By-law to repeal By-law No. 225 be not now read, but be read a third time this day six months.

Motion carried; amendment lost.

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

On motion of Mr. White (Raleigh), the By-law relating to appointment of County officers was read a third time and passed.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, 31st Jan'y, 1879.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was read from D. McCraney, Esq., M.P.P., House of Assembly,

Toronto, with printed copies of the Bill now before the House RE Eric & Huron Railway Debentures.

Various notices of motion were given; various accounts were read and referred to Finance.

On motion of Mr. Hickey, the report of the Committee on amendments to the Municipal Drainage Act, with draft of a petition to the Legislature, were read and adopted.

A petition from Charles Best was read, asking an additional grant for the capture of Sylvester Robinson and James Jones, two horse thieves who were convicted before Judge Bell, on the 30th day of December last.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Mason, that the Warden appoint some competent person to inspect the Moravian Bridge, it being in a dangerous condition.—Carried.

The following 27 resolutions were read and referred to the Committee on Roads & Bridges.

1. Moved by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. White (Raleigh), that the sum of \$500 be granted for the line between the Townships of Harwich and Raleigh.

2. Moved by Mr. Whyte (Ridgetown), seconded by Mr. White (Raleigh), that this Council grant the sum of \$100 to be expended on Ridgetown and Howard Townline.

3. Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Irwin, that \$50 be granted on the line between the Town of Chatham and Raleigh.

4. Moved by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that \$400 be granted to improve the Townline between Tilbury East and Raleigh.

5. Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that \$300 be granted to improve certain Bridges on the diverted Raleigh and Tilbury East Townline.

6. Moved by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the sum of \$250 be granted for the improvement of the County line between Romney and Mersea.

7. Moved by Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. Purser, that \$300 be appropriated for the repairing of Chatham Township and Dover Townline.

8. Moved by Mr. McMullin, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the sum of \$100 be granted on the line between the Town of Chatham and the Township of Harwich.

9. Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that \$75 be appropriated to the line between the Township of Dover and the Town of Chatham.

10. Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, that the sum of \$50 be granted for expenditure on the line between the Town of Chatham and the Township of Chatham.

11. Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Fox, that the sum of \$250 be granted to improve the County line between East and West Tilbury.

12. Moved by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Hickey, that the sum of \$250 be granted for the improvement of the County line between Romney and Tilbury West.

13. Moved by Mr. Dobbyn, seconded by Mr. Hicks, that the sum of \$200 be granted to the County line between Camden and Dawn, and that \$150 be granted on the line between Zone and Camden.

14. Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that \$400 be granted to improve the Townline between Howard and Harwich.

15. Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that this Council grant the sum of \$300 to the Town line between the Townships of Orford and Howard.

16. Moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Watson, that this Council grant the sum of \$25 to repair the approach to the Thamesville Bridge.

17. Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Fox, that the sum of \$150 be granted to improve the Town line between Romney and Tilbury East.

18. Moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the sum of \$200 be granted to improve the Townline between the Townships of Chatham and Camden; also, for the sum of \$300 to repair the Town line between the Gore of Camden and Township of Chatham and Gore.

19. Moved by Mr. Boon, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that this Council grant the sum of \$50 for the Town line between Kent and Middlesex.

20. Moved by Mr. McArthur, seconded by Dr. Mitchell, that \$150 be granted for the purpose of repairing the Wallaceburg diverted road.

21. Moved by Mr. MacFarlane, seconded by Mr. Purser, that the sum of \$100 be appropriated for the improvement of the Town line road between Dover East and Dover West.

22. Moved by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. McMullen, that the sum of \$50 be granted on the line between the Township of Harwich and Village of Blenheim.

23. Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Boon, that the sum of \$200 be granted to improve the County line between Zone and Euphemia.

24. Moved by Mr. Boon, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that the sum of \$50 be granted to improve the Town line between Zone and Bothwell.

25. Moved by Mr. Parser, seconded by Mr. McFarlane, that the sum of \$50 be granted to improve the line between the Town of Chatham and Township of Dover.

26. Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Sherman, that \$100 be granted on the Town line between the Village of Dresden and Gore of Camden.

27. Moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Hicks, that the sum of \$25 be granted to the line between Thamesville and Camden.

Moved by Mr. Boon, seconded by Mr. Mason, that this Council grant the sum of \$200 each to the Agricultural Societies of East and West Kent.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the sum of \$200 be granted to the Board of Public School Trustees of the Town of Chatham, to assist in defraying the expenses of the Model School.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the Clerk be authorized to purchase two copies of the last edition of Harrison's Municipal Manual for the use of the Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Mason, that the June and December sessions of this Council for the current year meet on Tuesday instead of Monday, as heretofore.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that the Council meet on Wednesday at 10 o'clock A. M., at its June and December sessions.

Motion carried; amendment lost.

On motion, the 18th Rule was suspended to pass the following motion:

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. White (Raleigh), that the Warden telegraph to D. McCraney, Esq., M.P.P., to use all lawful means to have a clause added to the Bill now before the Legislature in regard to the Erie & Huron Railway bonus to secure the road to the County if the bonus is paid.—Carried.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

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

Various notices of motion were given; various accounts were read and referred to Committee on Finance.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that the Warden be instructed to communicate with the Indian Department informing them of the unsafe condition of the Moravian Bridge, asking them to make an appropriation to assist this Municipality in repairing or erecting a new Bridge, as the case may be.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Langford, a By-law to repeal a By-law, passed on the 31st day of January, 1862, entitled a By-law for the purpose of making an annual allowance to the Warden, was read a first time.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, 1st February, 1879.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Boon, that the sum of \$300 be granted to the County line between Kent and Elgin.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the sum of \$50 be granted to the Mechanics' Institute in the Town of Chatham.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Dr. Mitchell, that, Whereas at the June Session of the Council of the County of Kent, in the year A. D. 1878, an appropriation of \$200 was made to the Town line between the Township of Sombra and Gore of Chatham that has not been expended in consequence of not having been met by the County of Lambton; said County not having assumed their County lines. Be it therefore resolved that said sum of \$200 be re-granted to the Township of Chatham, so that the said Municipality of the Township of Chatham may be in a position to

compel the Township of Sombra to meet said grant, so that said County line may be improved, which is very much needed.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. MacFarlane, seconded by Mr. Purser, that the draft of petition to the Provincial Legislature of Ontario for amendments to the Municipal Law be reconsidered for the purpose of making certain amendments thereto.—Lost.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, a By-law respecting tolls on the Bridges in the Villages of Dresden and Wallaceburg, was read a first time.

On motion, the Council adjourned for 15 minutes to allow Committees to meet.

The Council resumed.

Mr. White (Raleigh), submitted the draft of a petition to the Legislature of Ontario, praying that such amendments be made to the Municipal Act so as to reduce the number of representatives in County Councils. Also, the draft of a Petition for amendments to the Jury laws

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Whyte (Ridgetown), that the petitions just read be engrossed, and copies forwarded to the proper authorities.—Carried.

Mr. Campbell submitted the report of the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Boon, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that the Report now read be referred back to said Committee to strike out the \$50 appropriated to the Mechanics' Institute.—Lost.

On motion, the report was then adopted.

Mr. Hickey presented the Report of the Road & Bridge Committee, which was read.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Serson, that the Report of the Road & Bridge Committee be not adopted, and that no grants be made by this Council at present for roads.—Carried.

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

Yeas—Councillors Langford, McMullin, Whyte (Ridgetown), Mason, Mitchell, Stephens, McArthur, Gallagher, Serson, Ferguson, Dobbyn, Holmes, Campbell, Boon and the Warden—15.

Nays—Councillors Cameron, White (Raleigh), Morrison, Irwin, Fox, Hickey, Wilson, McDonald, Watson, Sherman, Hicks, Vogler, Purser and MacFarlane—14.

On motion of Mr. White (Raleigh,) the 18th, 24th and 25th rules were suspended for the remainder of the Session.

It was moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the By-law respecting tolls on the Dresden and Wallaceburg Bridges be read a second time.

Moved in amendment by Dr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the By-law be not now read a second time, but be laid over to the June Session of this Council

Motion carried; amendment lost. The yeas and nays were called for on the amendment and were taken down as follows:—

Yeas—Councillors Langford, McMullin, Mitchell, Stephens, McArthur, Gallagher, Watson, Hicks, Dobbyn, MacFarlane, Purser and the Warden—12.

Nays—Councillors Cameron, White (Raleigh), Whyte (Ridgetown), Morrison, Irwin, Fox, Mason, McDonald, Wilson, Hickey, Serson, Ferguson, Sherman, Campbell, Holmes, Vogler and Boon—17.

The By-law was then read a second time.

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

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-law was withdrawn; that the Reeve of Dresden had agreed that the Village of Dresden would pay and take charge of swinging the Bridge in said Village for the year 1879; that the Reeve of Wallaceburg had agreed to accept \$150 from this Council, and that the Village of Wallaceburg take charge and pay the extra cost of swinging the Bridges in said Village for the present year 1879.

The Council resumed.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted as the report of this Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Morrison, that in reference to the letter from the Crown Land Department of date 22d January, 1879 in regard to the survey of certain Concession lines in the Township of Raleigh, Resolved, that the appointment of a competent Provincial Land Surveyor to do the work be left with the Department.—Carried.

Mr. Ferguson presented the draft of a petition to the Minister of Public Works,

Ottawa, respecting the construction of Harbor Works on Lake Erie, near the Village of Morpeth.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Whyte (Ridgetown), that copies of the petition now read be forwarded to the Hon. the Minister of Public Works for the Dominion of Canada; also, a copy to Hon. David Mills, M. P. for Bothwell—Carried.

From W. D. Eberts, Esq., Managing Director, a report of the St. Clair & Rond Eau Plank & Gravel Road Co., with statement of receipts and expenditures for 1878, was read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Whyte (Raleigh), a By-law to amend By-law No. 366, entitled a By-law to appropriate certain sums of money to the Township and County lines and Bridges, &c., was read a first and second times.

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

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

On motion of Mr. White (Raleigh), said By-law to amend By-law No. 366, was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that this Council adjourn to meet on the second Tuesday in June next.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN CO. COUNCIL.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of Kent humbly sheweth, That the steady and increasing growth of the number of members of the County Councils in the Province of Ontario is becoming a question of such importance as to agitate the minds of the ratepayers of the country. In many of the well settled Townships all the members of the local Councils are Reeves, and entitled to a seat in County Councils. Small Villages are also springing up and becoming incorporated, and send representatives to said County Councils, so that these bodies are becoming large and expensive.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable body will make such amendments to the Municipal Act that will reduce the representation in said Councils; and would suggest that each County be divided into suitable districts,—say ten or twelve in each County—and that one member be elected for each district, who shall be a resident where elected, and not a member of any other Local Council—say one-third of the members to retire annually.—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

Passed in Council at Chatham, 1st Feb'y, 1879.

TO ENABLE TOWNSHIPS TO GRANT BONUSSES.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent humbly sheweth, That whereas doubts have arisen as to the power conveyed in the Municipal Act of this Province to Township Municipalities to pass By-laws for the aiding and assisting in the construction of Public Works, such as Harbors, &c.;

And whereas, it would appear that all other Municipalities have certain powers under the present Act in reference to the same,

Therefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable body amend the Municipal Act as to allow Township Municipalities to pass By-laws to grant Bonusses for Harbors or other Public Works, or to meet any grant or portion of grant made by the Government for such purpose, and subject to the approval of the ratepayers in the usual manner.—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

Passed in Council at Chatham, Jan'y 30, 1879.

FOR AMENDMENTS TO DRAINAGE ACT.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, humbly sheweth, That very large sums of money have been spent and are being spent in the County of Kent and adjoining Counties under the provision of the Municipal Drainage Act;

That grave difficulties appear to exist in working out the Arbitration clauses and in the adjustment of the rights of Municipalities, Companies and individuals under the Municipal Act respecting Drainage works, which, in the opinion of your petitioners, would be remedied by the adoption of the following amendments to the said Acts:

1. That the cost of Arbitration respecting Drainage works, at present charged to the whole Municipality, should be charged against the lands benefited by the drainage, except so far as roads are charged.

2. That no person interested in the cost, or affected by the construction of any drain should be appointed an Arbitrator respecting such drain.—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk. (L.S.) T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

Passed in Council, Chatham, 31st Jan'y, 1879.

TO AMEND THE JURY LAWS.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent humbly sheweth, That the Jury laws of the Province of Ontario at present are very expensive and cumbersome. The large number selected at the first selection have all to be copied and arranged by the Clerk of the Peace at an unnecessary expense. In this County 2689 names are selected, and only 288 required to serve at the second selection. The number required is often produced from a small part of the County, and in some cases not the best men are selected.

Your petitioners therefore pray your Honorable body that the Jury laws be so amended that only one selection take place, and that in the Local Municipalities. That they select only the number required to serve, which shall be in proportion to the number on all the Assessment Rolls in the County; and the Clerk of the Peace furnish each Municipal Clerk with the names of those who have served during the last three years, and the number required on each Jury for the coming year.—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk. (L.S.) T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

Passed in Council at Chatham, 1st Feb'y, 1879.

TO CONSTRUCT A HARBOR NEAR MORPETH.

To the Honorable the Minister of Public Works for the Dominion of Canada

The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of Kent humbly sheweth, That whereas during the years 1877 and 1878 certain grants of money were made by the Parliament of Canada for the construction of Harbor Works on Lake Erie, in said County, near the Village of Morpeth;

And whereas, during the year 1878, certain sums of money were raised in said County adjacent to the proposed improvements for the purpose of meeting said Government grant, and deposited with the Receiver General;

And whereas, tenders for the construction of said work were advertised for in the autumn of 1878;

And whereas, during the month of November, 1878, your petitioners were informed that it had been determined to postpone the works aforesaid,

Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray, That, in consequence of the fast increasing necessity of the work in question and the great benefit it would confer upon a large population resident in the locality tributary to said proposed improvements, that you will be pleased to consider the advisability of commencing said work at once.—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

February 1st, 1879.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk. (L.S.) T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

Passed in Council, Chatham, February 1st, 1879.

GRANT TO C. A. WILLISTON A SUM FOR ARREST OF THIEVES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

We the undersigned ratepayers of the County of Kent, believing that a great and lasting benefit has been conferred on this section of the country by the capture and conviction of Peter Traxler and John McAllister, who were tried at the last General Sessions of the Peace and found guilty of horse and cattle stealing, and that their capture and conviction was entirely brought about by the energy and perseverance of Mr. C. A. Williston who has spent both time and money in bringing these parties to justice, beg humbly to submit to your Honorable body that, in our opinion, Mr. Williston ought to be reimbursed by the County the sums expended by him in procuring the conviction of the said parties, amounting to about the sum of \$226.

And we humbly pray that your Honorable body may be pleased to take the matter into your favorable consideration, and may grant him a sum sufficient to cover his disbursements in the matter, or such amount as your Honorable body may think proper under the circumstances.—And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Dated Jan'y 4th, 1879.

RUFUS STEPHENSON, and 180 others.

FROM A. COUTTS, M. P. P.

Daniel Kerr, Esq., County Clerk, Chatham.

MY DEAR SIR,—I received your letter of the 16th inst. to-day, with petition from County Council, which I will attend to, likewise the Debenture By-law.—I am, dear Sir, your obdt. sevt.,

ALEX. COUTTS.

FROM D. McCRAANEY, M. P. P.

Daniel Kerr, Esq., County Clerk, Chatham.

DEAR SIR,—I am favored with yours of the 6th inst., containing copy of resolution passed at the last meeting of the County Council, and to-day am in receipt of copy of Bill. I have not yet had time to peruse and consider it, but may say (without being considered as committed to all its provisions) that I shall be pleased to comply with the request of the Council. I assume you have sent a copy with the Deposit to the Clerk of the Legislature, and that other formalities as to notices are being complied with. I leave for Toronto to-morrow where I may hereafter be addressed, and will be pleased to receive, when printed, a copy of the minutes, &c., with any suggestions you may be able to offer as to the special difficulty which the Bill is designed to cover.—Yours truly,

D. McCRAANEY.

Bothwell, Ont., 7th Jan'y, 1879.

FROM D. McCRAANEY, M. P. P.

Daniel Kerr, Esq., County Clerk, Chatham.

DEAR SIR,—I hand you herewith copies of Bill 67. Please have it examined, fill in or alter just as the Council want it, (if any alteration required), then return the copy to me. Also send me the By law of 8th June, 1874, and the amending bill of Nov'r, 1877. I am endeavoring to add a clause to the present Bill which will insure the Road to the County if they have to pay the bonus, and must have these by-laws to show the Committee just how matters stand. You will have printed the By-laws of the Council in which these are included. Send me these, and at once, as the Bill goes before the Committee on Saturday. I got it through Standing Orders without your papers, and it was read a first time yesterday. Awaiting the By laws.—Yours,

Toronto, January 30th, 1879.

D. McCRAANEY.

FROM CROWN LAND DEPT., ONT., FOR SURVEYOR.

Daniel Kerr, Esq., County Clerk, Chatham.

SIR,—I beg to enclose you a copy of a letter from Mr. Thomas Crow protesting against the appointment of P. L. S., F. L. Foster, of Windsor, to perform the survey of certain concession lines in Raleigh, as asked for by the Petition of the County Council of Kent, dated Dec. 14th, 1878. You will please bring it before your Council at its next meeting.—Your obedient sevt.,

Toronto, Jan'y 22d, 1879.

THOS. DEVINE, D. S. G.

For the Com'r of Cr. Lands.

DEAR SIR,—The County Council of Kent has petitioned the Crown Land Department, bearing date the 14th day of Dec'r last, to appoint a Surveyor to run two lines in this Township, and has recommended F. W. Foster, P. L. S., of the Town of Wind-

son, for the appointment. Now, being interested in the lines to be run, and being a defendant in a law suit known as Boley vs. McLean, which was settled in my favor, setting aside a survey made by a Mr. McGeorge, of the same lines in which the said F. W. Foster was used as a witness, and he has ran one of the lines before, and has committed himself to McGeorge's mode of survey, and he cannot be considered a neutral party, and I object to his appointment on them grounds. Now, would you be kind enough to wait upon the Department of Surveys or Mr. Pardee, and explain to him, and if the appointment is not already made, see if they will delay it until after the January meeting of the County Council, so I can ask for the recommendation of some other disinterested surveyor. By so doing you would confer a lasting favor; and hoping to hear from you soon—I remain, your obdt. servt., &c.,
To Alex. Coutts, Esq., M.P.P., Toronto, Ont. THOS. CROW.
Raleigh, Jan'y 17th, 1879.

FROM GAOL SURGEON, WITH LIST OF MEDICINES FOR GAOL.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with instructions received by me from J. W. Langmuir, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, (see his report in Gaoler's hands) I herewith enclose requisition for medicine for the use of the Gaol for 1879. I think the whole amount will not exceed \$20, or at most \$25.—I have the honor to be, &c.,

Chatham, 30th Jan'y, 1879.

JNO. L. BRAY, Gaol Surgeon.

FROM P. B. SCHOOL TRUSTEES, TOWN OF CHATHAM, ASKING FURTHER GRANT FOR MODEL SCHOOL.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Public School Trustees, Chatham, would respectfully submit to your Honorable body the following statement:

By a circular issued by the Minister of Education, 11th June, 1877 (with Regulations as to County Model Schools and approved by the Governor in Council, 22d June, 1877) the Central School, Chatham, was appointed for a time the County Model School.

The County Council was authorized to levy and provide in each year the sum of at least \$100 towards each public school which may become a Model School.

The Model School is intended to impart to candidates who have passed their non-professional examination, such instruction as may render them more fit for discharging their duties as teachers in the Public Schools. After they have passed the term allotted them in the Model School and their progress therein duly certified, they are again examined by the County Board of Examiners; and if the candidates for the office of Teachers are again successful, they are reported as having completed their final or professional examination. For example, candidates who are successful in the July examination must attend a term in the Model School, (the first of which begins 27th August, and the other 24th October following), and the final examination takes place shortly after the expiration of the second term.

The County Model School is, as the title imports, for the whole County.

The additional duties imposed on the Head Master of the Central School, Chatham, as Master of the Model School, are very considerable. During the first and second term of the Model School his efficiency as Master of the Central School is not by any means increased; and as teachers in training are to visit the Schools in town, and also under certain regulations to take part in teaching (as forming part of their educational training) it is easy to perceive that, however beneficial to the candidates, the efficiency of the Public Schools is not under the circumstances the same as when conducted without such interruptions. We submit, then, that as the Model School is for the County, the Co. Council is expected to take its full share of the responsibility by making such provisions for it as will make it efficient. We will do our part, but we cannot engage for more. We therefore beg your honorable body to reconsider your last grant of \$50 with the view of increasing it to \$100; and further we beg leave to state that in our opinion a grant by your honorable body of \$200 per annum is necessary to render it efficient for the purposes for which it was intended in its establishment. We have every confidence that this plain statement will commend itself to your honorable body, and that you will take the necessary steps to secure the common objects and common benefits contemplated.—All of which is most respectfully submitted.

WM. McKEOUGH.

DAVID SMITH, Sec. B. P.S.S.

Chairman B.P.S. Trustees, Chatham.

FROM THE COUNTY TREASURER.

County Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 28th Jan'y, 1879.

To the Wardens and Councillors of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor herewith to lay before your Honorable Body my accounts with the County of Kent for the year 1878, embracing:—1st. Copy of Cash Book, giving in detail the Receipts and Expenditure during the year. 2nd. Abstract of Accounts. 3rd. Balance Sheet. 4th. Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the County as at 1st Jan'y, 1879. 5th. Statement of amounts due the different Municipalities from Wild Land Tax collectors, &c.

In balancing my books I carried to the credit of the Board of School Trustees, Town of Chatham, only \$50, that being the sum granted by resolution of your Honorable Body last December, but I would respectfully call your attention to sub-sec. A o. sec. 80 of the Public Schools Act, which, although one of the permissive clauses of the Act, provides that \$100 is the least that shall be granted. In the Statement of Deferred Liabilities I have given the amount of Debentures issued in aid of the Erie and Huron Railway prior to 1st January, \$141,703 08. Since that date Debentures for the further sum of \$13,296 92 have been issued and handed to the Trustees, making the full amount of bonus, \$155,000.—I have the honor to be, &c.,

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer.

CHAS. GEO. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, in account with the County of Kent for Receipts and Expenditure of County funds during the year 1878.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, 1st Jan'y, 1878	\$4 47 08	Treas. Blenheim, County rate 1877	\$ 275 00
Treas. Bothwell, County rate 1877	4 00 00	School Supt., refunded by Mr. Harrison,	3 75
Industrial Farm, received for rent 1877	50 00	Treas. Tilbury East, County rate 1877	1708 14
Registrar Kent, fees payable to County	324 20	Harwich, do	377 12
Treas. Romney, County rate of 1877	828 26	do County rate 1878	4 00 00
Dover East, do	2 54 55	Ridgetown, do 1877	250 00
Dresden, do	475 00	License Account—rec'd for Auctioneers'	
Town of Chatham, do	4250 00	and Pedler's license	270 00
Chatham, do	3073 0	John Mercer, Sheriff, for advances	304 00
Wm. Douglas, for coal	24 58	High School for Master, rec'd from Gov't	640 95
do balance due 1st Jan'y, '78	9 90	Treas. Oxford, bal County rate 1877	1453 91
Treas. Howard, County rate of 1878	3673 48	do do 1878	1465 65
School Sec. No. 13, Harwich	40 00	Interest Ac., rec'd from Merchants Bank	2 00 11
Lands redeemed	1673 42	Finance Minister, for Adm. Justice and	
Treas. Zone, County rate for 1878	912 75	payment of Witnesses	3229 51
Thamesville, do 1877	225 00	Trustees School Sec. No. 1, Howard	154 50
Raleigh, do 1877	3 71 54	Wild Land Tax Acct.—rec'd from differ-	
Payment of Jurors, fees received	27 00	ent Municipalities	17519 21
Treas. Camden, County rate 1877	1417 17	Legislative Sch. grant, rec'd from Gov't	4071 00
Wallaceburg, do	275 00		
			\$69041 63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rewards Account	\$120 00	John Mercer, Sheriff, advances	\$ 450 00
Council Room Furnishing	5 00	Interest account	2425 00
Wallaceburg bridges repairs acct.	590 76	High School for Master	2240 95
East Kent Ag. Society, grant '77 & '78	400 00	South Marsh drain	50 00
Board of Audit	16 00	Cranberry Marsh drain	189 70
Ke-istry Office for books	224 00	Harper's drain	40 00
Town and Court House furnishings	40 21	Murray drain	20 00
Goal of Chatham for Bridges	800 00	Murray drain	17 00
Engineering and Surveying	123 50	Salaries of Treasurer, Clerk & Auditors	1860 00
Fuel for Offices	2 5 81	W. Kent Ag. Society, grant for 1877 & 1878	400 00
Moravia Bridge repairs	3 40	Office Rent account	415 00
Bothwell Bridge north Approach	12 50	County Printing	201 05
Dresden Bridge repairs and caretaker	94 50	Caretaker of Offices	2 00 00
Tecumseh Bridge repairs	11 50	Fenceviewer's awards	34 00
Lands Redeemed	1886 03	Board of School Trustees, Town of Chatham, for Model School, grant 1877	150 00
Adm. Criminal Justice	3 06 15	Law expenses	134 09
Public Buildings and Gaol Ward repairs	1075 74	Kent Bridge repairs	200 11
Debenture Acct.—retired Debentures	5090 00	Wallaceburg bridges, paid Caretaker	472 95
Insurance Account	343 75	East Kent Teachers' Association	50 00
Payment of Jurors	2188 80	West Kent do do	50 00
Councillors' wages and Committees	2373 28	Howard and Raleigh T. L. Gravel Pit	75 00
Blenheim Lock up	450 00	Jannet's Creek bridge	39 40
School Superintendence	784 28	Ridgetown Lock up	50 00
Miscellaneous expense acct.	231 42	Legislative School grant, paid diff. Mun.	4071 00
Corncrners' orders	187 80	Wild Land tax, do	1783 25
Payment of Criminal Witnesses	557 75	Grants to different Town lines	4648 69
Adm. Justice not Criminal	4048 02	Cash on hand	6625 06
Moravia Bridge Caretaker	10 00		
McKercher Drain	70 00		
Office Furniture	39 20		
Board of Examiners	5 8 98		
			\$69041 63

Co. Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 1st Jan., 1879.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

STATEMENT showing Liabilities and Assets of the County of Kent, as at 1st January, 1879.

LIABILITIES.

Howard grant for roads	\$ 0 98	Drill Shed Wallaceburg	\$ 200 00
Orford do	0 83	Camden and Zone T. L.	2 13
Harwich Com. Road	0 90	Orford and Aldboro	57 50
Kent and Middlesex C. L.	51 75	School Superintendence	310 72
Elgin, Middlesex & Kent C. L. bridge ..	31 89	Zone and Euphemia T. L.	58 89
Wallaceburg bridges	123 88	Romney and Tilbury West	0 67
Town of Chatham and Dover East T. L. ..	148 96	Kent and Elgin County line drain	21 00
Harwich and Town of Chatham T. L.	150 35	Township of Orford	321 65
Other Creek drain	200 00	Chatham and Dover East T. L.	220 18
Zone and Bothwell T. L.	0 02	Bothwell and Moss T. L.	44 31
Kent and Lambton C. L.	1 28	Chatham and Town Chatham T. L.	57 96
Board of Audit	16 00	Harwich and Raleigh T. L.	78 97
Township of Zone	340 41	Village of Ridgetown	2 29
Chatham and Gore	4914 16	Hazlett drain	150 00
Harwich	662 18	McKim drain	40 00
Camden and Gore	11 8 82	Bedford-Elis drain	18 00
Tilbury East	40 1 48	Stephens drain	75 00
Howard and Orford T. L.	89 88	Boyle drain	750 00
Chatham and Camden T. L. ditch	11 17	Fleming Creek drain	220 00
Chatham and Dover East T. L. drain	420 00	Cooper drain	154 00
Camden and Dresden T. L.	0 74	Govt. drain, Tilbury East and Raleigh ..	12 84
Dover East and West T. L.	100 03	do do Romney	45 66
Township of Dover East	2016 12	Interest account	535 00
Village of Dresden	79 49	Gore of Camden and Dawn T. L.	235 64
Romney and Mersea	279 14	Raleigh and Tilbury East T. L.	69 77
Moravia bridge	96 60	Chatham and Camden T. L.	252 81
Bothwell bridge approach	136 65	Office rent	50 00
Tecumseh bridge repairs	18 50	Sch. Trustees, Chatham, for Model School ..	50 00
Howard and Harwich T. L.	386 91	Trustees S. S. No. 1 Howard	154 59
School Sec. No. 13, Harwich	40 00	Law Expense account	65 91
Adm. Criminal Justice	62 65	Lan is Redeemed account	147 74
Raleigh and Town of Chatham	42 90	Jannet Creek bridge	60 60
Camden for line betw'n Kent & Lambton ..	150 00	Blenheim and Howard	2 00
Village of Thamesville	5 95	East and West Tilbury T. L.	87 18
Gore of Chatham and Sombra T. L.	693 43	Romney and Tilbury East T. L.	70 12
Township of Howard	135 76	Horticultural Society	25 00
Raleigh	1936 53	Finn Creek drain	80 00
Chatham and Village of Wallaceburg	75 00	Bridge over River Sydenham	150 00
Howard and Harwich tap drain	23 25	Debentures due 30th January	1900 00
Bothwell bridge, South approach	170 76		
Selectors of Jurors	118 00		
Township of Romney	1977 08		
Village of Wallaceburg	141 47		
Blenheim	37 36		
		Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$27 804 56
			2 83 32
			\$29,987 88

ASSETS.

Due by Treasurer Bothwell	\$ 387 50	Due by Treasurer Blenheim	\$ 250 00
Romney	828 36	Tilbury East	1736 17
Dover East and West	2933 48	Harwich	577 12
Dresden	4 50	Ridgetown	3 50
Town of Chatham	4250 00	Govt. for payment of Witnesses	137 91
Chatham and Gore	3873 31	John Mercer, Sheriff	250 00
Thamesville	225 00	Wm. Douglas C. P.	20 25
Raleigh	3 19 50	Cash on hand	66 5 00
Camden & Gore	1932 20		
Orford	10 8 02		
Wallaceburg	275 00		
			\$29837 88
DEFERRED LIABILITIES.—County of Kent Debentures	\$2 000 00		
County of Kent Debentures issued to date in aid of Huron & Erie Railway	141,703 08		

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BALANCE SHEET, Count of Kent Ledger, 1st January, 1879.

DR.

Gaol and Court House	\$24181 04	Insurance account	\$ 243 75
do wall	6561 09	Treas. Raleigh	38 9 50
Registry Office furniture	2 0 23	Camden	1032 00
do addition	706 24	Wallaceburg	275 00
Treas. of the Town of Bothwell	387 50	Blenheim	250 00
Industrial farm	2691 85	High School	699 85
Treas. Romney	8 8 36	Payment of Witnesses	137 91
Dover East & West	2 83 48	New County offices	2 0 00
Dresden	475 60	Moravia Bridge	4 61 82
Town of Chatham	4250 00	Office furniture	896 48
Chatham	3873 31	Treas. Tilbury East	1 35 17
Thamesville	2 25 00	Harwich	577 12
Gaol & Court House furnishing	1347 84	Cash acct	66 5 06
Dresden Bridge	3881 59	Treas. Ridgetown	335 00
Ken' Bridge	1597 22	John Mercer, Sheriff	250 00
New Registry office	7193 83	Treas. Orford	10 8 02
Tecumseh Bridge	164 5 50		
Wm. Douglas	20 25		

\$121379 27

Howard grant for Roads.....	\$ 93	Township of Raleigh	\$1977 04
Orford do	53	Village of Wallaceburg	141 47
Harwich com. do	91	Blenheim	37 86
Kent & Middlesex C. L.	54 75	D. N Shed. Wallaceburg	200 00
Elgin, Middlesex, Kent & L. bridge ..	31 89	Camden and Zone Town Line.....	2 83
Wallaceburg bridges.....	123 88	Orford and Aldboro	57 50
Town Chatham & Dover T. L.....	148 96	Zone and Euphemia T. L.	58 89
Harwich and Town Chatham.....	171 25	School Superintendence.....	310 72
Outer Creek drain	200 00	Romney and Tibury West T. L.	0 07
Zone and Bothwell T. L.	02	Kent and Elgin County line drain ..	24 00
Kent and Lambton	1 23	Towship of Orford	321 65
Board of Audit.....	16 00	Chatham and Dover East T. L.....	220 18
Township Zone	339 41	Bothwell and Mosa T. L.	44 34
Chatham and Gore.....	4914 26	Chatham and Town of Chatham	59 96
Harwich	6 2 8	Harw' h and Raleigh	78 97
Camden and Gore	1168 82	Village of Ridgetown	2 29
Tibury East	4011 77	Hazitt drain	159 00
Howard an Orford	89 88	McKim drain	40 00
Chatham & Camden T. L. ditch	11 17	Bedford Ellis drain	28 00
Chatham & Dover East T. L. drain.....	420 00	Stephens drain	7 00
Camden and Dresden T. L.	74	B-yle drain	230 00
Dover East & West T. L.	100 03	Flemming's Creek drain.....	220 00
Towship Dover East	2016 12	Cloper drain	154 00
County Kent general acct.....	64574 71	Govt. drain, W' bury East and Raleigh	22 14
Village Dresden	79 49	Govt. drain, Romney	45 06
Romney and Mersea	279 11	Interest account.....	535 00
M ravin' bridge repairs	96 60	Gore of Camden and Dawn T. L.	23 64
Bothwell Bridge approach	126 65	Raleigh and Tibury East T. L.	61 77
Tecumseh Bridge repairs.....	18 50	Chatham and Camden T. L.	252 84
H-ward & Harwich T. L.	386 91	Office Rent account	50 00
Adm. Criminal Justice	62 65	Board Sch Trustees, Chatham, Model 21	50 00
Sch-ol Sec No 13 Harwich	49 00	Trustees School sec. No. 1 How' d ..	154 50
Raleigh and Town Chatham	42 90	Law Expense account	65 91
Camden for line bet Kent & Lambton ..	150 00	Lands Redeemed account.....	147 24
Village Thamesville	5 95	Jennet's Creek bridge	60 00
Debiture acct	30900 00	Blenheim and Howa d	2 00
Gore Chatham and Sombra	693 43	East and West Tibury C. L.	87 13
Towship Howard.....	135 76	Romney and Tibury East T. L.	70 12
Raleigh	1936 53	Horticultural Society	25 00
Chatham and Village Wallaceburg	75 00	Finn Creek drain	80 00
How'rd and Harwich tap drain	23 25	Bridge over River Sydenham	153 00
Bothwell Bridge approach	170 66		
Selection of Jurors	118 00		
			\$121,379 17

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C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

STATEMENT of Amounts due different Municipalities from Wild Land Tax Collections, &c.

Camden and Gore	\$1168 82	Tilbury East.....	\$4011 48
Chatham and Gore	\$4794 21	Zone	339 41
Little Bear Creek assessm't, 121 00	4911 21	Blenheim	37 31
Dover East and West.....	2016 12	Dresden	79 43
Harwich	632 18	Ridgetown	2 23
Howard	175 76	Thamesville	5 95
Orford	321 65	Wallaceburg	141 47
Raleigh	1926 53		
Romney	\$1872 08		
Gov't School grant 1878,	105 00		
	1977 08		\$17733 25

Co. Treasurer's Office, Chatham, Jan'y 1st, 1879.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

BOARD OF AUDIT.

The undersigned members of the Board of Audit beg to report to your Honorable body that the claims against the County for the year 1878, presented to the Board, amounted to \$3652 69, of which \$262 69 was disallowed, as shown by the accompanying schedule.

In addition to the claims against the County, those against the Government for Criminal Justice expenditure was also duly audited by us, and amounted in the aggregate for the year to the sum of \$5323 81, from which was struck off \$124 57.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WHITE,
C. G. CHARTERIS.

Chatham, Ont., 28th Jan'y, 1897.

APRIL AUDIT, 1878.

	Amt. Claimed.	Amt. Allowed.
Sheriff Mercer.....	\$194 25	\$194 25
Wm. Douglas, Clerk of the Peace.....	251 95	210 37
Jas. O'Rourke, for wood.....	147 28	147 28
J. R. Gemmill, printing.....	48 50	48 50
John Fritz, Constable.....	6 30	5 30
M. Tompkins, ".....	12 65	8 95
" ".....	10 00	8 85
Henry Grant, ".....	2 00	2 00
M. Tompkins, ".....	9 45	7 20
Jas. LeBar, ".....	4 00	4 00
	\$686 38	\$636 70
	636 70	
Amount disallowed.....		\$49 68

JULY AUDIT.

Sheriff Mercer.....	\$360 54	\$360 54
Wm. Douglas, C. P.....	345 44	344 39
A. W. Brown, Reporter.....	40 00	35 00
Jas. O'Rourke, wood.....	28 93	28 93
J. R. Gemmill, printing.....	157 95	157 95
M. Tompkins, Constable.....	7 31	6 60
J. M. Simonton.....	6 96	3 96
	\$947 13	\$837 37
	837 37	
Amount disallowed.....		\$109 76

OCTOBER AUDIT.

Sheriff Mercer.....	\$198 17	\$198 17
Wm. Douglas.....	294 23	272 73
Jas. O'Rourke, wood for Registry Office.....	52 60	52 60
J. R. Gemmill, printing.....	63 94	63 94
Rufus Stephenson, ".....	34 02	34 02
Dr. Fleming, examination of Lunatics.....	10 00	10 00
Dr. Bray, ".....	10 00	10 00
Dr. J. P. Sivewright, ".....	20 00	20 00
H. D. Kersey, Constable.....	4 40	4 40
Chas. Best, ".....	6 10	6 10
Jas. LeBar, ".....	2 50	2 50
W. Decow, ".....	4 80	4 80
Henry Weaver, ".....	2 70	1 50
	\$703 46	\$680 76
	680 76	
Amount disallowed.....		\$22 70

JANUARY AUDIT.

Sheriff Mercer.....	\$292 62	\$292 62
Wm. Douglas, C. P.....	538 15	506 35
Jas. O'Rourke, wood for Gaol.....	186 73	186 73
Robert Cooper, stationery for Treasurer.....	11 74	11 74
J. R. Gemmill, printing.....	125 11	125 11
R. Stephenson, ".....	96 56	96 56
Jas. J. Waddell, Constable.....	5 75	3 15
W. Thompson, ".....	7 70	7 50
A. B. Baxter, ".....	2 75	2 75
J. Kitchen, ".....	4 40	2 10
Dr. Fleming, examination of Lunatic.....	5 00	5 00
Dr. Bray, ".....	15 00	15 00
B. M. Hubble, Constable.....	11 45	8 95
Chas. Best, ".....	3 45	3 45
Henry Weaver, ".....	2 50	2 50
Daniel McCotg, ".....	8 45	3 20
	\$1315 06	\$1270 71
	1270 71	
Amount disallowed.....		\$44 35

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Examiners for the County of Kent for the year 1878 begs to report for your Honorable body as follows—:

That 85 made application and presented themselves for third-class Teachers' certificates before the Board, which met in July, 1878.

That 35 passed, of which number 15 passed for the usual allotted period; 17 were recommended to the Minister of Education for one year; and two others passed, but owing to their being a little under age, they are not to receive their certificates until they reach the legal period.

That 29 appeared before the Board which met in Oct'r, 1878, to examine the third-class Teachers in their professional or final Examination.

That the aforesaid 29 passed; of which number 17 passed for the usual allotted period, and 12 were recommended to the Minister of Education for a period more limited.

The Board begs leave to report for the information of your Honorable body, that the expenses of the Board of Examiners for the year ending 31st December, 1878, amounted to \$480 68; less amount retained from W.M. Nichols on account of Messrs. McCabe and Johnston, viz., \$68, leaving a total of \$412 68.—All of which is respectfully submitted.—I have the honor to be, Gentleman, yours respectfully,

WILMOT M. NICHOLS,
Presiding Inspector for year 1878.

Chhatham, 20th Jan'y, 1878.

EXPENSES of the Board of Examiners for the County of Kent during its session in July, 1878.

July—To Mr. Dobbyn, advertising, \$1.50; Mr. Gemmill, do \$5 20; Mr. R. Stephenson, \$6; R. Cooper, stationery, \$18; Mr. McColl, telegram, express charges, postage, \$3.20; M. Flavin, care-taker during meeting of Board, \$5; Mr. McColl, annual salary as Secretary of Board, \$5; John McCabe, 34 days' attendance as Examiner, \$100; Daniel Johnson, do \$100; Mr. Nichol, presiding Chairman, 22 days' atten., \$66; Mr. Harrison, 22 days' atten., \$66; Mr. McColl, 19 days' atten., \$57.

Oct'r—Expenses of the Board of Examiners at their meeting in Oct'r, 1878, to examine the 3rd class Teachers in their professional or final Exam'n. Mr. Nichol, presiding Inspector, 3 days' services, \$3 per diem, \$9; Mr. Harrison, do \$9; Mr. McColl, do \$9; Mr. McColl, postage, exp. charges, &c. 72c.

Dec'r—Expenses of the Board in connexion with the Examination of candidates for 2nd class Teacher's certificates, in Dec'r, 1878. Mr. Nichols, 5 days' serv. conducting Ex. at \$3 per diem, \$15; R. Cooper, stationery, \$4 75; Mr. McColl, express charges on papers from & to Toronto, 30c—\$480 68
Deduct amt. retained from Mr. Nichols (as McCabe & Johnson)..... 68 00

\$412 68

W. M. NICHOLS.

ON HIGH SCHOOL.

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, namely:

That the School during the year 1878 has been most efficiently conducted by the Head-Master, D. S. Paterson, B.A., a Graduate of the University of Toronto; assisted by Herbert N. Hoople, B.A., a Graduate of Victoria University; and during the first half of the year by Charles Manley, and during the last half year by D. F. H. Wilkins, B.A., a Graduate also of the University of Toronto.

The number of pupils enrolled during the year was 116, a greater number than has ever before been placed on the roll in one year. Of these 72 were from the Town and 44 from the country. The number of boys attending during the year was 56, and of girls, 60. The average attendance for the first half year was 57, and for the second half year, 59. The number of new pupils enrolled during January was 22, and the number of new students admitted in September was 29—showing every half year a gradual increase of numbers and the necessity for enlarged accommodation.—

During the summer vacation two rooms were taken from the Head Master's dwelling and added to the School rooms, in order to provide accommodation for the pupils attending. A Second Assistant had to be added to meet the pressing wants of the School, and to allow the Head Master and his First Assistant to devote more time to the advanced scholars. The accommodation, now enlarged, is filled to its utmost capacity, and if the School continues to increase in the same ratio, as there is every reason to believe it will, the accommodation must be enlarged during the summer. The Government Inspector of High Schools, in his last report furnished to the Board of Trustees, speaks in the warmest terms of the progress and efficiency of the teaching, and entertains the hope that with the same progress of the School in future that has marked the past, it will soon pass from a High School to a Collegiate Institute. There can be no better test of the efficiency of the teaching than the number of pupils who pass the Intermediate Examination, which is thorough and searching. Twelve pupils during the past year have passed the Intermediate Examination—six of Grade A, and six of Grade B. This shows a higher average than any other High School in the Province.

Edwin Bell, a pupil of the Chatham High School, has matriculated at the Toronto University with first-class honors in English, French and German, and first-class honors in Classics and History. These results are very gratifying and show the thoroughness of the teaching.

The following are the Classes taught and the numbers in each. All the pupils study English Grammar, Composition, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry. In Classics, 40 study Latin, 5 Greek, 60 French, 8 German, 3 Trigonometry, 20 Natural Philosophy, 20 Chemistry, and 30 Book-keeping. The pupils studying Latin some are reading Virgil and Cicero, and some are reading Livy and Horace. In Greek some are reading Homer's Iliad, Book VI, and some the Odysey, Book XII, while others are reading Xenophon's Analysis and Demosthenes' Phillippics. A number of pupils are studying to qualify themselves for teaching, and a number this year have taken out Second and Third class Certificates.

To this Report is appended the Financial Report of the Treasurer, in which you will find a detailed account of the receipts and expenditure of the School for the past year; also, the Estimates for the present year. The Board would also beg to report to your Honorable Body that the time for which Daniel Kerr had been elected as Trustee has expired.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Buxton, Jan'y 20th, 1879.

WM. KING, Sec'y B. H. S. T.

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT FOR 1878.

Dr.

To Government grant last half '77, \$280 30; Gov't do first half '78, \$360 55—\$640 95. Grant from Town Chatham, '78, \$540; do County Kent, '78, \$1600; fees from pupils, \$367.....	\$3147 95
CR.	
By balance from 1877.....	\$ 63 54
SALARIES—D. A. Paterson, Head Master, \$1000; Charles Manley, 2nd do, \$336.59; H. N. Hoople, 3d do, \$437.10; F. H. Wilkins, 2d do, \$233.33; J. Milligan, Asst. Teacher, \$25; Rev. Wm. King, Sec'y, \$12; George Young, Treas., \$10.....	2054 02
PRINTING, &c.—J. R. Gemmill, printing, \$40 75; W. R. Dobby, do \$30; R. Stephenson, do \$2.78; Globe Printing Co., \$3.12; John Morrish, stationery, \$9.43; R. Cooper, do \$12.63.....	98 71
REPAIRS, &c.—Chas. Fisher, altering partition, \$23 65; Daniel McSpurren, do \$4; A. Jahnke, desks and seats, \$205 95; John Oswald, painting, \$100; D. L. Vangunten, clock, \$8; Education office, new maps, \$75; Jas. Richardson, window blinds, \$6; John Hyslop, 3 wood boxes, \$1; Sheby Smith, cleaning closets, \$4.....	\$425 60
SUNDRIES—Rev. A. McColl, Examiner, his accts., \$39.83; D. A. Paterson, cleaning rooms, etc., \$64.70; do, accts, for sundries, \$60.64; bonus to 7 pupils at \$5 each, \$35; Rev. Wm. King, postage, \$2; exp. for Hunter's Hall, \$8.30; members' wages atten. meetings, \$86; S. Sloan, wood, \$25; Jas. Richardson, posting bills, \$1.....	322 47
By balance.....	183 61
	\$3147 95

ESTIMATE FOR 1879.

To Mr. Paterson, Head Master, \$1000; Mr. Wilkins, 2nd do, \$700; Mr. Hoople, 3d do, \$600—\$2300. Sec'y-Treas., \$22; Rev. A. McColl, exp. at Intermediate Exam., \$50; printing & stationery, \$80; clean'g rooms and fires, \$60; whitewashing & cleaning, \$25; repairs, \$20; fire wood & cutting, \$75; members of Board wages, \$86; sunds. say \$100..... 2818 00
Chemicals and apparatus for Chemistry class..... 40 00

Total.....\$2858 00

To meet this, say Gov't grant, \$500; grant from Town Chatham, \$600; school fees, say \$300; bal. on hand, \$183..... 1583 00

\$1275 00

This sum of \$1275 falls to be raised by the County Council, which is \$325.00 less than the sum raised by them last year. Of this sum of \$1275, the Board will require \$500 to be paid to them on or before the 1st day of April next, and the balance by 1st Oct'r.—I am, Gentlemen, respectfully,

GEORGE YOUNG,
Treas. High School Board.

10th January, 1879.

NO. OF JURORS SELECTED IN 1878.

The following are the numbers of Jurymen returned to me for selection by the various Municipalities in the County of Kent for the year 1879:

Municipality.	Grand S.	Grand J.	Petit S.	Petit J.	Total.
Town of Bothwell.....	6	6	19	19	50
“ Chatham.....	30	30	89	90	239
Village of Blenheim.....	6	12	22	21	61
“ Dresden.....	7	8	24	24	63
“ Ridgetown.....	6	6	16	16	44
“ Thamesville.....	2	2	9	8	21
“ Wallaceburg.....	16	11	36	35	98
Township of Camden.....	18	18	53	54	143
“ Chatham.....	76	83	286	275	760
“ Dover.....	17	18	17	54	106
“ Harwich.....	35	35	112	111	293
“ Howard.....	30	39	84	93	246
“ Orford.....	20	33	69	121	243
“ Raleigh.....	20	19	59	58	146
“ Romney.....	11	6	15	15	47
“ Tilbury East.....	8	9	12	14	43
“ Zone.....	10	11	32	33	86

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I have the honor to be, your obdt. servt.,
WM. DOUGLAS, Clerk Peace, Kent.

ST. CLAIR & ROND EAU P. & G. R. CO.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1878.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand 1st January, 1878.....	\$ 298 32
Tolls, Blenheim division.....	2060 02
Wallaceburg div.....	1593 76
	\$3452 10

EXPENDITURE.

Printing account.....	\$ 18 50
Sundries.....	35 38
Road repairs.....	2541 24
Salaries.....	787 00
Cash on hand.....	99 98
	\$3452 10

W. D. EBERTS, Managing Director.

Chatham, Ont., 1st Jan'y, 1879.

WALLACEBURG BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit the following supplementary report of repairs to the Main Bridge at Wallaceburg:—

1st. That having in view the possibility of a thaw and break up of the ice, I considered it prudent to have the turn-buckles spliced into the cables while the ice on the river was sufficiently strong to permit teams crossing the river.

2nd. I have offers to do the work from several leading mechanics of the place, and the offer of Joseph Lalonde being the lowest, (and a low estimate), I gave him the job of taking down the cables, cutting them, splicing in turn-buckles, and putting the cables again into position. Also, the job of removing the old head blocks and putting the new ones into place, secured with iron knees at each end, inside and outside, with an iron plate on the under side to prevent the rollers from cutting into the timber. The price for the above work to be \$100, for which I gave an order on the Treasurer. I also paid Joseph Shaw for cable, cord, splicing, and iron, \$4 25; and to T. B. West for cable cord, copper wire and marline, \$5.92, and to David Sutherland for blacksmith work, \$7.

There remains unpaid a small account of J. & W. McKeough's for two pieces of iron, and a small account of John Lee's for welding some iron.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. BEATTIE,
Com'r Wallaceburg Bridges.

Wallaceburg, Jan'y 25th, 1879.

DRAINAGE ACT AMENDMENTS.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to draft a petition to the Legislature of Ontario praying for amendments to the Municipal Drainage Act, begs leave to submit their report and a draft of petition for your approval, to be engrossed and forwarded to the proper authorities.—All of which is respectfully submitted,

Council Chamber, Jan'y 31st, 1879. WM. HICKEY, Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1879.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to select the Standing Committees for the current year, beg leave to report that the following be the Standing Committees:

FINANCE—Messrs. Stephens, Morrison, Mason, Wilson, Whyte (Ridgetown), Campbell, McMullin, Fox and Serson.

ROADS & BRIDGES—Messrs. Hickey, Vogler, Irwin, McDonald, Cameron, Purser, Hicks and Gallagher.

COUNTY PROPERTY—Messrs. Langford, White (Raleigh), Boon, Ferguson, Holmes.

EDUCATION—Dr. Mitchell, T. W. Jackson, McFarlane, Dobbyn.

PRINTING—Watson, Sherman and the Warden.

DRAINAGE ASSESSMENT—White (Raleigh), McArthur and the Warden.

GAOL ACCOUNTS—T. W. Jackson and the Warden.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WHITE, Chairman.

Council Room, 30th Jan'y, 1879.

FINANCE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the various matters and accounts referred to them, and would recommend that the following accounts be paid in full:—

A. Terrie, preparing paper for special session, signing Debentures, expenses to Toronto.....	\$ 27 00
J. R. Gemmill, printing Debentures and coupons.....	25 00
S. Barfoot, post cards and postage for Co. Clerk.....	3 50
C. G. Charteris, cash paid for cutting wood.....	6 13
Henry Robinson, hauling wood and sundries.....	5 18
James Cruickshank, committee work.....	2 00
Robert Ferguson, ".....	2 00
J. H. Beattie, ".....	4 00

We would also recommend that C. E. Pegley be paid the sum of \$40 in full of account to date; also, that C. R. Williston be paid the sum of \$50 in full for procuring the arrest and conviction of Peter Traxler and John McAllister; that \$200 each be paid to the East & West Kent Agr'l Societies; that the sum of \$1200 be appropriated to meet the expenses of the High School; also, that \$100 be granted to support the Model School in the Town of Chatham.

We would also recommend that the Council do appoint some competent person to procure the medicine required for the Gaol (a list of which has been furnished by the Gaol Surgeon), and that the amount of said medicine be deducted from the salary of said Surgeon, as per By-law No. 365.

We would also recommend that the acct. from W. M. Nichols be laid over until the June session; also, that the petition of Detective Best be not entertained.

We would also recommend that \$50 be granted to aid the Chatham Mechanics' Institute.

We would also call your attention to the fact that a great many accts. come before your Committee without being certified to by any person, and we recommend that in future all accts., whenever possible, should be certified by some authorized person before being submitted to your Committee.—All of which is most respectfully submitted.

ARCH. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Chatham, Feb. 1st, 1879.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 372.

A BY-LAW to repeal By-law numbered 225, passed 29th January, 1875.

PASSED 30th January, 1879.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to repeal By-law numbered 225, passed at the January session in the year 1875, assuming the various Town lines and County lines in the County of Kent, and for regulating the expenditure of moneys granted on the same.

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 of the Province of Ontario—

1st. That By-law numbered 225, passed by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent in the year 1875, assuming the various Town lines and County lines, and for regulating the expenditure of money granted on the same, be and the same is hereby repealed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

NO. 373.

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 30th January, 1879.

WHEREAS it is necessary to appoint and confirm the appointment of the following 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 Municipal Acts of Ontario and the School Laws now in force—

1st. That Andrew Heyward, 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 Stephen White, of the Township of Raleigh, is hereby confirmed in the appointment of High School Trustee.

3rd. That the Rev. Angus McColl is hereby appointed Examiner of persons applying for Certificates as School Teachers in and for the County of Kent.

4th. That Stephen White and Daniel Kerr are hereby appointed members of the Board of Audit, under section 474, chap. 174 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario.

5th. That the said members of the Board of Audit shall be paid for their services \$4.00 each for the auditing and passing of the accounts brought before them each quarter.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

NO. 374.

A BY-LAW to amend By-law numbered 366, entitled 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.

PASSED 1st February, 1879.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to amend said By-law No. 366,

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, under by virtue of the Municipal Act of Ontario—

1st. That whensver the name of any Reeve or Deputy-Reeve occurs in said By-law it shall mean and be the Reeve or Deputy-Reeve for the present year, A. D. 1879, for the purpose of expending any surplus money to the credit of any road or Bridge.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

BY-LAWS

The first section of the by-laws discusses the organization and membership of the association, including the names of the officers and members.

The second section details the duties and responsibilities of the various officers and committees, such as the president, secretary, and treasurer.

The third section outlines the financial policies and procedures, including the collection of dues and the management of the association's funds.

The final section addresses the rules and regulations for the association's activities and meetings, ensuring the orderly conduct of its affairs.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

JUNE SESSION--1879,

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

—OF THE—

COUNTY OF KENT.



T. R. JACKSON,
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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Municipal Council of the County of Kent,

JUNE SESSION, 1879—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 Tuesday, 10th June, 1879.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

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

The Warden addressed the Council in reference to the business of the session.

The following communications were read:—

From Alex. Coutts, Esq., M. P. P., acknowledging the receipt of two petitions—one for amendments to the Drainage Act, and one for amendments to the Jury laws.

From D. McCraney, Esq., M. P. P., acknowledging the receipt of two petitions—one to reduce the number of members in County Councils, and one for amendments to the Municipal Act, so as to enable Townships to aid in the construction of Harbor and other public works.

From the Hon. David Mills, M. P., stating that he had presented the petition of the County Council of the County of Kent, relative to the Morpeth Harbor, to the House of Commons.

From the Secretary of the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, acknowledging the receipt of petition in relation to the construction of Harbor works near Morpeth.

From the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging receipt of petition asking that power be given to Townships to pass By-laws granting aid toward the construction of Harbor and other public works.

From the same, acknowledging the receipt of the Municipal statistics of the County of Kent for the year 1878.

From the Deputy-Minister of Education, Toronto, giving a statement of the amount of the Legislative School apportionment to the various Townships in the County of Kent, including Roman Catholic Separate Schools, for the year 1879.

From H. F. Smith, Esq., Clerk of the Town of Bothwell, stating that Thomas Dillon was elected Reeve of the said Town of Bothwell in room and stead of Thomas Boon, resigned, and forwarding the necessary certificate relating to said election.

From Charles Grant, Esq., Clerk of Howard, certifying that Daniel McKerricher was duly elected first Deputy-Reeve of said Township of Howard.

From John L. Bray, Esq., M.D., Gaol Surgeon, his annual report.

From the Secretary of the Rifle Association, Toronto, asking the co-operation of City and County Councils by giving a donation of \$10 in each year for their annual Rifle meeting.

From the Secretary of the Chatham Mechanics' Institute, inviting the members of the County Council to accept the free use of the Library and Reading Room during the session of the County Council.

From the Secretary of the Chatham District Association, applying for the annual grant of \$50 in aid of said Association.

From the Rev. A. McColl, member of the Board of Examiners, with an account for services, postage, &c., in connection with said Board of Examiners.

From W. G. McGeorge, Esq., P. L. S., relating to an account due to him for a survey made by him in Romney.

From C. R. Atkinson, Esq., enclosing an account for law expenses re Erie & Huron Railway suit, &c., &c.

From C. G. Charteris, Esq., County Treasurer, laying before the Council an Estimate of the money required to meet the current expenses of the County for the present year; also, the amount to be levied upon the Grouped Municipalities for the Erie & Huron Railway Debentures.

The Clerk laid on the table copies of the Minutes and proceedings of the January Sessions of the County Councils of the Counties of Huron, Oxford, Wellington and

the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville; also, the Assessment Rolls from the various Municipalities in this County, with Schedules, By-laws, &c., in blank for the use of the Equalization Committee.

The Warden referred the various Communications to the respective Committees to which they belong.

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

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

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, Wednesday, 11th June, 1879.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Mr. White.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read—

From His Honor Judge Bell, calling the attention of the Council to the insufficient accommodation provided to him for holding Chambers.

From the Office-bearers and Directors of the Ridgeway Mechanics' Institute, praying for a grant of money in aid of their Institute.—Referred to Finance.

From Lieut.-Colonel Baxter, submitting petitions, signed by 213 ratepayers of the several Townships in the County, praying for a grant of money to purchase instruments for a military band in connection with the 24th Batt. of Kent Volunteers.—Ref'd to Finance.

On motion of Mr. Watson, the report of the committee on County property was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the Equalization of the Assessment Rolls be referred to the Reeves of the various Municipalities, and that they report on the equalization of the group effected by the Erie and Huron Railway Bonus, and if the Reeve of any municipality be absent having a Deputy or Deputies, one of them may be appointed to act in his room and stead.—Carried.

Mr. Holmes presented an application for a grant of money in aid of the Horticultural Society of Chatham.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Dr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and resolved, that this Council appoint an Engineer to inspect all Roads and Bridges under the supervision of the County and report from time to time as to necessary repairs, probable cost, &c., said Engineer to act under the direction of the Warden.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the necessary rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing a deputation composed of Messrs. H. J. Eberts and W. L. Tackaberry, who were present on behalf of the Town of Chatham.—Carried.

Mr. Eberts addressed the Council informing them that a celebration would be held at Chatham on Dominion Day, 1st July next, and inviting the members of the Council to become the guests of the town on that day.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. McKerricher, that \$100 be offered for the apprehension and conviction of the party or parties who set fire and burned the buildings of William Coll, Howard, and that the Clerk be instructed to get 200 hand bills printed to distribute in the various municipalities.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Fox that the sum of \$150, assessed against the County on behalf of the Romney and Tilbury East town line, for the construction of the Carles Special Drain in 1878, be sustained.—Referred to Drainage Ass't Committee.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that Mr. Dillon, Reeve of Bothwell, be appointed on the Building Committee in place of Mr. Boon, resigned.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Watson, that this Council grant the sum of \$30 to repair the approaches and plank of Thamesville bridge.—Ref. to R. & B. Committee.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The following communications were read.

From Edmund B. Harrison, Esq., and from Wilmot M. Nichols, Esq., Public School Inspectors, relating to school matters in East and West Kent. Both communications were referred to Com. on Education.

From the County Auditors, their annual report.—Ref'd to Com. on Education.

From Robert Ferguson, Esq., in reference to repairs, etc., on Moravian Bridge.

From the Warden, relating to County Bridges.

Various notices of motion were given.

On motion of Mr. Hickey, the Report of the Commissioners on Town line between Tilbury East and Raleigh, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that the Town of Bothwell be placed under the jurisdiction of the County Inspector for East Kent, on the same footing as the rural schools in said Riding of East Kent.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Macfarlane, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the annual Statuary grant of \$50 be made to the West Kent Teachers' Association for 1879.—Ref'd to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that a sum be granted by this Council sufficient to repair or rebuild the south approach of the Dresden Bridge.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

A petition from the Board of High School Trustees was read, respecting the necessity of increased accommodation; also, a report from Mr. Buchan, High School Inspector, relating to the same.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the petition of the High School Board just read, be referred to the Finance Committee, and that they report without delay.—Carried.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY.—CHATHAM, 12th June, 1879.

The Roll was called: Present, T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all Councillors.

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 Committee on Finance.

Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the sum of \$200 be granted to aid the Townships of Raleigh and East Tilbury, in repairing the bridges on the Diverted Road.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Whyte, (Ridgetown) that in the opinion of this Council two messengers are unnecessary, and that the services of Mr. Robinson be dispensed with in future, as the young messenger is now qualified to attend to the duties of said office, provided the care-taker shall receive fifty cents per day for making fires in each session, when fires are required to be made, and taking care of the Council Chambers.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that the application of Judge Bell for a change of office be referred to the Committee on County Property, with power to make what necessary alterations they in their judgment deem best.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hickey, that a special grant of \$500 be granted to the County line of Kent and Essex across the Plains, and other parts of the County line are in much need of repairs, as the water in Lake St. Clair is likely to be low this year, the work can be done to good advantage.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. McArthur, seconded by Dr. Mitchell, that a special grant of \$200 be made to aid in repairing what is known as the Wallaceburg Diverted Road, said Road being the leading road from Chatham to Wallaceburg.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that the sum of \$100 be granted to improve the Town line between Bathwell and Zone.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

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

Mr. White presented the report of the Committee on Drainage Assessments.

Moved by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Fox, that the Report of the Committee on Drainage Assessment, now read, be referred back with instructions that the amount of \$150, assessed to Town line between Tilbury East and Romney, be paid, as that Assessment was made while this Council had charge of that line.—Carried.

The Report as amended was again presented.

Moved by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Report of the Drainage Committee be referred back with instructions to recommend that the amount of \$130 of claim of Romney Drain charge be paid out of the moneys lying unexpended to the credit of the line between Romney and Essex.—Carried.

On motion the Report as amended was then read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the Council now go into Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of erecting a Poor House on the Industrial Farm.—Carried.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on the following resolution, Mr. Langford in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Holmes, That it is expedient that this Council provide a House of Industry and Refuge for the Poor of this County.—Lost.

The Council resumed. The chairman reported that the resolution, discussed in Committee, was lost.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the Report of the Committee be referred back to Committee of the Whole to adopt the resolution.—Lost.

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

Yeas—Councillors Mitchell, Irwin, Ferguson, Campbell, Jackson, Holmes and the Warden—7.

Nays—Councillors Langford, Cameron, McMullin, White (Raleigh), Whyte (Ridgetown), Morrison, Fox, Hickey, Wilson, Gallagher, McArthur, Stephens, McDonald, Mason, Dobbyn, Hicks, Sherman, Watson, McKerricher, Serson, Dillon, Vogler, Purser and Macfarlane.—24.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, a By-law to amend By-law No. 373, entitled a By-law to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain Officers, &c., 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, Clerf.

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, Friday, 13th June, 1879.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

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.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that this Council meet on Wednesday, instead of Tuesday, at the next December Session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Sherman, That Mr. McKerricher, First Deputy-Reeve of Howard, be added to the Road & Bridge Committee.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that the sum of \$100 be granted as a special grant to plank Bothwell Bridge, as the plank on said Bridge is about worn out.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Dillon, that the sum of \$100 be granted to improve the Zone and Euphemia County line.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Dillon, That the sum of \$50 be granted to improve the County line between Kent and Middlesex.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that there be no grant on Roads the present year, except special grants to assist in making permanent improvements.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That a special grant of \$150 be made to the County line between Kent and Elgin.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Watson, That \$50 be granted to the East Kent Teacher's Association.—Ref'd to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That the sum of \$50 be granted to improve road used instead of Euphemia and Zone County line.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, a By-law to repeal a By-law for the purpose of making an annual allowance to the Warden, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Langford, That the Council now go into Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of employing the labor of prisoners committed to goal for hard labour.—Carried.

The Council then went into Committee on the following resolution, Mr. Dobbyn in the chair.

Moved by Dr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that a Committee be appointed, composed of Councillors Langford, Jackson, White (Raleigh), Ferguson, the mover and seconder, and the Warden, to devise means of employment outside the Gaol walls of the County Gaol for persons sentenced to hard labor, believing said

employment will be beneficial to the prisoners and profitable to the County—Carried.

The Council resumed. The chairman reported the passing of a resolution in Committee.

Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted as the report of this Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Dobbyn, That Whereas at the June Session of this Council in the year A. D. 1878 an appropriation of \$150 was made to the County line between the Townships of Camden and Dawn, which sum has not been expended in consequence of not having been met by the County of Lambton—said County not having assumed their County lines. Be it therefore resolved that the said sum of \$150 00, or any former grants, be granted to the Township of Camden, whereby they may compel the said Township of Dawn to meet said grant, in accordance with the Statute.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Langford, That this Council accept the invitation tendered them through a deputation from the General Committee to become the guests of the citizens of the Town of Chatham during the celebration of the anniversary of the Natal day of the Dominion on the first of July next, and that the Clerk be directed to make suitable acknowledgment, and intimate the intention of this Council to avail themselves of the invitation and to attend in a body.—Carried.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

Mr. Campbell presented the Report of the Committee on Finance.

Moved by Dr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Watson, That the report of the Finance Committee just read be referred back to said Committee to be amended by striking out \$50, recommended to the Mechanics' Institute, Ridgetown.—Carried.

The report as amended was again presented.

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Jackson, That the Report just read from the Finance Committee be referred back for amendments—1st, that the grant of \$150, to repair the High School, be made \$2,000; 2nd, That the account of W. G. McGeorge be paid and charged to Romney.—Lost.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the Report was then read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. White (Raleigh), the Report of the Committee on Equalization was read and adopted.

The following nine resolutions were read and referred to the R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Wilson, That this Council grant \$200 to assist in repairing the Town line between Tilbury East and Raleigh.

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh,) seconded by Mr. Jackson, That the sum of \$200 be granted to aid and assist the Town of Chatham and Raleigh in improving the line of Road between said Town of Chatham and Raleigh, to make permanent improvements.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Hicks, That the sum of \$300 be granted to improve the Town line between the Township of Camden and Township of Chatham, and the Gore of Camden and the Gore of Chatham.

Moved by Dr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. McArthur, That an appropriation of \$300 00 be granted to cover and repair the North Branch Fridges in the Village of Wallaceburg.

Moved by Mr. Purser, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, That a special grant of \$200 be made to improve the Chatham and Dover Town line.

Moved by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Hickey, That \$200 be granted to improve the Town line between Remney and Tilbury East.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Langford, That \$375 be granted to be expended on the line between Harwich and the Town of Chatham.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Purser, that \$50 be granted to be expended on the line between Dover and Town of Chatham.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Stephens, That \$300 be granted to be expended on the line between Chatham Township and the Town of Chatham.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Holmes, That this Council now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss the payment of \$400, claimed as due by the Erie & Huron Railway Company from the Corporation.—Carried.

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

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. White (Raleigh), That Messrs. White Jackson and the Warden be appointed a Committee to sell or dispose of the property belonging to the County, and known as the Industrial Farm.—Lost.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, a By-law to amend By-law No. 373 was read a second time.

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

The Council resumed. The Chairmen reported that the By-law was lost in Committee.

Moved by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Irwin, That \$500 be granted to improve the Town line between Romney and the County of Essex, for repairing Bridges, &c.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Dobbyn, seconded by Mr. Hicks, That \$150 00 be granted to the Town line between the Township of Camden and Chatham by this Council as a special grant to repair said Town line; also, the sum of \$1 00 to maintain the Town line between Zone and Camden.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

On motion, the 18th, 24th & 25th rules were suspended for the remainder of the Session.

On motion of Mr. White (Raleigh), a By-law to raise the sum of \$15,298 01 from the Municipalities and parts of Municipalities grouped under By-law No. 319 to aid the Erie & Huron Railway Company, was read a first time.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, 14th June, 1879.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Hickey presented the Report of the Road and Bridge Committee.

Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Whyte (Ridgetown), That the Report of the Road & Bridge Committee just read be not adopted, but that it be referred back to the Committee to be amended by inserting the sum of \$50 for the repair of the Bridge over Jeannette's Creek, diverted road, Raleigh, and Tilbury East Town line.—Lost.

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

Yeas—Councillors White (Raleigh), Whyte (Ridgetown), Morrison, Irwin, Fox, Hickey, Wilson, Watson, Vogler and the Warden—10.

Nays—Councillors Langford, Cameron, McMullin, Purser, Gallagher, McArthur, Stephens, McDonald, Mason, Dobbyn, Holmes, Sherman, Ferguson, McKerricher, Serson, Dillon, Macfarlane, Campbell, Jackson and Hicks—20.

On motion, the report was then adopted.

On motion, of Mr. Dobbyn, the Report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, the Report of the Special Committee respecting the employment of prison labour outside the walls of the County Goal was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Holmes, That the resolution be rescinded in regard to the dismissal of the Messenger to this Council, as it leaves the responsibility in an unsatisfactory shape regarding the same.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, a By-law to repeal By-law No. 157, making an annual allowance to the Warden, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to raise the sum of \$15,298 01, from the Groups to aid the Erie and Huron Railway Company, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. White (Raleigh), a By-law to repeal certain Acts relating to a grant of \$400 00 to the Provisional Directors of the E. & H. R. Co'y, was read a first and second time.

On motion, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the three foregoing By-laws, Mr. Dobbyn in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the three By-laws passed in Committee. The By-law to repeal By-law making an allowance to the Warden, with a clause added. The By-law to raise \$15,298.01 with blanks filled up, and the By-law to repeal certain Acts relating to a grant of \$400, passed without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, a By-law to raise the sum of \$20,625.36, to meet the current expenses of the County and for other purposes, was read a first and second time. On motion, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the foregoing By-law, Mr. Holmes in the chair. The Council resumed, the Chairman reported that the By-law passed with blanks filled up.

Mr. Ferguson presented the By-law relating to the Annual allowance to the Warden for the third reading.

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Stephens, That the By-law be referred back for the purpose of striking out the second clause, which makes the By-law take effect the first of next year.—Lost.

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

Yeas—Councillors White (Raleigh), Morrison, Irwin, Stephens, Gallagher, Hicks and Serson—7.

Nays—Councillors Langford, Cameron, McMullin, Whyte (Ridgetown), Fox, Hickey, Wilson, McArthur, Mitchell, McDonald, Mason, McKerricher, Ferguson, Sherman, Dobbyn, Holmes, Jackson, Campbell, Macfarlane, Purser, Vogler and Dillon—23.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, said By-law relating to the Annual allowance of \$100 to the Warden, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to raise the sum of \$15,298 01 from the Municipalities and parts of Municipalities grouped to aid the Erie & Huron Railway Co., was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. White (Raleigh,) a By-law to repeal certain Acts of the Municipal Council of the County of Kent relating to the grant of \$400 00 to the Provisional Directors of the Erie & Huron Railway Co., was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the By-law to raise the current expenses and for other purposes, was read a third time and passed.

On motion the Council then adjourned till the second Wednesday in December next.

REPORTS, ETC.

FROM COUNTY TREASURER.

Treasurer's Office, County of Kent, Chatham, 9th June, 1879.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor herewith to lay before your Honorable Body estimate of moneys required to meet the current expenses of the County for the present year; and also the amount to be levied upon the grouped Municipalities, *re* Erie & Huron Railway bonus, making together the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-four 48-100 dollars.—I have the honor to be, &c.,

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treas., Kent.

ESTIMATE of Moneys required to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent for the year 1879

Rewards acct.	\$ 130 00	Interest on Debentures.....	\$ 1945 00
Medicine for prisoners.....	11 00	Salaries of Treas., Clerk, and	
Wallaceburg bridges, attend'ce,	150 00	Auditors.....	1860 00
do do repairs..	33-18	Office rent.....	465 00
E. Kent Agr. Society	200 00	County printing.....	300 00
W. " " "	200 00	Care taker of offices.....	240 00
Board of Audit.....	32 00	Model School,.....	150 00
Registry, for books,.....	100 00	High School, for Master,.....	1200 00
Fuel for offices,.....	250 00	Law expenses, say.....	239 77
Debentures, to retire,.....	3000 00	E. Kent Teachers' Ass'n.....	50 00
Insurance,.....	343 75	W. do do	50 00
Payment of jurors,.....	2500 00	Coroners' orders,.....	150 00
Councillors' wages.....	2400 00	Chatham Mechanics' Institute,	50 00
Selectors of jurors.....	118 00	Registry office, repairs, etc....	39 31
School superintendence.....	774 28	Gaol & Court House furnish'gs	13 00
Miscellaneous expenses.....	300 00	Public buildings repairs.....	100 00
Payment of witnesses.....	400 00		
Adm. justice, not criminal....	4600 00		\$22628 54
Board of Examiners.....	200 00	Less surplus from 1878.....	2183 32
Gov. Drain, Tilbury.....	11 42		
do Romney	22 83		\$20445 22

GROUPED MUNICIPALITIES RE ERIE & HURON RAILWAY.

Debentures, to retire.....	\$5286 24
Interest account.....	9001 03
Half year's interest to County, for advance.....	135 03
Int. on Debentures issued to meet Debentures due 1st Jan., '79	856 95—\$ 15279 26
	<u>\$ 35724 48</u>

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treas., Kent.

FROM HIGH SCHOOL BOARD.

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

The petition of the Board of Trustees of the High School of the Town of Chatham sheweth, That the present average attendance of pupils at the Chatham High School is far in excess of that in any year since the School was established, the number now being about 100.

That the present large attendance is owing, amongst other things, to the encouragement given to the pupils, but chiefly to the exertions of our very efficient Head Master, aided by his able assistants.

The present School building is altogether inadequate in accommodation (as shown by H.S. Inspector's report attached). That if the proper and necessary accommodation be provided in the present building, it will be necessary to provide the Head Master with a suitable residence.

Your petitioners hereby ask you to grant the sum of \$2122 00 for the purpose of altering the present building, so as to provide the necessary School accommodation; and also, the sum of \$3,000 to provide a suitable residence for the Head Master.

Your petitioners pray that the said sums of \$2,122 and \$3,000, respectively, may be granted for the purposes aforesaid, or that you may grant such an amount as in your judgment the exigencies of the case may demand.

ED. ROBINSON, Chairman.

Chatham, 10th June, 1879.

To the Chairman Board of High School Trustees, Chatham.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that I visited the Chatham High School on May 15th and 16th, and found the Teachers doing their work in a very satisfactory manner, considering the drawbacks under which they labor, arising from the deficiency of accommodations and the inconvenient arrangement of the rooms. In view of these drawbacks, I venture to direct the attention of the Board to the necessity for enlarging the High School building. The register for the present half year contains the names of 109 pupils; and the number is likely to increase for some years to come, not only on account of the increasing wealth of the people of the town and the surrounding country, but also because the effect of recent educational regulations will be to put the duty of preparing teachers for the county almost entirely into the hands of the teachers in the High School. Without, however, further considering the probability of a still greater attendance in the future, I desire to say that the building is so insufficient for the needs of the present number of pupils, that I can no longer report to the Department that your accommodations are satisfactory.—I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

J. M. BUCHAN,

Hamilton, June 7, 1879.

H. S. Inspector.

FROM P. S. I., EAST KENT.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit the following Report of the Rural and Village Public Schools, and the Roman Catholic Separate School, in the East Riding of Kent County for the year 1878.

The number of schools and departments recognized by the Education Department during the year was 80, viz:—

Rural public schools, 52; public schools in incorporated villages, 8; Rom. Catholic separate school, 1; additional and distinct departments of Rural and village schools, taught in separate rooms, 15; the number of schools and departments in the town of Bothwell, 4.

The total value of property assessed for school purposes, (exclusive of the town of Bothwell) as nearly as can be ascertained, was \$6,183,864, which, at an average rate of about 5 6-100 mills in the dollar, enabled the Trustees to receive as "School Tax on Property," the sum of \$31,335.78.

The Trustees' Reports show a balance on hand from 1877, \$4974.06; received during the year 1878: The Government grant, \$2834.12; Municipal assessment and sch. tax on property, \$34,179.90; and from all other sources, \$1,639.97; the total of the receipts and balance from 1877, amount to \$43,628.05.

The expenditures by the Trustees were: Teachers' salaries, \$26,178.14; purchase of school sites and building of school-houses, \$5408.54; library books, maps and apparatus, exclusive of Legislative grant, \$334.38; incidental expenses, \$5,218.13½. The total expenditure was, \$37,139.19½.

The Trustees' debts amount to \$9,411.01.

RECAPITULATION:—The Trustees received \$2,417.04½ less from all sources during the year 1878 than they did during the previous year, and at the same time they expended \$7360.22½ less, viz: For teachers' salaries, \$2340.33; for school sites and building school houses, \$4069.84; and for incidental expenses, \$950.05½. The debts of the Trustees are \$6339.67 less than in 1877; and the balance on hand on the 31st December last was \$1766.26½ more than for the same period in 1877. The only increase in expenditure is the sum of \$72.67 which was paid for maps, prize books, etc.

The highest salary paid to a male teacher was at the rate of \$550 per annum, and the lowest at the rate of \$304, the latter has increased \$4; the average was \$426.97, being an increase of \$5.47. The highest salary paid to a female teacher was \$400, the average was \$281.19, being a decrease of \$1.80. The average paid in Ontario during the year 1877 was \$260.

The number of pupils of all ages enrolled on the daily registers was 6,542; of these the number between the ages of 5 and 16 years was 6,181. The increase in the number of pupils of all ages enrolled is 226.

The attendance for less than 20 days was 9 per cent. of all enrolled; for less than 50 days, 18 per cent.; for less than 100 days, 26 per cent.; for less than 150 days, 23 per cent.; for less than 200 days, 20 per cent.; and only 4 per cent. attended during the whole year. The attendance for the corresponding number of days in 1877 was 9 p.c.; 18 p.c.; 25 p.c.; 26 p.c.; 20 p.c.; and 2 p.c.

The average time that the schools were kept open, exclusive of holidays and vacations, was 207 days.

The number of pupils in the first, second, and third classes was 5230, being an increase of 168; and in the fourth and fifth classes it was 1312, an increase of 58.

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 \$5 67⅞, a decrease of 62 cents.

The cost per pupil estimated on the average attendance, and the total expenditure, was \$6.32, a decrease of 70 cents.

The cost per annum for each pupil, estimated on the number of pupils of all ages entered on the daily registers, and the amount paid to teachers, was \$4, an increase of 23 cents.

The cost per pupil, estimated on the average attendance, and the amount paid to teachers, was \$4.45½, an increase of 24½ cents.

The cost per pupil for school accommodation, estimated on the number of pupils entered on the daily registers, and the total estimated value of school-sites, school-houses and furniture, is about \$12 08.

The number of school-houses is 62, viz:—12 brick, 47 frame, and 3 log. There are seats and desks for about 78 per cent. of all who attended during the year 78. Three new brick school-houses will be finished by the 1st of August prox. The buildings will be good and comfortable. The new school-sites, and many of the old, are not only well fenced but ornamented with trees.

The schools on the whole have made fair progress. In the methods of teaching reading, there has been some improvement; but good reading is still the exception. Arithmetic may be said to be taught in a more satisfactory manner, as the pupils are generally taught to solve problems by analysis from the data given, instead of slavishly adhering to rules. In consequence of the frequent *written* reviews and examinations, the spelling in many schools has improved, and the pupils answer accurately and fluently.

I still think that the Model School system is a move in the right direction, and worthy of support, notwithstanding its many defects, which will be remedied in the course of time. Thus far the teachers who have attended the Model Schools, at the commencement of their duties exhibit a fair degree of skill and energy in school organization, discipline and methods of teaching.

The programme of studies having been made more flexible, fewer studies have been taken up, and as a result the pupils have been better taught, and their minds better prepared to take up the subjects which require mature thought.

The Teachers' Association meetings have been fairly attended, when the difficulty and expense of attending them is taken into consideration.

The grant of \$50 by your Honorable Body to equalize the grant made by the Government, with the grant received from the Government, have enabled the East Kent Teachers' Association to form the nucleus of a professional library. They at present have in their library 123 volumes, and would have had more had the books for which they sent been in stock. During the year two meetings were held, at which fair *institute* work was done; although only a few teachers took a prominent part. At their present stage the Associations still require the fostering care of the Government and the County Councils.

We must endeavor to make teaching the profession of trained teachers, and then we will have trained teachers for the profession of teaching.

It was suggested to me by an old and experienced teacher, that our public school system might be so utilized as to afford facilities for the distribution of letters and periodicals. I have, since the suggestion was made, looked into the matter, and noted how it has worked in those sections in which the school house was near a post-office. In East Kent we have twenty school houses so situated. The result of my observation leads me to believe that with the exception of registered matter, a notice of which could be sent, that a very slight change in the School Law, and also in the Post Office Department, would be sufficient to enable every one having children attending school to receive their letters and papers regularly, and at a minimum of trouble and extra cost.

As I have been appointed by the Education Department to preside at the next July examinations, and 93 candidates for Third class certificates have notified me of their intention to present themselves for examination, whose papers on each subject are required by the Education Department to be examined by two examiners, and to be transmitted, with the Report of the Board of Examiners by me to the Education Department, "not later than the 7th of August," I hereby respectfully ask your Honorable Body to appoint two more members on the Kent Board, for the purpose of examining the Third class papers.

The Board of Public School Trustees for the Town of Chatham have kindly granted the use of their Central School house for the purpose of holding the July examinations.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

EDMUND B. HARRISON, P. S. I., EAST KENT.

Ridgetown, June 9th, 1879.

FROM P. S. INSPECTOR, WEST KENT.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit the following report of Public School matters in West Kent for the year ending with December, 1878:—

The number of Schools and Departments under my jurisdiction that were open during the year was 58; closed, 1; total, 59 (besides 3 schools to be opened this year.) Of these 59 schools, 4 are R. C. S. Schools, and 3 are village Public Schools, leaving 51 rural public schools open during the year.

Except in one instance, these 58 schools were kept open the whole year, with a total average attendance of 1,968 and 1,240, for the first and second half years respectively, showing a decrease in the 2nd half year of 728, or about 12 for each school.

The total number of pupils registered during the year was 4,981, of whom an average of 1,675, as shown by the half-yearly reports, attended school every teaching day in the year, or 218 days. That is, the average daily attendance was 34 per cent. of the registered pupils.

The statistics in the annual reports (usually less accurate than the half-yearly) show that 530 pupils attended school less than 20 days in the year; 987 between 20 and 50 days; 1,298, between 50 and 100 days; 1,074, between 100 and 150 days; 850, between 150 and 200 days; and 137, between 200 and 218 days. In other words, the largest of all those classes only attend less than half the time.

Of the teachers engaged during 1878, 4 have attended the Normal School; 6 held II class Provincial certificates; three held 1st class certificates from the "Old County Board;" and 4 held II class certificates from the same source; 48 held III class certificates from the "New County Board."

Under the "Old" County Board system each Board set its own questions, while under the "New" County Board system the same questions (except in a few subjects, optional with each Board) are set for the whole Province.

The average salary paid was \$378.73 to male teachers, and \$295.80 to female teachers—difference, \$82.93 ; while for male teachers alone the salaries range from \$328 to \$500, or a difference of \$172.

The total amount of money raised by taxation of school sections was \$20,894.62, showing that each registered pupil cost the rate payers directly an average of \$4.91 ; while according to the average attendance the direct cost rises to \$12.47, or an average of about \$1 per month for each child actually at school throughout the year.

The total cost of each registered pupil was \$5.45, and, on the basis of the average attendance the total cost of each pupil was \$16.21. Now, if this last amount be multiplied by the number representing the children in the large family of many a poor man, it will at once be seen how great a boon free schools are in such cases ; and it will not lessen our surprise to find that in almost every section there are children between the ages of 7 and 12 years who do not attend school even 72 days out of the whole 218, while not a few of these same children can hardly be said to attend school at all. As to sex, the boys numbered 2,573, and the girls 2,488, or 165 less.

The present allotment of school sections occasions many and continual difficulties, and has not a little to do with irregular attendance ; but as there appears to be a majority opposed to Township Boards of School Trustees, the only remedy would appear to be a general re-arrangement of school section boundaries, a task from which Township Councils shrink, and with good reason, since it would necessitate the removal of some really good school houses, which would otherwise be found improperly located were a general re-arrangement of boundaries made. But as a change is much needed, some remedy should be sought. Now, were there a provision in the school law that a portion of the school fund could be applied towards defraying part of the expense of such re-arrangement, where otherwise there would be hardship, if not injustice, it might be found that Township Councils would find the way comparatively easy to make a really good and convenient arrangement of school sections wherever it does not already exist, and that is almost everywhere.

Accompanying this report I send a few copies of the speeches, &c., of the Minister of Education ; and I beg to direct attention to the general circular on page 42, and also particularly to sub-section (3) of section 11, on the 44th page, where a change is referred to respecting union school sections, which will interest all concerned in the equalization of assessments in such sections.

A deputation has been appointed by each of the two Teachers' Associations in the county to wait upon the County Council respecting the County Grant in aid of these Associations, which, I am able to state, are a valuable aid to those seeking to render the work in our public schools as effective as possible. I therefore bespeak a favorable consideration of this matter on the part of all concerned.—All of which is respectfully submitted.—I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WILMOT M. NICHOLS,
P. S. I., West Kent.

FROM COUNTY AUDITORS.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

Your Auditors beg leave to report that in the performance of their duties they have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the High School Board, and have to report all correct. They have also audited the accounts of the sub-Treasurers of school monies of the different Townships of the County, and have to report all correct.

The books of your Treasurer, together with statements submitted to your Council at its January meeting have received their attention, and satisfactory vouchers submitted to them for each item of expenditure.

While having nothing special to report, we beg to draw your attention to accompanying communication received from Wm. Stephenson, Esq., Treasurer of Dover, regarding a sum of \$56.53, remaining in his hands over and above the regular balance to the credit of the school fund of the township, which balance Mr. Stephenson believes is the rightful property of the estate of the former Treasurer of the township, the late Thos. W. Smith. This opinion we find is concurred in by C. G. Charteris, Esq., who, in conjunction with the late Mr. Thompson, investigated the affairs of this township.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. D. ROSS, }
A. HEYWARD, } Co. Auditors.

Treasurer's Office, Dover, Mar. 4, 1879.

To the County Auditors of the County of Kent for the year 1879.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to call your attention to the balance to the School Fund account of the Tp. of Dover remaining each year after all liabilities are paid, amounting to the sum of \$56.53.

I was instructed by the Minister of Education to give the County Auditors of 1877 all the information I had in my possession, which I have done.

The Co. Auditors for 1877 reported in favor of above balance being paid to the widow of the late Treas., Mr. Thos. Smith, but the Co. Council has taken no further action in the matter, and it appears to have been neglected. Mrs. Smith wishes me to bring this matter again to your attention. The Co. Superintendent has written to me in regard to the balance, as he wishes to have it settled. I am of opinion that the best way of settling with Mrs. Smith is for the Co. Auditors to instruct the Superintendent to give an order for the amount on the sub-Treas. for Dover. Hoping you will give the subject the necessary attention.—I remain your obedient servant,
WM. STEPHENSON, Tr. Dover.

FROM GAOL SURGEON.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith submit my first annual report as Gaol Surgeon for the County. The prison during the past 12 months has been singularly free from any epidemic, and this is due, in great measure, to the complete sanitary condition in which it is maintained by the Governor and other officers connected with its management. The following is a complete list of the number of cases and different diseases treated by me during the year:—

Diseases.	No. cases.	Terminat'n.	Diseases.	No. cases.	Terminat'n.
Inflammation bowels.....	1	Recovered.	Intermittent fever.....	3	Recovered.
Erysipelas.....	1	“	Disease of heart.....	1	Improved.
Inflammation of eyes.....	2	“	Neuralgia.....	2	Recovered.
Paralysis.....	1	Died....	Syphilitic ulcer.....	1	Un'r treat.
Epilepsy.....	2	Improved.	Hemorrhage from uterus.	1	Recovered.
Diarrhoea.....	3	Recovered.	Bilious fever.....	1	“
Constipation.....	1	“	Cough.....	3	“
Delirium tremens.....	1	“	Gonorrhoea.....	3	} 2 recovered } 1 un'r treat. } All remov'd } to asylum..
Dysentery.....	2	“	Insanity.....	6	

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obdt. servant,

JNO. L. BRAY, Gaol Surgeon.

FROM WARDEN ON COUNTY BRIDGES.

To the Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—According to a resolution passed at the January Session of this Council I was instructed to engage a practical person to examine the Moravian bridge with myself. I got Robt. Ferguson, Esq., to go with me on the 6th Feb'y last. We examined the bridge and found it wanted some repairs, and I advised Mr. Ferguson to do what repairs were needed to make it safe for public travel.

I was also called upon by the Reeves of Wallaceburg and Dresden to examine their bridges, as they were not in a safe condition. I accordingly went to Wallaceburg on the 4th March last, and found the swing of one bridge out of repair, and I advised the Reeve, Dr. Mitchell, to get a practical person to do the necessary repairs.

I received a message from the Reeve of Dresden on the 24th of May to go and see their bridge, as it was not safe for public travel. I advised the Reeve, Mr. Watson, to put on some new plank to make it safe for the present, so that the Council could deal with the matter at the June session. The south approach is an old structure and dangerous. I would recommend that a new one be built.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. R. JACKSON, Warden.

FROM ROBT. FERGUSON ON MORAVIAN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN.—In company with your Warden, as requested by you, I examined the Moravian Bridge. We found that the chord of bridge up the river had sagged a

little owing to the arch of the bridge giving away some at the end. By its doing so, it has caused the diagonal braces to press heavily on the upright posts, and owing to their being decayed at top, two of them at each end of the bridge were breaking where they go through the top chord. Your Warden instructed me to get it repaired a little and I have done so. I do not think there is any danger of the bridge breaking down for some time; yet there are some of the timbers rotten; but the arch and lower chords of bridge appear to be good. The Bridge has been up a long time, and will have to be rebuilt in the course of a year or two.

Enclosed you will find account of expense for repairing the bridge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT FERGUSON.

COM'RS ON WALLACEBURG BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit the following Report of repairs done on the main bridge at Wallaceburg, by direction of the Warden, T. R. Jackson:—That the swing and approaches were put in a tolerably good state of repair by expending the following amounts, as follows: Wm. Poat, \$3.15; T. B. West, \$5.43; J. B. McDougall, \$4; Robert Bowes, \$19.44—\$32.02. There remains unpaid an acct. of \$3.42 due Robert Bowes for subsequent repairs.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. MITCHELL, Com'r.

COM'RS ON TILBURY EAST AND RALEIGH TOWN LINES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the balance to the credit of the town line between Tilbury East and Raleigh, amounting to Sixty-nine dollars and Seventy-seven cents, (\$69.77) beg leave to report as follows:—

That they have sold work to the above amount in repairing culverts and ditching, for which they gave orders on the Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. HICKEY, }
WM. IRWIN, } Commissioners.

Council Chamber, June 11th, 1879.

FROM COM. ON PRISON LABOR.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Com. appointed to consider the question of the employment of prison labor outside the walls of the County Gaol, beg to report: that having carefully considered the question, would recommend—

That the Clerk be instructed to make the necessary application to the Lieut.-Governor in Council for permission to employ, or allow to be employed, the prisoners committed for hard labor to the County Gaol, outside the walls of the County Gaol, as per 41st Vic., chap. 24; and that whenever the Municipal Council of the Town of Chatham shall apply for such labor, and agree to provide the necessary guards, and become responsible for the return of prisoners given into their charge, and comply with all the conditions of the above recited Act, the Warden shall procure the ball and chain, or such other apparatus as may be necessary for the security of prisoners while at labor outside the walls of the Gaol.

And your Com. would further recommend that T. W. Jackson, 1st Dep. Reeve of Chatham, and the Clerk be appointed a Com. to draft a petition to the Government, asking that the Act be so amended as to apply to all prisoners committed to Gaol for hard labor.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. W. JACKSON, Chairman.

Chatham, 14th June, 1879.

COM. ON EDUCATION.

To the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Education beg leave to report, That they have duly examined the subjects remitted to them by your Honorable Body, and do report as follows:—That this Council instruct the Reeve of Dover to issue his order on the Treasurer of Dover for the payment to the widow of the late Thomas Smith, late Treasurer of the Municipality of Dover, for the sum of \$56.53 remaining in name of

School Funds in the hands of said Treasurer, and which sum belongs to the estate of said late Treasurer in accordance with the opinion of the Royal Commissioners on the financial affairs of the Municipality of Dover, and also in accordance with the Report of the County Auditors for 1878. Your Committee would also beg leave to congratulate this Council on the very favorable and carefully prepared reports of the Public School Inspectors for East and West Kent, made by them to this Council during the present session. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DOBBYN, Chairman.

June 14, 1879.

COM. ON PRINTING.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Printing beg leave to report that we received offers from the three newspaper offices in town for the County printing for the current year, and after carefully examining them and comparing the same, we awarded the contract to Mr. Gemmill, of the Banner office, his tender being the lowest.

Your Committee beg leave further to report that as the Clerk had reserved and set apart 25 numbers of each session of the minutes and proceedings of the Council for the past four years, sufficient to make 25 volumes, we instructed him to prepare an index for the same; also, an index of all the By-laws of the County from 1849, to be bound together uniform with the former volumes, the cost of the binding not to exceed in price the sum of 50 cents each; and we would recommend to your honorable body that said volumes be distributed as follows: One to each Municipality in the County for the use of the Council and ratepayers, and the remainder for the use of the County Council and officers.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. WATSON, Chairman.

COM. ON COUNTY DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS.

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

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Drainage Assessments report as follows:

1. That the Warden was served with a notice of an assessment made by Wm. G. McGeorge, P. L. S., at the direction of the Township of Tilbury East, for a drain known as the Corless Drain, for which the County of Kent is assessed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

2. With a notice of an assessment for a drain known as the Romney and Mersea Drain, made by Alex. Baird, P. L. S., under the direction of the Romney Council, for which the County of Kent is assessed the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars.

Your Com. recommend that the said sums be paid, the first out of the General Funds of the County, and the second out of the monies appropriated and lying at the credit of the Romney and Mersea Town Line, as soon as the drains are completed and reported on as such by the Engineer in charge of the drain. All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WHITE, T. R. JACKSON, D. McARTHUR.

Committee Rooms, June 12, 1879.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report on the matters referred to them as follows:—

1st. That no appropriation be made this year to Roads.

2nd. That \$20 be granted to repair Thamesville bridge.

3rd. That \$100 of the amount now to the credit of the Bothwell bridge approaches be re-granted to the bridge proper; also, that the amount now to the credit of the line between Camden and Dawn be re-granted to the Tp. of Camden, to be expended on said County line.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. HICKEY, Chairman.

Council Chamber, June 14, 1879.

COUNTY PROPERTY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on County Property beg leave to report that in accordance with a request from the Court of Assize and referred to us, we have provided

12 chairs and a table for the Petit Jury room, and supplied the same with paper, pens and ink, so that the Jury, when required to do so, can bring in their verdict to the court in writing.

Your committee had an application for new press seals for the County and Surrogate Courts; the County Clerk communicated with the Attorney-General in reference to the same, when he was informed that the official seals for said offices were furnished by the Government.

Your Com. made some necessary improvements and repairs to the outbuildings and grounds at the Registry office, costing in the aggregate the sum of \$38.31.

Your committee would also recommend that an ash house be built at the Gaoler's residence to deposit the ashes, as required by the Insurance policy.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. HOLMES, Chairman.

EQUALIZATION.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to equalize the Assessment Rolls beg leave to report that they have examined the different Assessment rolls, and have equalized the same, a schedule (No. 1) of which is herewith submitted, and recommend that it be adopted.

We also submit a schedule (No. 2) showing the amount to be paid by each Municipality within the group required to pay the E. & H. Railway bonus, and recommend that the same be adopted.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WHITE, Chairman.

June 13, 1879.

FINANCE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We your Finance Committee beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the various matters referred to us, and would recommend that the following accts. be paid:—

Robt. Ferguson, repairs to Moravian bridge.....	\$19 71
Henry Robinson, sundries.....	7 90
John Lee, repairs to Wallaceburg bridge.....	12 38
Town Chatham, for keeping immigrants.....	11 62
W. R. Dobbyn, advertising.....	3 50
Rev. A. McColl, services, examining and postage.....	9 97
Jas. Holmes, 2 copies Harrison's mun. man. & stationery Cl'ks office.	26 15
Horticultural Society, Town Chatham.....	15 00
Willing & Williamson, act. law journal 78,79 with in. to Cl'k to discon	10 00
T. B. West, work on Wallaceburg bridge.....	3 42
High School, repairs, &c.....	150 00
Band for 24th Batt., County Kent.....	200 00
Wm. Hickey, commission fees.....	5 00
T. R. Jackson, com. work and inspecting bridges.....	18 00
Thomas Holmes, com. work...\$6 00 J. A. Langford, com. work.....	\$2 00
Stephen White, " ... 6 00 Andrew Wilson "	7 00
L. Sherman, " .. 2 00 Alex. Watson, "	2 00

We would also recommend that the acct. of C. R. Atkinson be referred to the Co. Solicitor, Mr. Pegley, in order to have it taxed before the Master in Chancery, as we are of opinion that some of the charges are too high. That the acct. of W. G. McGeorge, P.L.S., be referred back to the Romney Council, as in our opinion they are the proper parties to pay said acct. That the acct. of A. McArthur for damage done to buggy on Bothwell bridge be not paid; that the acct. of R. Cooper for stationery furnished to Judge and Clerk's office, County Surrogate Court, be not paid; that the communication from the Ontario Rifle Association be not entertained.

We also recommend that, owing to the great depression existing throughout the Province, and also the large amount of money to be raised this year to meet the Debentures of the Erie & Huron Railway, no grants be made to the Teachers' Association of East and West Kent.—All of which is most respectfully submitted.

ARCH. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Chatham, June 13, 1879.

SCHEDULE NO. 1.

Statement showing the Assessment of the County of Kent for the Year 1878, and the Equalized Values for the Rate levied for the Year 1879.

TOWNSHIPS,	Total No acres.	No. acres resident land.	Value resident land.	Average assessed 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.	Total value.	Total equalized value.	Amount of rate.
Camden	40689	37592	\$464710	\$12 36	\$751840	\$20 00	3097	\$28600	\$9 24	\$30970	10 00	\$38575	\$531885	\$782810	\$ 1189 87
Equalized value															
Chatham	83636	71450	837132	11 71	1429000	20 00	12186	80850	6 63	121860	10 00	37575	955557	1550860	2357 30
Equalized value															
Dover	68166	55730	663210	11 90	1114600	20 00	12436	42832	3 44	99488	8 00	42815	748857	1214088	1845 41
Equalized value															
Harwich	88438	86703	2168447	25 00	2167575	25 00	1730	35135	22 62	25950	15 00	125232	2328813	2193525	3334 05
Equalized value															
Howard	58966	58453	1442790	24 68	1461325	25 00	513	6045	11 78	7695	15 00	83555	1532390	1469020	2232 91
Equalized value															
Orford	49856	49266	961580	19 52	985320	20 00	590	7210	12 22	5900	10 00	43610	1012400	991220	1506 65
Equalized value															
Raleigh	70959	64933	1526001	23 50	1460992	22 50	6026	84442	14 00	60260	10 00	84095	1694538	1521252	2312 30
Equalized value															
Romney	25869	16392	278181	17 00	245880	15 00	9496	84066	8 85	71220	7 50	17365	379612	317100	481 92
Equalized value															
Tilbury East . . .	58800	38091	523152	13 75	571365	15 00	15709	104168	6 63	117817	7 50	38352	665673	689182	1047 55
Equalized value															
Zone	21115	23605	215240	9 11	354075	15 00	1510	12129	8 03	11325	7 50	21902	249271	365400	555 40
Equalized value															
TOWNS AND VILLAGES,			Fown of Bothwell										\$166293	\$155000	\$235 60
			“ Chatham										1150910	1700000	2584 00
			Village of Blenheim										175063	100000	152 00
			“ Dresden										424185	190000	288 80
			“ Ridgetown										170360	130000	197 60
			“ Thamesville										131080	90000	135 80
			“ Wallaceburg										144617	110000	167 20
													11461504	13569457	20625 36

SCHEDULE NO. 2

STATEMENT shewing the Assessed and Equalized value from Assessment Rolls for 1878; also, the amount of rate levied for 1879 on that portion of the County of Kent, grouped under By-law No. 319, to aid the Erie & Huron Railway Company.

	Assessed value.	Equalized value.	Amt. rate.
Township of Camden (part grouped).....	\$405,725	\$ 600,000	\$1,284 47
“ Chatham.....	955,557	1,550,860	3,318 84
“ Dover (part grouped).....	439,431	703,998	1,506 56
“ Harwich.....	2,328,813	2,193,525	4,694 14
Town of Chatham.....	1,150,910	1,700,000	3,638 00
Village of Blenheim.....	175,063	100,000	214 00
“ Dresden.....	424,185	190,000	406 50
“ Wallaceburg.....	144,617	110,000	235 40
		<i>7,148,481</i>	<hr/>
			\$15,298 01

BY-LAWS.

NO. 375—A BY-LAW.

To repeal By-law No. 157, passed the 31st day of January, A. D. 1862, entitled a By-law for the purpose of making an annual allowance to the Warden,

PASSED June 14th, 1879.

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. That the By-law passed on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1862, and numbered 157, making an annual allowance of One hundred dollars to the Warden, be and the same is hereby repealed.

2nd. That this By-law shall take effect and come into force on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1880.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

NO. 376—A BY-LAW

To raise the sum of \$15,298.01 from the Municipalities and parts of Municipalities grouped under By-law No. 319, to aid the Erie and Huron Railroad Company.

Passed 14th June, 1879.

Whereas it is requisite and necessary to raise the sum of \$15,298.01 to provide for the payment of interest falling due on the First day of July in this present year, and for the payment of the principal and interest falling due on the First day of January, A. D. 1880, on debentures issued by the County of Kent, in aid of the Erie & Huron Railroad Company.

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; also, of the several Acts relating to the said Erie and Huron Railway Company:

1st. That in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine there shall be raised, levied and collected from and off all the ratable property in that portion of the County of Kent grouped to assist the Erie and Huron Railway Company, under By-law No. 319, the sum of \$15,298.01 to meet the payment of interest falling due on the First day of July in this present year, and for the payment of principal and interest falling due on the First day of January, A. D. 1880, on debentures issued by the County of Kent in aid of the said Erie and Huron Railway Company.

2nd. And be it further enacted that the sum aforesaid shall be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Municipalities and parts of Municipalities grouped under By-law No. 319, and be paid to the County Treasurer, without any deduction whatever, on or before the 14th day of December, 1879, in the following proportions, as follows:—

Tp. of Camden (pt. grouped) \$ 1284 47	Town of Chatham,.....	\$ 3638 00	
Tp. of Chatham,.....	3318 84	Village of Blenheim,.....	214 00
Tp. of Dover, (pt. grouped)...	1506 56	Village of Dresden.....	406 60
Tp. of Harwich,.....	4694 14	Village of Wallaceburg.....	235 40

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3rd. And be it further enacted that the County Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to borrow from the Merchants Bank the sum of \$4500.52 being the amount required on the First day of July, 1879, to pay the coupons for the first half-yearly interest on said Erie and Huron Railway Debentures, and that the said amount be repaid to the said Bank, with interest, by the Treasurer, when he receives the same from the Municipalities, as provided for by the preceding or second section of this By-Law.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

NO. 377—A BY-LAW

To repeal certain Acts of the Municipal Council of the County of Kent relating to a grant of \$400 to the Provisional Directors of the Erie & Huron Railway Company.

Passed 14th June, 1879.

Whereas application was made to the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, at the June Session of said Council in the year A. D. 1873, by the Provisional Board of the said Erie & Huron Railway Company for a grant of \$400.00, and was referred to the Finance Committee of said Council, which Committee reported in favor of a grant of \$400, intended to assist in defraying the expense of a preliminary survey of said Railway.

And Whereas the County Treasurer of the said County of Kent placed said sum of \$400 00 in the estimates at the June Session of said Council in the year A. D. 1874, and said sum of \$400 was mentioned in the preamble of a By-law to raise the funds to meet the expense of the year ;

And Whereas a resolution was passed at the December Session of said Council, in the year A. D. 1875, rescinding said grant,

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, under and by virtue of the Municipal Acts of Ontario—

1st. That all parts of By-laws, Acts or things heretofore done or acted upon by said Council respecting granting said sum of money for the purpose hereinbefore mentioned to the Directors of said Railway Company, be and the same are hereby repealed, save and except a resolution passed by said Council on the 11th day of December, A.D. 1875, rescinding said grant.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

NO. 378—A BY-LAW

To raise the sum of \$20,624 36 to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent, and for other purposes therein mentioned,

Passed 14th June, 1879.

Whereas it is requisite and necessary to raise the sum of Twenty Thousand six hundred and twenty-four dollars and thirty cents to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent, and for raising the sum of \$4338 00, 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-nine there shall be raised, levied, and collected, from and off all the ratable property in the County of Kent the sum of \$20,624.36 for the following purposes:—

Rewards account.....	\$ 130 00	Intérest on Debentures.....	\$1945 00
Medicines for prisoners.....	11 00	Salaries of Treas., Clerk, and	
Wallaceburg bridges for attend'e	150 00	Auditors.....	1860 00
Wallaceburg bridges for repairs..	33 18	Office rent.....	465 00
E. Kent Agricultural Society.	260 00	County printing.....	300 00
W. Kent Agricultural Society...	200 00	Care taker of offices.....	240 00
Board of Audit.....	32 00	Model School.....	150 00
Registry office for books.....	100 00	High School, for Master.....	1200 00
Fuel for offices	250 00	Law expenses, say.....	238 77
Debentures to retire.	3000 00	Coroners' orders.....	150 00
Insurance	343 75	Chatham Mechanics' Institute,	50 00
Payment of Jurors.....	2500 00	Registry office, repairs, etc.,...	39 31
Councillors' wages.....	2330 15	Gaol & Court House furnish'gs	13 00
Selectors of Jurors.....	118 00	Public buildings repairs.....	100 00
School Superintendence.....	774 28	Grant for Band, 24th Battalion,	200 00
Miscellaneous expenses.....	300 00	Repairs for High School.....	150 00
Payment of Witnesses.....	400 00		
Adm. of Justice not Criminal....	4600 00		\$22807 69
Board of Examiners.....	200 00	Less surplus from 1878.....	2183 33
Govt. drain, Tilbury East	11 42		
“ Romney.....	22 88		\$20624 36

2nd. That the sum aforesaid shall be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Township, Town, 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, 1879, in the following proportion, as follows:—

Township of Camden.....	\$ 1189 87	Township of Zone.....	\$ 555 40
“ Chatham.....	2357 30	Town of Chatham.....	2584 00
“ Dover.....	1845 41	“ Bothwell.....	235 60
“ Harwich.....	3334 05	Village of Blenheim.....	152 00
“ Howard.....	2232 91	“ Dresden.....	288 80
“ Orford.....	1506 65	“ Ridgetown.....	197 60
“ Raleigh.....	2312 30	“ Thamesville.....	135 80
“ Romney.....	481 92	“ Wallaceburg.....	167 20
“ Tilbury East.....	1047 55		

\$20624 36

3rd. That the sum of \$4338 00, more or less, to meet the Legislative School grant for the year 1879, be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Townships within the County of Kent to meet the Government grant appropriated to them for Common School purposes.

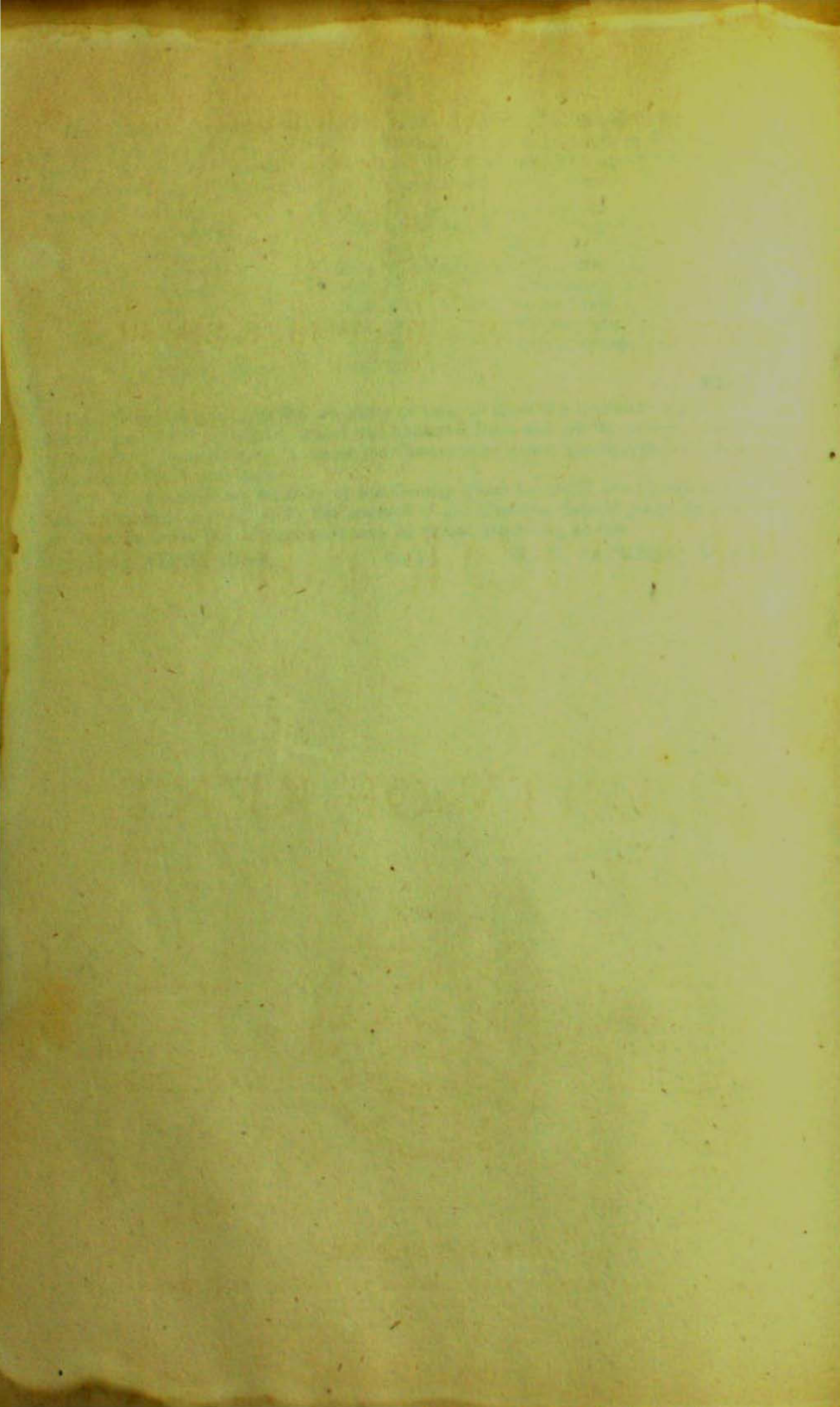
4th. That it shall be the duty of the County Clerk to notify the Clerks of the several Townships in the County the amount of the Common School grant appropriated to them, in order that the amount may be raised according to law.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

T. R. JACKSON, Warden.





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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
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Municipal Council of the County of Kent,
SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER SESSIONS—1879.

SPECIAL SESSION—FIRST DAY.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to notice at the Court House, Chatham, on Monday, 15th September, 1879.

On motion, Mr. Holmes was appointed Chairman.

The Roll was called. All the members were present except Councillors Campbell, Fox and the Warden.

The Chairman addressed the Council, stating that the Warden had called the meeting to consider matters relating to the separation of the Town of Chatham from the jurisdiction of the County for Municipal purposes; also, to consider the present dangerous state of the Moravian Bridge; and also respecting suit, Erie and Huron Railway Company vs. County of Kent, now in the Court of Queen's Bench, for the sum of \$400 claimed by them for making a survey of their line.

The following Communications were read:— From John Tissiman, Esq., Clerk of the Town of Chatham, stating that the said Town of Chatham had passed a By-law to withdraw from the County for Municipal purposes, and asking the Council to take such steps as are necessary for a settlement under the Municipal Act.

From Jas. Baxter, Esq., in reference to the dangerous state of the Moravian Bridge.

From Charles E. Pegley, Esq., respecting the Erie and Huron Railway suit against the County.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Morrison, That the 18th, 24th & 25th rules be suspended during this Session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Morrison, That this Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider matters relative to the separation of the Town of Chatham from the jurisdiction of the County for Municipal purposes.—Carried.

The Warden arrived.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole; Mr. Dobbyn in the chair.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Hickey, Whereas the Clerk has been served with a notice that the Town of Chatham has passed a By-law to separate from the County; and whereas in the opinion of this Council no mutual agreement can be made to settle the amount to be paid to the County under Sec. 22 of Chap. 174 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, Be it therefore resolved that this Council adjourn until tomorrow at ten o'clock, to give time to the Town of Chatham to appoint an Arbitrator.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Langford, in amendment, That a Committee be appointed composed of Councillors Langford, White (Raleigh), Whyte (Ridgetown), Stephens and Wilson, to confer with the Council of the Town of Chatham, to receive proposals from them with a view to a mutual agreement on matters relating to the separation of the said Town from the County, and report at the December session.

Motion carried; amendment lost.

On motion the Council resumed. The Chairman reported that a resolution was passed in Committee.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Hickey, That the resolution passed in Committee of the Whole be adopted as the report of this Council.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—TUESDAY, 16th Sept., 1879.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Messrs. Fox and Mitchell.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following Communications were read:—From the Township Clerk of Orford, with a resolution requesting the County Council to take the necessary steps to place the Moravian Bridge in a safe and proper condition.

From the Town Clerk of the Town of Chatham, giving notice that Henry Smyth has been appointed on their behalf an Arbitrator to arrange terms of separation from the County.

On motion of Mr. White (Raleigh), a By-law to appoint an Arbitrator for the County in the matter of the separation of the Town of Chatham, was read a first and second time.

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Morrison, That the Council now go into Committee of the Whole on the aforesaid By-law.

Moved in amendment by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. McDonald, That this Council do not go into Committee of the Whole, but that a Special Committee be appointed composed of the following members: Messrs. Langford, Ferguson and White (Raleigh), to confer with the Committee appointed by the Council of the Town of Chatham relating to the separation of the Town of Chatham from the County of Kent, and to arrange all matters connected therewith.

Motion carried; amendment lost.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole; Mr. Stephens in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the By-law as having passed in Committee with blank filled up.

On motion of Mr. White (Raleigh), the aforesaid By-law to appoint an Arbitrator for the County in the matter of the separation of the Town of Chatham, was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That this Council do now go into Committee of the Whole to consider the necessity of building new abutments and superstructure in place of the old Moravian Bridge, which has become unsafe for public travel.—Carried.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole: Mr. Holmes in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That Councillors Langford, Ferguson, Dillon, Vogler and the mover, be a Committee to advertise for tenders for the building of a wrought-iron bridge on the site of the old Moravian Bridge, with power to choose the best plan they think proper and let the contract for the building thereof; also, to ascertain what amount the Moravian Indians will appropriate towards its erection.

Moved in amendment by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Wilson, That as the Bridge on the County line east of the Moravian Bridge was intended to substitute said Moravian Bridge, it is not necessary to rebuild said Bridge; resolved, that no action be taken in the matter.

Amendment carried; motion lost.

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

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Morrison, That the resolution passed in Committee be adopted as the report of this Council.—Carried.

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

Yeas—Councillors Langford, Cameron, McMullen, White (Raleigh), Whyte (Ridgetown), Morrison, Irwin, Stephens, McArthur, Gallagher, Wilson, Hickey, Dobbyn, Hicks, Watson, McKerrecher, Purser and McFarlane—18.

Nays—Councillors Mason, McDonald, Ferguson, Sherman, Serson, Dillon, Vogler, Campbell, Jackson and the Warden—10.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Watson, That after hearing the opinion of our Solicitor in regard to the Erie & Huron Railway Company's suit against the County, we hereby authorize the Warden to defend said suit, as it is still the opinion of this Council that they have no legal or just claim for the amount.—Carried.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

DANIEL KEER, Clerk.

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

DECEMBER SESSION, 1879.

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 Wednesday, 10th December, 1879.

The Warden addressed the Council relative to the business of the session.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Messrs. White (Raleigh), and Fox.

The minutes of the last meeting of the June session; also, the last meeting of the Special September session, were read and approved.

The following Communications were read:—From the Department of Crown Lands, Ontario, with returns of a survey made by James S. Laird, Esq., P.L.S., of parts of Concession lines 3 & 4 and 4 & 5, in the Township of Raleigh.

From the Clerk of the County of Peel, requesting co-operation with a view to have the law amended so that School Teachers may pay part of the expense of their own training and certification at the Model School.

From the Clerk of the County of Simcoe, with the report of a Special Committee respecting a proposed Convention of Wardens for the purpose of suggesting amendments to the Municipal Act.

From the Clerk of the County of Elgin, with a copy of a resolution respecting the fees paid to Sheriffs for conveying convicts to the Reformatory and Penitentiary, asking co-operation in petitioning the Attorney-General with a view to have the law amended so that the service may be performed on a more economical plan.

From the Clerk of the Town of Chatham, with award of Arbitrators on the separation of the Town of Chatham from the County of Kent.

From the Secretary of the Board of School Trustees, Chatham, making application for a grant for Model School purposes for 1879.

From the Clerk of the Executive Council, Toronto, two communications RE separation Town of Chatham from County.

From Andrew Marcus, respecting Moravian Bridge.

Various accounts were read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Various notices of motion were given. A motion to adjourn was put and lost.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Langford, That the 18th, 24th and 25th Rules be suspended during the remainder of this sitting.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Irwin, That the Council go into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing the award for the separation of the Town of Chatham from the County.—Carried.

The Council then went into Committee; Mr. Holmes in the chair.

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.

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, 11th Dec., 1879.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Mr. White (Raleigh).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following Communications were read:—From Wm. Douglas, Esq., offering to commute his fees as Clerk of the Peace.

From J. L. Bray, Esq., M.D., Gaol Surgeon, asking fees over and above his salary, for examining Lunatics.

From E. B. Harrison, Esq., P. S. Inspector, East Kent, with Report and Financial Statement of the Board of Examiners for 1879.

From Wm. Law, Camden, respecting the mileage of Councillor Dobbyn.

From the Clerk of the Town of Chatham, with resolution from the Council of said town respecting the award of separation.

The Warden referred the several Communications to the respective Committees to which they belong.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, That the 18th, 24th and 25th Rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing explanations from the Reeve of Camden respecting a communication read relating to his mileage.—Carried.

The Reeve of Camden, Mr. Dobbyn, briefly addressed the Council.

Moved by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Wilson, That after hearing the explanations from the Reeve of Camden with regard to mileage he has drawn, that this Council finds no grounds for the charge made against him.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Langford, a By-law to confirm a certain By-law passed by the Municipal Council of the Township of Harwich, passed 28th March, 1874, numbered 152, entitled "A By-law to close and sell the Road allowance between Lots Nos. 24 and 25 in the 4th Con. W.C.R., and open up a new road across the 4th Con. W.C.R., west of the side road between Lots Nos. 24 and 25," was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Langford, a By-law to confirm a certain By-law passed by the Municipal Council of the Township of Harwich the 27th day of December, 1877, and numbered 218, entitled "A By-law to open a new line of road from the 4th Con. line, W.C.R., along the south-easterly limits of Lot No. 24, in said 4th Con., to the Town line between Raleigh and Harwich, in the Township of Harwich, in lieu of said 4th Con. line, W.C.R., across Lot No. 24, and to sell and close up said 4th Con. line from the side road between Lots 25 and 24, easterly to within four rods of the line between Lots 24 and 23," was read a first time.

Mr. Wilson presented draft of a Petition to the Legislature of Ontario.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hickey, That a copy of the petition now read, praying for amendments to the "Ditching and Water-course Act," be signed by the Warden and Clerk in the usual way, and forwarded to the Legislature before its next sitting.—Carried.

On motion, the Council again went into Committee of the Whole to discuss the award on the separation of the Town of Chatham from the County; also, to hear explanations from Messrs. Lee and Smyth, two of the Arbitrators, who were present for that purpose. Mr. Holmes in the chair.

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

The Council then adjourned till half-past 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Mr. White (Raleigh).

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

The Council again went into Committee of the Whole to discuss the award on the separation of the Town of Chatham from the County; Mr. Holmes in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again.

Notice of motion was given.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, 12th Dec., 1879.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

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

The following eighteen Reports were read and adopted:

1. On Town line between Dover and Town of Chatham.
2. On Town line between Zone and Bothwell.
3. On County line between Sombra and Gore of Chatham.
4. On County line between East and West Tilbury.
5. On Town line between Chatham and Harwich.
6. On Town line between Raleigh and Tilbury East.
7. On Town line between Chatham and Camden.
8. On Town line between Romney and Tilbury East.
9. On Town line between Howard and Orford.
10. On County line between Zone and Euphemia.
11. On Town line between the Township of Chatham and Dover.
12. On Town line between Town of Chatham and Dover.
13. On Town line between Harwich and Raleigh.
14. On Thamesville Bridge.
15. On Town line between Dover East and West.

16. On County line between Romney and Mersea.
17. On Town line between Harwich and Howard.
18. On the prevalence of small pox among the Moravian Indians last summer, at Moraviantown, in the Township of Orford.

On motion of Mr. Langford, a By-law to confirm By-law No. 152 of the Township of Harwich; also, a By-law to confirm By-law No. 218 of said Township of Harwich, were each read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Langford, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the two aforesaid By-laws; Dr. Mitchell in the chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Langford, the two aforesaid By-laws to confirm By-laws Nos. 152 and 218 of the Township of Harwich, were each read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That a Committee composed of Messrs. Langford, Ferguson, Dillon, Vogler and the mover, be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining the probable cost of an iron bridge with stone abutments to cross the River Thames at Moraviantown; also, to ascertain from the Indian Department what amount they will contribute towards assisting in the erection of said bridge, and to report to this Council at the January Session.

Moved in amendment by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Stephens, That the Clerk write to the Indian Department at Ottawa, to ascertain if that Department will contribute towards the rebuilding of the Moravian Bridge, and to what amount, and that the matter lay over until the January Session.

Amendment carried; motion lost.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Holmes, That it is the opinion of this Council that the collecting of what is known as Market Fees and Bridge Tolls are a nuisance and should be abolished; Therefore be it resolved, that we make a proposition to the Town of Chatham that if they will abolish the Market Fees we will assume the Bridges in the Town, and agree to keep them up in good repair and rebuild when necessary; and also to make them free from tolls altogether.—Lost.

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

Yeas—Councillors Gallagher, Campbell, Jackson, Holmes, Morrison, Stephens—6.

Nays—Councillors Langford, McMullen, Cameron, White (Raleigh), Whyte (Ridgetown), Irwin, Fox, Hickey, Wilson, McArthur, Mitchell, McDonald, Mason, Sherman, McKerrecher, Ferguson, Watson, Sherman, Hicks, Dobbyn, Vogler, Purser, McFarlane and the Warden—24.

The Council then adjourned till 2 o'clock P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors. Various notices of motion were given. Various accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Irwin presented the petition of Thos. Brady and ninety-two ratepayers, setting forth the dangerous and insufficient state of the roads owned by the St. Clair & Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road Company, and praying that the County Council may, in the public interest, endeavor to obtain a controlling interest in said roads.

Moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Hickey, That the Council now go into Committee of the Whole on the aforesaid petition.—Carried.

The Council went into Committee; Mr. Holmes in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Hickey, That Messrs. Langford, White (Raleigh), Stephens and McFarlane be a Committee to wait upon the Council of the Town of Chatham and arrange with them as to the terms of a surrender of their Stock in the St. Clair and Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road Company, or to devise some other means of breaking up the monopoly at present existing as regards said Company, and that the Committee report at the next January Session of this Council.—Carried.

Council resumed. The Chairman reported that a resolution was passed.

Moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Hickey, That the resolution passed in Committee be adopted as the report of this Council.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. McFarlane the Council went into Committee of the Whole to consider the draft of a petition to the Legislature of Ontario, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act; Mr. Langford in the chair.

Moved by Mr. McFarlane, seconded by Mr. Campbell, That Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Stephens and the mover, be a Special Committee to enquire into the matter.—Carried.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that a resolution was passed.

On motion, the resolution passed in Committee was adopted as the report of the Council.

On motion, the Council again went into Committee on the award RE separation Town of Chatham from County; Mr. Holmes in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress with leave to sit again.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY, 13th Dec., 1879.

The Roll was called. Present—T. R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following Communications were read:—From Henry Robinson, tendering his resignation as Care-taker of the County offices.—Referred.

From Chas. E. Pegley, Esq., County Solicitor, a legal opinion on certain clauses of the Municipal Act in reference to the separation of Chatham from the County.

On motion, the report of the Committee on County Property was read and adopted.

On motion of Dr. Mitchell, the report of the Special Committee on amendments to the Municipal Act was read and adopted.

On motion, the Council again went into Committee on the award RE separation of the Town of Chatham from the County; Mr. Holmes in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. McDonald, That it is the opinion of this Council that the award submitted on the separation of the Town of Chatham from the County be referred to Christopher Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Toronto, for his opinion on certain clauses in said award, and that Mr. White and the mover be a Committee to refer the same.—Carried.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, That after hearing the explanations as given by Messrs. Lee and Smyth, two of the Arbitrators appointed to consider certain differences between the County of Kent and Town of Chatham; resolved, that this Council do now adopt the award of the Arbitrators.—Lost.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that a resolution and amendment were considered in Committee. Motion carried; amendment lost.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. McDonald, That the report of the Committee be adopted as the report of this Council.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, That the report of the Committee of the Whole be not adopted, but that it be resolved by this Council that we make no objection to the Separation of the Town from the County, and that the Clerk do communicate with the Lieutenant-Governor to that effect; and that only questions involved in the award be submitted to Counsel for opinion, as in the opinion of this Council such a course is best calculated to save costs that would entail upon the County.

The amendment, on being put to vote, was lost.

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

Yeas—Councillors Mitchell, Ferguson, Watson, Hicks, Purser, Campbell, Jackson, Holmes, and the Warden—9.

Nays—Councillors Langford, Cameron, McMullen, White (Raleigh), Irwin, Morrison, Fox, Hickey, Wilson, Gallagher, McArthur, Stephens, McDonald, Mason, Serson, McKercher, Sherman, Dobbyn, Dillon, Vogler and McFarlane—21.

The motion was then put to vote and carried.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, That the Clerk be instructed to give the consent of this Council to the separation of the Town from the County provided such consent does not prevent the right of the County to move against the award.—Lost.

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

Yeas—Councillors Mitchell, Stephens, Ferguson, Watson, Hicks, Purser, Campbell, Jackson, Holmes and the Warden—10.

Nays—Councillors Langford, Cameron, McMullen, White (Raleigh), Irwin, Morrison, Fox, Hickey, Wilson, Gallagher, McArthur, McDonald, Mason, Serson, McKercher, Sherman, Dobbyn, Dillon, Vogler and McFarlane—20.

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. Irwin, That the communication of Wm. Douglas, Esq., Clerk of the Peace, offering to commute with the Council for all his fees payable by the County, be referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs,

Langford, Stephens and the mover, and that they report at the January Session.—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Stephens, That the Warden be and is hereby instructed to have the North Branch Bridge in the Village of Wallaceburg covered, and that this Council grant a sufficient sum for said purpose.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. White (Raleigh), seconded by Mr. McMullen, That the Clerk advertise for the necessary supplies for boarding the prisoners kept in the Gaol, in conformity with the directions of the Inspector of Prisons; contracts to commence on the 1st day of January next, when the present contract shall expire.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That a Committee composed of Messrs. Dillon, Vogler and the mover, be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining the probable cost of an Iron Bridge, with stone abutments, to cross the River Thames at Moraviantown; also, to ascertain from the Indian Department what amount they purpose to contribute towards the erection of said Bridge; and that said Committee report at the January Session, and make no charge for their services in obtaining such information.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, That a Committee composed of Messrs. Mitchell, Stephens, Campbell, Cameron, Watson, McFarlane, White and the Warden, be appointed on the matter of the Erie & Huron Railroad, and that they have power and are hereby authorized to issue an injunction, if necessary, restraining the Trustees from paying over any portion of the bonus of the County to the Company until after the Legislature defines their rights; also, that they be instructed to take such steps as are necessary to protect the interest of the County in the matter of amendments to the Charter at the coming Session of the Legislature of Ontario.—Carried.

A communication from the Chief of Police, Chatham, was read, respecting diseased horses in the County.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the Report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Purser, That this Council offer the Town of Chatham the sum of \$500 for the purpose of swinging and taking care of the two Bridges in said Town, in consideration of the Town making them free from tolls for the year A. D. 1880.—Lost.

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

Yeas—Councillors Mitchell, Stephens, McArthur, Gallagher, Purser, McFarlane, Campbell, Jackson, Holmes, Dillon and Ferguson—11.

Nays—Councillors Langford, Cameron, McMullen, White (Raleigh), Morrison, Irwin, Hickey, Wilson, Watson, Sherman, Hicks, Dobbyn and the Warden—13.

Moved by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Langford, That this Council instruct the Committee on County Property to have better lights in the Court House.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. White, That the Committee to whom was referred the matter of the Award re Town and County, have full power, after taking advice, to instruct the Government to issue the Proclamation setting aside the Town of Chatham from the County of Kent.—Carried.

The Warden, by request, left the chair, which was taken by Mr. Holmes.

Moved by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. McDonald, That we, the members of this Council, hereby tender to Thomas R. Jackson, Esq., Warden, our sincere thanks for his kindness and courtesy towards the members of this Council during the present year.—Carried unanimously.

The Chairman presented the Warden with the resolution, who, on resuming the chair, returned thanks in suitable terms.

On motion, the Council adjourned SINE DIE.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

FROM CLERK CHATHAM, RE SEPARATION FROM COUNTY.

Town Clerk's Office, Chatham, Sept. 6, 1879.

SIR,—I have been instructed to advise you that the Council of the Municipality of the Town of Chatham has passed a By-law to withdraw the said Town from the Corporation of the County for Municipal purposes; that such By-law was passed at a meeting of the Council of the said Town, held on the 4th instant. Also, to take such steps in the premises as are necessary for the purpose of appointing a Committee on behalf of the County Council to meet with a Committee of the Council of the Town of Chatham for settlement as provided under Chap. 174, Sec. 22 and following, Municipal Institutions Act of Ontario.—I am, &c.,

JOHN TISSIMAN, T.C.

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

CHIEF OF POLICE, RESPECTING DISEASED HORSES.

Chatham, Ont., Dec'r 12, 1879.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I have to state for your information that it is currently reported that a number of horses in this County are afflicted with a disease known as the glanders, and would respectfully suggest to your honorable body the necessity of taking such steps as you may deem fit in order to prevent the spread of this contagious and dangerous disease.—I am, &c.,

A. B. BAXTER, Chief of Police.

DITCHING & WATER-COURSE ACT AMENDMENTS.

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 "The Ditches and Water-courses Act" makes no provision requiring the owners of unoccupied lands to assist the owners of adjoining or adjacent lands in the construction of ditches benefitting the properties of both. And whereas the lack of such provision is, in the opinion of your petitioners, a serious injustice and discouragement to improving owners and actual settlers, inasmuch as neighboring unoccupied lands are frequently directly and materially benefited by these improvements, without being required to contribute anything whatever towards defraying the expenses thereof. Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House may be pleased to amend "The Ditches and Water-courses Act" so as to lay the burden of draining adjoining or adjacent lands thereunder upon all the lands, without exception, benefited by such drainage, in the same manner as drainage under the Municipal Act. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEEN.

ST. CLAIR & ROND EAU ROAD CO.

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

The Petition of the undersigned residents and ratepayers of the County of Kent, humbly sheweth:—1. That portion of the St. Clair and Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road in said County which lies between the Town of Chatham and Charing Cross is and has been for some time past so much out of repair as to impede and endanger her Majesty's subjects travelling thereon.

2. The said Road was constructed about 21 years ago by the St. Clair & Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road Company, and has been under their management and control ever since.

3. The portion above described was formed of gravel, but not in such a manner as to secure a firm, substantial and smooth surface.

4. The result of this original bad and defective construction has been that the rains and snow of the spring and autumn render the road during a great part of these seasons almost impassible.

5. This autumn it has been, if possible, in a worse condition than ever.

6. The Company have not nor are they making any substantial repairs, but have

contented themselves with a little patching, which has been no appreciable improvement to the road.

7. Notwithstanding the wretched condition of the Road the Company still continue to take tolls at each time of passing at each gate upon said road.

8. In the spring of 1879, Wm. G. McGeorge, Esq., Civil Engineer, pursuant to directions of the County Judge, examined that portion of the road above referred to and found it so much out of repair as to impede and endanger Her Majesty's subjects travelling thereon, and notified the President to cause it to be repaired within a certain time mentioned in such notice.

9. These repairs were not made, and the Company continued to take toll; but on account of a mere technical irregularity in the proceedings the Judge's Order directing the examination of the road by the Engineer was invalid, and the Company's neglect to repair did not involve a removal of the toll.

10. On the 7th of November, 1879, Mr. Crowe, C.E., pursuant to another Judge's Order, examined the said portion of road and reported finding it "not so much out of repair as to impede or endanger Her Majesty's subjects travelling thereon, due allowance being made for the unpropitious weather during the present week.

11. This Report, though intended to be in favor of the road, contains by plain implication a condemnation of it. For a road that the little flurry of snow that fell in the beginning of November put in a state to impede and endanger those travelling on it is surely out of repair within the Act.

12. Mr. Crowe seems to have proceeded on the notion common with many, that if a man can with some care manage to drive over a road without breaking his neck, the road cannot be said to be out of repair within the meaning of the Act.

13. For the above and other reasons your petitioners despair of success of proceedings under the Act to have the road repaired in a good and efficient manner.

14. The road is the great thoroughfare of the County, and it is of consequence in the public interest that it should be a good one.

Your petitioners therefore pray:—1. That your honorable body may be pleased to purchase the stock of the said Company and assume the control and management of the said road and put it in substantial repair. 2. Or that you may take such steps as may be necessary to compel the said Company to put such road in good and efficient repair. 3. And that you may do all that is proper and expedient for the interest of the public in the premises. And your petitioners will ever pray.

(Signed),

THOMAS BRADY, and 59 others.

LEGAL OPINION, E. & H. RAILWAY CO.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

I beg to inform your honorable body that on the 5th July last I received from your Clerk a Writ served upon him on that date, issued out of the Court of Queen's Bench by the Erie & Huron Railway Company against your Corporation, endorsed for \$400 claimed to be due for and promised the Company in making the preliminary survey of their line. Under instructions from the Warden I caused an appearance to be entered, and notice of trial has been received for the coming Assizes, on the 22nd inst. I have also, at his request, given the matter careful consideration, with a view of ascertaining whether the County is liable for the amount claimed, and am of opinion that the present action cannot successfully be maintained, for the following reasons:

1. The Council could not legally grant aid for such a purpose by resolution. 2. That no By-law has ever been passed and submitted to the vote of the electors, which, under both the Municipal Institutions Act and the Act of incorporation of the Company, is requisite to enable the Council to grant aid for such a purpose. 3. As a fact I am instructed that the survey, plans and estimates of the said Road are not yet completed and the line located. 4. The grant has been cancelled by both resolution and By-law, but I don't think this would avail as a defence if the Company had, in the meantime, been led to do work or alter their position in consequence of the promise of the amount in question. It may be questioned whether the present Company are equitably entitled to be paid this amount that was promised to the Provisional Directors of the Company, who personally incurred expense in connection with the organization of the Road and the preliminary surveys, the payment of which the present Company have, as I am informed, repudiated. I shall be glad to have your further instructions in the matter at an early date, as the Court is at hand.—I have the honor, &c.,

Chatham, 15th Sept., 1879.

CHAS. E. PEGLEY.

LEGAL OPINION ON AWARD, CHATHAM AND COUNTY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to the request of your Committee for my opinion on the construction of Section 445 of the Municipal Institutions Act, as amended by 42 Vic., cap. 31, sec. 17, I beg to say that I am of opinion that it only applies to expenses incurred in erecting, building, and repairing and maintaining the Court House and Gaol of the County, and to other expenses more particularly designated in said Section incurred after the separation of the Town from the County, and for which expenditure the Town would have under the terms of the Act an insurable interest, in proportion to the amount contributed towards the erecting, building, repairing and maintaining of the same. Any other construction would, in my opinion, be entirely repugnant to Section 22 of the said Act, which provides by sub-sec. 1 for the payment by the Town to the County of the proportion of the expenses of the Administration of Justice and the use of the Gaol, a provision inconsistent with joint ownership. Sub-sec. 2 makes it imperative to ascertain and allow to the Town the value of its interest in all County property, excepting roads and bridges in the Town. By sub-sec. 6, after the withdrawal of the Town from the County all property theretofore owned by the County, except roads and bridges within the Town, remains the property of the County.

All these provisions show conclusively that the property is to belong wholly to the County, and the Town is to be paid for giving up its interest therein, and that sec. 445 must apply to improvements, repairs and expenses made after separation takes place.

With reference to setting aside the Award made by the Arbitrators between the Town and County, sec. 385 makes the Award subject to the jurisdiction of any of the Superior Courts of Law or Equity, and they have power to consider not only the legality of the Award, but the merits; and they may call for additional evidence and may set aside the Award, or remit the matters or any part of them back to the same Arbitrators or any one else they may think proper to appoint; or may increase or diminish the amount or otherwise modify the Award.

The application would have to be made within the first six days of the Term following the publication of the Award, that is, the giving of notice by the Arbitrators to the parties that the Award was made and ready for delivery.

As to the signature of the Award by two Arbitrators in the absence of the third, if Mr. Lee was not properly notified of the time appointed for considering and signing the Award, the other two Arbitrators could not legally act in his absence, and the award would on that account be invalid.—I have the honor to be, &c.,

Chatham, Dec. 13th, 1879.

CHAS. E. PEGLEY.

AWARD, CHATHAM AND COUNTY.

To all to whom these Presents shall come:

We, Henry Smyth, of the Town of Chatham, Esquire; John Lee, of Highgate, in the County of Kent, Esquire; and Frederic Davis, of the City of London, Esquire, send greeting.

Whereas, certain differences having arisen between the Corporation of the County of Kent and the Corporation of the Town of Chatham, the former to be hereinafter throughout this award designated "The County," and the latter designated "The Town." The said Henry Smyth was duly appointed by the Town, and the said John Lee was duly appointed by the County, Arbitrators respectively under the provisions of the Municipal Institutions Act of Ontario, and after such appointment the said Henry Smyth and John Lee failed to appoint a third Arbitrator within the time limited for that purpose by the said Act; and the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario by Order in Council, duly appointed the said Frederic Davis as the third Arbitrator under the said Act. And after we, the said Arbitrators, were duly sworn, and having taken upon ourselves the burden of the said reference, and heard and fully considered the evidence adduced and the arguments of Counsel for the respective parties, do award and order of and concerning the matters so referred to us as aforesaid, as follows:—

COUNTY DEBT.

We hereby order and award that the Town shall pay to the County, as its proportion of the Debenture Debt proper of the County (as distinguished from the Huron & Erie Debenture debt,) the sum of four thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars as follows, that is to say:—

1. Four instalments of one hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents (\$166, 66), each payable on or before the Thirtieth day of January in each of the years A. D. 1881, 1882, 1883 and 1884, with interest on the unpaid principal at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly on the Thirtieth day of July and the Thirtieth day of January in each of the said years, said interest to be computed from the Thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1880.

2. Ten instalments of one hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents (\$166, 66) each, payable on or before the Thirtieth day of January in each of the years 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894, respectively, with interest on the unpaid principal at the rate of six and a-half per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly on the Thirtieth day of July and the Thirtieth day of January, in each of the said years, said interest to be computed from the Thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1884—the first payment of interest to be payable on the Thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1885.

3. Six instalments of three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$333.33) each payable on or before the Fifteenth day of October in the years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, and 1885 respectively, with interest on the unpaid principal at the rate of six and three-quarters per cent., payable half-yearly on the Fifteenth day of April and the Fifteenth day of October in each of the said years, said interest to be computed from the Fifteenth day of October, A. D. 1879.

(The said interest payable respectively as above described, being the particular rate of interest payable upon the Debentures constituting the County debt and applicable to the respective payments herein directed to be made by the Town.)

We further order and award that the sum of two thousand five hundred and eighty-four dollars, being the County rate for the present year due from the Town to the County shall be paid by the Town to the County on or before the First day of January next, if not already paid.

UNDER THE GROUPING SYSTEM—HURON AND ERIE DEBENTURE DEBT.

We further order and award that the Town shall pay to the County, as its proportion of the debt known as the Huron and Erie Debenture debt, the sum of three thousand six hundred and thirty-eight dollars on or before the First day of January next, being the amount required by the County from the Town for the present year, and the like sum of three thousand six hundred and thirty-eight dollars on or before the First day of January A. D. 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, and 1885, without interest. And we order and award that after the payment on the First day of January, 1885, a re-adjustment shall be had between the Town and County, either by agreement or arbitration, with respect to the future payments of the said debt;—it being at present impossible to order and award with respect to the proper proportion of said debt to place upon the Town, during the several years over which the said debt extends beyond the time herein specified.

GAOL AND COURT HOUSE.

We further order and award that the County shall pay to the Town for its interest in the Court House and Gaol property, real and personal, the sum of five thousand dollars in one year from the date hereof, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

We further order and award that the Town do pay to the County as compensation for the use of the Court House and offices thereof, Gaol, Gaoler's residence and appurtenances, and all of the other property, real and personal, used in connection therewith, the yearly sum of three hundred dollars, to be computed from the First day of November instant, and to continue for five years from that date, the first payment to become due and payable on the First day of November, A. D. 1880.

REGISTRY OFFICE.

We further order and award that the County shall pay to the Town for its interest in the Registry Office at Chatham, and all property, real and personal, connected therewith, the sum of twelve hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eighty-five cents, in one year from the date hereof, with interest at six per cent.

We further find and award that the Town shall pay to the County for the use of the said Registry Office and all property, real and personal, connected therewith the sum of seventy-four dollars and thirty-three (\$74.33) annually, to be computed from the First day of November instant: the first payment to become payable on the First day of November, A. D. 1880.

INDUSTRIAL FARM.

We further order and award that the County shall pay to the Town for its interest in that part of Lot number Two in the First concession of the Township of Chatham, known as the Industrial Farm, the sum of one thousand and forty-one dollars and sixty-six cents, (\$1041.66) in one year from the date hereof, with interest at six per cent.

REGISTRY OFFICE ARREARS.

We further order and award that the County shall pay to the Town the sum of five hundred and fifty-eight dollars and seventy-one cents, as its proportion of the debt due and payable from the Registrar of Kent to the County on the first day of November instant. The said sum to be paid to the Town by the County on or before the first day of February, A. D. 1880, with interest at six per cent.

We further award that the County shall collect and pay to the Town its proper proportion of the revenue from said County from the Registrar with respect to the term from said First day of November until the date of separation of the Town from the County, that is to say, one-sixth of the said revenue for the time aforesaid.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

We further order and award that the Town shall pay annually to the County in the proportion of fourteen dollars and twenty-eight cents by the town, and eighty-five dollars and seventy-two cents by the County for the following expenses connected with the administration of Justice: All sums payable to the Sheriff, Clerk of the Peace, County Crown Attorney, Constables, Constables attending Court, Crown witnesses, Grier, Board of Audit, destitute insane, light and fuel for Court House, cleaning Court House, repairs of the Registry Office, repairs of Gaol. The same to be payable quarterly from the first day of November instant, on the first day of February, May, August and November in each year. The first payment to be made on the first day of February next.

And we further award that as soon as the County shall receive from the Government or from any source whatever, any money towards the payment or reimbursement to the County of said expense or any part thereof, then the County shall forthwith pay over to the Town its share of said moneys in the proportion to which the said Corporations respectively paid such expenses. This is to continue for five years from the first day of November instant.

MAINTENANCE OF PRISONERS.

We further order and award that the Town pay annually to the County in the proportion of two dollars by the Town and three dollars by the County for all necessary and proper expenses in keeping and taking care of all persons committed to the common gaol of said County, and others duly confined therein, and for salaries of Gaoler, Turnkey, Matron, Gaol Surgeon and of any assistants required in the disciplinary management of the gaol; for fuel, light, water, cleaning, and cleaning appliances, prison dietaries, medicines and extras known as hospital dietaries, ordered by the Surgeon, current renewal of bedding, clothing and shoes, and any other expenses not herein particularly enumerated in the ordinary management of the Gaol—having first deducted the sum to be paid by the Government for the maintenance of persons on indictable or other offences. The same to be payable quarterly from the first day of November instant, on the first day of February, May, August and November in each year. The first payment to be made on the first day of February next; but as soon as the County shall receive from the Government or from any other source whatever any money towards payment or reimbursement by the County of such expenses or any part thereof, that the County shall forthwith pay over to the Town its share of the said money, in proportion to which the said Corporations paid said expenses respectively. This is to continue for five years from the first day of November instant.

JURY EXPENSES.

We further order and award that the Town do pay to the County annually in the proportion of fourteen dollars and twenty-eight cents by the Town and eighty-five dollars and seventy-two cents by the County, in quarterly instalments from the first day of November instant, and during five years therefrom, for the expenses of juries, including the selecting, summoning, mileage and payment thereof—first deducting all sums that may be received on account thereof. The first quarterly payment to be made on the first day of February, A. D. 1880.

OTHER EXPENSES RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

We further order and award that the Town do pay to the County in the proportion of fourteen dollars and twenty-eight cents by the Town and eighty-five dollars and seventy-two cents by the County, all other necessary expenses in the administration of justice and on which no specific award is herein otherwise made; such payment to commence from the First day of November instant, and continue for five years from that time, and to be paid quarterly as specified in the last preceding paragraph.

REGISTRY OFFICE EXPENSES NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR.

We further order and award that the Town do pay to the County annually in the proportion of fourteen dollars and twenty-eight cents by the Town and eighty-five dollars and seventy-two cents by the County, the expenses necessarily and legally incurred for books, furniture, light, fuel, care of building and appurtenances and otherwise in the ordinary management of the Registry Office, and for which no provision is by law otherwise made; such payment to be computed from the First day of November instant, and to be paid quarterly on the dates hereinbefore specified. Said arrangement to continue for five years from the said First day of November.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

We further order and award that the County do pay to the Town for its interest in the County Roads and Bridges, the sum of eight thousand four hundred and forty-nine dollars, in one year from the date hereof, with interest.

We further award that the Town is not liable to contribute any sum for the maintenance of the County Roads.

We further award that the Town is not liable to pay anything to the County for roads or bridges within its own limits.

We further order and award that the County roads and bridges outside the limits of the Town are the property of the County, and those within the Town limits are the property of the Town.

We further order and award that each party shall pay one-half of the Arbitrators' fees and in the event of one paying the whole thereof, the other shall forthwith repay the half thereof to the party so paying the whole. And as to all other costs and expenses each Corporation shall bear and pay its own costs and expenses of, and incidental to this reference and award.

In witness whereof, we, Frederic Davis and Henry Smyth, two of the said Arbitrators, have hereto set our hands and seals, at the city of London, this Twenty-second day of November A. D. 1879; the said John Lee, the other of the said Arbitrators having failed to appear and consider said award, although duly notified in that behalf so to do.

Signed, sealed, and duly published in /
presence of A. SCHEUVER. }

F. DAVIS, (L.S.)
H. Y. SMYTH, (L.S.)

REPORTS.

ZONE AND EUPHEMIA COUNTY LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the balance standing to the credit of said Line, begs leave to report that he has expended the whole amount of \$58.94, and the Reeve of Euphemia expended an equal sum.—Respectfully submitted.
Chatham, Dec. 12, 1879. L. E. VOGLER, Commissioner.

ROMNEY & MERSEA COUNTY LINE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the balance due to the Line between Romney and Mersea—Kent and Essex—begs leave to report that he has expended the same.—Respectfully submitted,
T. M. Fox, Commissioner.

BOTHWELL & MOSA COUNTY LINE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner begs to report that he has expended the sum of \$12.91 out of the money appropriated at June Session, 1878, on County Line between Bothwell and Mosa.—Respectfully submitted,
December 10th, 1879.

T. DILLON, Commissioner.

SOMBRA & GORE OF CHATHAM COUNTY LINE

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend certain appropriations on the County Line between the Township of Sombra and the North Gore of Chatham, begs leave to report as follows:—That Henry Roebuck, Esq., one of the Municipal Council of the Township of Sombra, who was appointed by that Municipality to act as Commissioner with me on that County Line, have let jobs of ditching to Sam'l Workman to the amount of \$228.50, which has been done and paid for, one half by orders on your County Treasurer, and the one half by orders on the Treasurer of Sombra.—That W. C. Taylor did a job of chopping, logging and grubbing to the amount of \$45. That Ezekiel Loveless done two jobs of chopping, logging and grubbing, amounting to \$68.75. That I paid the one-half for the work done by Taylor and Loveless, amounting to \$41.88 by giving an order on your Treasurer for that amount, making a sum total expended on that County Line by your Commissioner and Mr. Roebuck of \$312.25c—All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. H. STEPHENS, Commissioner.

EAST & WEST TILBURY COUNTY LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner on the County Line of East and West Tilbury begs leave to report as follows:—That the balance of \$87.18 not expended last year, with a grant of \$40 by the Township, was this year met by the Reeve of West Tilbury and expended, and the work all performed, the water this year being so low on the Plains. The Reeve of West Tilbury also let work to the amount of \$44 that I was unable to meet.—Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW WILSON, Commissioner.

CHATHAM & HARWICH TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Committee appointed to expend the sum of \$68.75 on the Line between the Town of Chatham and the Township of Harwich, beg to report as follows:—That C. A. Lutes, who had the job of gravelling the road between the Town and Township for \$68.75, has completed said job, and we gave orders on Treasurer for the same. Also, to McKenzie Ross, for ditching, \$8.—Respectfully submitted,

Dec'r 12, 1879.

JAS. McMULLEN, T. W. JACKSON, Commissioners.

RALEIGH & TILBURY EAST TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent,

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of \$69.77, being the balance to the credit of the Town line between Tilbury East and Raleigh, beg leave to report that they have expended that amount in repairing culverts and ditching, and given orders on Treasurer for same.—Respectfully submitted.

Dec. 11, 1879.

WM. HICKEY, WM. IRWIN, Commissioners.

CHATHAM AND CAMDEN TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend certain sums of money on the Chatham and Camden Town line, begs leave to report, that I sold the job of partly rebuilding the bridge over Drummond's Creek, (which consisted in putting in new stringers, planking and railing,) to M. Lewis for \$90, and I gave him \$1 for repairs previous to rebuilding, making \$91; expense of bridge and cleaning culvert over Pike's Creek, putting in new stringers and covering same, sold to James Ellis for \$8.50. That the above-mentioned jobs, amounting to \$99.50, have been done and paid for by giving orders on your County Treasurer for the above-mentioned amounts.—All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. H. STEPHENS, Commissioner.

ROMNEY & TILBURY EAST TOWN LINE.

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 a balance of \$37.04 not expended last year, was let in ditching this year, on said Line, and the work performed.—Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW WILSON, T. M. FOX, Commissioners.

HOWARD AND ORFORD TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the balance of \$79.38 from 1878, beg to report that it was laid out as follows: To Thos. Vickery, ditching, \$8.50; Daniel McKa, do., \$20; James Secord, culvert, \$27; David Gladstone, culvert, \$10.08; Peter Richards, culvert, \$13.80.—Respectfully submitted,

Dec. 12, 1879.

JOHN FERGUSON, ARCH'D McDONALD, Commissioners.

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP & DOVER TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners on the Chatham and Dover Town Line beg to report that we have expended the sum of \$221.54 that remained to the credit of the road, as follows:—To Wm. Kelly, removing snow, \$1.25; Wm. Kelly, repairing road, \$21.25; C. E. Kinney, do., \$1.87; Wm. Kelly, do., \$20; Anthony Fobert, culvert, \$10; Wm. Kelly, repairing, \$10; Wm. Kelly, do., \$15; Urquhart & Grant, repairing, \$32.25; S. Thibaudeau, repairing culvert, \$10; Wm. Kelly, repairing, \$16.80; Wm. Kelly, do., \$16; Hugh O. McDonald, building bridge, \$62; W. Kelly repairing, \$5.—Respectfully submitted;

C. PURSER, B. GALLAGHER, Commissioners.

HARWICH & RALEIGH TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the balance remaining on the Harwich and Raleigh Town Line, beg leave to report that this balance of \$78.97 has all been expended in ditching, making culverts, gravelling, etc., and orders given on the Treasurer therefor.—Respectfully submitted,

S. WHITE, WM. CAMERON, Commissioners.

DOVER EAST & WEST TOWN LINE

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to report that as your Commissioner to expend the sum of \$100 3c. on the line of road between Dover East and West I have paid out the sum of \$94.77 in ditching and grading on said Town Line, leaving a balance of \$5.26 to credit of said Line.—I have the honor, etc.,

JAMES MACFARLANE, Commissioner.

DOVER & TOWN OF CHATHAM TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the sum of \$148.96 remaining to the credit of the Line between the Town of Chatham and Township of Dover, beg to report that the above sum was expended in ditching and grading, and making and improving culverts for the benefit of the road.—Respectfully submitted,

THOS. HOLMES, JAMES MACFARLANE, Commissioners.

HARWICH & RALEIGH TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the balance of grant on the Town Line between Howard and Harwich for the improvement of same, beg leave to report that they sold the following jobs and gave orders on the Treasurer:—Demetrius Holmes, repairing bridge on McGregor's Creek, \$40; N. Roe, gravelling, \$189; Samuel Coll, gravelling, \$53.10; D. Hamel, rep'g culverts, \$12.—Respectfully submitted,

Dec. 12, 1879.

J. A. LANGFORD, JOHN FERGUSON, Commissioners.

AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL ACT.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Committee appointed to consider amendments to the Mun-

incipal Act proposed by Mr. Macfarlane, in view of the importance of the matter, recommend that it be laid over to the January Session of this Council, and that a Committee be appointed to consider said amendments and report thereon.—All of which is respectfully submitted,
Geo MITCHELL, Chairman.

BOARD OF HEALTH, ORFORD.

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

GENTLEMEN.—It is my duty to report to you that owing to the prevalence of small pox on the Indian Reserve in the Township of Orford during the past summer, it was necessary to draw the attention of the Warden and the several representatives surrounding the Reserve to take steps to prevent the spreading of the disease. A meeting was held at Thamesville on the 30th of June. The Warden and heads of the Municipalities immediately interested attended, and the minutes are hereto attached. A subsequent meeting was also held, with the Warden present, when it was resolved that the Reeve of Orford call a special meeting of his Council for the purpose of passing a Sanitary By-law, appointing a Board of Health and other officers to assist in preventing the spread of the disease: Considerable correspondence passed between the Indian Department and other officers connected therewith, which is also submitted.

The Board of Health have the pleasure to report that they heard of no case of the disease among the white people. There were over forty cases amongst the Indians; resulting in eleven deaths. You will also find a full statement, certified by the Treasurer of Orford, of the expenses connected with the steps taken, as directed by the Warden and other gentlemen who assisted in the premises, for your kind consideration.—All of which is respectfully submitted,
JOHN MAXSON,
Chairman Board Health and Reeve of Orford.
Dec'r 6th, 1879.

THAMESVILLE BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN.—Your Commissioner begs to report that he got repairs done to the Thamesville Bridge to the amount of \$11.90, and gave an order for the same.—All of which is respectfully submitted,
LESTER SHERMAN, Commissioner.

MORAVIAN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN.—I have to report that the Moravian Bridge is at present in a very dangerous condition. The upper side of the Bridge has sunk over one foot by all appearance, and is still sinking. The arches have given way at both ends.—Yours truly,
ANDREW MARCUS.

To the Warden of Kent:—Dear Sir: According to your request I have carefully inspected the Moravian Bridge, and come to the conclusion that it is in a very dangerous position. You had better have both ends boarded up, to stop crossing of either man or teams, as I am of opinion it may fall at any time.—Yours,
JAS. BAXTER.

COUNTY PROPERTY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee on County Property beg leave to report that in conformity with the instructions received at the late June Session from your honorable body, to procure Chambers for the use of the County Judge, we at once caused inquiries to be made for suitable premises in the business part of the Town of Chatham.—Numerous offers having been made we met on the 10th day of July at the call of the Chairman, to select from the following, which were considered the most eligible for the purpose required:—From S. Barfoot, the building occupied by the Bank of Commerce on Wellington Street, near the Central School, used as a Bank; rent, \$250 per annum and taxes. From Isaac Smith, building opposite the Market; two rooms, one in front and one in rear; rent, \$150 per annum with taxes. From Dr. Bright, two rooms situated about the same as last and on the same terms. From Am. Heyward, two rooms in his new building; rent, \$150 per annum without taxes. From Wm. D. Eberts, three rooms, with vault, in Eberts' block, on the third flat, at \$70 per annum without taxes. Your Committee accepted Mr. Eberts' offer. He (Mr. Eberts) has since, at his own expense, at a cost of over \$100, painted, papered, and otherwise decorated the premises and put the Chambers in a complete state of repair.

Your Committee would further report that as the old Chambers for the Judge and the office of the Clerk of the County and Surrogate Courts had been rented together, the landlord claimed that the proportion to be paid for the Clerk's office would be \$100 per annum. We considered that sum excessive, and as more accommodation was required we rented from Mr. Eberts, on the same flat as the Judge's Chambers, two large rooms with a vault about double the size of the one in the old office, at a rent of \$70 per annum, without taxes. We paid special attention to the vault, so that the large amount of valuable papers to be deposited there would be preserved in case of fire. Mr. Eberts had a new vault door made for further security, at a cost of \$40. We also caused a thorough inspection of the brick work to be made by Mr. Henry Baxter, who reported that he had no doubt it was perfectly secure. We have much pleasure in reporting that as every precaution has been taken by us, we believe we have procured at a moderate rent suitable Chambers for the Judge and offices for the Clerk of the County, Surrogate and other Courts, that will meet the requirements of the County for many years to come without further expense in furniture, fittings, &c. After paying the amount of rent due to 1st October, we secured a lease from that date for one year, with the option of four years more, in quarterly payments of \$35 on the 1st days of January, April, July and October. We would recommend that the Clerk be instructed to notify Mr. Eberts that the Council wishes to continue the lease for the longer term, that is for five years from 1st October last; and also, that the Treasurer be instructed to make the quarterly payments of rent as they become due in terms of said lease. The cost incurred in furnishing and fitting up the Judge's Chambers and the offices of the Clerk of the County, Surrogate and other Courts, will in the aggregate be about \$470, making allowance for some small accounts that have not yet been rendered. Under the present arrangement those offices connected with the Courts are now near each other, which will no doubt prove a great convenience to the officers having charge of the same, and also to parties who have business to transact in them.

We made an inspection of all the County offices, and find as far as accommodation and rent is concerned matters are quite satisfactory.

We would recommend that \$10 be paid yearly to the County Judge to meet certain expenditures incurred by him in his correspondence with the several Municipal Clerks in connection with the Voters' lists, etc., and for furnishing blank note books to be used for making notes of reference in the Courts over which he presides as Judge.

We would further report that having had an application from the Gaoler for a proper building in the Gaol yard to store coal oil, ashes, and other materials affecting the Insurance policy, and as required by the fire regulations of the Town of Chatham, we ordered a suitable and permanent brick building to be erected at a cost of \$75.00. We also on application furnished an eight-day clock for turnkey's room, costing \$6.—We would further report that it was found necessary to provide a new coal stove for the Registry Office, the cost being \$20.50 over what was allowed for the old one.

Tenders were as usual asked from parties to supply fuel for the Gaol and County offices. The contract for wood was awarded to Samuel Sloan, of Harwich, at \$2.45 per cord; and for coal to Thomas Wrong, at \$6 per ton for both kinds.—All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS HOLMES, Chairman.

FINANCE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the various matters referred to us, and recommend payment of the following accounts:—

Commissioner work—D. V. Hicks, \$10; Thos. Holmes, \$20; And. Wilson, \$17; T. M. Fox, \$8; J. A. Langford, \$16; S. White, \$14; L. E. Vogler, \$10; W. Irwin, \$4; John Dobbyn, \$10; Wm. Cameron, \$4; T. R. Jackson, (attending arbitration, etc.), \$57.54; C. Purser, \$12; B. Gallagher, \$12; W. Hickey, \$2; L. Sherman, \$2; Arch. Campbell, \$2; A. J. McDonald, \$4; T. W. Jackson, \$8; Jas. Macfarlane, \$10; Jas. McMullen, \$6; W. H. Stephens, \$18; Thos. Dillon, \$6.

John Lee, services as Arbitrator, \$150; Dobbyn & Buchanan, printing, \$3.36; W. H. Gonne, examining Registry office, \$2.25; Thos. Snook, sundries for Judge's room and Co. Court offices, \$10.96; John Wall, do., \$33.95; Town of Chatham, half Judge Davis' acct., \$150; Jas. Richardson, serving notices for arbitration, \$3; David Glass, on acct. arbitration, \$50; I. Evans, livery rigs serving notices, \$3.25; And. Marcus, work and care of Moravian Bridge, \$13; Geo. McRitchie, do., Bothwell Bridge, \$4.50;

Geo. Young, visiting Dresden Bridge and giving evidence before arbitrators, \$4; H. Robinson, sundries, \$12.07; Reeve Orford, for preventing spread of small pox, \$97.50; C. R. Atkinson, expenses in connection with Erie and Huron suit, \$142.68; Co. Clerk, telegrams, etc., \$2.25.

We would also recommend that the acct. of Messrs. McKeough be laid over to the January Session, as it is not properly vouched for; that Mr. Harrison's report be also laid over till the January Session; that the communication from Dr. Bray be not entertained. Your Committee have to call the attention of your honorable body to the large amount paid for commissioners' fees, which, in the opinion of your committee, are altogether too large for the amount of money expended; and we would suggest, that, instead of appointing one or two commissioners for each County line thus causing a needless expense, that in no case should more than one commissioner be allowed to expend money on the same line.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARCH. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 379.

A BY-LAW to appoint an Arbitrator on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Kent in the matter of the Separation of the Town of Chatham from the said County, for Municipal purposes. Passed 16th September, 1879.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham has passed a By-law to separate the said Town of Chatham from the County of Kent, and appointed Henry Smyth as their Arbitrator;

And whereas it is necessary to appoint an Arbitrator on behalf of the Corporation 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 an Act, cap. 174, of the Revised Statutes of Ontario:

1. That John Lee, Esq., of the Township of Orford, be and is hereby appointed Arbitrator on behalf of the Corporation to act in all matters required to be done and made under the Statutes with regard to the Separation of Towns from Counties, in so far as the Separation of the said Town of Chatham and the County of Kent are concerned.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

NO. 380.

A BY-LAW to confirm a certain By-law of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Harwich, passed the 28th day of March, 1874, and numbered 152, Entitled "A By-law to close and sell the Road Allowance between Lots No. 24 and 25, in 4th con., W.C.R., and open up a new Road across the 4th con., W.C.R.; also, to close and sell the 4th con., W.C.R., west of the Side Road between Lots No. 24 & 25."

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 Acts respecting Municipal Institutions of the Province of Ontario:

1. That the said By-law No. 152, passed by the Municipal Council of the Township of Harwich, on the 28th day of March, 1874, (a copy which is hereunto annexed) be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed as fully and effectually as this Council can ratify and confirm the same.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.

NO. 381.

A BY-LAW to confirm a certain By-law passed by the Municipal Council of the Township of Harwich the 27th day of December, 1877, and numbered 218, Entitled "a By-Law to open up a new line of Road from the 4th con. line, W. C. R., along the Southeasterly limits of Lot No. 24 in said 4th concession to the Town line between Raleigh and Harwich, in the Township of Harwich, in lieu of the said 4th concession line, W. C. R., across Lot No. 24, and to sell and close up said 4th concession line from the side Road between Lots 25 and 24 easterly to within four rods of the line between lots 24 and 23."

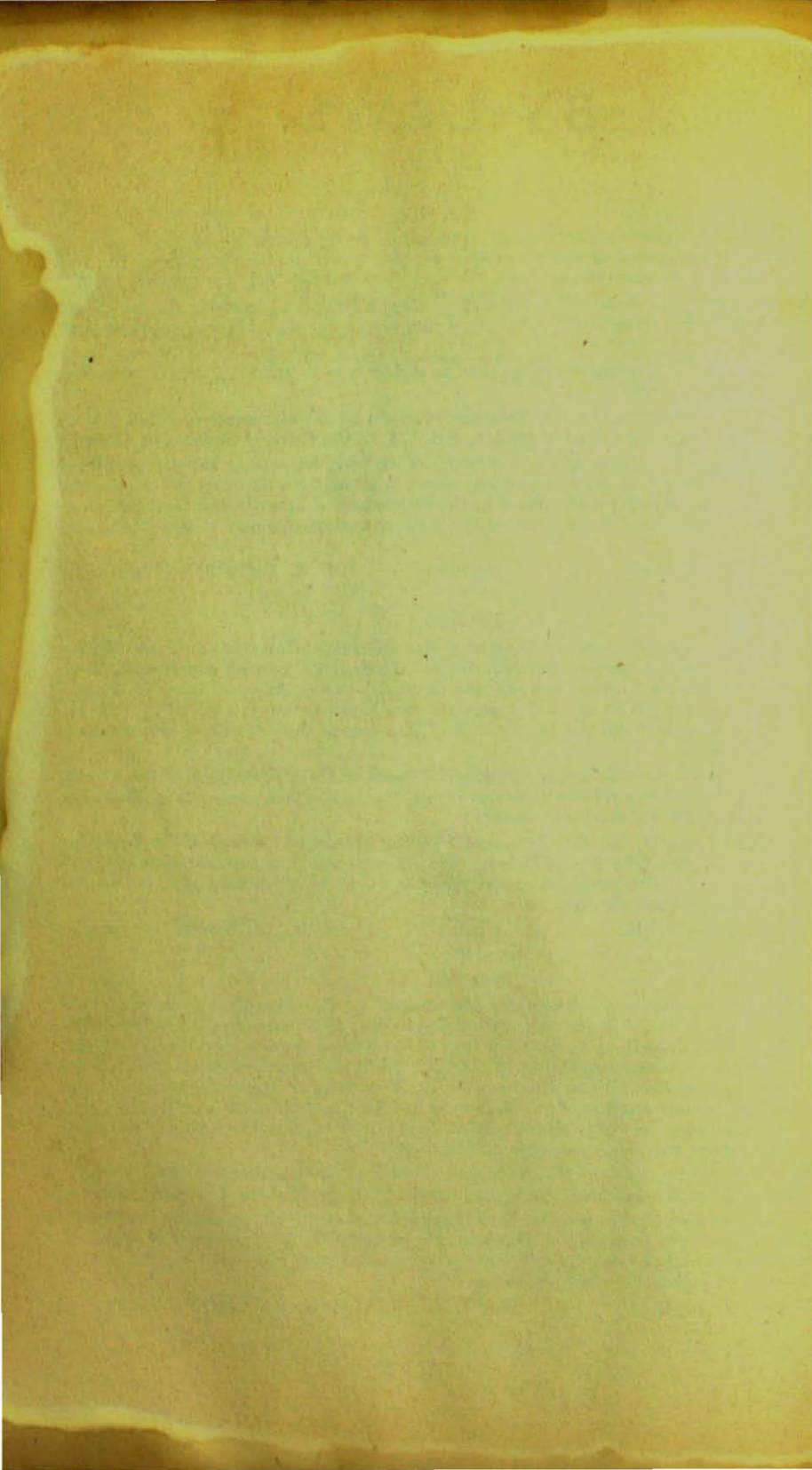
Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal laws of Ontario:

1. That the said By-law number Two Hundred and eighteen, passed by the Municipal Council of the Township of Harwich, December 27th, 1877, (a copy of which is hereunto annexed), be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed so far as this Council can ratify and confirm the same.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

T. R. JACKSON, WARDEN.



MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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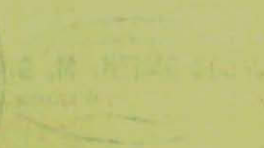
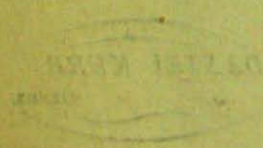
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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

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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, 27th January, 1880.

From the Certificates filed with the County Clerk it appeared that the following Reeves and Deputy Reeves were duly elected and had taken the declarations required by Statute:—

TOWN OF BOTHWELL.....	THOMAS DILLON, REEVE.
VILLAGE OF BLENHEIM.....	GEORGE MORGAN, REEVE.
“ DRESDEN.....	HUGH E. WINTER, REEVE.
“ RIDGETOWN.....	JACOB SMITH, REEVE.
“ THAMESVILLE.....	LEMUEL SHERMAN, REEVE.
“ WALLACEBURG.....	— — —, REEVE.
TOWNSHIP OF CAMDEN.....	JOHN DOBBYN, REEVE.
“ “.....	NATHAN C. KERBY, DEPUTY.
“ CHATHAM.....	WILLIAM H. STEPHENS, REEVE.
“ “.....	ALEXANDER W. CROWE, 1ST DEPUTY.
“ “.....	ABRAHAM BLACKBURN, 2ND DEPUTY.
“ DOVER.....	WILLIAM STEPHENSON, REEVE.
“ “.....	CORNELIUS PURSER, DEPUTY.
“ HARWICH.....	DAVID CAUGHILL, REEVE.
“ “.....	DAVID WILSON, 1ST DEPUTY.
“ “.....	WILLIAM CAMERON, 2ND DEPUTY.
“ HOWARD.....	JOHN FERGUSON, REEVE.
“ “.....	BENJAMIN W. WILSON, 1ST DEPUTY.
“ “.....	ARCHIBALD McDIARMID, 2ND DEPUTY.
“ ORFORD.....	JOHN MASON, REEVE.
“ “.....	ARCHIBALD J. McDONALD, DEPUTY.
“ RALEIGH.....	STEPHEN WHITE, REEVE.
“ “.....	ROBERT J. MORRISON, 1ST DEPUTY.
“ “.....	WILLIAM IRWIN, 2ND DEPUTY.
“ ROMNEY.....	THOMAS M. FOX, REEVE.
“ TILBURY EAST.....	ANDREW WILSON, REEVE.
“ “.....	WILLIAM HICKEY, DEPUTY.
“ ZONE.....	L. E. VOGLER, REEVE.

The Roll was called. Present—Twenty-seven members.

The Councillors then proceeded to elect a Warden, the Clerk in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Caughill, That Dr. Jacob Smith, Reeve of Ridgetown, be Warden for 1880.

Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Fox, That Andrew Wilson, Reeve of Tilbury East, be Warden for 1880.

The first motion was put to vote and carried.

Jacob Smith, M.D., was then declared Warden, who, after making the Declaration of Office, was conducted to the chair and returned thanks to the Council.

The minutes of the last meeting of the December Session of 1879, were read and approved.

The following communications were read:—From Ed. Robinson, M.P.P., acknowledging receipt of Petition for amendments to “the Ditching and Watercourses Act.”

From Henry Colles, Model School Teacher, Chatham, applying to be appointed a member of the Board of Examiners for 1880.

From the County Clerk, respecting supplies of provisions, etc., for the Gaol.

From the Board of Audit, report from 1879.

From the Clerk of the Peace, copy of the presentation of the Grand Jury at the December Sessions, 1879.

From the County Clerk of the County of Carleton, with copy of a resolution respecting bridging the St. Lawrence near Coteau Landing, and asking the co-operation of the County of Kent in the matter.

From the Council of the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham, with a copy of a memorial to the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, respecting the Administration of Justice accounts.

From the Ontario Rifle Association, asking grant of \$10 in aid of prize list for 1880.

From John Mercer, Esq., Sheriff, relating to the salary of the Gaol officials; also, respecting repairs, etc., for the Court House.

From D. D. Field, with prospectus of Belden's Atlas of the Dominion.

Notices of motion were given.

The Clerk laid on the table copies of Minutes and Proceedings of late Sessions of the County Councils of the Counties of Lennox & Addington, Elgin, Perth and Frontenac; also, a neatly bound volume of the Revised By-laws of the County Council of Oxford; also, from Ed. Robinson, M.P.P., Parliamentary papers, consisting of copies of bills now before the Legislature to amend the Municipal, School, Drainage, Ditching and Liquor License Acts.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, 28th January, 1880.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M.D., Warden, and all the Councillors. The minutes of the 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 amounts due each Municipality from Wild Land Tax Collections, and statement of Assets and Liabilities of the County.

From the Reeve of Orford, report of Special Committee on re-building Moravian Bridge.

On motion of Mr. White, the Report of the Special Committee to take advice on certain points relating to the Separation Award of Chatham from the County, was read and adopted.

The following documents attached to the foregoing Report were also read:—1st. Legal opinion of Christopher Robinson, Q.C., Toronto. 2nd. Copy of resolution from the Council of the Town of Chatham. 3rd. Memorandum of agreement between T. W. Jackson, on behalf of the said Town of Chatham, and the said Committee on behalf of the County.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Mason, That Councillors Ferguson, Mason, Vogler, Stephenson, Stephens, Wilson (Tilbury), and the mover, be a Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the present year.—Carried.

On the nomination of the Warden, John Duck, Esq., of Morpeth, was appointed Auditor for the current year.

Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Fox, That George Coutts, of the Township of Raleigh, be appointed to the office of Auditor.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Crowe, That John E. Brooke, Esq., of the Township of Harwich, be Auditor.

Moved as a second amendment by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Cameron, That W. R. Fellows be appointed Auditor.

Moved as a third amendment by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That Herman Eberts be Auditor.

On being put to the vote each of the amendments were lost; motion carried.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Clerk stated that the Village Clerk of Wallaceburg had filed a certificate with him certifying that George Mitchell was elected Reeve of said Village of Wallaceburg for the current year.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M.D., Warden, and all the Councillors.

Communications were read:—From the Council of the County of Bruce, asking the

Council of the County of Kent to co-operate with them in obtaining special legislation to suppress the tramp nuisance.

From T. R. Jackson, ex-Warden, report on the North Branch Bridge at the Village of Wallaceburg.

From the Rev. Wm. King, Secretary of the Board of High School Trustees, with an Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the School for 1879; also, an estimate of expenses for 1880.

From Archibald Campbell, a report from Special Committee respecting the payment of a certain portion of the bonus to the E. & H. Railway.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (Harwich), the report of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the current year, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Morgan, That the Rev. William King be re-appointed High School Trustee.—Carried.

On motion of Dr. Mitchell, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the report of a Committee respecting the payment of certain sums to the E. & H. R. Co. Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

After hearing Mr. Campbell, Chairman of the Committee, within the bar, and discussing the matter, the Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again.

Various notices of motion were given.

The Warden referred the various Communications to the respective Committees to which they belong.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, 29th January, 1880.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M.D., Warden, and all the Councillors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read:—From Judge Bell, calling the attention of the Council to the advisability of appointing a Short-hand Reporter to the County Court and General Sessions of this County.

From C. E. Pegley, County Solicitor, with legal opinion relating to an assessment made against the County for drainage on the County line between East and West Tilbury. Also, on the liability of the County Council to rebuild and keep in repair the Moravian Bridge.

From Wm. Eberts, Managing Director of the St. Clair and Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road Company, with Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for 1879.

On motion of Mr. White, the Council again went into Committee on the report of Committee respecting the payment of certain sums to the E. & H. R. Co. Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Mason, That the report of the Special Committee appointed at the December session to consider matters relating to the E. & H. R. Company, be adopted, and that a By-law be passed to indemnify the Trustees against any and every loss they may sustain in withholding the amount allotted to Section Three until the Company has graded the Road through the Town of Chatham, and also built the Bridge across the River Thames; and that a Committee be appointed composed of the Warden, Dr. Mitchell, and Mr. Wilson (Harwich), to watch the interests of the County in the legislation that the Company is now seeking from the Legislature; and also, to press upon the Government the necessity of granting aid to said Road on their completing the same; and that, if thought necessary, the Warden go to Toronto to represent their views.—Carried.

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

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Mason, That the Resolution passed in Committee be the report of this Council.—Carried.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M.D., Warden, and all the Councillors.

A Communication from the Council of the Town of Chatham was read, relating to stock held by them in the St. Clair & Rond Eau P. & G. Road Co.; also, relating to their Bridges on which tolls are collected.

Notices of motion were given. Accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Fox, That this Council grant the sum of \$1,500 to assist the Township of Tilbury East in building a bridge over Jennett's Creek, on the Tecumseh road.—Referred to R. & B. Committee.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Morgan, That Messrs. Ferguson, Wilson (Harwich), Stephenson, Hickey, Mason, Stephens and the mover, be a Committee to suggest certain amendments to the Municipal Law.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Caughill, That in future the allowance to the members of this Council for attendance at the proceedings thereof, be limited to four days' pay for each regular Session.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Mason the Council went into Committee of the Whole to consider the report of the Special Committee on rebuilding Moravian Bridge. Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That this Council appoint Messrs. Ferguson, White, Vogler, Dillon, Morgan and the mover a Committee to procure plans and specifications, and to advertise for tenders for the building of a Wooden Bridge across the River Thames on the site at present occupied by Moravian Bridge.—Carried.

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

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That the resolution passed in Committee be adopted by this Council.—Carried.

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

Yeas—Councillors Wilson (Harwich), Morgan, Hickey, Wilson (Tilbury), Mitchell, McDonald, Mason, Ferguson, Wilson (Howard), McDiarmid, Stephenson, Purser, Vogler, Dillon, Winter, Sherman, and the Warden—17.

Nays—Councillors Caughill, Cameron, White, Morrison, Irwin, Fox, Blackburn, Crowe, Stephens, Dobbyn and Kerby—11.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. White, That this Council grant the sum of \$250 to each of the Agricultural Societies of West and East Kent, and that \$50 of this amount be paid this spring to each Society, with the view of encouraging the importation of thorough-bred stock; and said \$50 be disposed of as the Directors of said Societies deem most advisable.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury), seconded by Mr. Fox, That a return be furnished by the Warden of this County of the amount of rent paid during the years 1878 and 1879 for public offices.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That Charles Gillet, of Bothwell, be appointed Caretaker of Bothwell Bridge, and that his salary be \$5 per annum.—Referred to R. & B. Committee.

Moved by Mr. Purser, seconded by Mr. Stephenson, That this Council offer the Town of Chatham the sum of \$750, providing that the said Town of Chatham make their Bridges free of toll.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Howard), seconded by Mr. Ferguson, That the sum of \$50 be granted to the Mechanics' Institute in Ridgeway.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Mason, That inasmuch as Peter Spence, a Grand Juror from the Township of Orford who came to attend the Court in December last be paid his expenses as such Juror, and that the explanation of the Clerk of the Peace be read to show why he did not get his pay.—Referred to Finance.

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

Moved by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Irwin, That Messrs. White, Mason, Ferguson, Wilson (Tilbury), and the mover, be a Committee to draft a Petition to the Governor in Council, the Senate, and the House of Commons of Canada, for pecuniary aid in the construction of a harbor at Two Creeks; also, to grant a charter to the St. Clair and Lake Erie Navigation Company to construct a Ship Canal from the River Thames to the Two Creeks, on Lake Erie, in the County of Kent.—Carried.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, 30th January, 1880.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M. D., Warden, and all the Councillors.

A communication was read from the President of the E. & H. Rail'y Company, on matters relating to the road.

The report of Committee to commute the fees of the Clerk of the Peace, was read.
 Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Morrison, That the report now read be adopted.—Lost.

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

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

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the aforesaid By-law passed in Committee, with blanks filled up and a new clause added. The By-law was then read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Dillon, That the request of the County Judge for a Short-hand Writer to take down evidence at the sittings of the County Court and General Sessions, on the second Tuesday of June and December in each year, be granted, and that this Council recommend the appointment of Mr. George H. Taylor, Chatham, and that his salary be not more than \$5.00 per day during the sitting of the Court.—Carried.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M.D., Warden, and all the Councillors. Notices of motion were given.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Howard), That Mr. Sherman be caretaker of Thamesville Bridge, and Mr. John A. Langford caretaker of Kent Bridge, and their salary be \$5 each.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury), That it is the opinion of this Council that Mr. Lee, the Arbitrator on behalf of the County in the matter of the separation of Chatham, did faithfully, intelligently and impartially attend to the interests of the County, and that this Council acknowledge such services, and instruct the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Mr. Lee, the said Arbitrator.—Carried.

As required by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury), the Warden brought down (from the County Treasurer), a statement of the amount paid for rents in the years 1878 and 1879 for County offices.

On motion of Mr. Caughill the Council went into Committee on the matter of the Gravel Road between Harwich and Raleigh, and also on road between the Townships of Chatham and Dover. Mr. Dobbyn in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Stephens, That whereas the Gravel Road between the Townships of Harwich and Raleigh, also the Plank Road between the Townships of Chatham and Dover, are at the present time almost impassable for public travel, and has been in the same condition for many years past in seasons of wet weather; the said roads have become a great grievance to the ratepayers of the County of Kent, also, very burdensome the payment of tolls on the same as soon as the Gravel Road dries up, when all other roads are good; be it therefore resolved, that the Warden apply to the Department of Public Works, Toronto, to have a competent Engineer appointed to inspect said road and report to this Council whether it is a legal road under the Statute or not.—Carried.

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

Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Stephens, That the resolution passed in Committee be adopted.—Carried.

On motion the 18th, 24th and 25th Rules were suspended for the remainder of the Session, and to hear a deputation who were present in reference to the famine in Ireland. Mr. Woods, Rev. Mr. Martin, Mr. Stephenson and Mr. McKeough addressed the Council.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, That after hearing the deputation from the Town of Chatham who were so kind and feeling by sympathizing with the present want and distress which prevails in Ireland, this Council also join with the deputation in that sympathy, and that this Council vote the sum of \$500 towards aiding and relieving the wants of the people of Ireland.—Referred to Finance.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to amend By-law No. 364 was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to confirm the Award relating to the differences between the Corporation of the Town of Chatham and the Corporation of the County of Kent, as settled by an agreement bearing date the 17th day of December, A.D. 1879, was read a first and second time.

On motion, the Council went into Committee on the two aforesaid By-laws. Mr. Wilson (Harwich), in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported the two By-laws passed in Committee. The By-law to amend By-law No. 364 with a clause added.

On motion of Mr. White, the two aforesaid By-laws were each read separately a third time and passed.

A Petition to the Legislature of Ontario was read, praying for amendments to the Municipal Act.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Mason, That the Petition just read be adopted, and a copy forwarded to the Member for West Kent for presentation.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury), That the Committee on County Property be instructed to offer the land known as the Industrial Farm for sale at an upset price of \$7,000, by public auction, on such terms as the Committee may deem best.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Mason, That owing to the large expense the County suffers by having sheep killed by dogs, it is hereby resolved that this Council request the different Municipalities to give their Assessors strict instructions to obey the fourth clause of the Act, chap. 194, R. S. O., page 940, Municipal Act, imposing tax on dogs, and that the attention of Town and Village Corporations be more particularly drawn to this matter as it is known to a large number of this Council that the one-fourth of the dogs are not taxed, and that the Clerk send a copy of this resolution to Clerks of Municipalities in the County.—Carried.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, 31st January, 1880.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M.D., Warden, and all the Councillors.

On motion of Mr. Hickey, the Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dobbyn the report of Education Committee was read and adopted.

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

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that after hearing the deputation from the Town of Chatham who were so kind and feeling and sympathizing with the present want and distress which prevails in Ireland, this Council also join with the deputation in that sympathy, and this Council vote the sum of \$500 towards aiding in relieving the wants of the people of Ireland; to be sent through the Mansion House Fund.—Carried.

On motion of Dr. Mitchell, a By-law to indemnify the Trustees of the Debentures of the County of Kent granting aid to the Erie and Huron Railroad Company from paying over the same to the said Company until the third section is graded through the Town of Chatham, and the bridge built across the River Thames, was read a first and second times.

On motion, the Council went into Committee on the said By-law. Mr. McDonald in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-law passed in Committee.

On motion of Dr. Mitchell the aforesaid By-law was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Dr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Stephens, That the Clerk be and is hereby instructed to forward a certified copy of the By-law indemnifying the Trustees of the Debentures granting aid to the E. & H. R. Co., a copy of said By-law to be sent to each of said Trustees.—Carried.

Mr. Fox presented draft of Petition to the Dominion Government to sanction a Charter for the purpose of constructing a Ship Canal from Lake St. Clair to some point on Lake Erie.

Moved by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, That copies of the petition now read be engrossed and forwarded to the Hon. the Minister of Public Works for the Dominion of Canada, also a copy to R. Stephenson, Esq., M.P. for County of Kent.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Purser, That a Committee be appointed consisting of the Reeves and Deputy-Reeves of the Townships of Chatham and Dover to wait on the Council of the Town of Chatham in connection with the Bridge Tolls and ask that the proposition of this Council be adopted; no charge to be made by said Committee for their services.—Carried.

On motion, the Council then adjourned till the second Tuesday in June next.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

FROM COUNCIL FOR AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL ACT.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:

The Petition of the Council of the Co. of Kent, humbly sheweth:—That the following amendments be made to the Municipal Law: 1. That the number of members of the County Councils be reduced. 2. That Municipal elections take place every two years, in place of every year as now required. 3. That Sec. 3, cap. 199, R.S.O., be so amended that unoccupied lands will contribute a fair share of the expenses for drainage work under said Section. 4. That the assessment of property be only required to be made every three years.—And your petitioners will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

FROM JUDGE BELL, FOR SHORT-HAND WRITER.

To the County Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to draw your attention to the advisability of appointing a Short-hand Reporter to the County Court and General Sessions of this County. The length of the sittings of these Courts would be lessened by such an appointment and the expenses to the County thereby decreased. Apart from this, it would be more satisfactory to all parties having business therein to have a verbatim report of the evidence, arguments, &c.—I have, &c.,

A. BELL, Judge Co. Court, Kent.

FROM SHERIFF MERCER, RE GAOL OFFICIALS' SALARY, &c.

To the County Council of Kent, in Council assembled:

GENTLEMEN,—As the per diem allowance for maintenance of the Gaol Officials has been discontinued, I have been directed by the Inspector to call your attention to the necessity of adding to the respective salaries of the various Officials the amount hitherto allowed by way of maintenance. I am also requested to draw your attention to the Inspector's report, in which you are desired to provide iron bedsteads in lieu of the wooden ones now in use (which, in my opinion also, is a much needed sanitary reform); and as they can now be procured in Hamilton at a low rate from a firm supplying the other County Gaols, I trust the matter may receive your early attention. I also beg to direct your attention to the present leaky state of the Court House roof. All of which I have the honor to lay before you for consideration.

JOHN MERCER, Sheriff.

FROM COUNTY TREASURER—ACCOUNTS FOR 1879.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN.—I herewith have the honor to submit to your honorable body my Accounts with the County of Kent for the year 1879, made out in the usual manner, and embracing:—1st. Copy of Cash Book, giving in detail the receipts and expenditure during the year. 2d. Abstract of Accounts, giving the amount received and expended under each head. 3d. Balance Sheet. 4th. Statement of the amount due each Municipality from Wild Land Tax collections. 5th. Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the County. I have credited the Town of Chatham with the amount awarded to it by the Arbitrators for its interest in the Gaol & Court House, Registry Office, Industrial Farm, Roads and Bridges, and Fees from Registrar, amounting to \$16,288.22, and beg to state that I cannot see my way clear to charging the Town quarterly at the dates mentioned in the award with the proportion fixed upon of the expenditure on account of the Maintenance of Prisoners, Administration of Justice, &c. The accounts for services under these heads being rendered to the County for quarter ending 31st March, 30th June, 30th Sept. and 31st Dec'r, the quarterly payments from the Town should be made concurrent. I would therefore respectfully suggest that an arrangement to that effect should be entered into with the Town authorities, and as the County rate payable by the Town for the year 1879 will pay its share of all indebtedness of the County to 31st Dec'r, 1879, it would appear to be only right that its liability in respect to these services should commence and take effect from the 1st inst.—I have the honor to be, &c.,

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

CHAS. GEO. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, in account with the County of Kent for Receipt and Expenditure of County funds during the year 1879.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, 1st Jan'y, 1879	\$6625 06	Treas. Wallaceburg, County rate 1878 ..	\$ 275 00
Premium acct., rec'd on Debentures	107 12	Treas. Blenheim, County rate 1878	250 00
Treas. Bothwell, County rate 1878	387 50	Treas. Tilbury East, County rate 1878 ..	1735 17
Industrial Farm, rent for 1878	50 00	Treas. Harwich, bal. Co. rate '78, \$577 12	
Registrar Kent, on acct. fees due for '78 ..	1300 00	" acct. E. & H. R. & Co. rate '79, 5000 00	5577 12
Treas. Romney, County rate of 1878	\$28 25	Board Examiners, refunded by Mr. Nich-	
Four School R'dleigh & Til'y E. from Gov't ..	50 00	ol, over-paid McCabe & Johnson	48 00
Treas. Dover, County rate 1878, \$2933 48		License account	315 00
" acct. E. & H. R. assm't '79, 1506 56	4440 04	Treas. Ridgetown, County rate 1878	325 00
Treas. Dresden, County rate 1878	475 00	John Mercer, Sheriff, for advances	450 00
Treas. Town Chatham, Co. rate '78, \$4250		High School for Master	679 00
" E. & H. Railway assm't 1878, 3888	8138 00	Treas. Orford, bal. Co. rate 1878, \$1078 02	
Treas. Township Chatham, Co. rate 1878, 3873 31		" acct. do, 1879, 1000 00	2078 02
Fuel acct., from Wm. Douglas	16 11	Interest acct., received on deposits	243 41
Treas. Howard, County rate 1879	2232 91	Finance Minister, Adm. Justice and pay-	
Treas. Zone, County rate 1879	555 40	ment of Witnesses	4389 50
Treas. Thamesville, Co. rate 1878	225 00	Trustees S.S. No. 1, Howard, re arbitrat.	20 00
W. Douglas C.P., over-paym't Oct. 9 '78, ..	30 25	Lands Redeemed account	2305 00
Treas. Raleigh, County rate '78, \$3809 50		Wild Land tax. rec. from Municipalities ..	17118 30
" acct. do, 1879, 390 00	4109 50	Debentures, new	14282 70
Payment of Jurors	108 08	Legislative Sch. grant, rec. from Gov't ..	4227 00
Treas. Camden, County rate '78, \$1952 20			
" acct. do, 1879, 500 00	2432 20		

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EXPENDITURE.

Rewards account	\$ 130 00	Govt. drains, Tilbury East and Romney ..	\$ 68 50
Medicine for Prisoners	11 09	Salary account	1890 00
Wallaceburg Bridges, repairs acct.	184 86	Office rent account	586 00
East Kent Agricultural Society, grant '79	500 00	County Printing	161 22
Poor School, Raleigh and Tilbury East ..	50 00	Caretaker of Offices	240 00
Board of Audit	16 00	Model School, Chatham, grant 1878 & 1879	200 00
Registry Office for Books	68 00	Law expenses	308 68
Gaol and Court House furnishings	19 59	Lands Redeemed account	2312 97
Fuel account	79 95	Wallaceburg bridges, swinging, etc.	190 00
Moravia Bridge repairs	19 71	Horticultural Society for 1878 and 1879 ..	40 00
Dresden Bridge repairs	146 86	Bridge over River Sydenham	1500 00
Tecumseh Bridge repairs	11 70	Cononers' orders	11 00
Grant to 24th Batt. Band	200 00	Adm. Justice not Criminal	3963 45
New Registry office	30 31	Adm. Criminal Justice	4629 46
Public Buildings repairs	81 59	Chatham Mechanics Institute	50 00
Debenture account, new	3000 00	Erie & Huron Railway debentures	4982 70
Insurance account	306 25	Interest, Erie & Huron Railway	1302 70
Councillors' wages and Committees	2248 84	Payment of Witnesses	356 60
Payment of Jurors	1829 60	Arbitration, re Separation Town from Co.	383 25
Bothwell Bridge, South approach	150 00	Miscellaneous expense acct.	341 29
Selectors of Jurors, 1878 & 1879	240 00	Legislative School grant, p'd Municipal's	4332 00
High School Board	150 00	Wild Land tax acct., pd. Municipalities ..	17514 25
School Superintendence	1095 40	Interest account	1980 00
Office Furniture	545 48	Grants to different Town Lines	2183 25
Board of Examiners	72 39	Cash on hand	16607 00
Sheriff, advances convey pris. to Penit'ary	250 00		
High School for Master	1879 00		

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Co. Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 1st Jan'y, 1880.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

BALANCE SHEET, County of Kent Ledger, 1st January, 1880.

Gaol and Court House	\$24181 04	Treasurer Raleigh	\$ 2012 25
do Wall	6561 09	do Camden & Gore	1974 24
Registry Office furniture	230 29	do Wallaceburg	402 60
do addition	716 24	do Blenheim	368 00
Treasurer Bothwell	235 69	High Grammar School	6062 55
Industrial Farm	2051 85	New County Offices	270 00
Register Kent	878 46	Moravia Bridge	4251 82
Treasurer Romney	481 92	Office Furniture	1441 90
do Dover East and West	1845 41	Treasurer Tilbury East	1047 50
do Dresden	695 40	do Harwich	3028 19
Gaol and Court House furniture	1807 34	do Ridgetown	167 60
Treasurer Town of Chatham	2334 00	John Mercer, Sheriff	79 00
do Chatham	5676 14	Treasurer Orford	506 60
Dresden Bridge	3881 50	Bonus Erie and Huron Railway	155000 00
Kent Bridge	15907 22	Criminal Witnesses	16 41
New Registry Office	7193 83	Arbitration account, re Separation Town	
Treasurer Thamesville	135 80	from County	383 25
Tecumseh Bridge	16455 59	Cash account	16607 00
Wm. Douglas, C. P	6 59		
Insurance account	396 25		

\$285820 00

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Kent & Middlesex County Line.....	\$ 24 00	McKerecher drain	\$ 70 00
Bothwell Bridge	31 89	Kent and Elgin C L drain No 1	24 00
Harwich and Town Chatham	57 60	Township of Orford	66 25
Otter Creek drain	200 00	Board of Examiners	195 61
Kent and Lambton C L	1 38	Bothwell and Mosa T L	33 93
Board of Audit	32 00	Chatham and Town Chatham	27 96
Township Zone	635 37	Village of Ridgeway	4 56
do Chatham	4383 24	Hazlett drain	150 00
do Harwich	312 91	McKim drain	40 00
do Camden and Gore	877 31	Bedford-Ellis drain	28 00
do Tilbury East	3785 92	Stephens drain	75 00
Chatham & Camden T. L. ditch	11 17	Boyle drain	250 00
Chatham and Dover do	420 00	Fleming drain	220 00
Camden and Dresden T. L.	0 74	Cooper drain	154 00
Dover East and West do	5 26	Govt drain Tilbury E and Raleigh	11 43
Township of Dover	1942 06	do Romney	22 83
Count. of Kent general account	48760 46	Interest Account	500 00
Village of Dresden	140 70	Gore of Camden and Dawn	151 74
Town of Chatham	16288 22	West Kent Agricultural Society	200 00
Fuel account	186 16	Camden and Chatham T L	85 94
Romney and Mersea T. L.	145 73	School Trustees Sec. No. 1 Howard	175 10
Moravia Bridge repairs	76 89	Lands Redeemed acct.	139 32
Bothwell Bridge, N. approach	136 65	Jennett's Creek bridge	60 60
Teumseh Bridge repairs	26 80	Blenheim and Howard	2 00
School Sec No. 13, Harwich	40 00	East and West Tilbury T L	36 92
Camden for line between Kent & Lambt	150 00	Romney and Tilbury East T L	0 10
Village of Thamesville	46 21	Finn Creek drain	80 00
Debenture account	27000 00	Adm. Justice not Criminal	843 91
Gore Chatham and Sombra T. Line	451 36	Howard and Harwich T L	12 72
Township Howard	118 44	Adm. Criminal Justice	11 08
do Raleigh	2067 19	Erie & Huron Railway debentures	13001 21
Chatham and Wallaceburg	49 00	Interest Erie & Huron Railway	5298 33
Howard and Harwich tap drain	23 25	New Debenture acct.	14282 79
Bothwell Bridge, S approach	20 66	Unpaid Witnesses acct	24 00
Township Romney	2547 68	Interest, new Debentures	866 96
Village of Wallaceburg	102 28	Corless drain	150 00
do Blenheim	216 16		
Drill Shed, Wallaceburg	200 00		
			\$258329 06

Co. Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 1st Jan'y, 1880. C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

STATEMENT showing Liabilities and Assets of the County of Kent, as at 1st January, 1880.

LIABILITIES.	
Due Kent and Middlesex C L	\$ 24 00
Bothwell bridge	31 89
Harwich and Town Chatham T L	57 60
Otter Creek drain	200 00
Kent and Lambton C L	1 38
Board of Audit	32 00
Township of Zone	635 37
do Chatham	4383 24
do Harwich	312 91
do Camden and Gore	877 31
do Tilbury East	3785 92
do Howard	11 17
do Raleigh	2067 19
do Romney	2547 68
do Orford	66 25
do Dover	1942 06
Village of Dresden	140 70
do Thamesville	46 21
do Wallaceburg	102 28
do Blenheim	216 17
Town of Chatham, amt. Registry Office fees under award	558 71
Registry Office for books	32 00
Chatham and Camden T L ditch	11 17
Chatham and Dover East do	420 00
Camden and Dresden T L	0 74
Dover East and West T L	5 26
Fuel account	186 16
Romney and Mersea T L	145 73
Moravia Bridge repairs	76 89
Bothwell Bridge and North approach	136 65
Teumseh Bridge repairs	26 80
School Section No 13 Harwich	40 00
Camden for line bet'n Kent & Lambton	150 00
Debenture due 30th January	1000 00
Gore of Chatham and Sombra T L	451 36
Chatham and Wallaceburg T L	49 00
Howard and Harwich tap drain	23 25
B. thwell Bridge, South approach	20 66
Drill Shed, Wallaceburg	\$ 200 00
McKerecher drain	70 00
Kent and Elgin C L drain No. 1	24 00
Board of Examiners	195 61
Bothwell and Mosa T L	33 93
Chatham and Town of Chatham	27 96
Village of Ridgeway	4 56
Hazlett drain	150 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
Govt. drain. Tilbury East and Raleigh	11 43
do Romney	22 83
Interest account	500 00
Gore of Camden and Dawn	151 74
West Kent Agricultural Society	200 00
Chatham and Camden T L	85 94
School Trustees Sec. No 1, Howard	175 10
Lands Redeemed acct.	139 32
Jennett's Creek Bridge	60 60
Blenheim and Howard	2 00
East and West Tilbury T L	36 92
Romney and Tilbury E. T L	0 10
Finn Creek drain	80 00
Adm. Justice not Criminal	843 91
Howard and Harwich T L	12 72
Adm. Criminal Justice	11 08
Erie and Huron Railway debentures	5286 24
Interest do do do	5298 33
Unpaid Witnesses	24 00
Corless drain	150 00
Interest on Debentures und. By-law 371	856 96
Balance of Assets over Liabilities	2201 61
	\$38526 94

ASSETS.

Due by Registrar.....	\$ 878 46	Due by Treasurer Bethwell	\$ 225 60
Treasurer Romney.....	481 92	do Tilbury East.....	1047 25
do Dover East and West.....	1845 41	do Harwich.....	30 8 19
do Dresden.....	695 40	do Ridgetown.....	197 60
do Town Chatham.....	2334 00	do Orford.....	506 63
do Chatham.....	5676 14	John Mercer, Sheriff.....	79 00
do Thamesville.....	135 80	Wm. Douglas C P.....	6 50
do Raleigh.....	2012 30	Govt. for Criminal Witnesses.....	16 41
do Camden and Gore.....	1974 34	Cash on hand.....	16697 07
do Wallaceburg.....	402 60		
do Benheim.....	366 00		\$38526 94

DEFERRED LIABILITIES.

Debentures, old issue (of which Town of Chatham is to pay \$4333 22).....	\$ 23000 00
Erie and Huron Railway.....	144730 97
Debentures issued under By-law No. 371.....	14282 79
Town Chatham under award and payable 22nd Nov'r, 1880, with interest at 6 per cent.....	15723 51
	\$200743 27

Co. Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 1st Jan'y, 1880.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

STATEMENT of Amounts due different Municipalities for Wild Land Tax Collections.

Township of Zone.....	\$ 635 37	Township of Dover East and West.....	\$ 1942 06
do Chatham and Gore.....	4983 24	Village of Dresden.....	149 70
do Harwich.....	312 91	do Thamesville.....	46 21
do Camden and Gore.....	877 31	do Wallaceburg.....	102 28
do Tilbury East.....	3765 92	do Blenheim.....	218 17
do Howard.....	118 44	do Ridgetown.....	4 56
do Raleigh.....	2067 19		
do Romney.....	2547 68		
do Orford.....	66 25		\$17226 27

Co. Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 1st Jan'y, 1880.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

STATEMENT of Rents paid in the years 1878 and 1879 for County Offices.

1878.		1879.	
Sheriff Mercer, year's allowance for rent.....	\$50 00	Sheriff Mercer, 1 year's allowance.....	\$50 00
Wm. Douglas, C.P.....	60 00	Wm. Douglas, C.P.....	60 00
Rent of Judge's and County Court Clerk's Offices for year ending 10th Aug., 1878 ..	125 00	Rent of Treasurer's Office.....	150 00
Rent of Treasurer's Office.....	150 00	do County Clerk's Office.....	50 00
do County Clerk's Office.....	30 00	do Master in Chancery's Office.....	50 00
do Master in Chancery's Office.....	50 00	Judge Bell, rent Judge's & Co. Ct. Clerk's offices, 1 year end. 19th Feb'y, 79, \$78 94	78 94
		Mr. Gardiner, rent of do. to Sept. 19, 71 64	71 64
		W. D. Eberts, do. to Oct. 1, 17 50	17 50
		do do. to Dec. 31, 25 00	25 00
Total paid in 1878.....	\$465 00	Total paid in 1870.....	\$636 56

Co. Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 30th Jan'y, 1880.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

ST. CLAIR & ROND EAU PLANK & GRAVEL ROAD COMPANY.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1879.

RECEIPTS—Cash on hand 1st Jan'y, 1879.....	\$ 99 98
Tolls from Wallaceburg Division.....	1638 41
Blenheim do.....	2193 41
	\$3331 80
EXPENDITURE—Paid Engineers, Insurance, Printing, &c.....	\$ 64 34
Interest on Bond to Bank U. Can., now held by H. Eberts.....	79 08
Salaries.....	776 00
Road Repairs.....	2196 87
Balance to 1880.....	245 61
	\$3351 80

Chatham, 2nd Jan'y, 1880.

W. D. EBERTS, Managing Director.

BOARD OF AUDIT.

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

GENTLEMEN,—We the undersigned members of the Board of Audit beg leave to report to your honorable body as follows:—That we have audited the claims against the County for 1879, presented to the Board, amounting to \$3084 33, of which the sum of \$263 06 was disallowed as shown by accompanying Schedule. There are some items yet under consideration which, when settled, may slightly increase the amount disallowed, but not to any considerable extent. In addition to the claims against the County, we also audited those against the Government for Criminal Justice expenditure. We find that the cost of advertising the Division Courts by the Clerk of the Peace in three newspapers, each at \$40, amounts to \$120 per annum. We would suggest that if the County is required to pay for such service that it be tendered for with

other County printing, and only put in the paper having the contract. And that the same rule apply to the advertisements for the Assizes and General Sessions.

In taxing the accounts of last year there has been a thorough and searching investigation, in which His Honor Judge Bell has cheerfully given us his valuable assistance. The Board has been organized more in conformity with the Statute than in former years. A Minute Book has been procured, so that the Clerk of the Peace will keep a record of the business done, which can be referred to, so that a more uniform action can be secured, and effecting thereby a large saving to the County.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WHITE, }
D. KERR, } Auditors.

APRIL.	Amt. claimed.	Amt. allowed
Sheriff Mercer.....	\$245 64	\$245 64
Wm Douglas.....	168 42	149 49
Jas O'Rourke, wood.....	155 17	155 17
J. R. Gemmill, printing.....	133 42	133 42
W. R. Dobbyn do.....	10 00	10 00
H. B. Kersey, Constable.....	4 20	4 20
J. L. Bray, ex. lunatics.....	21 00	20 00
D. G. Fleming do.....	25 00	25 00
	\$761 85	\$742 92
	742 92	

Amount disallowed....\$18 93

OCTOBER.		
John Mercer.....	\$189 14	\$174 14
Wm Douglas.....	250 04	152 31
W Oldershaw, repairs at gaol.....	5 00	5 00
R Cooper, stationery.....	16 05	16 05
J R Gemmill, printing.....	63 66	63 76
Jas O'Rourke, wood.....	63 75	65 75
Wm Tompkins, Constable.....	8 25	5 25
B M Hubble, do.....	10 45	7 95
M Tompkins, do.....	5 75	5 75
S F Dennis.....	17 5	13 55
H J McTener.....	4 76	3 76
H Weaver, constable.....	4 75	4 75
J L Bray, ex. lunatics.....	20 00	4 00
D G Fleming, do.....	11 00	8 00

\$691 09
520 06

Amount disallowed...\$171 03

JANUARY, 1880.		
Sheriff Mercer.....	\$329 82	\$329 82
Wm Douglas.....	294 04	231 29
Robt Cooper, stationery.....	15 00	15 00
S Barfoot, do.....	10 00	10 00
C G Charter, postage.....	16 44	16 44
Constable's account.....	4 22	4 22
D G Fleming, exam. lunatics.....	24 53	24 55
J R Gemmill.....	15 00	12 00
	84 63	84 63

\$993 70
887 95

Amount disallowed....\$ 5 75

JULY.		
Sheriff Mercer.....	\$304 51	\$304 51
Wm Douglas.....	342 20	236 45
J R Gemmill, printing.....	85 09	85 09
W R Dobbyn, do.....	10 00	10 00
John Fritz, Constable.....	5 30	5 30
Thomas Windover.....	6 20	4 80
Henry Weaver.....	4 45	4 45

\$757 75
670 60

Amount disallowed....\$87 15

BOARD OF HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

To the Warden and Councillors 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 1879 has been most efficiently conducted by the Head Master, David S. Patterson, B. A., a Graduate of Toronto University, assisted by Herbert N. Hoople, B. A., a Graduate of Victoria University, and D. F. H. Wilkins, B. A., a Graduate also of Toronto University.

The number of pupils enrolled during the year was 130; of these 68 were boys and 62 were girls. The number in attendance from the Town was 57, and the number from the County 73. This shows a very large increase as compared with the last year, both in the general attendance and especially in the attendance from the County. The attendance from the Town is less by 15 than what it was last year, while from the County the number has nearly doubled, showing that a deeper interest is being awakened throughout the County in favor of High School education. The advantages offered by the Chatham High School for obtaining a liberal education are equal to any other of a similar kind in the Province. The Entrance Examination this year shows also a large increase of pupils from the County. 65 passed the Entrance Examination; of these 26 were girls and 39 boys; 25 came from the Town and 40 from the County. The average attendance during the first half-year was 81, and during the second half-year 61. The following are the branches taught and the number of pupils in each department:—In the English department, including English Grammar, Composition, Dictation, Literature, History, Geography, Reading and Writing, all the pupils attend. Also, in Mathematics all the pupils attend Arithmetic, Algebra and Euclid; 15 attend Natural Philosophy; 20 Chemistry; 30 Book-keeping; and 35 Vocal Music. In the Languages, 43 are studying Latin, 5 Greek, 53 French, and 8 German. At the Examinations in July last 6 passed the Intermediate Examination, and during

the year 9 received Third Class Certificates as Teachers; 1 matriculated with honors in Toronto University; 2 passed the Primary Examination in Law; and 3 passed their Primary Examination in Medicine.

Valuable additions have been made to the apparatus during the year. A Gymnasium has been erected by subscription, and all the pupils are practised in Drill and Calisthenics. A Review Examination is held every six weeks, conducted on paper, and lasting three days. Reports of the pupils' standing and progress are sent to the parents six times in the year.

A large number of the pupils that come from the Common Schools are very imperfect writers, and neither the Head-Master nor any of his assistants have sufficient time to devote to that particular branch. To meet this want the Board has engaged a Writing Master to give four afternoons in the week to that subject. The attention of the Board has been called to the necessity of enlarging and remodelling the building, by a report from Inspector Buchan, transmitted to the Trustees on the 17th Oct. last by the Education Department, Toronto. The following is an extract from the report. Speaking of the Chatham High School he says: "The grounds are large and suitable, but the building is too small and the rooms are badly arranged and of inconvenient size. I would recommend that the Department direct the attention of the Board to the necessity for enlarging and remodelling the building, in order that it may properly accommodate the pupils in attendance." With regard to the equipment and teaching the Inspector says: "The mechanical equipment is sufficient for the present; that the staff of Teachers is good; and that the School has made remarkable progress since my last report."

To this report is appended the financial statement of the Treasurer, in which your honorable body will find a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the School during the past year. The Board would also beg leave to report that the term for which the Rev. Wm. King has been elected Trustee has expired.—All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. KING, Sec'y B. H. S. T.

Buxton, January 12th, 1880.

DR.		HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.		CR.	
To balance from 1878.....		\$183 20		Robert Cooper, stationery.....	\$ 15 05
Gov. grant for last half year '78,	\$ 347 00			Mr. J. Pressy " ".....	46 34
do for first half year '79,	295 00			John Morrish, " ".....	2 89
Extra Government grant for 1879,	36 00	679 00		Mr. VanAllen, Post Cards.....	7 25
Grant from Chatham town, 1879,	640 95			Mechanic's Institute, adv.....	6 00 166 38
Extra grant " ".....	200 06	840 95		Repairs, &c.—	
County grant for 1879.....	1200 00			J. & W. McKeough, stove, &c.....	21 09
Extra County grant 1879.....	100 00	1300 00		Coltart & Neilson, table & re'prs	33 86
School Fees, 1st quarter.....	111 00			Mr. Hoople, Chem. apparatus, &c	39 86
" " 2d ".....	90 00			W. H. Gonne, plans, &c.....	14 00
" " 3d ".....	80 00			Cap. Beaumont, Dumb Bells.....	5 00
" " 4th ".....	80 00	361 00		J. Masterson, whitewashing, &c	30 00
				T. W. Jackson, per ac. repairs,	101 13
		\$3414 15		D. S. Paterson, Lithogram.....	9 00
				T. W. Jackson, sundries, &c.....	15 13 269 07
Sundries—	Cr.			Sundries—	
D. S. Paterson, Head Master.....	\$1000 00			S. Smith, clean's water etc. etc,	4 00
D. H. F. Wilkins, 2d ".....	700 00			D. S. Paterson, clean'g rooms, &c	83 55
W. H. Hoople, 3d ".....	600 00			S. Sloan, 39' cords wood, 1878.....	103 38
Rev. A. McColl, Int. Exam'r &c	38 98			Bonus to 13 pupils passing inter-	
Capt. Beaumont, T'r Calisth's,	45 82			mediate examination.....	65 00
Rev. Wm. King, Sec. & postage	14 00			S. White, dep. to Detroit.....	13 70
George Young, Treasurer.....	10 00 2408 81			J. O'Neill, 40 cords wood.....	100 00
Printing and Stationery—				Members wages, 1879.....	96 00 465 68
J. R. Gemmill, printing.....	36 00			By balance.....	104 26
Messrs. Stephenson, printing.....	45 35				\$3414 15
Mr. Dobbyn, ".....	7 50				

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR 1880.

Salaries—			Bonus to pupils pass'g Int. Ex. \$	40 00
Mr. Paterson, Head Master.....	\$1000 00		Firewood and cutting.....	150 00
Mr. Wilkins 2d ".....	750 00		Members wages.....	100 00
Mr. Hoople, 3d ".....	650 00		Contingencies.....	50 00 \$630 00
Teacher of Calisthenics.....	200 00			
Teacher of writing.....	200 00		Extra Teachers.....	500 00
Rev. A. McColl, Int. Examiner	40 00		Total expenses.....	\$3512 00
Entrance Examiner.....	20 00			\$4012 00
Secretary and Treasurer.....	22 00 2882 00		To meet this we have cash in hand	\$ 104 36
Sundries—			Government Grant, 1880.....	600 00
Printing & Stationery.....	100 00		School fees from Pupils 1880.....	600 00 1304 26
Repairs.....	50 00		Leaving to be raised by Munpa's	2707 74
Cleaning rooms.....	70 00		Of that sum the B'd asks from Co.	1300 00
Chemicals.....	30 00		Leav'g to the T'n Chatham to pay	1507 74
Whitewashing, &c.....	40 00			

CLERK OF PEACE—PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY, DEC'R SESSIONS, 1879.

We visited the Gaol when not expected or without any intimation of our intended visit, and found the Gaol in first-class order, everything pertaining to it neat and clean and no complaints from any quarter. We were greatly surprised to find that it is the custom to place those who are committed for trial, and young criminals guilty of their first offence, of a trivial nature, in adjoining cells in the same Wards, to be daily associated with some of the vilest criminals in the land, and consider that it cannot but have the effect of increasing rather than diminishing crime.

Under the present arrangement we consider our gaols excellent schools for the advancement of young criminals in crime.

Our County Councillors are at least morally guilty of a very grave offence in allowing such a crying evil to exist, and we sincerely trust they will consider the grave responsibility which rests on them in this matter, also the duty they owe to society at large and provide suitable Wards for the young and unexperienced criminals.

In connection with the assembling of the Court we consider the present mode of convening it open to very grave objections. The summons issued by the Sheriff strictly enjoins the jurymen to be present at the Court House, in their proper persons, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., on the first day of the assembling of the Court. That is understood by those who have previously attended to mean the hour of 12 o'clock noon, a very inconvenient hour. Why are not the summons issued calling attendance at 1 o'clock P. M. It would be the saving of a great deal of expense to jurymen and would enable them to reach here by train or stage in time for their duties, it would also be the saving of a great deal of time to all parties interested, and greatly add to the promptitude of the attendance and to the despatch of general business. Necessary conveniences for parties attending Court are badly needed.—Those which are provided are either unavailable or in such a bad state of repair as to be unfit for use. The foregoing is respectfully submitted for your careful consideration. We would further call attention to the necessity of having gas in the Court House and entrance, and trust the County Council will give the matter their immediate attention.

JOHN PIGGOTT, Foreman.

COUNTY CLERK—GAOL SUPPLIES.

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

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with a resolution passed at the late December session by your honorable body, requiring me to advertise for the necessary supplies required for the prisoners in the Gaol, I at once, after consulting with the Sheriff and Gaoler, had notice given for tenders by having 100 large posters put up, also having it advertised in THE BANNER (the paper having the contract for County printing). I notified the Sheriff, the Treasurer and the Warden, who were formerly members of the Committee on Gaol Supplies, to meet on the 27th Dec'r to open tenders and award the contract. The business was early disposed of, there being only one tender which, including the whole of the supplies asked for, we accepted. A copy of the said tender is hereunto annexed. A bond is ready. I presume it will be executed soon.—All of which is respectfully submitted,

DANIEL KERR, Co. Clerk.

TENDER FOR GAOL SUPPLIES.—Beef, fresh, 7c. per lb.; Bread, 3½c. per lb.; Peas, \$1.10 per bush.; White Beans, \$1.30 per bush.; Potatoes, 40c. per bushel; Oatmeal, 3½c. per lb.; Soap (hard), 4½c. per lb.; Salt, 90c. per bbl.; Coal Oil, 20c. per gallon; Molasses, 45c. per gal.—G. E. YOUNG. Securities—George Young and John Morton.

Chatham, 22nd January, 1880.

COUNTY SOLICITOR ON DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS.

To the Warden of the County of Kent:

SIR,—In reply to your request for advice as to the position of the County in regard to the assessment made for Government drainage in the Township of Tilbury West, referred to in the communications of the Treasurer of the Township of the 29th and 31st Dec'r, 1879, I beg to say:—I am of opinion that the rate imposed by the Assessors not having been appealed against by the County became, under the provisions of the Ontario Drainage Act, binding on the Corporation of the County as soon as it was imposed and a copy served upon the Warden. The fact that the County a few days afterwards repealed the By-law assuming the County Lines would not relieve them from liability to pay the amount assessed, and I think the County can therefore be compelled to pay the amount. It is questionable whether or not the Council have any

redress against the local Municipality that, since the By-law passed repealing the By-law assuming County roads, have cast upon them with the adjoining Municipality the duty of maintaining the road, but I am inclined to the opinion that the County would be entitled to have the amount which they have been compelled to pay under a compulsory assessment for the benefit of the roads, refunded by the local Municipality.—The amount should be paid to the Treasurer of the Province.—I have the honor, &c.,
Chatham, Jan'y 27th, 1880.

CHAS. E. PEGLEY.

PRESIDENT ERIE & HURON RAILWAY CO.

To the Warden of the County of Kent:

DEAR SIR,—The Erie and Huron Railway Co. purpose renewing their application during the present Session of the Legislature for Government aid to assist in the construction of the road, and the Directors of the Company desire that they should receive the countenance and support of the County Council on their application. From various rumors which have reached me I am led to understand that there may be some hesitation in the Council adopting this course in the absence of an explicit denial of these rumors, and a statement of the considerations which induce the Company to seek the support of the County on their application. I am informed it has been stated that there is no intention to proceed with the construction of the road beyond the amount of work necessary to procure the proceeds of the County debentures, and that as soon as the money is expended the work will be stopped; that there is no *bona fide* intention to carry the work through. I do not know nor do I care from what source such reports have emanated; my duty is to give them an unqualified denial, which I now do.

The Council must be aware that neither the original promoters of the Company nor the Company as at present constituted, have ever pretended that the road could be built solely with the aid which the County bonus afforded. It has been stated openly and plainly at meetings held since the Company was organized, in Chatham and elsewhere, that further aid would be expected from the Town of Chatham and the Villages of Blenheim, Dresden and Wallaceburg, and that it was expected the Government would also grant some aid, as it had done to other Companies similarly situated.

That the Company expected this aid and reckoned upon it also appeared in the proceedings in Chancery in which the Company defended their right to the County bonus.

There has been no deception practised upon any one, and there need be no mistake made upon this point.

If the Government refuse aid the road will certainly not be built, but, on the other hand, if the Government give a reasonable amount of bonus and the Municipalities to which I have before referred also give some additional aid the people of the County may rest assured that the Road will be built. This being the position of matters it is evidently the interest of the people of the County to support the efforts of the Company in seeking the Government aid. There has already been a large amount expended upon the Road, and a considerable amount has been paid by the Trustees out of the proceeds of the County Debentures, which, if the further prosecution of the Road were to be abandoned would be wholly lost.

Again, in the application to the Government, the people have further evidence of the *BONA FIDES* of the Company. If it is not the intention of the Company to prosecute the work to a conclusion why would there be any trouble taken to solicit the Government aid, as any grant from the Government is only paid as the work is completed and the Company has in the meantime to rely upon the promise of Government aid. If the object is only to get possession of the proceeds of the County bonus the Company need not take the trouble of applying for Government Aid.

It is therefore, in my opinion, in the interest of the County that the Company should be supported in their application to the Government. It is important that a fair representation of the position of matters should be laid before the Government when the application is made, and if on this application it should appear that the Council is either hostile or lukewarm in the matter it may have some influence in determining the action of the Government in granting or rejecting the application. I would therefore on the part of the Company ask for the support of the County Council in this matter, and if the Council sees its way to giving this support I would suggest that one or two members should be appointed on behalf of the County to act with the Company in their application. I shall feel obliged by your laying this matter before the Council at its first meeting as no time should be lost, should the Council decide to aid the Company in this matter.—Yours, &c.,

ARCH'D McKELLAR,

President Erie & Huron Railway.

Toronto, Jan'y 27, 1880.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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

GENTLEMEN,—At the July examination for Third Class Teachers' Certificates, 76 candidates presented themselves before the Kent County Board of Examiners, for the non-professional examination. Of these, 16 were successful and 8 were recommended for certificates, to be valid only for one year. The County Model School was attended by 18 teachers-in-training, all of whom passed the professional examination at the close of the term, viz: October 23, 1879. Appended is a detailed statement of the expenses of the Board of Examiners at their meetings in July and October, which amounted to the sum of seventy-seven dollars and twenty-four cents.—All of which is most respectfully submitted,

EDMUND B. HARRISON,
P. S. I., East Kent.

A Detailed Statement of Expenses incurred by the Board of Examiners at their meetings in July and October, 1879.

Expenses at the July Examination: To *Planet's* account for advertising, \$2.80; *Banner's* acct. for advertising, \$3.60; Rev'd A. McColl, for salary as Secretary, \$5; Rev. A. McColl, for 16 days services at examination, \$48; Rev. A. McColl, exp. charges on ex'n papers to and from the dep't, \$1.30; R. Cooper's acct. for stationery, \$8.42. Expenses at the final examination of teachers-in-training, on Oct. 23, 1879: To R. Cooper, \$0.88; Rev'd A. McColl, 2 days' services as examiner, \$6; do., postage on letters and certificates, \$1.24.

Total—\$77 24

It will be necessary for the County Council to authorize the payment of the following accts.; which are mentioned above, but not paid, viz: *Planet* acct. as per bill; *Banner* acct., \$2.80; Rev'd A. McColl, attendance, exp. charges and postage; Robt. Cooper, as per bill.

REPORTS.

COMMITTEE ON E. & H. RAILWAY CO., WITH NOTICE TO TRUSTEES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Special Committee appointed at the December session last year to whom was referred the matters relating to the Erie and Huron Railway, beg leave to report:—At a meeting of the Committee held in the Clerk's office on the 23rd of December last there were present by invitation, D. McCraney, Esq., M.P.P., E. Robinson, Esq., M.P.P., and the County Solicitor, Mr. Pegley. After hearing the explanation from Mr. McCraney in regard to the passing of the amendments to the Charter of the E. & H. Railway in 1879, and also the opinion of the County Solicitor on the legal interpretation of said Act, a sub-Committee was appointed, composed of the Warden and myself, to act with the Solicitor, to issue a notice and have it served on the Trustees of the Erie & Huron Debentures instructing them not to pay over any of said Debentures on Section Three (3) until the bridge was built across the river, and the road graded through the Town of Chatham. We enclose herewith a copy of said notice, with affidavit of service, and have to say that all the Trustees have been duly served with a copy: and although no demand has been made upon the Trustees for the portion of the Debentures allotted for that section, your Committee cannot help thinking that the prompt action taken by your honorable body in December last may have had something to do with it. We trust, therefore, that our actions in this matter will meet with your approval, and that you may be pleased by resolution or otherwise to inform the Trustees that you will sustain them in refusing to hand over any part of the Debentures allotted to section three until such time as the Company has completed the road through the Town of Chatham, and also built the bridge across the river. We would further recommend, that as it very desirable that the road be completed at as early a date as possible, and as it is necessary that the Government should grant at least two thousand five hundred dollars per mile; and, further, that as several members of the old Committee are not members of the County Council this year, that a new Committee be appointed to watch the interest of the County in the Legislation that is now being sought for by the Company; and, if thought desirable, with power to send a deputation to Toronto, along with a like deputation from the Town Council

of Chatham, to press upon the Government the necessity of granting aid to the said road when the Company has it ready for the rolling stock.—All of which is respectfully submitted,

ARCH. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

NOTICE TO TRUSTEES.

To John A. Langford, of the Township of Camden, in the County of Kent, Esquire; Robert Ferguson, of the Village of Thamesville, in the County aforesaid, Esquire; and W. H. Hammond, of the Village of Petrolia, in the County of Lambton, Esquire, Trustees appointed to receive the Debentures granted by the County of Kent, in aid of the Erie & Huron Railway Company, and make payments of monies derived therefrom: I am instructed by the Corporation of the County of Kent, through the Committee appointed in that behalf to notify you, and each of you, not to pay over to the Erie & Huron Railway Company, or any person in their behalf, that portion of the funds in your hands derived from the sale of Debentures issued by the County of Kent by way of a bonus in aid of said Railway and directed to be paid by you to the said Company by sub-section 3 of section 6 of 42 Vic., chap. 61, when the said Road shall have been graded, culverts put in, and bridged, from said Town of Chatham to a point in said road midway between said Town of Chatham and the Village of Dresden, until the said Railway Company shall have graded, put in the culverts, and constructed the necessary Railway bridge across the River Thames, in that part of said section number three of said road in the corporation of the Town of Chatham; the said corporation of the County of Kent having reason to apprehend that it is the intention of the said Railway Company to apply to you for the payment of said monies upon a certificate of their engineer, without completing the said work to be performed in the Town of Chatham, including the bridge across the River Thames, which constitutes the most expensive portion of said section to be completed, contrary to the spirit and true construction of said Act, which requires the said Company to continue said work from the commencement of section number two to a point in said road midway between said Town of Chatham and said Village of Dresden. And further take notice, that if after service of this notice upon you, you pay over said monies until said work is completed, you will be held personally responsible for a breach of the trusts committed to you, and for the misapplication of the funds held by you, notwithstanding any certificate that may be presented to you by the Engineer of said Company.

CHAS. E. PEGLEY,

Dated, 5th January, 1880.

Solicitor for Corporation Co. Kent.

SEPARATION AWARD—WITH OPINION AND AGREEMENT.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned having been appointed by your honorable body to take advice from Christopher Robinson, Q. C., of Toronto, on certain points in regard to the award, separating the Town of Chatham from the County of Kent, beg leave to report as follows:—That on account of the shortness of the time when the proclamation would issue in the *Ontario Gazette*, we concluded that correspondence would be useless; accordingly, on the 16th of January, 1879, proceeded to Toronto. The next morning had a long and pleasant interview with Mr. Robinson, who was to consider certain points and see us again in the afternoon, which was carried out. We then concluded that unless we, on behalf of the County, appealed to the Courts to set aside the award, and go into a long and expensive law-suit on the merits of the whole question, it was useless to oppose the Separation any further. Mr. T. W. Jackson being in the city, clothed with authority to make any arrangement on behalf of the town, we had a consultation with him, and came to an agreement that the town should change the time for the commencement of the payment of interest, mentioned in sec. two of the award, on a portion of the County debenture debt from the year 1884, to commence in the year 1880. Accordingly proper agreements were drawn up and executed in triplicate by T. W. Jackson on behalf of the town, and on behalf of the Co. by us, one for the Government and one for the town and County, a copy of which is hereunto attached,—the resolution passed by the Town Council, giving full power to Mr. Jackson and the opinion of Mr. Robinson. We still are of the opinion that the course we took was for the best, and as the town has now passed a By-law to ratify what was done by Mr. Jackson, the County should do the same on their part and finally wind up the matter.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

January 26, 1880.

S. WHITE, J. A. LANGFORD.

OPINION OF CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON.

I have conferred with Messrs. White and Langford with regard to the award made upon the separation of the Town of Chatham from the County of Kent, and have considered the questions submitted by them:—

1. I am asked whether the award as respects the Gaol and Court House is bad in directing that the County shall pay to the Town for its interest in the Court House and Gaol property \$5,000; the objection suggested being, as I understand it, that the value of such interest should have been ascertained and defined only, and that it should have remained with the town as their insurable interest, which it is intended by the Legislature that they should retain under sec. 445 of the Municipal Act, R. S. O., chap. 174, as amended by 42 Vic., ch. 31, sec. 17. I think the award in this respect is authorized, and that the objection is not well founded. Sec. 22 of the Municipal Act directs that the arbitrators shall ascertain and allow to the Town the value of its interest in all County property; which property, it is provided, shall after the separation belong to the County. This seems a plain provision, and I see nothing in sec. 445 which must necessarily interfere with it, or destroy its effect. That section refers rather to liability of the Town after separation, and not intended, as I read it, to affect the previous adjustments of the respective rights of Town of County.

2. The award is signed only by two out of the three arbitrators; the arbitrator appointed by the County not concurring in it, and the question is whether it was so executed as to be valid. I understand the fact to be that the three arbitrators having consulted together after the evidence had been all given, and the arbitrators appointed by the Town and County not agreeing, it was arranged that the third arbitrator, Mr. Davis, should take time to consider the whole matter and the points in difference between his colleagues, and that when he was ready he should call another meeting at London, in order to agree upon and make the award; that such meeting was appointed by Mr. Davis for Friday, 21st November, of which Mr. Lee, the County arbitrator, was notified through the Post Office, but the letter did not reach him until the day of meeting, some hours after the time named; that the two arbitrators, in consequence of his absence adjourned until the 22nd, but made no attempt to give him further notice, and on the 22nd made their award without him. This mode of proceeding was, I think, irregular, and the award not properly executed. The majority were empowered to award, but not until after the dissenting arbitrator had full opportunity of discussion with them at every stage of the proceedings. Before the final meeting in this case, of which Mr. Lee had no sufficient notice, the third Arbitrator, as I understand, had come to no conclusion. It may be that decision was to some extent influenced by the arguments of the Arbitrator who was present, and that it might be affected by a further conference with Mr. Lee had he been there also; and however this may be the parties were entitled, as it seems to me, to have the benefit of his arguments and judgment when the final conclusion was arrived at. The object of the last meeting, as I gather, was not to execute an award already agreed upon, but to hear the opinion of the third Arbitrator after he had formed it, and to have it discussed by all three before deciding upon the award; and of this meeting Mr. Lee was entitled to the same notice as of the previous meetings for any other purpose connected with the arbitration. This defect, however, though fatal to the present award, would probably be a ground only for remitting the matter back to the Arbitrators if an application against the award were made to the Court, and such application therefore could result in no practical benefit if there is no reasonable ground to hope for a different decision of the matter in dispute. These are the only two questions asked. I was desired to add any suggestion which might occur to me, and it may be worth while to point out that under Sec. 385 there is full right of appeal to the Courts upon the merits of the whole matter submitted to the Arbitrators. I am not aware, however, where any substantial injustice is complained of, and unless that can be clearly shown the award would not be interfered with.

(S'd)

Toronto, 19th December, 1879.

C. ROBINSON.

Copy of Resolution passed at a meeting of the Council of the Town of Chatham, held on Dec. 16th, 1879:—“Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fleming, That Mr. T. W. Jackson be appointed and he is hereby authorized to act for this Corporation on all matters connected with the separation of the Town of Chatham from the County of Kent for Municipal purposes, and touching the award of the Arbitrators in that behalf.

JOHN TISSIMAN, T. C. (L.S.)

Memorandum of an agreement entered into in triplicate this Seventeenth day of December, A. D. 1877, by and between T. W. Jackson, a member of the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Chatham, and duly authorized by the said Council to represent the said Town in that behalf, on the one part; and Stephen White and John A. Langford, members of the County Council of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent, and duly authorized by the said County Council to represent the said County in that behalf, on the other part.

Whereas differences having arisen between the said two Municipal Corporations, and the said differences having been duly referred to the arbitration of Henry Smyth, of the said Town of Chatham, Esquire; John Lee, of Highgate, in the said County of Kent, Esquire; and Frederick Davis, of the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, Esquire. An award in writing of and concerning the said differences was made and delivered by the said Henry Smyth and the said Frederick Davis, two of the said Arbitrators, bearing date the 22nd day of November, A. D. 1879. And whereas differences as to the validity of the said award and in respect to some of its provisions, now exist between the said two Municipal Corporations, and the said parties hereto, on behalf of the said Corporations respectively, and being thereto by the said Corporations respectively duly authorized and empowered, have consented and agreed to the terms hereof in settlement of such differences; and to the end that the proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario withdrawing the said Town from the jurisdiction of the Council of the said County, pursuant to the By-law of the said Town in that behalf, may forthwith issue. Now therefore, this memorandum of agreement witnesseth, and it is hereby by the said T. W. Jackson, on behalf of the said Town, and in consideration of the agreements hereinafter contained on the part of the said Stephen White and the said John Langford, agreed that in the said award and in the second sub-section of the first clause or provision thereof, where in providing for the manner of payment by the said Town to the said County of the said Town's proportion of the Debenture debt proper of the said County, it is directed that payment of ten instalments thereof of one hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty cents (\$166.66) each, shall be made on or before the 30th day of January in each of the years 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894 respectively, with interest on the unpaid principal at the rate of 6½ per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly on the 30th day of July and the 30th day of January in each of the said years; said interest to be computed from the 30th day of January, A. D. 1884. The said award may be read as if so varied as to direct that the said interest in the said sub-section mentioned, should be computed from the thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1880, instead of from the thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1884, as in the said award provided. And on behalf of the said town, and on the consideration aforesaid, it is by the said T. W. Jackson hereby agreed that the said award may be for all intents and purposes considered as if it had originally directed the said above-mentioned interest to be computed from the said thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1880, and that the said Town will stand to abide by, keep, fulfil, and perform, the said award so varied as hereby provided in all respects as if the said award had originally been made in the said altered form. And in consideration of the premises, it is hereby agreed by the said Stephen White and John Langford on behalf of the Corporation of the said County that no motion against the said award or by way of appeal therefrom shall be made in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Law by or on behalf of the Corporation of the said County, but that the said County will in all things stand to, abide by, keep, fulfil, and perform the said award so varied as aforesaid as the absolute and final end and determination of the matters thereby adjudicated upon. And it is hereby also further agreed by the said Stephen White and John Langford on behalf of the Corporation of the said County, that the proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, withdrawing the said Town from the jurisdiction of the Council of the said County, may forthwith issue.

Witness the respective hands and seals of the said T. W. Jackson, Stephen White, and John Langford, the said Seventeenth day of December, A. D. 1879.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the said respective } T. W. JACKSON, S. WHITE,
parties in the presence of JOHN WRIGHT. } JOHN A. LANGFORD.

MORAVIAN BRIDGE—WITH OPINION.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

Your Committee appointed to ascertain the cost of a bridge across the River Thames on the site at present occupied by the Moravian Bridge, and also the amount the

Moravian Indians are willing to give toward defraying the expense of a new structure, beg leave to report as follows: We opened correspondence with a number of Iron Bridge Companies with the view of getting the approximate cost of the superstructure and find the estimate to be about \$33 per lineal foot, for a bridge 150 ft. clear span. This includes the flooring and painting; in fact, the whole superstructure set up and ready for travel. The stone abutments will cost not less than \$5000, making the total estimated cost of the bridge \$10,000. Information has been received through Mr. Beatty, the Indian agent, that the Moravian Indians will bear one-tenth the cost of the bridge. Your Committee would recommend that immediate steps be taken towards building the bridge, both for the reason that our correspondents inform us that the price of iron is advancing very rapidly in English and American markets, and also on account of the urgent necessity of the people—not only in the vicinity, but also those from a distance, the road leading to this point being an important thoroughfare through the County.—Respectfully submitted.

JOHN MASON, Chairman.

MR. PEGLEY'S OPINION IN RE THE MORAVIAN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—I have been requested to give my opinion for the use of the Council upon the question of the liability of the County Council to rebuild and keep in repair the above bridge. The bridge appears to have been originally constructed in 1861, out of funds contributed by grants from the County Council, the Township of Zone, and the Indian Department, across the River Thames at the end of the Centre Road, in Orford, and a road laid out by the Indian Department from the London road to the river: and from that date until 1874 was kept in repair by the County, and rented as a toll bridge for their benefit. The bridge is now out of repair, and unsafe for ordinary travel. The river Thames forms the boundary line between the Township of Zone and Orford, and is bridged at the County line on the East side of Orford, and at Thamesville by two bridges constructed and maintained at the County expense. The distance from the Moravian bridge to the Bothwell bridge is, I am informed, from two to four miles, and to the Thamesville bridge about six miles; leaving without the Moravian bridge, a distance of about ten miles of the river unbridged. This bridge does not appear to have been assumed by By-law as a County bridge. Section 495 of the Municipal Institutions Act provides that it shall be the duty of County Councils, to erect and maintain bridges over rivers forming or crossing boundary lines between Municipalities within the County. As the river Thames forms the boundary line between the above townships, it is clearly the duty of the County to erect and maintain the bridges across it; but the number of bridges, and the position of them, is a matter entirely at the discretion of the Council. This discretion should be exercised upon due consideration of all the facts, and if it appears that the bridge is necessary to connect leading roads in the adjoining Townships and to prevent the necessity of the inhabitants going a long distance round by the other bridges to reach the other side of the river, and will be more than a mere local benefit the Court might, upon a proper application, issue a mandamus to compel the County to build the bridge.

In the case of *Kinnear vs. the Corporation of Haldimand*, 30 U. C., B. R., 398, Richards, C. J., at page 408, says—"It appears there is a bridge crossing the Grand River about three miles South of Indiana, at Cayuga, and about five miles North of it at York, and another bridge about five miles North of York, at Caledonia. It is now shown that the road through Indiana is such a thoroughfare between the two Townships as to call for the erection of a bridge across the river there as a matter of general interest and advantage to the inhabitants of the County or of those two Townships alone. A mandamus in this case was refused. In the case of *Brooks vs. Haldimand* (41 U. C. B. R. 381) there was no bridge for twelve miles, and the necessity for a bridge for the convenience of the inhabitants of the two Townships and the County generally, and the ability of the County to pay for one having been made out, the Court ordered a mandamus to go to build a bridge half way between the two points.

On comparing the above cases I do not think that the Court would compel the County to erect the bridge if there never had been a bridge at that point. But this bridge having been built and dedicated to the public use, the County moneys expended on it, and tolls for the benefit of the County collected on it, the County would be bound to repair and maintain it, even at Common Law, unless it can be shown that the bridge at the Town line was built to take its place, and that it does sufficiently meet the requirements of the public, and does away with the necessity of Moravian bridge.—Yours,

Chatham, January 28, 1880.

CHAS. E. PEGLEY

WALLACEBURG BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to report to you that I authorized the Reeve of Wallaceburg to get their North Branch bridge re-planked, as it was in an unsafe condition. The work was let by contract and was done cheap—for \$197 00.—I have the honor to be, &c.,
T. R. JACKSON, ex-Warden.

TO STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees for the present year beg leave to report as follows:—That we have appointed the following persons to the following Committees—

ON FINANCE: Connellors Stephens, (Chairman) Wilson, (Tilbury) McDermott Stevenson, Gaughill, Mason, Dillon, Morrison

PUBLIC PROPERITY: Couns. White, Wilson, (Harwich) Ferguson, and Morgan.

ROADS AND BRIDGES: Couns. Hickey, Fox, Vogler, Crowe, McDonald, Kerly, Irwin Purser and Cameron.

PRISONS: Couns. Sherman, Blackburn and Wilson, (of Howard).

EDUCATION: Couns. Mitchell, Winter and Dobbyn, (Chairman).—All of which is respectfully submitted.
DAVID WILSON, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

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

GENTLEMEN,—Your Educational Committee would respectfully submit, That as far as they are cognizant the schools throughout the County are in as satisfactory a condition as in former years. Your Committee noticed that the reports of the Chatham High School indicate a largely increased expenditure as compared with former years, and your Committee can only express the hope that the usefulness of the institution may keep pace with the expenses of it. Your Committee would respectfully suggest that some influence be brought to bear with the Minister of Education to prevent the frequent changes in our standard school-books. In many sections there are parents who find it difficult and in some cases utterly impossible to keep up with those changes and their families are thus deprived of school advantages. An elaborate or full report being outside of the duties of your Committee the above is respectfully submitted.
JOHN DOBYN, Chairman.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the several matters referred to them, and report as follows: 1st. That they recommend that \$5 be granted to Charles Gillet as care-taker of the Bothwell bridge for 1880. 2nd. That we recommend that one-third of the cost of the erection of a wooden bridge across Jemmett's Creek be paid by this Council, provided the whole cost do not exceed \$1,500. 3rd. With regard to the resolution from the Council of the Town of Chatham relative to the Road Eau Gravel and Plank Road, your Committee recommend that no action be taken, as we learn we could not find our successors.—Respectfully submitted.

Council Chamber, 31st Jan'y, 1880.

Wm. HICKEY, Chairman.

FINANCE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the various matters and accounts referred to them, and would recommend that the following accounts be paid, as stated in said accounts:—Mal. Ferguson, printing \$1.25; J. H. Minnaker, work on Dresden bridge, \$7.50; Jas. Macfarlane, services on Committees, \$4; W. H. Stephens, on Committees, \$6; Jas. Richardson, posting bills Gaol supplies, \$1; T. R. Jackson, Committees and auditing Gaol supplies, \$10; Chas. Robinson, legal opinion on Separation award, \$30; S. White, expenses and time to Toronto on Separation award, \$29; do., on Committees, \$4; Wm. Cameron, on Committee E. & H. R., \$2; Hen. Robinson, hauling wood, putting up stoves, &c., \$8.4

C. E. Pegley, Counsel fees, \$59.52; Dr. Mitchell, on Committee E. & H. R., \$2; J. A. Langford, expenses and time to Toronto on Separation award, \$20; do., on Committees, \$4; E. B. Harrison, 3 days examining students Co. Model School, Oct. '78, \$9 (travelling expenses last 3 months of 1878 not allowed); J. & W. McKeough, several accts., \$111.64; E. B. Harrison, for printing, stationery, examination of teachers, (including amount paid Rev. A. McColl, &c.), \$77.24; Joseph Larch, Constable in charge of the body of Wm. Peters, \$6.50.

We would also recommend that the following grants be made:—Agricultural Societies of East and West Kent, each \$250; Mechanics' Institute, Ridgeway, \$50; Peter Spence, attending as a Grand Juror, \$5; Town of Chatham, provided the two bridges spanning Thames are free of toll, \$500; High School, say \$650, or amt. equal to Gov't grant. We also recommend that the salaries of the Gaol officials be increased as follows, as their allowance for rations is not now paid:—Gaoler's salary, increased \$50; Turnkey's salary, increased \$100; Matron's salary, increased \$100. We also recommend that the tender for Gaol supplies be approved.—Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. STEPHENS, Chairman.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 382.

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 30th Jan'y, 1880.

WHEREAS it is necessary to appoint and confirm the appointment of the following Officers for 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 Municipal Acts of Ontario, and the School Laws now in force—

1. That John Duck, of the Village of Morpeth, nominated by the Warden, and George Coutts, of the Township of Raleigh, appointed by resolution of the Council, are hereby confirmed in the office of Auditors of this Corporation.

2. That the Rev'd William King is hereby confirmed in the appointment of High School Trustee.

3. That the Rev'd Angus McColl is hereby appointed Examiner of persons applying for Certificatés as School Teachers in and for the County of Kent.

4. That Stephen White and Daniel Kerr are hereby appointed members of the Board of Audit under sec. 474, chap. 174 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario.

5. That E. W. Scane be and he is hereby appointed, in conjunction with the County Judge and the Sheriff, under 42 Vic., chap. 31, sec. 33, in the matter of appeals on equalization of assessments.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

NO. 383.

A BY-LAW to amend By-law No. 364, intituled 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 30th January, 1880.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, under and by virtue of an Act chap. 174 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario.

1. That the following be added to clause No. 1 of a By-law passed on the 13th June, 1878, and numbered 364: "Provided that no Councillor shall receive more than four days' pay for any session of the Council."

2. And that this By-law shall take effect on the first day of February next.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

NO. 384.

A BY-LAW to confirm the Award relating to the differences between the Corporation of the Town of Chatham and the Corporation of the County of Kent, as settled by an agreement bearing date the Seventeenth day of December, A.D. 1879.

PASSED 30th January, 1880.

WHEREAS an Award was made by two of the Arbitrators and dated on the Twenty-second day of November, A.D. 1879, settling the differences in dispute between the said Corporation of the Town of Chatham and the Corporation of the County of Kent.

And Whereas the Corporation of the County of Kent was dissatisfied with said Award and appointed Stephen White and John A. Langford, two of its members, to take legal advice from Christopher Robinson, Q.C., Toronto, and certain agreements were drawn up and dated on the Seventeenth day of January, A.D. 1880, and signed by the said Stephen White and John A. Langford on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Kent, and T. W. Jackson, a member of the Corporation of the Town of Chatham, on behalf of the Town of Chatham, settling certain differences in dispute.

And Whereas said agreement has been ratified and confirmed by By-law of the said Corporation of the Town of Chatham.

Be it therefore enacted by the Corporation of the County of Kent, under and by virtue of the Municipal Acts of Ontario;

1. That the agreement referred to in the preamble of this By-law is hereby confirmed, and the Award adopted and agreed to as amended by said agreement.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

NO. 385.

A BY-LAW to indemnify the Trustees of the Debentures of the County of Kent granting aid to the Erie and Huron Railroad Company from paying over the same to the said Company until the Third Section is graded through the Town of Chatham and the Bridge built across the River Thames. PASSED 31st January, 1880.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to indemnify the Trustees of the Debentures of the County of Kent granting aid to the Erie and Huron Railroad Company, to secure and protect them, the said Trustees, in refusing to pay over the Debentures or proceeds of said Debentures for Section Three of said Railroad until the same is graded through the Town of Chatham and the bridge built across the River Thames.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the Municipal Acts of Ontario:

1. That the said Corporation agree and bind themselves to indemnify and hold harmless the said Trustees in refusing to pay over to the said Erie and Huron Railroad Company the Debentures, or proceeds of the same, until the Third Section of said Railway is graded through the Town of Chatham and the Bridge built across the River Thames.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

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JACOB SMITH, M. D.,
WARDEN.



DANIEL KERR,
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MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Municipal Council of the County of Kent,

JUNE SESSION—1880.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, held pursuant to adjournment, at the Court House, Chatham, Tuesday, 8th June, 1880.

Since the last Session of the Council in January three certificates of the election of Reeves had been filed with the Clerk as follows:—

1. Township of Dover, James McFarlane, Reeve.
2. Village of Dresden, James Stephens, Reeve.
3. Township of Chatham, William H. Stephens, Reeve.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M. D., Warden, and all the Councilors except Mr. Fox and Dr. Mitchell.

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

From Ed. Robinson, Esq., M. P. P., stating that the petition from the County Council of Kent for amendments to the Municipal Law, was duly received and presented to the House.

From the Secretary of the Province of Ontario acknowledging receipt of the County Clerk's Annual Return, containing statement of Assets, Liabilities, Revenue, Expenditure, &c., of the Municipalities within the County of Kent for 1879. A copy of said report was laid on the table.

From the same, stating that George H. Taylor, of the Town of Chatham, has been appointed Short-hand writer to the County Court of Kent at its next sittings.

From the Department of Public Works, Ontario, and from Rufus Stephenson, M. P., acknowledging the receipt of petitions praying for a Charter and for the Incorporation of a Company for a Ship Canal from Lake Erie to Lake St. Clair.

From the Clerk of the County of Elgin, with copy of two resolutions, one relating to Auctioneers, Hawkers and Peddlers' licenses; the other relating to amendments to the Voters' List Act respecting appeals, and asking the co-operation of the County Council of Kent in these matters.

From the County Clerk, inclosing papers relating to certain Drainage Assessments made against the County in the year 1878.

From Wilmot M. Nichols, P. S. I., respecting expenses for examination of Public School Teachers, and with his Annual Report for Schools in West Kent for 1879.

From E. B. Harrison, P. S. I., his Annual Report for Schools in East Kent for 1879.

From Lieut.-Col. A. B. Baxter, inviting the Council to inspect the Band of the 24th Batt. at the Drill Shed this evening.

From the Directors of the Chatham Mechanics' Institute, inviting the members of the Council to avail themselves of the free use of their Reading rooms and Library when convenient during the session.

From C. G. Charteris, County Treasurer, with Estimates of moneys required to meet the current expenses of the County for the current year.

From John L. Bray, M. D., Gaol Surgeon, his Annual Report.

Notices of motion were given.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (Howard), the report of the Committee on Printing was read and adopted.

Copies of Minutes and proceedings of late Sessions of County Councils of the Counties of Huron, Renfrew, Wellington, and of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville; also, the Annual Report of the Minister of Education for 1878, were laid on the table.

The Warden referred the several Communications to the Committees to which they belong.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, Wednesday, 9th June, 1880.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M. D., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Lieut.-Col. A. B. Baxter was read, asking a further grant of money for the Band of the 24th Batt. Referred to Finance.

Notice of motion was given. Various accounts were read and referred to Finance.

On motion of Mr. White, the report of the Committee on County Property was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. Hickey, that the Reeves of the several Municipalities be a Committee for equalizing the Assessment rolls for County purposes.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. McDiarmid, That this Council act as a Committee of the Whole for equalizing the Assessment.—Amendment carried; motion lost.

Mr. White presented a petition on behalf of the West Kent Agricultural Society, asking aid for the erection of new exhibition buildings.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Mason, that the petition now read be referred to the Finance Committee.—Carried.

Mr. White presented a petition from Justices of the Peace for the County of Kent in Quarter Sessions.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Morgan, that the petition now read be referred to the Committee on County Property, with instructions that they look after the matter complained of and supply what is necessary.—Carried.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called—all the members present.

Mr. Mason presented a petition from the Chatham High School Trustees, praying for a grant of \$2,100 for the purpose of altering the High School building.

On motion of Mr. Mason, a deputation, composed of Mr. Robinson, Chairman of the High School Board, and Mr. Paterson, Head Master of the High School, addressed the Council within the bar in reference to the aforesaid petition.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, the report of the Committee on Moravian Bridge was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Stephens (Dresden), a report on Dresden Bridge was read and adopted.

A supplementary report with accounts on Dresden Bridge was read and referred to the R. & B. Com.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (Harwich), the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the equalization of the Assessment Rolls of 1879; Mr. McDonald in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress with leave to sit again.

On motion, the 18th, 24th and 25th Rules were suspended during the remainder of the afternoon sitting.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), that the Warden, the Reeves of Howard and Chatham Townships, with the mover, be a Committee to confer with the High School Board, and with the Council of the Town of Chatham relative to the petition to the Council asking for a grant of \$2,100, and see how far this Council may be justified in aiding the High School towards providing the required accommodation, and report the same to this Council to-morrow.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Howard), that Councillors White, Stephens (Chatham Tp.), Hickey and Fox be a Committee to confer with the

Town of Chatham to see if they would wait for one year on \$5000 due this year in the matter of Arbitration.—Carried.

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

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, Thursday, 10th June, 1880.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M. D., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read—

From Archibald McKellar, Esq., President of the Erie & Huron Railway Company, relative to the intention of the Company in proceeding with the construction of the Road.

From John Ferguson, Esq., Reeve of Howard, protesting against the basis of equalizing the Assessment Rolls for 1880.

Notices of motion were given. Accounts were read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Raleigh, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Kerby, that this Council grant the sum of \$50 to screw up the bolts and for needed repairs on Thamesville Bridge.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Purser, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that Mr. McFarlane be a member of the Committee on Finance, instead of Mr. Stevenson, resigned.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Hickey, and resolved, that in the opinion of this Council the Dominion Government might, in addition to the present machinery, profitably and advantageously employ a special agent among the tenant farmers of Great Britain, of whom large numbers might by such agent be induced to make Canada their future home. That the Warden, the Reeves of Howard, Harwich and the mover be a Committee to draft a Memorial to the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture in terms of this resolution, setting forth the quantity of land yet unoccupied, and the minimum cost of land per acre, and embody therein a recommendation to appoint John Mason, Reeve of Orford, as a person in every way qualified to act as a special Agent in the direction indicated.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. White, the Council again went into Committee of the Whole on the equalization of the Assessment Rolls of 1879, Mr. McDonald in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that they had equalized the Assessment rolls of the several Municipalities as per Schedules Nos 1 & 2 respectively, herewith submitted, and would recommend that the rate be struck in accordance with the said schedules for the current expenses of the County; and for the amount required from the grouped Municipalities for the Erie & Huron Railway Debentures for the current year, and that said Schedule be transferred to the Committee on Finance for that purpose.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Stephens (Dresden), that the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

Moved as a first amendment by Dr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the report of the Committee on Equalization be referred back to reduce the Resident land in the Township of Howard to \$22.50 per acre.

Moved as a second amendment by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Cameron, that the report of the Committee of the Whole be not adopted, but that it be referred back to have the Resident Lands in the Township of Harwich reduced to \$22.50 per acre.

Moved by Mr. Morrison as a third amendment, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the report of the Committee of the Whole be not adopted, but it be referred back to add to the equalized value of the Village of Wallaceburg the sum of \$20,000 additional.

Each of the amendments on being put to vote were lost. Motion carried.

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

Yeas—Councillors Morgan White Morrison, Irwin, Fox, Hickey, Wilson (Tilbury East), Blackburn, Crow, Stephens (Chatham Tp.), McDonald, Mason, Stephens (Dresden), Kerby, Vogler, Purser, McFarlane—17.

Nays—Councillors Caughill, Wilson (Harwich), Cameron, Mitchell, Sherman, McDiarmid, Wilson (Howard), Ferguson and the Warden—9.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. All the members present.

Notices of motion were given. Accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. McFarlane, seconded by Mr. Purser, that the reply from the Department of Public Works, Toronto, to the application of the Warden, in accordance with a resolution of this Council on the 30th day of January last in reference to the St Clair and Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road, be laid before the Council for consideration, and also a full statement of all, if any, proceedings undertaken in consequence of the nature of such reply.—Carried.

The Warden explained verbally, stating that he had made application to the Government through Mr McCraney, M. P. P. for East Kent, for the appointment of an Engineer to inspect the roads referred to, but had been refused on the ground that they had no jurisdiction in the matter.

On motion, the 18th, 24th and 25th Rules were suspended for the remainder of the afternoon sitting.

Mr. Mason presented a petition from Sheriff Mercer, requesting the Council to provide a clock for the Court room. Referred to Committee on County property.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to confirm the sale of the Industrial Farm, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Stephens (Chatham Tp.), a By-law to raise the sum of \$11,212.76 from Municipalities and parts of Municipalities grouped under By-law No. 319, to aid the Erie & Huron Railway Company, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Stephens (Chatham Tp.), a By-law to raise the sum of \$23,121.05 to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. McFarlane, seconded by Mr. Purser, that the following members of this Council be a Committee to take the advice of the Solicitor of this Council and to consider and advise what can be done and what is further advisable to do in reference to the state of the Rond Eau and St. Clair Plank and Gravel Road—said Committee to consist of Messrs. White, Caughill, Stephens (Chatham Tp.) and the mover, the said Committee to consider the matter and report to this Council during this present session if possible.—Carried.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, Friday, 11th June, 1880.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M. D., Warden, and all the Councillors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read—

From His Honor Judge Bell, asking the Council to pass a resolution recommending the further appointment of George H. Taylor as reporter to the County Courts and General Sessions.

From the Education Department, with a statement of the Legislative apportionment to Public Schools in the County of Kent for 1880.

A deputation, composed of Messrs. Northwood, Paterson and Campbell, addressed the Council within the bar respecting a grant to the High School; also, respecting other financial matters between the Town of Chatham and the County.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. Blackburn, that the reports on the Dresden and Wallaceburg Bridges be re-considered, and that the reports be now read.—Carried.

The aforesaid reports were then read.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. White, that the reports be amended by adding the following clause: That we are of opinion in future, on account of these Bridges being free of tolls, the Villages should contribute to the expenses of swinging these Bridges by carrying out the arrangements of last year. Ruled out of order.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. All the members present.

On motion, the report of the Special Committee appointed to wait on the Council of the Town of Chatham relative to the High School, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hickey, the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. White, the report of the Special Committee appointed to wait on the Town Council of Chatham respecting certain financial matters relating to the Separation Award, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Howard), seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that whereas it has been in contemplation for some time to build a High School in Ridgetown, Be it therefore resolved that the sum of \$1,500 be granted to assist for that purpose.—Referred to Finance Com.

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

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to confirm the sale of the Industrial Farm, wa* read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Stephens (Dresden), a By-law to raise the sum of \$11,212.76 from Municipalities and parts of Municipalities grouped under By-law No. 319, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, a By-law to regulate the tolls to be collected on the Wallaceburg and Dresden Bridges, was read a first time.

On motion, the 18th, 24th and 25th Rules were suspended for the remainder of the session.

Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), that the By-law respecting tolls on Wallaceburg and Dresden Bridges be read a second time.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Stephens (Dresden), seconded by Dr. Mitchell, that the By-laws imposing tolls on the Dresden and Wallaceburg Bridges be not now read a second time, but be laid over to the January Session.—Carried.

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

Yeas—Councillors Caughill, Wilson (Harwich), Morgan, Mitchell, Stephens (Chatham Tp.), Crow, Blackburn, Stephens (Dresden), Sherman, Kerby, Dillon, Vogler, Purser, McFarlane, McDiarmid, Wilson (Howard), Ferguson and the Warden—18.

Nays—Councillors Cameron, White, Morrison, Irwin, Fox, Hickey, Wilson (Tilbury East), McDonald, Mason and Dobbyn—10.

The Report on Finance was read.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Mason, that the report of the Finance Committee now read be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Howard), that the report on Finance be amended; that the appropriation of \$1,000 to the High School of the Town of Chatham be \$700, or one-third of the cost if it do not exceed \$2,100, and the said \$700 to be used in repairing said High School building, and that the report be referred back to the Committee to be so amended.—Carried.

On motion, the report of the Finance Committee, as amended, was then read and adopted.

Moved by Dr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Dillon, that the request of the County Judge for the continuance of a short-hand writer to take down the evidence at the sittings of the County Court and General Sessions held in June and December, be granted, and that this Council recommend the re-appointment of George H. Taylor, Chatham.—Carried.

Mr. White presented the draft of a Memorial to the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion of Canada, praying for the appointment of John Mason, Esq., Reeve of the Township of Orford, as a Special Agent to Great Britain to promote the emigration of that class known as Tenant Farmers.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Hickey, that the Memorial now read be adopted, and that a copy be sent to the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa, officially signed by the Warden and Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate seal.—Carried.

Mr. Wilson (Harwich) presented communication from C. A. Williams and from John Northwood; also, the petition of C. A. Williams and 19 others of the Township of Raleigh, against opening up a proposed new road on the fourth concession in the said Township of Raleigh.

On motion of Mr. White, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the following By-laws, Mr. Ferguson in the chair:—

1. A By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Raleigh.
2. A By-law to confirm the sale of the Industrial Farm.
3. A By-law to raise the sum of \$11,212.76 from Municipalities grouped to aid the Erie and Huron Railway Co'y.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-laws passed in Committee. The By-law to raise \$11,212.76 with amendments and with blanks filled up.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Morrison, that the By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Raleigh be read a third time and passed.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Stephens (Dresden), that the By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Raleigh be not now read a third time, but that it be laid over to the January Session.

Motion carried, amendment lost.

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

Yeas—Councillors Morgan, White, Morrison, Fox, Hickey, Wilson (Tilbury East), McDonald, Sherman, Kerby, Vogler, McDiarmid, Wilson (Howard), Ferguson, Dobbys and the Warden—15.

Nays—Councillors Caughill, Wilson (Harwich), Irwin, Blackburn, Crow, Stephens (Dresden), Purser and McFarlane—8.

The three aforementioned By-laws were then each read separately a third time and passed.

Mr. McFarlane presented the petition of Solomon Winters and 65 others against the exaction of tolls on the Town line between the Townships of Chatham and Dover by the Road Eau Plank and Gravel Road Company. Referred to Special Com.

Moved by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), that the Warden be and he is hereby instructed to see that all arrears, if any, due from the Registrar be paid up to the Treasurer.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), that James Stephens, Reeve of Dresden, be placed on the Committee of Education in place of Dr. Winter, deceased.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Morgan, that the matter of employing a care-taker in place of Mr. Robinson, who wishes to retire in a short time, be left in the hands of Committee on County Property.—Carried.

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

DANIEL KEER, Clerk.

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHAIRMAN, Saturday, 12th June, 1880.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M. D., Warden, and all the Councillors except Messrs. Fox, Mitchell, Purser and Wilson (Harwich.)

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
 Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that in the opinion of this Council all accounts presented to the County Council should in future be laid before the Finance Committee not later than the third day's meeting of the Council in any one session.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to raise the sum of \$23,121.05 to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read a second time.

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

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-law passed in Committee with blanks filled up.

On motion of Mr. White, the aforesaid By-law was read a third time and passed.
 Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Morgan, that whereas the Sheriff has called the attention of the Council to certain repairs that are required in the Gaol, that the matters be referred to the Committee on County Property with power to do what they consider necessary, and give orders on the Treasurer for the payment thereof.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Hickey, that the Council adjourn till the second Tuesday in December.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

FOR IMMIGRATION AGENT.

To the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture.

The Memorial of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent respectfully sheweth: 1. That it is desirable to encourage the immigration from Great Britain of the class known as tenant farmers, who, having a desire to possess a homestead in fee simple, have the means of procuring it.

2. That throughout Canada, and especially in Ontario, there are large quantities of excellent land, both wild and improved, that offer to immigrants many inducements. In the county of Kent there are about 75,000 acres of unimproved timber lands, and about 50,000 acres of improved farms for sale, at prices ranging from \$10 to \$30 per acre.

3. That while the present admirable management of the Emigration Department leaves but little cause of complaint, yet to reach the class above referred to, your Memorialists believe that special agents, possessing not only a deep and intimate acquaintance with our whole system, having a thorough insight into the working of Municipal bodies, School Corporations, Agricultural Societies and other minutiae that enter largely into our every-day life, may be most profitably employed.

4. That your memorialists, in calling your attention to the necessity of such agents, respectfully suggest the name of Mr John Mason, Reeve of the Township of Orford, as a person possessing in every way the necessary qualifications for such work. Mr. Mason has for many years been a member of Municipal Councils and Agricultural Societies, and as a stock-breeder and miller has acquired experience fitting him peculiarly for disseminating knowledge of our resources, and pointing out the advantages of Canada as a home for the tenant farmers.—And your memorialists will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

PETITION FOR AID TO HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Corporation of the County of Kent:—

The petition of the Board of Trustees of the High School of the Town of Chatham sheweth—That the present average attendance of pupils at the Chatham High School is far in excess of that in any year since the School was established, the number at present being one hundred and twenty. That the present School building is inadequate in accommodation, as shown by repeated reports of the High School Inspectors. Your petitioners ask you to grant the sum of \$2,100 for the purpose of altering the present building so as to provide the necessary School accommodation. Your petitioners pray that the said sum of \$2,100 may be granted for the purpose aforesaid, or such sum as the exigency of the case may demand. Ed ROBINSON, Chairman.

GRANT TO WEST KENT AGR'L SOCIETY.

To the Warden and Members of the Council of the County of Kent

GENTLEMEN,—The petition of the undersigned on behalf of the West Kent Agricultural Society, humbly sheweth—That the Society, having lost possession of the Barrack'ground upon which they have, for a number of years, held their exhibitions, and at the same time lost the use of the Drill shed, kindly loaned them by the officers in command of the 24th Batt. of Volunteers, have been driven to the necessity of erecting a suitable building for Exhibition purposes. Such a building of the plainest and smallest which can be adapted for the purpose will entail an expenditure far beyond our means. On behalf of the Society we would therefore pray that your Honorable body will be pleased to grant us such a sum of money as you may deem consistent to aid the Society in erecting a proper building, such sum to be in addition to the usual annual grant.

W. H. PARDO, President.

JNO. TISSIMAN, Secretary,
West Kent Agr'l Society.

Chatham, June 8th, 1880.

GRANT TO 24TH BATT. BAND.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—The grant made by your Honorable body last year enabled us to purchase instruments for the 24th Kent Batt. band, which, I am happy to say, under

the able instruction of Mr. Hindmarsh, is fast becoming efficient. Our liabilities, including a balance still due on instruments, are about \$150; and our annual expenditure, including salary of bandmaster, is \$400. Our only reliable resource to assist us in meeting this is an annual grant from the Gov't of \$75, leaving \$325 to be provided for. Any assistance your honorable body may see fit to render us will be thankfully received.—I am, gentlemen, your obdt. serv't,

Chatham, Ont., June 9th, 1880.

A. B. BAXTER, Lieut.-Col 24th Batt.

PETITION RE R. E. P. & G. ROAD.

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

The petition of the undersigned residents, sheweth:—That owing to unsuitableness in the construction and to the constant state of disrepair of the Plank Road on the Town line between the Townships of Chatham and Dover, the exaction of toll thereon is a great grievance and wrong inflicted on your petitioners, and on all who travel on said road, inasmuch as an adequate benefit is not given for such toll. Wherefore your petitioners pray your honorable body to take the subject into due consideration and forthwith to take the proper steps to terminate the said grievance, so as to enable the Municipalities concerned to make and maintain there a suitable free road.—And your petitioners will ever pray.

SOLOMON WINTER and 65 others.

OPENING ROAD IN RALEIGH.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—In regard to the change of the 3rd con. of Raleigh, which some of our township officers are so eager to get their By-law sustained by you, they will use all their cunning plans to convince you that it is for the public benefit. On the 10th Mr. White's motion was laid over till the 11th, but, as I am informed, he tried to bring it up at the afternoon session, when none of parties interested were present. Why are they so anxious for this change? No one asked for it I will show my reason for not having it diverted. 1. It is the governing line of the township—the line that the township is laid out by. 2. That myself and others fought it through two courts of Chancery to get it in the right place, at a cost of \$900.00. 3. That the said diverted line will do our family directly \$300 harm. As Wm Douglas owns the undivided interest in one-half of said land, the said division is likely to be made by Wm. Douglas and myself. His proposition is to give 3 acres on the rear of lot for two on line of 3rd con. There are 240 acres in the lot. Now if this con. is diverted it will take over three acres of this front land, which is equal to five on the rear, valuing said land at \$60 per acre, will amount to \$300. If we make the said division the concession will have to be counted out, and we would directly loose 5 acres of land. 4. Wm. Douglas does not get possession of his half for the term of four years yet, and this 3 acres is the best piece of ground on the farm; and I can do as well out of the land as all the Council got or are to get from the Railway; the original allowance contains one acre and a-half, a very nice thing to give in lieu for three acres, and it, the road allowance, full of stumps. The Raleigh Council does like to drive good bargains, and it is my opinion that after the thing is all finished the Great Western will give them a present. I do not mean to say they will buy them, for they are not men that can be bought. Gentlemen, please notice that the names of the petitioners are all men whose land on the rear touches the 3rd con., and are the only men that should know how the road should be, and they all say the original allowance. Furthermore, gentlemen, it would pay us better to give the Railway \$200 back, and then we would save \$100. So hoping, gentlemen, you will look at this fearless of parties and do as you think right,—I remain, yours respectfully,

Chatham, July 11th, 1880.

C. A. WILLIAMS.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

We the undersigned ratepayers and land owners on the intended diverted concession, that is to say the 3rd concession of Raleigh, object to the said change, on the grounds that it is contrary to law and also a great damage to the owners of said land which the said change contemplates, but a very great benefit to the G.W. Railway; and also that the ratepayers to the number of 46, directly interested in said line, sent in a petition to the Raleigh Council, objecting to the said change.

Chatham, June 10th, 1880.

C. A. WILLIAMS and others.

To the County Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—If you would run the 3rd concession as the original allowance, you would greatly benefit all and every land owner on that concession; as, the way you propose running it on the south side of the G. W. R. will do great damage to all, and especially to your petitioner,

JOHN NORTHWOOD.

Chatham, Ont, June 11th, 1880.

FROM REEVE OF HOWARD ON EQUALIZATION.

To the Warden and County Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—I herely protest against the basis adopted by the Committee of the Whole on Equalization, as it is unjust to the Township of Howard, it being too high in proportion to other Municipalities. I question the validity of the Committee assenting certain powers on equalization, as being contrary to the law made and provided for such Courts of Equalization; and I intend to avail myself, on behalf of the said Corporation of Howard, of the provisions of the Statute by appealing to the County Judge. I greatly regret that I will be compelled to take such a step, as previous to this action I had every confidence in the members composing the Council.—I have the honor to be, &c.

JOHN FERROUSON, Reeve of Howard.

FROM PRESIDENT E. & H. RAILWAY CO.

Jacob Smith, Esq., Warden of the County of Kent:

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., relative to the intentions of the Erie & Huron Railway Co. to proceed with the construction of their road. On the 27th of January last I wrote to the Warden of the County of Kent, stating explicitly that the Company expected aid from the Government and also from some of the Municipalities, and without this aid the road could not be built. I fully expected, from interviews I had with Government, that the aid would be given, and it took me greatly by surprise when it was determined toward the close of the Session of the Legislature that no further aid would be given towards the construction of railways by the Government. Under the circumstances, and considering the position in which the Company was placed by the decision, the Directors thought it would be advisable to discontinue the further prosecution of the work until it was ascertained whether this decision could be modified, at least so as not to apply to the case of a Company which had commenced the construction of their road on the faith of getting assistance from the Government, and in which the money of Municipalities had been expended in a like manner—the Erie & Huron being one of the Companies so placed.

It was not thought advisable to spend more money on the road, or use more of the money derived from the County bonds until the matter was determined, and the action of the Directors was alike in the interests of the County and those of their own shareholders. From information I have since received I think it probable that aid will at the next Session of the Legislature be granted to this Company as well as to others that stand in the same position. If this aid is granted it is the intention of the Company to resume the work of construction, and it is the intention in the meantime to ascertain what further aid can be obtained. I therefore say definitely that the Company has not given up the idea of constructing the Railway; that it is the intention to proceed with construction so soon as matters can be arranged in manner I have mentioned; that it is to a great extent out of consideration for the ratepayers of the County that the work has not been further proceeded with; that the Company cannot consent to any portion of the proceeds of the County bonus debentures being applied in any other way than that in which the By-Law and Statutes relating to the bonus provided; and that the Company has no intention of handing over its rights or franchise to any individual or Company. I may say that while I am persuaded the County as a body have acted in good faith towards the Company, as much cannot be said of some of the Township Corporations, or those guiding the affairs of these Municipalities. There can be but little doubt that but for the useless litigation in which the Company was involved by these Corporations, delaying the construction of the road for nearly two years, Government aid would have been granted to the Company at least during the session of the Legislature of 1879, and that long ere this the road would have been completed and running, and the County have had the benefit of the railway communication which the Company's road would afford. The delay therefore cannot be charged to the Company, but the ratepayers have to thank those at whose instigation the legal proceedings instituted for any loss that has arisen.—Yours, &c.,

Hamilton, June 8th, 1880.

ARTH. McKEILLAN, Sec'y E. & H. R. Co.

FROM COUNTY TREASURER, ESTIMATES, &c.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to enclose herewith Estimates of moneys required to meet the current expenses of the County for the present year, with Statement of Amounts chargeable against the Grouped Municipalities in respect to the Erie and Huron Railway. I also enclose two letters from David Glass, Esq., Q. C., in regard to remuneration due him for services as counsel for the County in the matter of Separation Arbitration with the town of Chatham, and beg that you will give them your due consideration. It will be in the recollection of your Honorable body that an order was granted in favor of Mr. Glass at the December Session of 1879, which, however, he retained and will be found among the documents herewith. The grant to the Irish Relief fund made by your honorable body was duly acknowledged by telegram, and on the 5th of March last a draft drawn by the Lord Mayor of Dublin for the equivalent of £100 stg.—\$487.70, was presented and duly paid by me.—All of which is respectfully submitted, by your obdt. servt.,

C. G. CHARTERIS,

County Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 8th June, 1880.

Treasurer.

ESTIMATE of Moneys required to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent for the year 1880.

East Kent Agricultural Society ..	\$ 250 00	Irish Relief Fund grant	\$ 487 78
West Kent ..	250 00	Arbitration acct	300 00
Rewards acct.	40 00	High School for Master	650 00
Wallaceburg bridges, repairs ac.	300 00	Public Buildings' repairs	100 00
" caretaker, say 9 mos.	310 50	To imp. High School building, say	700 00
Board of Audit	32 00	Building Exhibit on buildings, W	
Registry Office for Books	100 00	Kent Agricultural Society	200 00
Gaol & Court House furnishings	193 84		
Town Chatham, bal. under award	15729 51		
Inter't on bal. due Town Chatham	943 77	Total amount	\$40758 60
Fuel for Offices.	150 00	LESS THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:	
Dresden bridge, repairs and care-		Surplus in 1879	\$2000 00
taker, say	150 00	Probable amt. from Twn.	
Debentures to redeem, \$3000 00		Chatham under award, 1600 00	
Less payable by town ..	499 99	Sale Industrial Farm ..	7000 00
Interest on Debentures \$1740 00		Due by Registrar fr'm '79	1764 12
Less payable by Town, 283 31	1456 69	Rent of Gaol & Registry	
Insurance acct	306 25	Office, Town Chatham	374 33
Councillors' wages	1800 00	Due Town of Chatham.	
Selectors of Jurors	124 00	deferred till 1881	6000 00
School superintendence	935 00		18738 45
Moravian bridge, contract, \$3659			
Other expenses, say 200	3859 00		\$22020 15
Jannett's C'k bridge, ½ d contract	420 00	GROUP'D MUNICIPALITIES RE E. & H RAILW'Y	
Office furniture, safe for Co. Clerk	50 00	Debentures to redeem, \$5608	17
Board of Examiners	100 00	Interest	8683 86
Gov. drain, Tilbury E. & Raleigh	11 42	Half-year's interest to	
" " Romney	22 83	County for advance ..	130 25
Salaries Clerk, Treas. & Auditors	1860 00	Interest on Deb. issued	
Office rent acct	490 00	to meet Debs. due 1st	
County printing	200 00	Jan'y, 1879	856 96
Grant to Model School	100 00		15279 24
Law expenses	100 00	LESS THE FOLLOWING:	
Caretaker of Offices	240 00	Coupons detached from	
Coroners' orders	50 00	Debs. bef sale \$428 48	
Payment of Witnesses	250 00	Payable by Town	
Miscellaneous expense acct.	300 00	Chatham under	
Cruikshanks drain	56 00	Sep. award ..	3638 00
Payment of Jurors.	1600 00		4066 48
Adm. Justice not Criminal	3000 00		11212 76
Mechanics' Institute, Ridgetown,	50 00	Total amount	\$33232 91

County Treasurer's Office, 8th June, 1880.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

REPORTS.

OF COUNTY AUDITOR'S.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent in Council assembled.

We, the Auditors for the County of Kent, beg most respectfully to report—That we have to the best of our ability audited the accounts of the County Treasurer for the year 1879, and have every reason to believe the same to be correct. We find, as heretofore, the books most admirably kept, and the vouchers and papers carefully filed. And we received from that officer every attention and courteousness in the most minute examinations we made into the different accounts referred to us. That while we find all matters exceedingly satisfactory in that office, we would most respectfully suggest while under the present system of auditing for the year previous, owing to the large number of figures to be gone over in the receipts and disbursements of the sum of Ninety thousand dollars, it would be more satisfactory to the Auditors, and we presume to the Treasurer, if a quarterly audit of the accounts were made, as by that means the Auditors would acquire a more thorough knowledge of their duties and would look more closely into matters in detail; and it would create a precedent that might be useful in the future.

We would also most respectfully suggest to the members of the High School Board that their Treasurer be instructed to keep a Ledger in addition to his present cash book, in order that the different items of disbursements may be posted under their respective heads; and that all unexpended High School moneys in his hands should be deposited in the Bank at interest, in order that the School fund could realize any benefit that may accrue from that cause—the same as is done in the Co. Treasurer's office. We have Audited the accounts of the sub-Treasurers of School moneys for the different Municipalities, and find the following balances on hand on the first day of March, 1880: Township of Harwich, \$658.25; Tp. Zone, \$192.67; Tp. Orford, \$471.62; Tp. Romney, \$107.63; Tp. Camden, \$193.03; Tp. Raleigh, \$259.77; Tp. Dover East and West, \$142.49; Tp. Howard, \$324.03; Tp. Tilbury E., \$153.65; Tp. Chatham, \$668.14—\$3171.28.—All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOHN DUCK, GEO. COURTTS, Auditors.

Chatham, 18th May, 1880.

GAOL SURGEON.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith submit my annual report of the number of prisoners in the County Gaol requiring medical attendance and medicine during the past year, together with their different diseases and the result of treatment.

Disease.	No. cases.	Result.	Disease.	No. cases.	Result.
Gonorrhoea,	3	Recovered.	Convulsions,	1	Recovered.
Syphilitic ulcer,	2	Improved.	Idiocy,	1	Sent to Orillia.
Neuralgia,	4	Recovered.	Epilepsy,	3	Slightly impv'd.
Chronic rheumatism,	1	No improvem't.	Bilious fever,	1	Recovered.
Intermittent fever,	6	Recovered	Coughs,	5	do
Delirium tremens,	3	do	Fracture.	1	do
Ague,	5	do	General debility.	1	Improved.
Diarrhoea	4	do	Dropsy,	1	No better.
Constipation,	2	do	Erysipelas	1	Recovered.
Disease of heart,	1	No improvem't.	Scalds,	1	do
Insanity,	8	Sent to asylum.	Boils,	1	do
Injury,	1	Recovered	Diphtheria,	1	do
Chronic ulcer,	1	do	Colic,	1	do

You will observe that there is a constant increase in the number of Lunatics confined in the Gaol, and this is to be regretted, as it is no place for them. The sanitary arrangements of the Prison are good, which is due, in great measure, to the careful supervision of the Gaoler and Turnkeys. There has been more sickness during the past year than the previous one, which can, in a great measure, be accounted for, owing to the Magistrate sending paupers and vagrants to prison, because there was no poorhouse or other place to send them.—All of which is respectfully subm'd.

Chatham, June 8th, 1880.

JNO. L. BRAY, Gaol Surgeon.

SCHOOL INSPECTOR, WEST KENT.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I respectfully beg leave to request that provision be made for the prompt payment of the expenses in connection with the examination of Public School teachers during the current year. You will find by reference to Mr. Harrison's Report in the minutes of the January session, 1880, that the amount for 1879 was about \$80, and it appears probable it will be about the same this year. The various accounts will be carefully examined, and, if correct, certified to by the presiding Inspector. I enclose report for Schools in West Kent for the year 1879—I have the honor to be, gentlemen, yours respectfully,

Rond Eau, June 5th, 1880.

W. M. NICHOLS,

I. P. S. West Kent.

To the Warden and Members of the Council for the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit the following report of rural and village public schools and Roman Catholic Separate Schools in West Kent for the year 1879.

The total number of schools and departments recognized by the Education Department during the year was 63, including 4 R. C. S. schools, and 3 departments of the Wallaceburg public school. The total assessed value of property taxed for the support of these schools was \$17,752,712; and the amount raised thereon was \$21,575.85. The total amount received by trustees for school purposes was \$33,678.90, of which \$20,391.50 was paid to teachers, and \$8,768.01 went for general expenses, leaving a balance on hand of \$4,519.39; while the debts amount to \$3,497.38. The average salary of male teachers was, \$410.04, and of female teachers, \$303.05, or \$107.01 less. Without respect to sex, the average salary was \$356.53, which certainly cannot be considered too large.

The best attendance reported is only 45 per cent. of the number registered, and the lowest is 30 per cent.; or, taking the whole five townships, the attendance was only 35 2-5ths per cent. out of every 100 pupils on the roll—that is slightly more than one-third of the pupils actually attend the schools. The curious statement also appears that, while according to the census taken by the trustees there are only 4,656 children of school age, yet 5,246 children found their way to the school houses, and their names at least are there recorded.

Again, it appears that only 140 pupils are in the fifth reading book, 653 in the 4th, 454 in the 3rd, while there are 1334 in the 2nd, and 1965 in the 5th. It is not surprising, in view of this classification, that so few persons are found with a taste for general reading. As to the other work, 3,100 are in spelling and dictation, 3,877 in writing, 4,139 in arithmetic, 2,751 in geography, 1,911 in grammar, while only 265 and 499 are studying Canadian and English history respectively. Thus it appears that chief work is learning to read, spell, write and the use of numbers.—All of which is respectfully submitted.—I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obdt. servant,

Rond Eau, June 5th, 1880.

W. M. NICHOLS,

I. P. S. West Kent.

SCHOOL INSPECTOR, EAST KENT.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit to your Honorable body an annual Report of the Schools under my jurisdiction in the East Riding of Kent County for the year 1879. The total value of assessed property in the Riding (exclusive of the town of Bothwell) was \$6,508,591. The total amount received by the Trustees from all sources was \$43,322.20; and the total expenditure by the said Trustees was \$41,888.10, leaving a balance of \$6,441.10 in hand for the year 1880.

The amount received from the Trustees' School tax was \$32,400.39, which shows that, exclusive of moneys received from all other sources, it required an average rate of about 4 1-10th mills in the dollar for the support of schools in this Riding during the past year, and at the same time enabled the trustees to pay for what can not be considered an annual expenditure, the sum of \$8,255 for the purchase of school sites and the building of school houses, interest, etc.

The cost of educating each pupil, estimated on the number of pupils of all ages entered on the daily registers of the schools during the year, and the total expenditure, was nearly \$6.41, an increase of 73 cents. The cost per pupil, estimated on the average attendance and the total expenditure, was about \$7.15, an increase of 83 cents. 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 about \$4.17, an increase of 17 cents. The cost per pupil, estimated on the average attendance and the amount paid to teachers, was about \$4.65, an increase of 19½ cents. The cost per pupil for school accommodation, estimated on the number of pupils of all ages entered on the daily register, and the total estimated value of school sites, school houses and furniture was \$12.56.

The number of schools and departments recognized by the Education Department during the past year was 82, viz: Rural public schools, 52; Public schools in incorporated villages, 8; R. C. Sep. school, 1; and additional and distinct departments of Rural and Village Schools taught in separate rooms, 19; the number of Schools and Departments in the Town of Bothwell, 4. One School and three Departments were closed on the 22nd day of December last. The number of Teachers employed at that date was 80; two of these held 1st class certificates, 19 2nd class certificates, 1 an interim, 57 3rd class certificates, and one an old County Board 1st class certificate.

At the last July examination for 3rd class teachers' certificates, out of 76 candidates only 16 were successful. The tendencies of the examinations are to make the obtaining of 3rd class certificates more difficult, to afford facilities to those who are anxious to obtain a higher non-professional standing, and greatly to increase the number of those who hold Provincial certificates. The average time that the schools were kept open during the year was 208 days. The number of pupils of all ages enrolled during the year was 6,534; of these the number between the ages of 5 and 16 years was 5,859. The attendance for less than 20 days was 9 per cent. of all who were enrolled during the year; for less than 50 days 19 per cent.; for less than 100 days, 26 per cent.; for less than 150 days, 22 per cent.; for less than 200 days, 20 per cent.; and for the whole year 4 per cent. The attendance for the corresponding number of days in each of the following years is as follows, viz:—1877—9 per cent., 18 do, 25 do, 25 do, 20 do, and 2 do; 1878—9 per cent., 18 do, 26 do, 23 do, 20 do, and 4 do; 1879—9 per cent., 19 do, 26 do, 22 do, 20 do, and 4 do.

The above will show that during the last three years the attendance is about the same, and consequently irregular attendance, with all its attendant evils, is still retarding the progress of education. I am satisfied that the half-time system would remedy this, but the country is not yet prepared to adopt it. The number of school houses is 62, viz: 15 brick, an increase of 3; 44 frame, a decrease of 3; and 3 log. Five new brick school houses and one frame school house will be finished during 1880; four of the brick buildings will be neat, commodious and well ventilated. I have not seen the plans of the other buildings.

At the present time there are seats and desks for about 80 per cent. of all who attended during the year 1879. A limited experience, during the past three years, of the results of the County Model School work has convinced me and others with whom I have had an opportunity to compare notes, that it is a means of developing the powers of school organization, discipline, the art of teaching, etc., that may exist, in a greater or less degree, in untrained teachers. Better results would be obtained if the sessions were longer.

The East Kent Teachers' Association held two meetings during the year, at which as good Institute work was done as could have been reasonably expected. Through the discussion of the various subjects at these Institute meeting, teachers are trained in the science and art of teaching, and consequently are led to avoid the narrow ruts in which they had previously been travelling. In addition to the expenses incidental to travelling, hotels, etc., which is quite an item to those whose incomes are small, the Association have expended the sum of \$75.36 for expenses in connection with Institute work, and in the purchase of additional library books. They have by an act of affiliation allowed the use of their library to the members of the Ridgeway Mechanics' Institute, and the late report shows that 200 volumes have been taken out from the teachers' library, and no doubt read by the members of the said Institute.

As the Association received no grant from your Honorable body for the year 1879, I earnestly recommend that a grant be made by you, as the Government grant of \$50 per annum to each Teacher's Association is contingent to at least a like sum being granted by the County. The question of "Township Board of School Trustees" was discussed at the annual meeting, in 24 school sections, and the votes in all but one were against it.

On the 25th of March ult., I received a cheque from the Co. Treasurer for \$86.24. By referring to the enclosed account you will see that the unsettled claims only amounted to \$49.82. The cheque was deposited in the Federal Bank, and the seve-

ral amounts due were paid by me per cheque on the said Bank. The balance, with interest at 5 per cent. from the above date, will be paid on your order.—I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
 Ridgetown, June 5th, 1880. ED. B. HARRISON,
 P. S. I., East Kent.

Copy of Accounts presented at the January Session of 1880.

To Planet, acct for advertising as per bill, \$2.80; Banner do., \$3.60; Revd. A. McColl, 2 days' att. examining teachers-in-training at the Co. Model School Ex., \$6; express charges on ex. papers to and from Education Dept., Toronto, \$1.30; postage on letters and certificates, \$1 24—\$8.54; R. Cooper, as per bill, 88c.; E. B. Harrison, 3 days' attend. in 1878 examining teachers-in-training at Co. Model School Ex., \$9; travelling exp. for last 3 mos '78, \$25—\$34. Total amt. rendered, \$49.82.

ON HIGH SCHOOL.

To the County Council of the County of Kent:

The Committee appointed yesterday to confer with the Town Council in reference to the High School, met the Mayor and Council of Chatham and conferred with them in reference to the application of High School Board for money to remodel the High School building. The Town Council passed a resolution that the Town Council will appropriate one-half the necessary expenses required to remodel the High School building. The various members of the Committee were asked their opinions, also the opinion of Mr. Ferguson, who expressed himself as favorable to a grant from the County of one-third of the expenses required.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

June 11, 1880.

JACOB SMITH, Chairman.

RE SEPARATION AWARD.

To the Warden and Council of County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to meet the Mayor and Council of the Town of Chatham, to know if said Council would be willing to wait for a portion of the amount due said Town re the Separation Award, for a year, report that we met the Mayor and Council at a special meeting thereof yesterday, and they expressed their great pleasure in waiting for any or all of said money at 6 per cent., and passed a resolution to that effect. We therefore recommend that \$6000 be left over to be raised in 1881.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

June 11, 1880

S. WHITE, Chairman.

MORAVIAN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee appointed at the January session to superintend the re-building of the Moravian bridge, beg leave to report as follows: The Committee met on the 4th Feb., on the site of the old Moravian bridge, to decide upon the best plan to rebuild the bridge. The chairman was instructed to employ W. G. McGeorge, Esq., C. E., to prepare plans and specifications of a wooden superstructure on the Howe truss plan, on abutments built of oak timber and filled in with stone similar to those under the old bridge,—the old approaches to remain as they still seemed to be in a tolerably good state of repair.

The Committee next met at the Clerk's office in Chatham, on the 24th and 27th of Feb'y, to examine the plans and specifications submitted by Mr. McGeorge, which were adopted. On the 9th March the Committee met to open the tenders for building the bridge, ten having been sent in, viz:—Messrs. J. Tanner & L. Smith, \$3659; A. Marcus, \$3840; D. Campbell, \$3853; C. W. Batt, \$3880; W. R. Peck, \$4164 13; J. Johnston, \$4232; T. R. Graham, \$4375; Amos Wright, \$4878 79; C. F. Babcock, \$5450; Thos. Windover, \$7900. The tender of Tanner & Smith being the lowest, and the sureties offered satisfactory, was accepted and a contract drawn up and duly signed by the several parties.

The contractors having made a request for an advance of money on material laid down, the Committee met on the 25th May and the Chairman instructed to give an order on the Treasurer for \$250. The work is progressing, about one-half of the oak timber being laid on the ground, and the building of the abutment will be commenced as soon as the water in the river will allow. The Indian Department has notified their agent, Mr. Beatty, that they will pay one tenth of the cost of the bridge, and will, if deemed necessary, advance a proportionate amount as the work progresses.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid:—W. G. McGeorge, \$30; J. R. Gemmill, printing, \$4.50; Montreal Tel. Co., \$1.04—Respectfully submitted.
Chatham, June 9th, 1880.

L. E. VOGLER, Chairman.

ON DRESDEN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners on the Dresden Bridge beg to submit the following report:—That we met at the Village of Dresden on the 6th day of May last and opened the tenders received for the caretaking and swinging of the Bridge, and awarded the same to Jas. Windover, his being the lowest tender, viz: \$55; and that he at once entered into a bond for the faithful compliance of the duties required, time to extend to the 1st day of March, A. D. 1881. We also settled with Mr. Westcott for the time he had been in charge of said bridge, as per arrangement made with Dr. Winter, and gave him an order for \$25. We also inspected said bridge and found it necessary to put some repairs on the same, a part of which have been completed; and we also submit the accounts in connection therewith.—All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. STEPHENS, JACOB SMITH, Com'rs.

Chatham, June 9th, 1880.

WALLACEBURG BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit the following subsequent report to that made at the Jan'y session by T. R. Jackson, ex-Warden, on the North Branch bridge. That when the old plank were removed I found several of the stringers and one head block badly decayed, which I had replaced with new material, incurring an extra cost, over and above the original contract, of \$25, making a total of \$222, for which I gave the contractor, J. N. Gibb, an order on the Co. Treasurer. The planking is now first-class, making the above-named bridge safe for travel.—Respectfully submitted.

GEO. MITCHELL, Com'r.

Bill of costs for repairs on North Branch bridge, at Wallaceburg, Feb'y, 1880.

First contract for plank and stringers, \$197; 1 new head block or swing, \$5; rep. stringers for same, \$1.45; spikes, 40c—\$5.85; new stringers for swing, \$4.50; spikes, 50c—\$5; splice on cross sill and spikes, 75c; difference bet. 2 by 8 stringers and 3 by 9 do, \$3.40; block for center with keyhole and oil-pipe, \$1; four iron plates on ends of swing, 3 bolts 15 in. long 5-8ths round in each plate, \$1.25 each—\$5; blocks under stringers in centre of swing, \$1; fastening for holding swing, \$2—\$222.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners beg to submit the following report:—That we advertised for tenders for swinging and care-taking the bridges in the village of Wallaceburg, and met at the Clerk's office in the town of Chatham, March 17th, for the purpose of opening the same. We let the care-taking of the North Branch bridge to John Woods at \$14.50 per month, and the East Branch bridge to J. B. McDougall at \$20 per month. The above-named contractors with their sureties have entered into a written contract to perform the above work to the close of the present season of navigation. We also allowed Geo. Yeates \$5 for swinging and care-taking the N. B. bridge from the 1st Jan'y to 17th March, and John Woods \$20 for attending E. B. bridge during the same period.—Respectfully submitted,

JACOB SMITH, GEO. MITCHELL, Com'rs.

PRINTING.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Printing beg leave to report:—That they met at the Clerk's office on the 5th of March, and received the three following tenders—from the Banner, Planet and Tribune offices—and after carefully examining the tenders, we awarded the contract to Mr. Gemmill, of the Banner office, his being the lowest tender.

Your Committee also recommend the discontinuance of advertising the Division Courts in the newspapers, as it is unnecessary expenditure of about \$120 per annum, which is of no benefit to a large portion of the ratepayers of the county.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, June 8th, 1880.

BENJ. WILLSON, Chairman.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on County Property report as follows:—That the leak in the Court House roof has been repaired. A large Chandelier has been placed in the Court House, and six side lamps. Also, a small lamp for the closet. The bridge at the entrance of Registry Office grounds has been repaired. On account of the numerous fires a safe for the County Clerk's office has been purchased for the safety of certain books and papers belonging to the County, at a cost of \$50.

The matter of the sale of the Industrial Farm has been attended to. We found the lease had run out the first of last January, but the tenants, Nelson and Kent, still held possession and had sown a large quantity of fall wheat on the land. They were brought before the County Solicitor and entered into an agreement to give up possession on the 1st of August next, and pay rent and taxes up to that date. The sale of the property was then advertised by large posters, to take place on the 10th of April last, at an upset price of \$7000. James Whan was employed as Auctioneer for \$10. The farm was knocked down to John Northwood for \$7050. \$200 were paid down; \$1800 more is to be paid the 1st of August, and the balance, \$5050, is to be secured by mortgage with interest at 6 per cent., in five annual instalments. Mr. Pegley has drawn up the agreement which has been executed, to have the foregoing carried into effect. We congratulate the Council on the very satisfactory sale of this property, and see no reason why the proceeds should not be applied in abating the large estimate to be raised for this year.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

June 9, 1880.

S. WHITE, Chairman.

FINANCE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report.—That we have carefully considered the various matters and accounts referred to us, and would recommend that the following acts be paid, viz:

David Glass, Esq., services rendered in connection with Separation of town of Chatham from Co. Kent.....	\$150 00
Coltart & Neilson, coffin and drayage to station for pauper killed in Tp. of Tilbury East.....	4 50
David Sutherland, bolts and straps for bridge over main stream, Wallaceburg	2 50
Abraham Blackburn, 1 day on printing com.....	2 00
Geo. Morgan, 5 days on com. on Moravian bridge, 1 day on com. on Industrial farm, 6 in all.....	12 00
L. Sherman, 1 day on printing com.....	2 00
Benj. Wilson, " ".....	2 00
L. E. Vogler, 7 days on com. on Moravian bridge.....	14 00
H'y Robinson, hauling wood, etc.....	8 55
John Mason, 5 days' att. com. on Moravian bridge.....	10 00
Thos. Dillon, 6 " ".....	12 00
James Stephens, 2 days on com. Dresden bridge.....	4 00
Stephen White, 7 days on com. Moravian bridge and public works.....	14 00
Dr. Mitchell, 1 day on com. E. & H. R'y, opening tenders, supt. and insp. rep. on Wallaceburg bridges.....	12 00
Dresden Times, printing adv. for care-taker Dresden bridge.....	2 00
Jacob Smith, Esq., Warden, official visit to Toronto re E. & H. Ry. and ex., official visits to Chatham and Dresden relative to Wallaceburg, Dresden, and Moravian bridges.....	40 00
David Wilson, 2 days on com. public work.....	4 00
W. R. Dobbyn, adv. meeting June session.....	3 36
M. Dillon, coffin and burial infant child found drowned.....	4 00
J. A. Langford, printing & putting up boards on Kent bridge regulating public travel.....	4 00
C. E. Pegley, legal services and disbursements to date as per bill.....	40 00
We would also recommend that the following grants be made:—	
To W. K. Agr'l Society to assist in erection exhibition building.....	200 00
Improving interior High School building to give adequate accommodation for all pupils of town & county wishing to attend, 1-3rd the sum required	700 00
Band 24th Batt., to assist in paying bal. on instruments & sal. Bandmaster	50 00

We would also recommend that the sum of \$36.42, overpaid E. B. Harrison, March 25th, by cheque on Co. Treas., and now lying in Fed. Bank, be returned to Co. Treas.

We would also recommend that all documents relating to assessments on County lines for the year 1878, be referred to the Warden and Co. treas. to be adjudicated upon by them.

We would also recommend that all moneys due the Town of Chatham under the Separation award and payable this year, be paid less \$6.00

We would also recommend that the mortgage to be taken from John Northwood, Esq., on Industrial Farm be placed in the hands of the County Treasurer to be converted into money by him.—All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. H. STEPHENS, Chairman.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 386.

A BY-LAW to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Raleigh,
 PASSED 11th June, 1880.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to confirm a By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Raleigh, passed on the first day of March, A. D. 1880, and numbered 346, being a By-law to open up a new road on the southerly side of the Great Western Railway, on Lot number twelve, in the fourth concession of the Township of Raleigh, from the Side Road between Lots 12 and 13 to the line between concessions three and four, 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 506th section of the Municipal Act of the Revised Statutes of Ontario 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 opening a Road on the southerly side of the Great Western Railway, on Lot number twelve in the fourth concession of the said Township of Raleigh, in lieu of the concession, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JACOB SMITH -WARDEN.

NO. 387.

A BY-LAW to confirm the sale of the lands of the Corporation of the County of Kent, known as the Industrial Farm,
 PASSED 11th June, 1880.

WHEREAS by resolution of the County Council of the County of Kent, passed on the thirtieth day of January, 1880, the Committee on County property was directed to offer the lands known as the Industrial farm, and being composed of part of Lot number two in the front Range on the River Thames of the survey of the township of Chatham, which said lands may be better known and described as follows:—That is to say, commencing on the Northwesterly side of Forest street in the said Town of Chatham, at the limit between lots one and two in the said concession, thence North forty-five degrees, West forty-one chains, and forty-two links to the Southerly limit of the allowance of road between the said first and second concessions in the said township; thence North forty-five degrees, East twelve chains; thence South forty-five degrees, East forty-one chains, and forty-two links to the Northerly side of Forest street; thence westerly along Forest street to the place of beginning—containing by admeasurement forty-nine acres, two roods and thirty-two and a-half perches, for sale at the upset price of \$7,000, by public auction.

And whereas the said lands were, pursuant to said resolution, on the tenth day of April A. D. 1880, offered for sale by Public Auction, and were sold to John Northwood, of the Town of Chatham, at and for the sum of \$7,050—upon the terms and conditions mentioned in the articles of agreement, bearing date the said tenth day of April, and entered into upon the part and behalf of the Corporation of the County of Kent, and the said John Northwood for the sale of said lands,

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled, as follows:—

1. That the sale of the lands and premises known as the Industrial Farm, more particularly described in the recital above contained, to the said John Northwood, at and for the sum of \$7,050—upon the terms and conditions set forth in the above recited agreement, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

2. That the Warden and Clerk are hereby directed and empowered to execute the proper deeds of conveyance, and attach the corporate seal thereto for the conveyance to said John Northwood,—the said lands, upon his fulfilling on his part the terms and conditions of the said agreement upon which said lands were sold to him.

3. That in the event of the Mortgage to be taken to secure the balance of the principal money due and payable under said agreement, being sold or converted into money, the said Corporation do hereby guarantee the due payment of the said Mortgage to the purchaser thereof.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

NO. 388.

A BY-LAW to raise the sum of \$11,239.35 from Municipalities and parts of Municipalities grouped under By-law No. 319, to aid the Erie & Huron Railway Company.

Passed 11th June, 1880.

Whereas it is requisite and necessary to raise the sum of \$11,239 35 to provide for the payment of interest falling due on the first day of July in this present year, and for the payment of principal and interest falling due on the first day of January, A. D. 1881, on debentures issued by the County of Kent to aid the Erie & Huron Railway Company,

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent in Council assembled, under by virtue of the Municipal Acts of Ontario; also, of the several Acts relating to the Erie and Huron Railway Company.

1. That in the year A. D. 1880, there shall be raised, levied and collected from and off all the rateable property in that portion of the County of Kent grouped to assist the Erie and Huron Railway Company, under By-law No. 319 (excepting on the town of Chatham, whose share is arranged by the Separation award) the sum of \$11,230.35, to meet the payment of interest falling due on the first day of July in this present year, and for the payment of principal and interest falling due on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1881, on debentures issued by the County of Kent in aid of the said Erie and Huron Railway Company.

2. And be it further enacted that the sum aforesaid shall be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Municipalities and parts of Municipalities grouped under By-law No. 319 (excepting on the Town of Chatham, whose share is arranged by the Separation award) and to be paid to the County Treasurer without any deduction whatever, on or before the 14th day of December, 1880, in the following proportions, as follows:—

Township of Camden, for part grouped.....	\$1,276 17
“ Chatham	3,246 40
“ Dover, for part grouped.....	1,404 43
“ Harwich.....	4,476 67
Village of Blenheim.....	206 67
“ Dresden.....	392 67
“ Wallaceburg.....	227 34

\$11,230 35

3 And be it further enacted that the County Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow from the Merchants Bank the sum required on the first day of July, 1880, to pay the coupons for the first half-year's interest on said Erie & Huron Railway Debentures, and that the said amount be paid to said Bank with interest by the Treasurer when he receives the same from the Municipalities, as provided by the preceding or second section of this By-law.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

NO. 389.

A BY-LAW to raise the sum of \$23,121.05, to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
 Passed 12th June, 1880.

Whereas it is requisite and necessary to raise the sum of \$23,121 05 to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent, and for raising the sum of \$4,224, more or less, from and off the several 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

1, That in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty three shall be raised, levied and collected from and off all the rateable property in the County of Kent the sum of \$23,121 05 for the following purposes:—

East Kent Agricultural Society	\$ 250 00	Cruickshanks drain	\$ 56 00
West Kent	250 00	Payment of Jurors	1600 00
Rewards acct.	40 00	Adm. Justice not Criminal	3000 00
Wallaceburg bridges, repairs ac.	300 00	Mechanics' Institute, Ridgeway,	50 00
" caretaker, say 9 mos.	310 50	Irish Relief Fund grant	487 78
Board of Audit	32 00	Arbitration acct	300 00
Registry Office for Books	100 00	High School for Master or equivalent to Gov't grant	650 00
Gaol & Court House furnishings	193 84	Public Buildings repairs	150 91
Town Chatham, bal. under award	15729 51	To improve interior High School building 1/2 expense, say	700 00
Inter't on bal. due Town Chatham	943 77	To aid West Kent Agricultural Society to build Exhibit on buildings	200 00
Fuel for Offices	150 00	Band of the 24th Batt.	50 00
Dresden bridge, repairs and caretakers	150 00		
Debentures to redeem	2500 00	Total amount	\$40859 50
Interest on Debentures	1456 69		
Insurance acct	305 25	LESS THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:	
Councillors' wages	1800 00	Surplus in 1879	\$2000 00
Selectors of Jurors	124 60	Amount receivable from Town Chatham under award	1600 00
School superintendence	935 00	Purchase money of Industrial Farm	7000 00
Moravian bridge—contract and expenses	3859 00	Due by Registrar of Co. Kent for 1879	1764 12
Jannett's Ck bridge, ad contract	420 00	Rent of Gaol & Registry office from town of Chatham	374 33
Office furniture, safe for Co. Clerk	50 00	Due Town of Chatham, deferred till 1881	5000 00
Board of Examiners	100 00		
Gov. drain, Tilbury E. & Raleigh	11 42		
" " Romney	22 83		
Salaries Clerk, Treas. & Auditors	1860 00		
Office rent acct	480 00		
County printing	200 00		
Grant to Model School	100 00		
Law expenses	100 00		
Caretaker of Offices	240 00		
Coroners' orders	50 00		
Payment of Witnesses	250 00		
Miscellaneous expense acct	300 00		
			17738 45
			\$23121 05

2, That the sum aforesaid shall be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Township, Town 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, 1880, in the following proportions as follows:—

Township of Camden.....	\$1528 37
“ Chatham.....	3047 42
“ Dover.....	2411 08
“ Harwich.....	4202 29
“ Howard.....	2852 61
“ Orford.....	1917 28
“ Raleigh.....	2943 28
“ Romney.....	653 79
“ Tilbury East.....	1362 62
“ Zone.....	718 81
Town of Bothwell.....	300 70
Village of Blenheim.....	194 00
“ Dresden.....	368 60
“ Ridgetown.....	252 20
“ Thamesville.....	174 60
“ Wallaceburg.....	213 40

\$23,121 05

3. That the sum of \$4224—more or less, to meet the Legislative School Grant for the year 1880, be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Townships within the County of Kent to meet the Government grant apportioned to them for Common School purposes.

4. That it shall be the duty of the County Clerk to notify the Clerks of the several Townships in the County the amount of the Common School grant apportioned to them, in order that the same be raised according to law.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk

(L. S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

SCHEDULE No. 1.

Statement showing the Assessment of the County of Kent for the year 1879, and the Equalized Values for the Rate levied for the year 1880.
Rate—1 94-100 mill on \$.

TOWNSHIPS	Total No. of Acres.	No. of Acres, Resident land.	Value of Resident land.	Average Assessed value per acre.	Equalized Value Resident land.	Equalized rate per acre.	No. of Acres non-resident land.	Value of 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.....	40807	37975	\$473535	\$12 47	\$759500	20 00	2832	\$28900	10 25	\$28320	10 00	\$34725	\$	537160	\$ 787820	\$1528 37
Equalized value																
CHATHAM.....	83872	73212	861355	11 76	1464240	20 00	10660	66040	6 19	106600	10 00	58205		985600	1570840	3047 42
Equalized value																
DOVER.....	69000	57569	672528	11 88	1151380	20 00	11431	36454	3 18	91448	8 00	40920		749902	1242828	2411 08
Equalized value																
HARWICH.....	87474	85402	2158650	25 27	2135050	25 00	2072	36110	17 42	31080	15 00	108170		2302930	2166130	4202 29
Equalized value																
HOWARD.....	58966	58593	1441527	26 73	1464825	25 00	373	4195	11 19	5595	15 00	73260		1518982	1470420	2852 61
Equalized value																
ORFORD.....	49883	48946	964520	19 70	978920	20 00	937	10820	11 54	9370	10 00	43150		1018490	988290	1917 28
Equalized value																
RALEIGH.....	70998	64574	1523555	25 59	1452915	22 50	6424	90983	14 16	64240	10 00	76040		1690578	1517155	2943 28
Equalized value																
ROMNEY.....	26047	17513	266863	15 23	262695	15 00	8534	74119	8 68	64005	7 50	16798		357780	326700	633 79
Equalized value																
ILBURY EAST...	54200	39450	527468	14 16	591750	15 00	14750	99268	6 73	110625	7 50	37985		664721	702375	1362 62
Equalized value																
ZONE.....	25206	24197	279244	11 54	362955	15 00	1009	9415	9 33	7567	7 50	21617		310276	370522	718 81
Equalized value																
TOWNS AND VILLAGES.																
														170111	155000	300 70
														190301	100000	194 00
														410210	190000	368 60
														240205	130000	252 90
														72410	90000	174 60
														163489	110000	213 40
														\$11383145	11918080	23121 05

SCHEDULE NO. 2.

STATEMENT showing the Assessed Value from the Assessment Rolls of 1879; also, the Equalized value for the Rate levied for 1880 on that portion of the County of Kent grouped under By-law No. 319, to aid and assist the Erie and Huron Railway Company. Rate—2 1-15th mills on \$.

	Assessed value.	Equalized value.	Amt rate.
Township of Camden(part grouped).....	\$415,045	\$617,509	\$1,276 17
" Chatham.....	985,600	1,570,840	3,246 40
" Dover (part grouped)	593,429	679,564	1,404 43
" Harwich.....	2,302,930	2,066,130	4,476 67
Village of Blenheim.....	190,301	100,000	216 67
" Dresden.....	410,210	190,000	392 67
" Wallaceburg.....	163,489	110,000	227 34
		\$5,434,034	\$11,236 35
Town of Chatham RE Separation award.....			3,638 00
			\$14,868 35

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

— OF THE —

DECEMBER SESSION, 1880,

— OF THE —

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— OF THE —

COUNTY OF KENT.

JACOB SMITH, M. D.,
WARDEN.



DANIEL KERR,
CLERK.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

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Municipal Council of the County of Kent.

DECEMBER SESSION—1880.

FIRST DAY.

The Warden addressed the Council relative to the business of the Session. The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M.D., Warden, and all the Councilors except Mr. Fox.

The Minutes of the last meeting, of the June session, were read and approved.

The following communications were read:—

From the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, giving notice of the shipment of thirty-nine copies of the Dominion Statutes for 1880.

From the Department of Immigration, Ottawa, in answer to a Memorial, recommending the appointment of John Mason, Reeve of the township of Orford, as an Emigration Agent to Great Britain.

From the Secretary of the Province of Ontario, stating that George H. Taylor had been appointed Short Hand reporter for the County Court and General Sessions, at the December sittings.

From the County Clerk of Peterborough, a circular inviting County Councils to cooperate with them in petitioning the Ontario Government with a view to reduce the number of Deputy-Reeves in County Councils in some equitable manner.

From the County Clerk of Frontenac, with copy of a Memorial, and asking co-operation in petitioning the Lieut.-Governor for certain amendments to the Assessment Act, in reference to exemptions from taxation to such properties only as may be used or occupied solely for religious, educational, charitable and public purposes.

From Josiah Hill, Chief Secretary of the Council of the Six Nation Indians, soliciting subscriptions for the Brant Memorial Fund.

From T. S. Shenston, Brantford, suggesting certain amendments to the present method of voting by ballot.

From R. J. Doyle, Owen Sound, Manager of the Grange Trust, (limited) offering to invest the sinking funds of the Municipalities having debentures to retire.

From R. J. Halle, Chatham, requesting that the new Moravian Bridge be insured when finished in the Commercial Union Insurance Company.

From R. Auger and 26 others, praying for a free license to peddle for the remainder of the license year.

From W. G. McGeorge, C. E., a report on Bothwell Bridge.

From Wilmet M. Nichols, Presiding Inspector, report of the Board of Examiners, with a detailed statement of the expenses of the current year.

From the same, in reference to the formation of Union Schools; also, of the certificates of third-class Teachers.

From the Directors of the Chatham Mechanic's Institute, inviting the members of the Council to make use of their reading rooms during the present session.

The Clerk laid on the table copy of a statistical return to the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, from the Assessment Rolls of the County of Kent for 1880; also, minutes and proceedings of late Sessions of the Councils of the Counties of Peel, Wellington, Frontenac, Oxford, Lennox and Addington.

The Warden referred the various communications to the Committees to which they belong.

Notices of motion were given ; accounts were read and referred to Finance.

Mr. Stephens (Dresden) presented a report in reference to Dresden Bridge, which was read and referred to the Road & Bridge Committee.

Moved by Mr. Stephens (Dresden), seconded by Mr. Dobbyn, that whereas by the dispensation of Providence one of our number, Nathan C. Kerby, Deputy Reeve of Camden, has been removed from our midst by death. Be it therefore resolved, that we record on the minutes of this Council our recognition of his integrity and ability; that the Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the bereaved family of the deceased; and that we adjourn out of respect to his memory. Carried unanimously.

The Council then adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, 15th Dec., 1880.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M. D., Warden, and all the Councilors except Mr. Fox.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Sherman, a report on Thamesville Bridge was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), a By-law to confirm By-law No. 7 of 1880; also a By-law to confirm By-law No. 10 of 1880—both of the Municipal Council of Tilbury East—were each read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, a By-law to confirm By-law No. 352 ; also, a By-law to confirm By-law No. 353; also, a By-law to confirm By-law No. 355—three By-laws of the Municipal Council of Raleigh, were each read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, a By-law to provide for the election of Warden by ballot, was read a first time.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called ; same members present.

Various notices of motion were given ; various accounts were read and referred to Finance.

Mr. MacFarlane presented the petition of Robt. Dunlop and 16 others of the township of Dover East, praying that the Council apply to the Lieut. Governor of Ontario for a new survey on line between the 12th and 13th concessions of the said township of Dover.

On motion of Mr. MacFarlane, the Council went into Committee of the Whole to consider the aforesaid petition, Mr. McDonald in the chair.

R. S. Woods, Chatham, and Alex. McDougall, of Wallaceburg, addressed the Committee at length for and against the petition.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that a motion to adopt the prayer of the petition had been lost in Committee, which report was adopted by the Council.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, 16th Dec., 1880.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M. D., Warden, and all the Councilors except Mr. Fox.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk laid on the table minutes of the proceedings of the Senate of Canada, sent from Ottawa by the Hon. Joseph Northwood, containing a copy of the contract entered into for the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway.

Notice of motions were given, and accounts read and referred to Finance.

On motion of Mr. White, the report of the Committee on County Property was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dobbyn, a report on County line between Dawn and Camden, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Stephens (Chatham Tp.) a report on Town line between Camden and Chatham, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Stephens (Dresden), a report on Dresden Bridge was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, a report of the Committee on rebuilding Moravian Bridge, was read and adopted.

On motion of Dr. Mitchell, a report on Wallaceburg Bridges was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dillon, a report on Bothwell Bridge was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. McFarlane, a report on Rond Eau & St. Clair Plank and Gravel Road, was read and adopted.

Moved by Dr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Stephens (Chatham Tp.), that the Warden confer with Mr. Pegley, County Solicitor, relative to the bonds to the E. & Huron Railway, by the grouped Municipalities.—Carried.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M. D., Warden, and all the Councillors.

Communications were read—

From Wm. Douglas, Esq., Clerk of the Peace, enclosing a copy of the Presentment of the Grand Jury at the December General Sessions for 1880—Ref'd to Com. on Co. Property.

From W. A. Campbell, Clerk of the County Court, asking more accommodation for fying away papers in his office—Ref'd to Com. on Co. Property.

From F. T. Chapman, offering to furnish Account and Register Books for County Offices—Ref'd to Com. on Printing.

From Wm. Northwood, Esq., Mayor of Chatham, asking a further grant of money for the High School—Ref'd to Finance.

From John McGuire, Wheatley, relative to a peddler's license—Ref'd to Finance.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), a By-law to confirm By-law No. 7 of 1880; also, a By-law to confirm By-law No. 10 of 1880, both of the Municipal Council of Tilbury East, were read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, a By-law to confirm By-law No. 352; also, a By-law to confirm By-law No. 353; also, a By-law to confirm By-law No. 355—three By-laws of the Municipal Council of Raleigh—were read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, a By-law to provide for the election of Warden by ballot, was read a second time.

On motion the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the six aforesaid By-laws, Mr. McDonald in the chair.

Council resumed. The Chairman reported that five By-laws passed in Committee, viz: two confirming By-laws of Tilbury East, and three confirming By-laws of Raleigh; and that the By-law relating to election of Warden by ballot, was lost in Committee.

On motion, the five aforesaid By-laws were each read separately a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Howard), seconded by Mr. McDiarmid, that the sum of \$200, in addition to the usual grant of \$250, be granted for the building of a Lock-up in Ridgetown—Ref'd to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Dobbyn, that a Committee be appointed, composed of the Reeves of Chatham Tp., Dover, Camden, Wallaceburg, Dresden, Blenheim, the first Deputy-Reeve of Harwich, and the mover, to draft a petition to the Legislature of Ontario, praying them not to extend the time of the charter of the Erie & Huron Railway Co., as this Council has lost all faith in said Company.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Caughill, that the Solicitor of this Corporation be authorized to defend all actions brought against any of the ratepayers of this County for non-payment of Toll on the Rond Eau, Chatham and St. Clair Plank & Gravel Road until said Road is put in a proper state of repair.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that Messrs. Ferguson, Caughill, Hickey and the mover be appointed a Committee to draft a petition to the Legislature, praying for certain amendments to the Fence Viewers' Drainage Act.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Morgan, that whereas R. Auger has sent in a petition to this Council, signed by a large number of ratepayers, praying that he be granted a free peddler's license for the balance of the year; Be it therefore resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stephens (Chatham Tp.), seconded by Mr. Macfarlane, that the County Council of the County of Kent grant the sum of \$500 to assist the Town of Chatham in paying Care-takers for the two Bridges spanning the River Thames in

the said Town of Chatham, provided they are made free of Toll for the year A. D. 1881. Ref'd to Finance.

The Council adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, 17th Dec., 1880.

The Roll was called. Present—Jacob Smith, M. D., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Stephens (Dresden), seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that this Council adjourn for half an hour for the purpose of visiting the High School to view the repairs and improvements put upon the same, of which the County granted at the June session, A. D. 1880, a certain sum for that purpose.—Carried.

Council adjourned accordingly.

Council resumed; same members present.

A communication from C. E. Pegley, County Solicitor, was read, being an opinion in reference to the E. & H. Railway bonus fund.

On motion of Mr. White, the report of a Special Committee on the Ditches and Water Course Act, with the draft of a petition to the Legislature of Ontario, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dillon, a report on County line between Kent and Middlesex, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Stephens (Dresden), the report of a special Committee on E. & H. Railway, and the draft of a petition to the Legislature of Ontario relating thereto, were read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (Howard), a report of the Committee on County Printing, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, a report on County line between Zone and Mosa, was read and adopted.

Mr. Wilson (Harwich), presented draft of petition to the Legislature of Ontario.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. White, that the petition now read, praying that a charter be granted to the Chatham and Charing Cross Railway be adopted, and that the Clerk forward copies of the same to the Lieut. Governor and Local Legislature through Ed. Robinson, M.P.P. for West Kent.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Stephens (Chatham Tp.), a By-law to give the Council of Chatham Tp. control of the expenditure of a certain grant of money on the County line between the Counties of Kent and Lambton, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (Harwich), a By-law to confirm By-law No. 260 of the Township of Harwich, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that as this Council has repealed all By-laws respecting Township, County and other boundary lines, this Council has no power to lay out money or superintend the construction of these roads, but only to grant aid to the adjoining Municipalities; Be it therefore resolved that this Council do not lay out any more money on said lines, or pay Commissioners for the same. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Caughill, a second report of the Committee on E. & H. Railway, was read and adopted.

Mr. Stephens (Chatham Tp.) presented the report of the Finance Committee, and moved its adoption.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. McDonald, that the report of the Finance Committee be not adopted, but referred back and amended by striking out the further grant of \$200 to the High School in the Town of Chatham.—Lost.

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

Yeas—Councillors Caughill, Cameron, Morgan, Morrison, Fox, Hickey, Wilson (Tilbury East), Blackburn, Crowe, McDonald, Stephens (Dresden)—11.

Nays—Councillors Wilson (Harwich), Mason, White, Irwin, Stephens (Chatham Tp), Dillon, Vogler, Pursar, Macfarlane, McDiarmid, Wilson (Howard), Ferguson, Sherman and the Warden—14.

Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Fox, that the Finance Report be referred back to Committee to strike out the grant of \$500 to the Town of Chatham for throwing off the tolls on the Chatham Bridges spanning the River Thames.—Lost.

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

Yeas—Councillors Cameron, Morgan, White, Morrison, Irwin, Fox, Hickey, Wilson (Tilbury East), McDonald, Stephens (Dresden), Dillon, Vogler—12.

Nays—Councillors Caughill, Wilson (Harwich), Mason, Stephens (Chatham Tp.), Crowe, Blackburn, Purser, Macfarlane, McDiarmid, Wilson (Howard), Ferguson, Sherman and the Warden—13.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Howard), that the Town of Chatham receive the sum of \$300 00 if said Town of Chatham take the tolls off the bridges spanning the River Thames, and that the Finance Report be referred back for that purpose.—Carried.

The report was amended accordingly.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Crowe, that the Finance Report be referred back to strike out \$50 extra, granted to assist in building a Lock-up at Ridgetown.—Lost.

On motion of Mr. Stephens (Chatham Tp.), the report of the Finance Committee was then read as amended and adapted.

On motion of Mr. Hickey, the report of the Road and Bridge Committee was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. White, the 18th and 25th Rules were suspended for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Hickey presented the draft of a petition to the Legislature of Ontario relating to the publication of Drainage By-laws. Copies of said petition were ordered to be made and presented to the House through Ed. Robinson, M. P. P. for West Kent.

Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. White, that whereas the Erie & Huron Railway Company, through their Solicitors, have made a demand on the Trustees of the Debentures granting aid to the said E. & H. Railway; Be it therefore resolved that this Council indemnify the said Trustees against any and every loss that they may sustain by refusing to pay over said amount to said E. & H. R. Co.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Stephens (Chatham Tp.), a By-law to give the Council of Chatham Township control of the expenditure of a certain grant of money on the County line between the Counties of Kent and Lambton, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (Harwich), a By-law to confirm By-law No. 260 of the Township of Harwich, was read a second time.

The Council went into Committee on the two aforesaid By-laws, Mr. White in the chair.

Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-law giving the Council of Chatham Tp. control of the expenditure of a certain grant of money, passed with two clauses added, and that the By-law to confirm a By-law of Harwich, passed without amendment.

On motion, the two aforesaid By-laws were each read a third time and passed.

By request the Warden left the chair, which was taken by Mr. Wilson (Harwich.)

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that as this is probably the last session of this Council for 1880, we the members thereof have much pleasure in tendering to Jacob Smith, Esq., M. D., our present Warden, the thanks of the Council for his uniform courtesy and kindness during the time he has occupied the Warden's chair, and with every feeling of respect to himself and family, we trust that he may be spared for many years as a useful member of this community.—Carried by acclamation with a standing vote.

Mr. Wilson then presented the resolution to the Warden, who, on resuming the chair, thanked the Council in suitable terms.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

COMMUNICATIONS. ETC.

FOR AMENDMENTS TO DITCHES & WATER COURSES ACT.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the County Council of the County of Kent humbly sheweth :

That while we recognize in the "Ditches and Water Courses Act" (Revised Statutes of Ontario, chapter 199, and subsequent amendments) an Act which in its operations is doing much to improve the wet lands of the country, and greatly to increase their productiveness; yet we find by experience that certain amendments hereinafter indicated are absolutely necessary to remove difficulties in the way of its working, and to farther extend its usefulness.

1. That doubts having arisen as to the legality of an owner of lands notifying, under the provisions of this Act, any others than the owner or owners of adjoining or adjacent lands, it is found very important that any owner of lands requiring drainage may be empowered, on failing to effect an agreement as provided in the third section of the said Act, to notify as many owners of lands below his lands on the Watercourse as may be found necessary in order to give to each of the parties interested a proper out-fall for the water; and that Fence-viewers may in such case be authorized to arbitrate on the whole length of drain required; thus saving much time and expense to all parties interested, and securing at once effective drainage.

2. That although the said Act makes it obligatory upon Fence-viewers to attend and arbitrate according to notice, it imposes no penalty for non-attendance. And in case one or more of the Fence-viewers do not attend, which sometimes happens, considerable loss of time and expense result to the interested parties who do attend.

3. That in many cases certain parties interested neglect or refuse to pay such portions of the expenses of arbitration as in their award the Fence-viewers require them to pay; and doubts have arisen as to the power of the Fence-viewers, or of any person, to enforce payment of such expenses. We therefore humbly suggest that the Fence-viewers be authorized to report their award and the bill of expenses to the Council of the Township in which they act. That said Council, after the expiration of the time within which appeals may be made as provided, pay at once the said bill to the Fence-viewers, or either of them, and add the several items to the taxes of the respective parties who should pay, to be collected with said taxes by the proper municipal officer. Provision to be made for appeals; and also for the payment, by a certain fixed time, by those who may desire so to do. And that one of the Fence-viewers be empowered to sell the work and report, when completed, to the Clerk of the Municipality; and power given to Councils to pay out of the general funds of the Municipality, and charged against the lands according to said report, to be collected as other taxes.

4. That in the case of enforcing an award, provision is not expressly made for the recovery of the value of the work done and costs, when such value and costs amount to a larger sum than may be sued for in a Division Court.

5. That in case of arbitrations between parties whose lands lie in adjoining Townships, it is not clear in which Clerk's office the award shall be deposited. And as between adjoining Counties the question arises: before which County Judge shall appeals be tried?

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray your honorable House to pass such amendments to the said Act as may, as far as practicable, obviate the difficulties above referred to, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

AMENDMENTS TO DRAINAGE ACT.

To the Hon. the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario in Parliament assembled: -The Petition of the County Council of the County of Kent, humbly sheweth:

That whereas the publication of By-laws for drainage in newspapers is attended with large, and in the opinion of your petitioners, unnecessary expense,

Your petitioners humbly pray that the Drainage Act be amended by giving Townships the same privilege as Towns and Villages, so that at the option of the Council they can either notify the parties interested by registered letter or by publishing By-law in newspaper—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

CHATHAM AND CHARING CROSS RAILWAY.

To His Honor John Beverly Robinson, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Petition of the County Council of the County of Kent humbly sheweth:

That your petitioners are desirous that a Railway connecting the Town of Chatham with the Canada Southern Railway should be constructed, and for that purpose Wm. McKeough, Henry Smyth, Wm. J. Howard and others, have petitioned for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Chatham and Charing Cross Railway Company, with all necessary powers, &c.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honor may be pleased to sanction the passing of an Act incorporating a Company for that purpose—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

ERIE & HURON RAILWAY.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the County Council of the County of Kent, humbly sheweth:

That whereas notice has been given that an application will be made to your honorable body by the Erie and Huron Railway Company for an extension of time for the completion of the said road in the County of Kent.

And whereas the charter of the said Erie and Huron Railway expires in March, A. D. 1881.

And whereas the said Erie and Huron Railway Company have forfeited the confidence of the Rate-payers of the said County of Kent in the unnecessary delay in prosecuting the work on said road by having done nothing towards its construction during the last twelve months.

And whereas the said County have not paid for a large portion of the lands taken for said roadway, and have done the grading in such a manner as to lead your petitioners to believe that the work done by said Company was solely with the object and for the purpose of obtaining the bonus granted the said Company by the County of Kent.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your honorable body will protect the rate-payers of the said County of Kent from any further injustice being perpetrated on them by said Erie and Huron Railway Company by granting an extension of time for the completion of said work, or by granting any legislation that would be detrimental to the interests of your petitioners.

We your petitioners exceedingly regret that the said Erie and Huron Railway has not been built and opened for travel within the time specified, as it would have been a great benefit to the County of Kent; and also, that a large portion of the bonus has been paid to the Company, and for which your petitioners have received no benefit—And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

ERIE & HURON RAILWAY (COUNTY SOLICITOR.)

The Warden and Council County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—In obedience to the instructions of your Warden, I have examined the demand made upon the Trustees of the Debenture fund by the Erie & Huron Railway Company, through their Solicitors, Messrs. Ferguson, Bain, Gordon & Shepley, for further payments out of the Trust fund on account of sections Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5, and the By-laws and Statutes affecting the same.

The claim is based upon the Act passed to legalize the Erie & Huron Debentures, 42 Vic., Cap. 61, which regulates the amount to be paid on the completion of each section.

The complaint made by the Company is that they have not been paid the full amount upon these Sections which they are entitled to.

By the Act referred to, the Trustees would only pay over the funds upon the certificate of the Engineer, which must contain the amount payable on each Section, and certify that the work is done, and the certificate must be attached to the cheque. The Trustees appear to have complied with the Act in this respect, and have paid all that the respective certificates issued by the Engineer required them to pay in each of the above Sections.

As the Engineer has already certified what amount should be paid for each Section, his right to certify having been already exercised, he cannot give any further certificate to the Trustees. And the Trustees cannot pay any more moneys without such certificate.

The Company could only seek relief in the Court of Chancery, by Bill, to have the certificates amended, and an application of this kind could be successfully resisted, if it could be shown to the satisfaction of the Court that the certificates were improperly given by the Engineer before the work on the Sections was completed, and accepted from the sub-contractors, and if the amount paid the Company is sufficient to cover all the work actually done upon the Road a Court of Equity, would not, I think, interfere to assist them.

If it can be shown that at the time the certificates were given the work was not completed on the Sections, and that they have been paid enough to cover the work done, I would advise that the Trustees be requested to resist the demand made, and that the Council indemnify them against any proceedings the Company may take in the matter. I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your humble servant,

Chatham, Dec. 16, 1880.

CHAS. E. PEGLEY.

FOR GRANT TO HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—The repairs of the Grammar School now being completed, the amt. of same being \$2100, our Council has instructed me to lay before you the justice of your appropriating at least an additional \$300 towards the payment of the same, the Town of Chatham paying the balance. There is no necessity of going over the ground of our reason for asking this grant, as same was gone into fully at your summer Session: and as our proposition to you was at that meeting that the cost of improvements should be equally borne, and as we thought same acceptable to you we made preparation for only one-half the cost when striking our rate.

The School is now in a fine state and it is the earnest wish of our Council that its efficiency be kept up. Hoping your honorable body will favorably consider this communication,—I remain, your obt. servant,

Chatham, Dec. 16, 1880.

WM. NORTHWOOD, MAYOR.

EMIGRATION AGENCY.

Mr. Daniel Kerr, County Clerk of Kent:

SIR,—In answer to your letter of 14th inst., accompanied by a memorial from the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, recommending the appointment of Mr. John Mason, Reeve of Orford, as an Emigration Agent in Great Britain, I am directed to inform you that it is impossible to add to the present staff of officers on Emigration service. The obligations entered into will require the whole Parliamentary grant for that purpose, and no additional expenditure can be incurred.—I have, etc.,

Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa, 17th June, 1880.

J. LOWE, Sec'y Dept.

EXTRACT FROM PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY.

With reference to the Court House we desire to draw the attention of the proper authorities to the inadequacy of the heating apparatus, the box stove being wholly insufficient to heat a room of half the capacity; and would suggest that a furnace be placed in the basement, so that all parts of the Court Room could be comfortably heated.

ERIE AND HURON RAILWAY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Special Committee on E. & H. Railway beg leave to report that they have drafted a Petition to the Ontario Legislature asking that body rot to grant a further extension of time on charter in the County of Kent, as the Company which has control of said road by their unnecessary delay in prosecuting the work on said E. & H. Railway, and their general conduct in the whole matter has been such as to forfeit the confidence of the ratepayers.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the said Petition be engrossed and copies forwarded to the Legislature and Members for East and West Kent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. MITCHELL, Chairman.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Special Committee on Erie & Huron Railway beg to submit the following subsequent report:—That we recommend the passing of a resolution indemnifying the Trustees of the Bonus Debentures in refusing to pay over to the Erie & Huron Railway Co. moneys demanded of them by Ferguson, Bain, Gordon & Shepley, Solicitors for said E. & H. R. Co.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. MITCHELL, Chairman.

ROND EAU & ST. CLAIR PLANK AND GRAVEL ROAD.

To the Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to consider and advise in reference to the Rond Eau and St. Clair Plank and Gravel Road, beg leave to report:—That after proper request had been made in last May, the County Judge appointed Wm. G. McGeorge, P.L.S., to inspect the Road. Mr. McGeorge reported the Road to be in a state of disrepair, but allowed the Company till the 1st day of July to do the necessary repair. In July, Mr. McGeorge again inspected the Road and found it still in a state of disrepair, and that in the meantime nothing had been done to put it into repair. He then, however, indulgently extended the time for repairing it to the 1st day of November. On the 16th day of November Mr. McGeorge wrote to the Chairman of your Committee saying, "I have inspected the road and found it still out of repair, and have reported to that effect to the President of the Road, as the law directs. In consequence of this last Report by the appointed Engineer, no tolls have been collected on any part of the road since the first of November.

Your Committee recommend that should the Company attempt to force payment of toll until the Road is fully repaired and reported so by the Engineer, the County Solicitor defend any actions brought for refusing payment.

Hereunto is appended the Report of the Engineer, together with a copy of his notice to the President of the Road Company.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES MACFARLANE, Chairman.

JAMES MACFARLANE, Esq., Chairman of Committee of Kent County Council, in re St. Clair & Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road.

SIR,—Having been requested to make a report in regard to what I have done in reference to the above named Road, I write this to acquaint you with my proceedings in the matter.

1st. I was authorized and directed by an Order from the County Judge for the County of Kent, dated 25th day of March, 1880, to examine the above named Road in accordance with the prayer of a petition signed by Richard Tooley and others, and after taking the prescribed oath before a Justice of the Peace, I proceeded to make an examination of the Road throughout its whole length; and having found the Road out of repair, I served a notice on the Company, a copy of which I annex to this.

After the expiration of the time laid down in this notice I again found the Road out of repair, and by request extended the time, with the privilege of taking toll.—The time of placing the Road in repair, as extended was to the 1st November, 1880, and after that time had elapsed I made an examination of the Road and found that the requisite repairs had not been made, and served a notice on the Company to that effect.—I have the honor to be, etc.,

WM. G. McGEORGE.

COPY OF NOTICE.

to the President of the St. Clair and Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road:

SIR,—Having been authorized and directed by the County Judge for the County of Kent to examine the St. Clair and Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road, and having examined said Road lying between the Townships of Dover East and Chatham, and the Townships of Harwich and Raleigh, and running through the Township of Harwich to the Village of Blenheim; and having found said Road so much out of repair as to impede and endanger Her Majesty's subjects and all others travelling thereon, I beg hereby to notify you to have said Road repaired and made good by the 1st day of July next. The Road from King Street in the Town of Chatham to the Village of Blenheim, is out of repair throughout its whole length; and North of the River Thames, from the end of the bridge across the Thames to a point about 100 rods south-east of the road between the 3rd and 4th cons. of Chatham and Dover, the road is very bad and quite out of repair; and in the 4th con. the Road is bad for about 30 rods from the Southerly side of the con., and for about 40 rods from the Northerly side of the concession. The rest of the Road is fairly good, with but few repairs needed.—I have the honor to be, etc ,

W. G. McGEORGE.

DITCHES AND WATERCOURSES ACT.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Special Committee appointed to draft a Petition to the Legislative Assembly for amendment to the Ditches and Watercourses Act, R. S. O., cap. 199, submit the following Petition for adoption, and to be forwarded to the Members for the County of Kent, with a request that they use their influence to have said amendments, or such relief as in the wisdom of the Legislature may think best, passed at the next session thereof.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, Dec. 17, 1880.

S. WHITE, Chairman.

COUNTY LINE BETWEEN ZONE AND MOSA.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the amount reappropriated to the Zone and Mosa County Line, begs leave to report that he has expended the sum of \$7.87 on that Line, having been met by an equal appropriation from the adjoining Municipality of Mosa.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. E. VOGLER, Commissioner.

COUNTY LINE BETWEEN DAWN AND CAMDEN.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit the following report of moneys expended on the County Line between Dawn and Camden:—July 21, '80, Thomas Young, \$26.90; J. McFarlane, \$49.50; Edward Cragg, \$15; John Pengally, \$18—Total, \$109.49. Expended \$109.50, the balance still remaining to the credit of the Line is \$42.34.—There are two jobs let covering about \$20 not yet completed.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DOBBYN, Commissioner.

COUNTY LINE BETWEEN KENT AND MIDDLESEX.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner begs leave to report that he has expended on County Line between Kent and Middlesex, \$5—work done by David Little.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dec'r 16th, 1880.

THOMAS DILLON.

TOWN LINE BETWEEN CHATHAM AND CAMDEN.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend a balance of money standing to the credit of the Chatham and Camden Town Line, begs leave to report: That on the 7th August, 1880, I sold jobs of work to the amount standing to the credit of said Town Line. The work to be done in one month from the day of sale. But owing to the almost continuous rains and the condition of said road in consequence of such, but few of the jobs have been completed, nor can be until another year.—Most respectfully yours.

WM. H. STEPHENS, Commissioner.

THAMESVILLE BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner on Thamesville Bridge begs leave to report as follows:—I got repairs done on Thamesville Bridge to the amount of \$73.75, and gave orders for the same.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Thamesville, 14th Dec'r, 1880.

L. SHERMAN, Commissioner.

WALLACEBURG BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners on Wallaceburg Bridges beg to submit the following report:—That some of the iron segments in the turn-table of the East branch bridge, broken in swinging, required to be repaired, which was done by John Lee at a cost of \$24.79. Also, a portion of the covering was in an unsafe state, and was repaired by Wm. Pattemon, at a cost of \$31.81. Your Commissioners have given orders for the payment of the above amounts.— Respectfully submitted,

JACOB SMITH, Warden.
GEO. MITCHELL, Comm'r.

DRESDEN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners on the Dresden Bridge submitted a Supplementary Report in reference to accounts in connection with the Dresden Bridge for the year 1879, which Report was read and adopted and afterwards referred to the Road and Bridge Committee, and recommended by said Committee to be paid, providing the certificates of the ex-Reeve and ex-Warden of the County would certify to the same. The certificates required are herewith enclosed.

Your Commissioners would further report that we have been obliged to put some small repairs on the said Bridge, and we are happy to report that the probabilities are that said Bridge will be in a condition not to need much repair next year, and that we gave an order for part payment of the salary of the caretaker, and other matters in reference to said Bridge.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

December 14, 1880.

JACOB SMITH, Warden, }
JAMES STEPHENS, } Commissioners.

MORAVIAN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee appointed at the January Session to superintend the rebuilding of the Moravian Bridge, beg leave further to report as follows:—

The Committee met at the site of the Bridge on the 15th Sept., the day fixed in the contract for the completion of the work, and found that the old bridge and one abutment had been torn down, a temporary bridge erected, and one abutment in process of building. Instructions were given to have the sureties notified that the bridge was not completed, and holding them responsible in terms of the contract.

In the beginning of October the temporary bridge was swept away by a freshet and the work still further delayed by a subsequent one a few weeks later. At the present date the abutments are completed, one of the trusses framed, and the other will be finished in the course of a week. The material is all on the ground with the exception of the plank for the flooring and the stringers.

The Committee would recommend that the sum of \$1,500 be paid on the contract.

In consequence of the inability of the contractors, Messrs. Tanner & Smith, to proceed with the work, an arrangement was made between them and the sureties by which the Committee was authorized to pay all moneys into the hands of the sureties, Messrs. Reid, Maeready & Dillon, a copy of which is given herewith:

BOTHWELL. 22nd October, 1880.

To the Warden, Treasurer, and Chairman of Committee on Moravian Bridge, of the County of Kent :

SIR,—Under arrangements made by us with our sureties in the contract we hold with the said County for the building of the Moravian Bridge, all moneys due or accruing to us thereunder, are to be paid to them or either of them; their names being

as you are aware, James Macready, John Dillon and Colin Reid. You will therefore accept this as a sufficient authority for the payment of the same from time to time.

(Signed,)

LAUCHLAN SMITH, JOHN TANNER.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, Dec'r 15, 1880.

L. E. VOGLER, Chairman Com.

BOTHWELL BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to look after the Bothwell Bridge begs leave to report that he has repaired the bridge by planking in different places, and also that the bridge wants planking anew.—Respectfully submitted.

December 11, 1880

CHARLEY GILLET.

To the Warden of the County of Kent :

CHATHAM, 14th December, 1880.

SIR,—Having received your instructions to proceed to examine the bridge across the River Thames at the County Line between the Counties of Kent and Elgin, I beg to report to you that I have made an examination of said bridge. The piers and abutments are in a fair state of repair, and do not require any immediate attention. The roadway over the whole bridge requires renewal, and the trusses of the two end spans should be straightened up and the bolts and rods screwed up and tightened, and the trusses otherwise improved to make the work more rigid than at present.

The centre span which covers a length of about 100 feet is in a very unsafe condition, as there is scarcely a joint in it which has not become displaced. The span is a combination of the arch and truss, which are always difficult to arrange so that each shall bear its due share of the load. I think this span in its present condition is very unsafe, and I would recommend that the casing be stripped so that access may be had to every part, when means can be devised to strengthen and improve this span, which, if left as it is, is liable to a sudden collapse. The centre has already become very considerably depressed.—I have the honor to be, etc.,

W. G. McGEORGE.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the several matters referred to them, and report as follows:—1st. That the account for repairs on the Dresden Bridge be laid over until next session of this Council, in order to be certified to by the proper parties. 2nd. That £40 be granted to repair Thamesville Bridge. 3rd. In reference to the grants asked for by Camden, Bothwell and Dresden, your Committee recommend that no grants be made.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Council Chamber, 11th June, 1880.

WM. HICKEY, Chairman.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads & Bridges beg leave to report as follows: That we recommend the account for repairs on Dresden Bridge, amounting to \$61.02, be paid. And that the Warden act with the authorities of Elgin and Middlesex to have the Bothwell Bridge repaired, as suggested in the report of Wm. G. McGeorge, C.E. The repairs to be paid by Counties interested in the same proportion as paid for the building of the Bridge.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Council Chamber, Dec. 17, 1880.

WM. HICKEY, Chairman.

COUNTY PROPERTY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on County Property beg leave to report as follows: That we met on the 2nd of August and received from T. H. Nelson a communication giving up possession of grounds known as the Industrial Farm, and enclosing a cheque for \$75, which paid the rent to the First day of July, which was accepted in full for rent; also, offering to pay the taxes till the first day of August, 1880, as soon as it was known what proportion he would have to pay. The deed to John Northwood for same farm had been made by the County Solicitor, and was executed, and a resolution passed instructing the Solicitor to have the agreement carried out with the

said Northwood. We regret to say that said agreement has not been performed, and the Solicitor filed a Bill of Complaint in Chancery, and a Decree has been issued.—The accompanying letter will show how the matter now stands.

The cells in the women's ward in the Gaol have all been plastered and otherwise improved. The large gate in front of the Court House has been put in repair; a Clock put in the Court House; and new scales for the use of the Governor of the Gaol have been purchased, so that he can see that all supplies furnished for the prisoners are of the proper weight.

A communication from the Inspector of Prisons, recommending that the dress for the women confined in the Gaol should be uniform, and as they can be made very cheap at the Reformatory at Toronto, we recommend that six suits be ordered from there for the women confined in the County Gaol.

The following is a statement of the cost incurred:—John Davis, for plastering, \$45; Wm. Robertson & Co., carpenter work, \$44.69; Merton & Co., scales, \$11; C. L. VonGunten, clock, \$8; J. E. Peers, painting, \$6; E. Sharon, desk, etc., for shorthand writer, \$4.50.

We would also report that we advertised for Gaol Supplies and received tenders from Hugh Malcolmson, Taylor & Williamson, and G. E. Young. We have examined said tenders and find that of Hugh Malcolmson is the lowest, and recommend that it be accepted at the following prices:

Bread, per lb.,	\$0 03½	Oatmeal per bbl.,	\$6 50	White Beans, per bush.,	\$1 35
Beef,	0 06½	Salt,	1 10	Molasses, per gallon,	0 47
Hard Soap,	0 04	Potatoes per bush.	0 60	Coal Oil,	0 30
Pepper,	0 16	Peas for Soup,	1 12½		

Plans for a Lock-up in Ridgetown have been examined and approved. We would recommend that the present grant, \$250, be paid in accordance with By-law No. 289.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, Dec'r 16, 1880.

STEPHEN WHITE, Chairman.

KENT VS. NORTHWOOD.

To the Chairman of the Committee on County Property:

DEAR SIR,—As instructed by you I filed a Bill of Complaint against the defendant, in Chancery. A Decree issues to-day, I believe, ordering him to complete the transaction, or that the lands be sold again, and defendant pay any deficiency arising from the re-sale, and all costs.

If the transaction is not settled forthwith, the lands will be advertised and sold again as soon as they can, and Writs will issue against defendant for the deficiency, if any, and costs.—Yours, truly,

Chatham, Dec. 15th, 1880.

CHAS. E. PEGLEY.

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 matters referred to them and report as follows:—That the following accounts be paid, viz:

Wm. R. Dobbyn, for printing	\$ 7 84
Lemuel Sherman, as caretaker on Thamesville Bridge,	5 00
S. & E. F. Stephenson, for printing,	16 28
W. G. McGeorge, for examination and report on Bridge on County line of Kent and Elgin; also, for report on Rond Eau & St. Clair Road	11 00
D. Caughill, one day attending Com. on	2 00
Jas. Macfarlane, one day attend'g Com. on	2 00
John Mason, two days attending Committee on Moravian Bridge	2 00
Henry Robinson, to paid for cutting and hauling wood, etc., as per bill.	17 98
Stephen White, five days on Committee on County Property, one day on Com. Moravian Bridge, and one day on Com. on R. E. & St. Clair road,	14 00½
James Stephens, two days as Commissioner on Dresden Bridge,	4 00
Dr. Mitchell, two days as Commissioner on Wallaceburg Bridges	4 00
George Morgan, one day on Committee on County Property	2 00
J. & W. McKeough, for iron furnished for Wallaceburg Bridges	5 55

Jacob Smith, one day attending Com. on Public Buildings, 1 day on Com. on Bothwell Bridge, and 1 day on Com. on Plank & Gravel road.	\$ 6 00
David Wilson, one day on Committee on Public Buildings,	2 00
L. E. Vogler, 32 days as Commissioner & Committee on Moravia Bridge, and one day selling and receiving jobs on Zone and Moss town line, ..	66 00
Thomas Dillon, for four days selling and receiving jobs on County line between Kent and Middlesex, and one day on Com. on Moravian bridge, ..	10 00
Chas. Gillet, caretaker of Bothwell bridge, for plank and repairing same, ..	10 00
John Dohlyn, selling and receiving jobs on town line Camden & Dawn, ..	15 00
Wm. H. Stephens, selling, advertising and receiving jobs on town line between Chatham and Camden, and one day on Com. on Gravel Road. ..	6 00
John Mason, two days on Committee on Moravian Bridge,	4 00
We would also recommend that the following grants be made:—	
As an additional grant to assist in paying for recent repairs to the Chatham High School building,	\$200 00
To assist the Town of Chatham in paying for caretakers for two Bridges spanning the River Thames in the Town of Chatham, provided they are free of tolls for the year A. D. 1881,	300 00
That the acct. of Winnot M. Nichols, for the expenses of the Board of Examiners, etc., be not paid as there are no vouchers for said accounts, and also that that portion referring to the Modal School, should have been referred to the Town of Chatham.	
That John Maguire be granted a Peddling License for horse and wagon for the County of Kent for the year 1881, as he paid for a License for the year 1880 and did not use the same.	
That an additional grant of Fifty Dollars be made toward defraying the expense of building a Lock-up in the Village of Ridgetown; said grant being over and above the usual grant.	
That the account of Jno. L. Bray, Esq., M. D., examining Lunatics, be not paid, as such examinations are a part of his duties as Gaol Surgeon.	
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

Wm. H. STEPHENS, Chairman.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 390.

A BY-LAW to confirm a certain By-law of the Municipality of the Township of Tilbury East.

PASSED 16th December, 1880.

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Township of Tilbury East, in the County of Kent, did on the 14th day of June, A.D. 1880, pass a By-law numbered Seven, and entitled "A By-law to stop up and convey certain portions of certain Road allowances in the Township of Tilbury East."

And Whereas it is desirable and necessary to confirm the same.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, by virtue of and under the authority of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, chapter 174.

1. That the said By-law of the said Municipality of the Township of Tilbury East is hereby confirmed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

NO. 391.

A BY-LAW to confirm a certain By-law of the Municipality of the Township of Tilbury East.

PASSED 16th December, 1880.

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Township of Tilbury East, in the County of Kent, on the 26th day of August, A.D. 1880, passed a By-law, No. 10, to open up and establish a new Public Highway, 50 feet in width, in the said Township of Tilbury East, commencing at the Northerly limit of the Middle Road and at or near the boundary line between Lots Nos. 14 and 15 North of the Middle Road, in the said Township of Tilbury East, and thence Northerly to the road in rear of the Middle Road lands.

And Whereas the opening of the said Public Highway is desirable, and the consent thereto of the County Council of the County of Kent is necessary.

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 authority of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, chapter 174.

1. That the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent hereby consents to the opening up and establishment of the said Public Highway, as described in the said By-law of the said Municipality of the Township of Tilbury East, No. 10, and passed on the 26th day of August, A.D. 1880.

2. That the said By-law of the said Municipality of the Township of Tilbury East, is hereby confirmed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

NO. 392.

A BY-LAW to confirm By-law No. 352 of the Township of Raleigh, in the County of Kent.

PASSED 16th December, 1880.

WHEREAS the said Corporation of the Township of Raleigh have, by their petition now before this Council, prayed that the said By-law may be confirmed.

And Whereas it appears to the satisfaction of the Council that all the provisions of law in relation thereto have been duly observed by the Corporation of the Township of Raleigh, prior to the passing thereof, and that the requisite time has elapsed since the passing of the By-law by the said Corporation of the Township of Raleigh to justify this Council in taking action thereon; and further, that it will conduce to the general well-being of the public to grant the prayer of the said petition.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, and it is hereby enacted—

1. That the said By-law of the said Corporation of the Township of Raleigh, numbered 352, passed on the 26th day of July, A. D. 1880, be and the same is hereby confirmed and declared to have full force and effect upon, from and after the passing thereof.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

NO. 393.

A BY-LAW to confirm By-law No. 353 of the Township of Raleigh, in the County of Kent.

Passed 16th December, 1880.

WHEREAS the said the Corporation of the Township of Raleigh have, by their petition now before this Council, prayed that the said By-law may be confirmed.

And Whereas it appears to the satisfaction of this Council that all the provisions of law in relation thereto have been duly observed by the Corporation of the Township of Raleigh prior to the passing thereof, and that the requisite time has elapsed since the passing of the By-law by the said Corporation of the Township of Raleigh, to justify this Council in taking action thereon; and further, that it will conduce to the general well-being of the public to grant the prayer of the petition.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, and it is hereby enacted—

1. That the said By-law of the said Corporation of the Township of Raleigh, No. 353, passed on the 26th day of July, A. D. 1880, be and the same is hereby confirmed and declared to have full force and effect upon, from and after the passing thereof.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

NO. 394.

A BY-LAW to confirm By-law No. 355 of the Township of Raleigh, in the County of Kent.

Passed 16th December, 1880.

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Raleigh, in the County of Kent, did on the 16th day of August, 1880, pass a certain By-law in following words and figures. (See By-law No. 355 of Raleigh).

And Whereas the said the Corporation of the Township of Raleigh have, by their petition now before this Council, prayed that the said By-law may be confirmed.

And Whereas it appears to the satisfaction of this Council that all the provisions of law in relation thereto have been duly observed by the Corporation of the Township of Raleigh prior to the passing thereof, and that the requisite time has elapsed since the passing of the By-law by the said Corporation of the Township of Raleigh to justify the Council in taking action thereon; and further, that it will conduce to the general well-being of the public to grant the prayer of the said petition.

Be it therefore enacted by the Corporation of the County of Kent, and it is hereby enacted—

1. That the said By-law of the said Corporation of the Township of Raleigh, No. 355, passed on the 16th day of August, 1880, (and hereinbefore set out at length), be from and after the passing thereof and declared to have full force and effect upon,

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

NO. 395.

A BY-LAW to give the Council of Chatham Township control of the expenditure of a certain grant of money on the County Line between the Counties of Kent and Lambton.

WHEREAS the sum of \$200 was granted by the County Council of the County of Kent at the June Session of the year A. D. 1878, for the purpose of improving the Town Line between the Gore of Chatham and the Township of Somers, the same being also the County Line between the Counties of Kent and Lambton.

Passed 17th December, 1880.

And Whereas the said sum of \$200 has not been expended in improving said Town

Line in consequence of not being met by the said County of Lambton, as they had not assumed said Town Lines as County Lines ; and as it is necessary that the said road should be improved and opened up for settlement.

Therefore be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of "An Act respecting Municipal Institutions," in the Province of Ontario:

1. That the said sum of \$200 granted as aforesaid to be expended on the County Line between Kent and Lambton, be regranted to the Corporation of the Township of Chatham, to be used for that purpose, and to enable said Corporation to call on the Corporation of the Township of Sombra to appropriate a like sum for the same purpose, and to put in force the law on the subject.

2. That the money be paid by the County Treasurer as soon as the Corporation of Township of Sombra appropriates an equal amount, or be paid out as the Corporation of the Township of Sombra meets said grant or any part thereof.

3. That all grants of money now lying at the credit of any of the Township, County or other boundary lines, be laid out under the direction of the Council of the Municipality adjoining the line of road where the money was granted, and that they appoint Commissioners to expend said sums and pay them out of the funds of the Municipality where appointed ; provided, that where the grant is on a County Line no money to be expended until the adjoining Township or County grant an equal amount.

4. That the County Treasurer pay the orders of the Reeves of the Municipalities who ordered the expenditure of the money.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JACOB SMITH, WARDEN.

NO. 396.

A BY-LAW to confirm By-law No. 260 of the Township of Harwich, in the County of Kent.

PASSED 17th December, 1880.

WHEREAS the said Corporation of the Township of Harwich have, by their petition now before this Council, prayed that the said By-law may be confirmed.

And Whereas it appears to the satisfaction of this Council that all the provisions of law in relation thereto have been duly observed by the Corporation of the Township of Harwich prior to the passing thereof, and that the requisite time has elapsed since the passing of the By-law by the said Corporation of the Township of Harwich to justify this Council in taking action thereon ; and further, that it will conduce to the general well-being of the public to grant the prayer of the said petition.

Be it therefore enacted by the Corporation of the County of Kent, and it is hereby enacted—

1. That the said By-law of the said Corporation of the Township of Harwich, No. 260, passed on the 28th day of April, A.D. 1880, be and the same is hereby confirmed and declared to have full force and effect upon, from and after the passing thereof

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

JACOB SMITH, Warden.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

JANUARY SESSION, 1881,

—OF THE—

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—OF THE—

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WILLIAM HICKEY,
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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
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Municipal Council of the County of Kent.

JANUARY SESSION—1881.

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, 25th January, 1881.

From the Certificates filed with the County Clerk it appeared that the following Reeves and Deputy-Reeves were duly elected and had taken the declarations required by the Statute.

TOWN OF BOTHWELL.....	ROBERT MARTIN, REEVE.
VILLAGE OF BLENHEIM.....	JOHN G. MOUNTFORD, REEVE.
“ DRESDEN.....	REDFORD KIMMERLY, REEVE.
“ RIDGETOWN.....	JOHN MOODY, REEVE.
“ THAMESVILLE.....	LEMUEL SHERMAN, REEVE.
“ WALLACEBURG.....	LIONEL H. JOHNSON, REEVE.
TOWNSHIP OF CAMDEN.....	GEORGE R. LANGFORD, REEVE.
“ “.....	WILLIAM T. PRANGLEY, DEPUTY.
“ CHATHAM.....	WILLIAM H. STEPHENS, REEVE.
“ “.....	DAVID McARTHUR, 1ST DEPUTY.
“ “.....	ABRAHAM BLACKBURN, 2D DEPUTY.
“ DOVER.....	JOHN WRIGHT, REEVE.
“ “.....	CORNELIUS PURSER, DEPUTY.
“ HARWICH.....	DAVID CAUGHILL, REEVE.
“ “.....	DAVID WILSON, 1ST DEPUTY.
“ “.....	COLIN CAMPBELL, 2D DEPUTY.
“ HOWARD.....	JOHN FERGUSON, REEVE.
“ “.....	BENJAMIN W. WILSON, 1ST DEPUTY.
“ “.....	SAMUEL H. SPENCER, 2D DEPUTY.
“ ORFORD.....	JOHN MASON, REEVE.
“ “.....	HENRY C. GILMORE, DEPUTY.
“ RALEIGH.....	THOMAS L. PARDO, REEVE.
“ “.....	PATRICK T. BARRY, 1ST DEPUTY.
“ “.....	WILLIAM IRWIN, 2D DEPUTY.
“ ROMNEY.....	JONAS ROBINSON, REEVE.
“ TILBURY EAST.....	WILLIAM HICKEY, REEVE.
“ “.....	MATTHEW MARTIN, DEPUTY.
“ ZONE.....	L. E. VOGLER, REEVE.

The Roll was called. All the members present.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Warden, the Clerk in the chair.

The four following motions were made.

1. Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Caughill, that W. H. Stephens, Esq., Reeve of Chatham Township, be Warden.

2. Moved by Mr. Pardo, seconded by Mr. Martin (Tilbury East), that Mr. William Hickey, Esq., be elected Warden for the year 1881.

3. Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Purser, that David Wilson, Esq., be elected Warden for the year 1881.

4. Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Howard), that John Ferguson, Esq., Reeve of Howard, be Warden for 1881.

The first motion was put to vote and lost.

The second motion was put to vote and carried.

The Clerk then declared William Hickey elected Warden.

Mr. Hickey then made the necessary Declaration of Office, and on taking the chair thanked the Council for the honor conferred on him.

The minutes of the last meeting of the December Session of 1880 were read and approved.

The following communications were read:—From Ed. Robinson, Esq., M. P. P., acknowledging receipt of Petition praying for the incorporation of the Chatham and Charing Cross Railway. Also, a Petition against extending the time for the Charter of the Erie and Huron Railway.

From D. McCraney, Esq., M. P. P., acknowledging receipt of Petitions praying for amendments to the Drainage Act. Also, for amendments to "the Ditches and Water-courses Act."

From Stephen White, Esq., Chairman Committee on County Property, respecting the Caretaker of the County Offices.

From James Screven, applying to be appointed Caretaker for the County Offices.

From James H. Rielly, applying to be appointed Messenger for the Council and Caretaker for the County Offices.

From William McKenzie Ross, applying to be County Auditor for the current year.

From the County Clerk of Elgin, respecting the conveyance of prisoners to the Provincial Penitentiary on a more economical plan, and asking the co-operation of County Councils to assist them by petition for that object.

From A. M. Ross, Esq., M. P. P., Goderich, respecting amendments to the Jurors Act, suggesting to abolish the second selection by County Selectors, and to reduce the numbers on juries

From the Council of the Ontario Rifle Association, Toronto, asking a subscription to their prize list.

From the County Clerk of Middlesex, in reference to re-building Bothwell Bridge.

From the Rev. William King, Secretary of the Chatham High School, an annual report with financial statement for 1880, with an estimate of the probable amount required for the current year.

From the Board of Audit, their annual report for 1880.

From Stephen White, a report from Committee on County Property.

By Mr. Moody, from the Municipal Council, and from the Board of Public School Trustees, Ridgeway, two petitions praying that the said village with the territory to be added thereto, when incorporated as a Town, be set aside as a High School District.

The Warden referred the various communications to the Committees to which they belong.

Various notice of motions were given, and accounts were read and referred to Finance.

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

DANIEL KERR, CLERK.

WILLIAM HICKEY, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, Wednesday, 26th Jan, 1881.

The Roll was called. Present—William Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read:—From Robert Mercer, Gaoler, respecting his salary, and the salary of other Gaol officials.—Ref'd to Finance.

From C. G. Charteris, Esq., County Treasurer, submitting:—1. Copy of Cash Book. 2. Abstract of Accounts. 3. Balance Sheet. 4. Statement of amount due each Municipality from wild land tax collections. 5. Statement of the assets and liabilities of the County. Also, statement showing the amount the Town of Chatham has been chargeable with for the first year under the separation award for 1880.

From the County Clerk of Welland, with copy of a petition to the Legislature praying that the Municipal Act be amended, so that all produce of the farm may be sold or exchanged, wholesale or retail, in any Municipality in the Province of Ontario free of charge, and asking the County Council of Kent to co-operate with them in that matter.

From the County Clerk of Northumberland and Durham, recommending certain changes in the Law Reform Amendment Act; and requesting the County Council to co-operate with them in petitioning the Lieut. Governor in Council relative thereto.

From R. Auger, soliciting a free pedlar's license.—Referred to Finance.

Various notice of motions were given, and various accounts were read and referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that Messrs. Wilson (Harwich), Pardo, Johnson, Mason, Ferguson, Wright, and the mover, be a Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the present year.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mountford, seconded by Mr. Caughill, that the Council memorialize the Dominion Parliament, asking them to favorably entertain the prayer of 545 ratepayers of Harwich, asking for help to dredge the entrance to the warehouses on the North shore of the Rond Eau Harbor, being fully aware of the great benefit it would be to that part of the County; and that the Clerk be instructed to forward the same to Mr. Stephenson for presentation to the Minister of Public Werks, and that it be signed by the Warden and Clerk.—Carried.

The Warden nominated Wm. McKenzie Ross, as Auditor for the current year.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Pardo, that George Coutts of the Township of Raleigh be appointed Auditor.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Wilson, (Howard), that John Duck, Esq., of Morpeth, be Auditor for 1881.

Amendment carried, motion lost.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that James H. Rielly of the Town of Chatham be appointed Messenger to the Council, and Caretaker of the County Offices.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Pardo, that George West of the Town of Chatham be appointed Caretaker of County Offices in room and stead of Mr. Robinson, resigned.

Motion carried, amendment lost.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Caughill, that after the orders of the day are disposed of, that the 18th Rule of this Council be suspended for the purpose of permitting the Council to go into Committee of the Whole to consider the utility of making new Rules or regulations, or for amending or expunging some of the existing Rules or regulations for the guidance of members of this Council.—Lost.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

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

An application was made by W. A. Campbell for Surrogate and County Court Books.—Referred to Committee on County Property.

Notice of motions were given.

Mr. Vogler presented the report on rebuilding Moravian Bridge, which, on motion, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, the report of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees for 1881 was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Pardo, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that George Young of the Township of Harwich, be re-appointed High School Trustee.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Daniel Kerr be appointed High School Trustee, in place of the Rev. William King, who has left (or is about to leave) this County.—Carried.

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

DANIEL KERR, CLERK.

WILLIAM HICKEY, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, Thursday, 27th Jan'y, 1881.

The Roll was called. Present—William Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The following Communications were read:—From the Board of Directors of the West Kent Agricultural Society, asking a grant of \$500 to assist in erecting suitable Exhibition buildings.—Referred to Finance.

From John L. Bray, M. D., Gaol Surgeon, asking an increase of salary.—Referred to Finance.

From Lieut. Col. A. B. Baxter, asking a further grant of money for the 24th Batt. Band.—Referred to Finance.

On motion of Mr. Moedy, a By-law to establish a High School District at Ridgetown, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Pardo, that Stephen White of the Township of Raleigh, be appointed a member of the Board of Audit.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, that L. H. Johnson, Reeve of Wallaceburg, be appointed a member of the Board of Audit.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), that this Council grant the sum of \$250 to the East Kent Agricultural Society.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), that the Council grant the sum of \$500 to aid the West Kent Agricultural Society in the erection of Exhibition buildings, provided the Town of Chatham meet the said Society with a like amount.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, that Andrew Marcus, of the Township of Orford, be appointed Caretaker of the Moravian Bridge at a salary of \$5.00 per year.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the County Treasurer furnish this Council with a statement of the total indebtedness of this County, irrespective of the Erie and Huron Railway bonus; but including the amount still due Town of Chatham under the Award of Arbitrators, after paying the amount provided for last year.—Carried.

A Petition to the Legislature of Ontario was read.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Wright, that the Petition now read praying that Market fees be abolished that the same be forwarded for presentation, signed and sealed in the usual manner.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Campbell, that this Council go into Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the memorial from the Counties of Northumberland and Durham, in reference to the appointment of members of the Board of Audit.—Carried.

The Council then went into Committee on the aforesaid Petition, Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that a memorial had been adopted, and that a copy of the same be forwarded for presentation to the House of Assembly at Toronto, signed and sealed in the usual manner.

On motion, the report was then adopted.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Langford, that John A. Langford be Caretaker of the Kent Bridge, and that William Sherman be Caretaker of Thamesville Bridge for the year 1881, at a salary of \$5.00 each.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Martin (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. Barry, that the sum of \$200 be granted by this Council for the improvement of the Diverted Road in lieu of the Tilbury East and Raleigh Town line across the plains.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Mason, that Councillors Sherman and Martin (Bothwell), be appointed on the Moravian Bridge Committee, in room and place of Messrs. White, Morgan, and Dillon.—Carried.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

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

Notices of motion were given. Accounts were read and referred to Finance.

On motion of Mr. Pardo, a By-law to appoint and confirm the appointment of Officers for the current year, was read a first time.

On motion, the Council went into Committee of the Whole, on the report of the Road and Bridge Committee, Mr. Wilson (Harwich), in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the report was adopted with the first clause amended.

On motion of Mr. Martin (Bothwell), the report as adopted in Committee, was then adopted by the Council.

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

DANIEL KERR, CLERK.

WILLIAM HICKEY, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY, CHATHAM, Friday, 28th January, 1881.

The Roll was called. Present—William Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was read from Sheriff Mercer, requesting that a new coal stove be procured for his office.—Ref'd to Property Committee.

The Council went into Committee on the following resolution, Mr. Ferguson in the Chair.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Caughill, That the Council having been informed that an application has been made to the Dominion Parliament for an Act to incorporate a Company to build an independent line of Railway from Toronto to Ottawa, under the name of the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company; thence to connect with the Quebec system of Railways. Be it resolved that in the opinion of this Council it will be greatly to the advantage of this County, and of Western Ontario particularly, that such an independent line of Railway should be built as it will give the advantages of competition from Toronto to the sea-board, and will complete the design upon which the Credit Valley Railway was projected and built. Be it further resolved that this Council request the co-operation of our member in the promotion of said Bill in Parliament.—Carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), the report of the Committee of the Whole was adopted by the Council.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, that Matthew Wilson, Esq., Barrister, be appointed to act in conjunction with the County Judge and Sheriff, as a Board of Arbitration for the Equalization of Assessments.—Carried.

A petition to the Legislature of Ontario was read.

Moved by Mr. Pardo, seconded by Mr. Irwin, That the draft of the petition now read, praying for amendments to the Jurors Act be adopted, and that copies of the same be forwarded to Toronto; signed and sealed in the usual manner.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Pardo, That Chas. E. Pegley, Esq., County Solicitor, be and he is hereby requested to report to this Council as to whether John Northwood, Esq., the purchaser of the Industrial Farm, had paid over to him any part of the said purchase money, or how much, if any.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that a grant of \$100 be made to help to repair what is known as the Diverted Road south of Wallaceburg, which last fall was in an impassable condition for public travel.—Ref'd to R. & B. Committee.

Moved by Mr. Kimmerly, seconded by Mr. Moody, that this Council appropriate the sum of \$60 for the swinging and caretaking of the Dresden Bridge, and that the Warden and the mover be Commissioners on said bridge.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Martin, (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the sum of \$50 be granted by this Council in aid of the 24th Battalion Band.—Ref. to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), that Sheriff McKellar, of Hamilton, and Robt. S. Woods, of Chatham, be heard within the Bar in reference to the extension of the Erie & Huron Railway Charter, and that the necessary Rules be suspended for that purpose.—Carried.

Mr. McKellar and Mr. Woods addressed the Council at length.

On motion of Mr. Pardo, a By-law to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain officers of the County of Kent, was read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law. Mr. Ferguson in the Chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-law passed in Committee with blanks filled up and a new clause added.

On motion of Mr. Pardo, the aforesaid By-law to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain officers was read a third time and passed.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

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

A communication was read from Chas. E. Pegley, County Solicitor, in reference to the Decree in Chancery, in the suit Kent vs. Northwood, for the sale of the Industrial Farm.

Parliamentary papers from Mr. Robinson, also from Mr. McCraney, consisting of Bills now before the House of Assembly for amendments to the Assessment, Jurors, Ditches, Municipal and other Acts, were laid on the table.

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

On motion of Mr. Martin (Bothwell), the second report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the 18th, 24th, and 25th Rules be suspended for the remainder of the session—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Pardo, that this Council has learned with deep regret the death of their old and highly respected messenger, the late Henry Robinson; we feel it to be a duty we owe to his memory to pass a vote of condolence to his surviving relatives, that the same be placed in the minutes of this Council, and that a copy be forwarded to Mrs. Robinson—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pardo, seconded by Mr. Martin (Bothwell), that John Ferguson, Reeve of Howard, be added to the Committee appointed to superintend the repairing or re-building of Bothwell Bridge—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Wright, that a grant of \$200 be made to the Chatham and Dover Townline, for the purpose of improving the same, as the said road was a great portion of last year almost unfit for public travel, and doubtless will be so again as soon as the spring opens.—Ref'd to R. and B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), that whereas the Reeve of Wallaceburg consents to carry out the same agreement that was made with this Council at the January Session of 1879, respecting taking charge and paying for swinging Wallaceburg Bridges; that the Village of Wallaceburg be paid the sum of \$150 from this Council to carry out said agreement for the year 1881. Also, that the Reeve of Dresden agrees to take charge and swing the Dresden Bridge for the year 1881, that this Council pay the Village of Dresden the sum of \$60 to carry out said agreement.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Mountford, that this Council go into Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the best means of obtaining compensation for the large amount of money paid by a portion of this County to the Erie and Huron Railway Company.—Carried.

The Council then went into Committee. Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich) seconded by Mr. Mountford, that as it is the opinion of this Committee that the best means of obtaining compensation for the large amounts of money paid by a portion of this County to the Erie and Huron Railway Company, Be it resolved that this Council ask the Local Legislature to grant an extension of the charter of said Company for one year, with this clause inserted in said charter, "that no more money belonging to the several municipalities in the group shall be paid to said Company, until the said Railway is in complete running order, from Rond Eau to Dresden, and also the Branch to Wallaceburg," and that said charter shall be drawn up by our County Solicitor.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that this Council is of opinion that the best interests of the municipality of the County of Kent would be served by the Charter for the Erie and Huron Railway being allowed to expire, and we would further recommend that our Representatives in the Legislature, Mr. McCraney and Mr. Robinson, be urged to use their best endeavors to prevent said charter from being extended.

Motion carried, amendment lost.

A deputation from Wallaceburg, composed of Messrs. McDougall and Clancy, addressed the Council in Committee.

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

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Mountford, that the resolution passed in Committee of the Whole, be adopted by this Council.—Carried.

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

Yeas—Councillors Wilson (Harwich), Mountford, Pardo, Barry, Irwin, Robinson, Martin (Tilbury East), Johnson, Gilmore, Mason, Langford, Prangley, Sherman, Kinmerly, Martin (Bothwell), Vogler, Ferguson, and the Warden—18.

Nays—Councillors Caughill, Campbell, Blackburn, McArthur, Stephens, Moody, Purser, Wright, Spencer and Wilson (Howard)—10.

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

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, Saturday, 29th January, 1881.

The Roll was called. Present—William Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Mr. Kimmerly.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Two petitions to the Legislative Assembly were read.

Moved by Mr. Mountford, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), that the two petitions now read relative to the Charter of the Erie and Huron Railway, and asking for the Government bonus for the same be adopted, that they be signed and sealed, and that copies be forwarded to Mr. Robinson for presentation.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Moody, seconded by Mr. Wilson, (Howard), that this Council grant the sum of \$50 to Ridgetown 'Mechanics' Institute.—Ref'd to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Moody, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that the name of Mr. Martin, (Bothwell), be added to the Committee on Bothwell Eridge.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Purser, that a special grant of \$100 be granted to the Chatham and Dover Town Line to put the said road in a state of repair so that travel over the said Road will not be impeded in the spring months.—Ref'd to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Mason, that as the duties of the Warden during the present year will necessarily involve him in considerable expense. Resolved that he be paid mileage at the rate of five cents per mile for every mile travelled by him within the County, while in the discharge of his duties as Warden.—Ref'd to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and resolved, that the Warden, John Ferguson, Reeve of Howard, and Charles E. Pegley, Esq., the County Solicitor for this County, be a delegation to attend the Local Legislature at Toronto, when necessary, to look after the interests of this County in connection with proposed legislation in reference to the Erie & Huron Railway Company, and that said delegation are hereby instructed to oppose any extension of the Charter of said Company unless a clause is embodied in said extension Act, approved of by our Solicitor, that no portion of the unexpended County bonus be paid to said Company, or any other person procuring said Charter until said Road shall have been finished and trains running thereupon.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the names of John Ferguson, Esq., Reeve of Howard, and Charles E. Pegley, Esq., County Solicitor, be erased from said resolution, and the name of David Caughill, Esq., Reeve of Harwich, be inserted in lieu thereof.

Moved as a second amendment by Mr. Martin, (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. Martin, (Bothwell), that the name of Mr. Pegley, and the reference thereto be left out of the original motion, so that the Warden and Mr. Ferguson form the delegation, and that said motion read as follows:—Resolved, that the Warden and John Ferguson, Esq., Reeve of Howard, be a delegation to attend the Local Legislature, at Toronto, when necessary, to look after the interests of this County in connection with proposed legislation in reference to the Erie & Huron Railway Company, and that said delegation are hereby instructed to oppose any extension of the Charter of said Company unless a clause is embodied in said extension Act so that no portion of the unexpended bonus be paid to said Company or any other person procuring said Charter until said Road shall have been finished and trains running thereupon.

On being put to vote second amendment carried, amendment and motion lost.

The yeas and nays were taken on the second amendment as follows:—

Yeas—Councillors Mountford, Pardo, Barry, Irwin, Robinson, Martin, (Tilbury East), McArthur, Johnson, Gilmore, Mason, Ferguson, Langford, Prangley, Sherman, Moody, Martin, (Bothwell), Vogler, Spencer, Wilson, (Harwich), Campbell, and the Warden—21.

Nays—Councillors Caughill, Wilson, (Howard), Stephens, Blackburn, Purser and Wright—6.

The Yeas and Nays were called for on the first amendment, and were taken down as follows:—

Yeas—Councillors Caughill, Campbell, Wilson (Harwich), Stephens, Ferguson, Spencer, Wright and Purser—8.

Nays—Councillors Mountford, Pardo, Barry, Irwin, Robinson, Martin (Tilbury East), Blackburn, McArthur, Langford, Johnson, Gilmore, Mason, Prangley, Sherman, Moody, Martin (Bothwell), Vogler, Wilson (Howard), and the Warden—19.

Mr. Caughill presented a report from the Caretaker of Kent Bridge, which was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Mason, that the Delegation in the Erie and Huron Railway matter be and are hereby authorized and empowered to obtain legal advice in Toronto if they deem it expedient to do so.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Howard), seconded by Mr. Spencer, that this Council adjourn until the second Tuesday in June, 1881.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT ROND EAU.

To the Hon. H. L. Langevin, Minister of Public Works for the Dominion of Canada.

The petition of the County Council of the County of Kent, humbly sheweth :

That we, the members of the County Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, would respectfully ask that your favorable consideration be given to the petition of the ratepayers of the Township of Harwich, praying for help to dredge the entrance to the warehouses on the north shore of the Rond Eau Harbor. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

WILLIAM HICKEY, WARDEN.

TO ABOLISH MARKET FEES.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Parliament assembled:

The petition of the County of Kent in Council assembled, humbly sheweth:—That the Act respecting Municipal Institutions empowering cities, towns and incorporated villages to levy a duty or tax on farm and garden produce, is vexatious, annoying and expensive, and hampers the chief industry of our country, viz., agriculture.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will, at its earliest convenience, so amend Sub-sections 4 and 6 of Section 466, of the Act respecting Municipal Institutions, that all produce of the farm may be sold or exchanged, wholesale or retail, in any municipality in the Province of Ontario free of charge.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Passed in Council 27th day of January, A.D., 1881.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

WILLIAM HICKEY, WARDEN.

RE BOARD OF AUDIT.

To His Honor the Honorable John Beverley Robinson, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, in Council assembled :

The memorial of the County Council of the County of Kent, humbly sheweth:—That grave misunderstandings have arisen between Court Officials and the Auditors appointed under the Law Reform Amendment Act. as to the construction to be put upon many of the charges in the present tariff of fees in connection with the Administration of Justice Accounts, and that a revision and modification of the tariff is desirable.

2nd. That the appointment of Auditors for one year should be increased to during the pleasure of the Council.

3rd. That the appointment of the Chairman of Quarter Sessions as an Auditor is incompatible with his position as a Judge, when disputes and litigation arise between Court Officials and County Councils, when such are tried before the County Judge, who is ex-officio Auditor, and can overrule both Auditors in that position.

4th. That the appointment of an Auditor by the Lieut.-Governor in Council for the Province would give uniformity in the Audit throughout the several Counties, and would not necessarily increase the expenses in connection therewith.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honor in Council to have the desired changes made and grant the prayer of the petition.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

WILLIAM HICKEY, WARDEN.

TO AMEND JURORS' ACT.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Parliament assembled:

The petition of the County Council of the County of Kent, humbly sheweth:—That as the cost of the County Board of Selectors in every County of the Province amounts to a large sum of money annually. And as something has been done within the past two years in reducing the expenses connected with the Jurors' Act.

We, your petitioners, would humbly pray that your Honorable Body would see fit to amend the Jurors' Act, so as to abolish the second selection of jurors by County Selectors altogether, and that the panels may be balloted for directly from the lists returned by the local selectors. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

TO EXTEND E. & H. CHARTER.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, in Parliament assembled.

The petition of the County Council of Kent, humbly sheweth:—That your petitioners are deeply interested in the construction of the Erie & Huron Railway.

That this Council has voted a bonus of \$155,000 in aid of the said Company.

That \$98,000 of the said bonus have been paid out to the said Company, and a balance of \$78,000 is claimed from your petitioners, all of which may be lost to your petitioners unless the said Charter be continued.

That a large amount of work has been done on the said road, and the same has been graded for a distance of 40 miles, and culverts placed thereon.

Your petitioners have good reason to believe that if the said Charter be continued for another year, the said Road will, under a new organization, be completed.

Your petitioners would, however, respectfully ask that your Honorable Body may be pleased to provide that this Council be protected against the payment of any more money on account of said bonus until the said railway shall have been put into running order. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

FOR GOVERNMENT BONUS TO E. & H. RAILWAY.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, in Council assembled:

The petition of the County Council of the County of Kent; humbly sheweth:—That to the Erie & Huron Railway your petitioners have granted a bonus of \$155,000 in aid of the said work.

That forty miles of the said road have been graded and provided with culverts.

That your petitioners were induced to make such grant to the said Company in view of the generous policy adopted by the Government of this Province in granting aid by way of bonus to different Railways in this Province; and your petitioners would represent that the contract for this road would not have been entered into, nor would this Council have granted their said bonus, but for the belief that your Honorable Body would have aided the said Railway with the usual grant.

And your petitioners would respectfully ask that your Honorable Body may be pleased to grant such aid at its present session to the said Company as the only means by which the said Company, under a new organization, can complete the said Road and save the large expenditure already incurred upon it.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

RIDGETOWN FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The petition of the municipal corporation of the Village of Ridgetown, humbly sheweth:—That your petitioners are as a Council made fully aware of the desirability and necessity of establishing a High School in the Village of Ridge-

town to satisfy the requirements of the inhabitants of this locality. And your petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable Body do pass a By-law under and by authority of the Eighth Section of High School Acts, Chaptered 205 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, setting aside the Village of Ridgetown and all the territory to be added to the said village when incorporated into a town, as a High School District, and providing for the establishment of a High School in the said village, under the provisions of the High School Act and Amending Acts. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

CHARLES GRANT, Clerk.

JOHN MOODY, Reeve.

Clerk's Office, Ridgetown, Jan'y 24th, 1881.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The petition of the Board of Public School Trustees of the Village of Ridgetown, humbly sheweth:—That your petitioners are as a Board of Public School Trustees made fully aware of the desirability and necessity of establishing a High School in the Village of Ridgetown, to satisfy the requirements of the inhabitants of this locality.

And your petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable Body may pass a By-law under and by authority of the Eighth Section of High School Act, Chapter 205 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, setting aside the Village of Ridgetown and all the territory to be added to the said Village when incorporated into a town, as a High School district, and providing for the establishment of a High School in the said village under the provisions of the High School Act, and amending Acts. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Ridgetown, January 22, 1881.

CHAS. GRANT, Chairman.

THOMAS BROWN, Secretary.

WEST KENT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—The petition of the Board of Directors of the West Kent Agricultural Society, humbly sheweth:—That your petitioners contemplate, during the coming summer, erecting suitable exhibition buildings and cattle sheds, and making other necessary arrangements for the proper exhibit of Farm Produce and the industries of the County. That such buildings, sheds, and other improvements have been estimated to cost about \$5000, and your petitioners are compelled to seek assistance from your Honorable Body, as well as from other sources, to enable them to carry out their undertaking.

Your petitioners would therefore humbly pray that your Honorable Body will be pleased to make a grant of \$500 to assist them in the enterprise.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound will ever pray.

JNO. TISSIMAN, Sec'y.

HY. SMYTH, President.

Chatham, Jan'y 27th, 1881.

FOR AID TO 24TH BATTALION BAND.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—In behalf of the Officers and men of the Battalion under my command, I most respectfully beg that your Honorable Body will grant such sum of money as you may deem fit for the purpose of assisting the payment of a competent instructor, and other expenses in connection with the efficient maintenance of the Band. In order that you may have an opportunity of inspecting the instruments, and hearing what progress the Band has made, I trust that you will do us the favor of attending the Skating Rink Friday evening next.

I am, gentlemen, your ob't serv't.

Chatham, Jan. 26, 1881.

A. B. BAXTER, Lt.-Col. 24th Batt.

GAOL SURGEON'S SALARY.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I most respectfully beg your Honorable Body to grant me an increase of salary as Gaol Surgeon. And I do so feeling confident that when your Honorable Body takes into consideration that twenty-five years ago the Gaol Surgeon received the same amount as I do now, viz., \$150 per annum and medicines furnished, while

I provide my own. And, in addition to this, he was paid \$4 for every certificate of lunacy, while I get nothing, which alone would have amounted to \$52 last year, there having been no less than thirteen lunatics sent from the Gaol to the Asylum. And furthermore, \$150 is the lowest salary, so far as I am aware, that is paid to any Gaol Surgeon in Ontario, while in some Counties like York, Haldimand and Oxford, the amount varies from \$400 to \$1200. The County of Oxford pays \$400, while York pays \$1200. I therefore feel that I have some claim on your indulgence, and should you comply with my request you will confer a favor on your ob't serv't,

JNO. L. BRAY.

ON REBUILDING BOTHWELL BRIDGE.

County Clerk's Office, London, Dec. 24th, 1880.

DANIEL KERR, Esq., Clerk Co. Kent.

SIR.—Enclosed herewith you will please find a copy of a portion of the report of the Board of Road Directors adopted by the Municipal Council of the County of Middlesex at their late session, said clause being the action taken in regard to the re-building of the Bothwell Bridge. Yours truly,

D. G. MACKENZIE, County Clerk.

Copy of a portion of a report of the Board of Road Directors adopted by the Municipal Council of the County of Middlesex.

In regard to the communication from the Clerk of the County of Kent, regarding the Bothwell Bridge, it is recommended that a new wooden bridge be built, and that the Chairman of the Board, B. Waterworth and the Engineer, be a Committee to act in connection with similar Committees to be appointed by the Counties of Elgin and Kent to receive and accept tenders for rebuilding the same.

D. G. MACKENZIE, County Clerk, Middlesex.

RE SALE OF INDUSTRIAL FARM.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

KENT vs. NORTHWOOD.

GENTLEMEN,—In this matter, since my last advice to you, the Decree has issued, ordering the Defendant to pay the balance of his purchase money, and complete the contract on his part, giving him until January 17th instant to do this. Before that date he came to my office with a marked cheque for \$1000, as a payment on account of the monies so ordered to be paid, and promised to attend to the closing of the matter in a few days. He called upon me again this week, stating that he was doing his utmost to raise the balance, (\$300 and accrued interest), and desired me to allow matters to stand for a few days further.

The cheque, I retain in the meantime, that our position under the Decree may not be complicated. In the event of further proceedings being taken under the Decree, it would, I think, be necessary for me to hand the cheque to the Court of Chancery and not to the Treasurer.

If Mr. Northwood is ready to complete the transaction in a few days, as I think he will, the proceeds of cheque and balance of monies due, will be handed to the Treasurer, with the mortgages, otherwise the decree will be acted upon and the matter closed in that way. I have the honor to be, &c.,

CHAS. E. PEGLEY.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR 1880.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, Chatham, 25th Jan., 1881.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—My accounts with the County of Kent for the year 1880, are herewith submitted to your Honorable Body. They are made out in the usual manner and embrace:—1st. Copy of Cash Book, giving in detail the receipts and expenditure during the year. 2d. Abstract of Accounts, showing the total amount received and expended under each head. 3rd. Balance Sheet. 4th. Statement of the amount due each Municipality for Wild Land Tax Collections. 5th. Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the County. I submit also a Statement showing the amount

the Town of Chatham has been chargeable with for the past year under the Separation Award, as this will no doubt be interesting to your Honorable Body.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

CHAS. GEO. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, in account with the County of Kent for Receipts and Expenditure of County funds during the year 1880.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, 1st Jan'y, 1880	\$16607 07	Board of Examiners, rec. from E. B. Harrison	36 87
Rewards acct., received from Town Chatham,	5 71	Treasurer Ridgetown, County rate of 1879	197 60
Treasurer Bothwell, County rate of 1879	235 60	John Mercer, Sheriff, received for advances	283 00
Industrial Farm, rec'd on account purchase money and rent	275 00	High School for Master, rec'd from Governm't	702 72
Registrar of Kent, on account of fees	2524 71	Treasurer Orford, bal. of County rate, 1879	506 65
Treasurer of Romney, County rate for 1879	481 92	" " County rate of 1880	1700 00
Wallaceburg Bridges, rec'd for old iron	4 95	Interest Account, received under this head	650 94
Poor School, Raleigh and Tilbury East, rec'd Government grant	40 00	Administration Justice and Payment of Witnesses, received under this head	2726 84
Registry Office for Books, rec'd from Town of Chatham	16 57	Office rent, received from Town of Chatham	30 96
Treas. Dover, balance County rate of 1879	1845 41	Caretaker of Offices, rec'd from Town Chatham	18 34
" Bonus Erie & Huron R'y, 1880, 1404 43		Lands Redeemed Acct., rec'd under this head	2522 73
Treas. Town Chatham, bal. County rate 1879, 2234 00		Wild Land Tax Acct., received for different Municipalities	16297 86
" Bonus Erie & Huron R'y, 1880, 3638 00		Coroners' Orders, rec'd from Town Chatham	8 40
Treas. Camden, balance County rate, 1879	695 40	Payment of Witnesses, rec'd from Town Chat.	15 40
Gaol and Court House furnishing, rec'd from Town of Chatham	7 63	Arbitration Acct., returned by D. Glass, Esq.	50 00
Treas. Township Chatham, County rate, 1879	5976 14	Payment of Jurors, rec'd under this head	243 06
Town of Chatham, received from Registrar, Interest on fees	8 53	Adm. Justice, (new acct.) rec'd from Town of Chatham	523 27
Treasurer Howard, County rate, 1880	2852 61	Adm. Justice not Criminal, (new acct.), rec'd from Town Chatham	211 65
Treasurer Zene, County rate, 1880	718 81	Fuel for Offices, rec'd from Town of Chatham,	16 30
Treasurer Thamesville, County rate, 1879	135 80	Public Buildings' Repairs Acct., rec'd from Town of Chatham	1 60
Wm. Douglas, received from him for deduction by Govt. from his account	65 80	License Account, rec'd under this head	315 00
Treasurer Raleigh, bal. County rate, 1879	2012 30	Rent of Gaol & Registry Office, received from Town of Chatham	374 33
Treasurer Camden, balance County rate 1879, 1974 34		County Kent General Acct., rec'd from Town of Chatham proportion Debenture debt due 1st October	333 32
Treas. Wallaceburg, County rate, 1879	402 60	Legislative School Grant, rec'd from Gov't	4224 00
Treas. Blenheim, County rate for 1879 & '80	796 67		
Treasurer Tilbury, County rate of 1879	1047 55		
Treas. Harwich, County rate, 1879	3028 19		
" on acct. Erie & Huron R'y, 1880, 7006 00			

EXPENDITURE.

Rewards Account	\$ 40 00	Office rent account	\$ 480 00
Industrial Farm	18 60	County printing	153 99
Bothwell Bridge	14 50	Caretaker of Offices,	240 00
Wallaceburg Bridge—Repairs account	286 65	Trustees School Sec. No. 1, Howard	175 10
Poor School, Raleigh—paid Governm't grant, 40 00		Law expense account	60 62
Board of Audit	32 00	Lands redeemed account	2409 96
Registry Office	148 00	Kent Bridge, repairs account	4 00
Gaol and Court House Furnishings Acct.	65 94	Wallaceburg Bridge	309 87
Town of Chatham	11420 32	Jeannetts Creek Bridge	467 02
Engineering account	11 00	Coroner's orders	108 60
Moravia Bridge repairs	13 00	Adm. Justice not Criminal, old acct	872 45
Bothwell Bridge approach	6 00	Adm. Justice, Criminal, old account	906 82
Dresden Bridge, for repairs	224 95	Erie & Huron Railway Debentures	5286 24
Tecumseh Bridge repairs	73 75	Interest on Erie & Huron Debentures	8842 45
Grant to the 24th Kent Batt. Band	50 00	Payment of Witnesses	281 84
Sch. Sec. No. 13, Harwich—paid Gov't grant, 40 00		Arbitration account Re Separation	923 25
Debenture Account—paid under this head	2000 00	Miscellaneous Expense account	108 17
Councillors' wages	1515 82	Interest New Debentures	856 96
Selectors of Jurors	125 50	Cruikshank's Drain	50 00
High School for repairs	900 00	Payment of Jurors	1580 47
School Superintendence	917 50	Adm. Justice, new account	3455 61
New Moravia Bridge	1793 54	Adm. Justice, not Crim., new account	1540 58
McKerecher Drain	70 00	Mechanics Institute, Ridgetown	50 00
Office Furniture—paid for Safe for Clerk	50 00	Insurance Account	306 25
Board of Examiners	207 72	Irish Relief Fund	487 73
John Mercer, on acct. conveyance of prisoners, 300 00		Fuel for Offices	197 37
High School, for Master	1405 50	Public Building, repairs acct	205 35
Fleming Creek Drain	220 00	Legislative School Grant	4224 00
Government Drain, Tilbury East	11 42	Wild Land Tax account	17123 62
Government Drain, Romney	22 43	Grants to different Town Lines	288 74
Interest account	2718 77	Cash on hand 1st Jan., 1881	8840 65
Salary Account	1860 00		
West Kent Agricultural Society, 1879	200 00		

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

County Treasurer's Office, 1st January, 1881.

BALANCE SHEET, County of Kent Ledger, 1st January, 1881.

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Gaol and Court House	\$24181 04
" " Wall	6561 09
Registry Furniture	290 29
" Addition	716 24
Treasurer Bothwell	300 70
Industrial Farm	1834 85
Registrar Kent	328 46
Treasurer Romney	638 79
Treasurer Dover East and West	2411 08
Treasurer Dresden	761 27
Gaol and Court House furnishing	1423 36
Treasurer Township Chatham	6205 82
Dresden Bridge	3881 59
Kent Bridge	15967 22
New Registry Office	7193 83
Treasurer Thamesville	174 60
Tecumseh Bridge	16455 50
Treasurer Raleigh	2943 28

Treasurer Camden	\$ 2804 54
Treasurer Wallaceburg	440 74
High School	6992 85
New County Offices	279 00
Office Furniture account	1491 96
Treasurer of Tilbury East	1362 62
Treasurer Harwich	1678 96
Treasurer Ridgetown	252 20
John Mercer, Sheriff	100 00
Treasurer Orford	217 28
Bonus Erie & Huron Railway	154000 00
Payment Criminal Witnesses	40 05
Cash account	8846 65
Administration Justice, new acc't.	223 73
Insurance account	306 25
Town of Chatham—Quarterly expenditure	170 59

\$272490 93

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Kent and Middlesex	\$ 3 38
Bothwell Bridge	17 39
Harwich and Town of Chatham	57 60
Otter Creek drain	200 00
East Kent Agricultural Society	250 00
Board of Audit	32 00
Township of Chatham	4280 71
Township of Harwich	477 85
Township of Camden	1177 14
Township of Tilbury East	4724 69
Chatham and Camden T. L.	11 17
Chatham and Dover T. L.	420 00
Camden and Dresden T. L.	0 74
Dover East and West T. L.	5 26
Village of Dresden	119 87
Town of Chatham	5000 00
Romney and Mersea	127 73
Moravia Bridge repairs	63 89
Bothwell Bridge and Approach	130 65
Camden Line, Kent and Lambton	150 00
Village of Thamesville	0 13
Debenture account	24000 00
Gore of Chatham and Sombra	451 36
Township of Howard	125 32
" Raleigh	1506 32
Chatham and Village of Wallaceburg	49 00
Howard and Harwich tap drain	23 25
Bothwell Bridge, South approach	29 66
Township Romney	939 05
Village Wallaceburg	114 38
" Blenheim	49 75
Drill Shed, Wallaceburg	290 00
Moravia Bridge	2065 46
Kent and Elgin County Line drain	24 00
Municipality of Orford	195 18

Board of Examiners	\$ 124 76
Bothwell and Moss	33 93
Chatham and Town of Chatham	27 96
Hazlett drain	150 00
McKim drain	40 00
Bedford-Ellis drain	28 00
Stevens drain	75 00
Boyle drain	250 00
Cooper drain	154 00
Gov't drain, Tilbury and Raleigh	11 42
" Romney	22 83
Interest account	357 50
Gore of Camden and Dawn T. L.	42 34
West Kent Agricultural Society	450 00
Chatham and Camden T. L.	77 94
School Trus., Town Chatham, for Model Sch.	100 00
Lands redeemed	253 14
Blenheim and Harwich T. L.	2 00
East and West Tilbury	36 92
Romney and Tilbury East	0 10
Finn Creek drain	80 00
Adm. Criminal Justice, old account	8 11
Erie and Huron Railway debentures	144730 97
Interest account, Erie & Huron Railway	5130 74
New Debenture account	14282 79
Unpaid Witnesses account	24 10
Interest account, New Debentures	428 48
Corless drain	150 00
Township of Dover East and West	2397 03
" Zone	288 09
Administration Justice not Criminal	492 95
Fuel account	146 14
County of Kent General Account	55035 46

\$272490 93

County Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 1st January, 1881. C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

STATEMENT of Amounts due different Municipalities from Wild Land Tax Collections during the year 1880.

Township of Chatham and Gore	\$ 4280 71
" Harwich	477 85
" Camden and Gore	1177 14
" Tilbury East	4724 69
" Howard	125 32
" Raleigh	1506 32
" Romney	939 05
" Orford	195 18
" Dover East and West	2397 03
" Zone	288 09
Village of Dresden	119 87
" Thamesville	6 13
" Wallaceburg	114 38
" Blenheim	49 75

\$16400 51

Co. Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 1st Jan'y, 1881.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

STATEMENT showing Liabilities and Assets of the County of Kent, as at 1st January, 1880.

LIABILITIES.

Due Kent and Middlesex County line.....	\$ 3 38	Bothwell and Mosa T. L.....	\$ 33 95
Bothwell Bridge.....	17 39	Chatham and Town of Chatham.....	27 96
Harwich and Town of Chatham.....	57 66	Hazlett Drain.....	150 00
Otter Creek drain.....	200 00	McKim drain.....	40 00
East Kent Agricultural Society.....	250 00	Bedford-Ellis drain.....	28 00
Board of Audit.....	32 00	Stephens drain.....	75 00
Township of Chatham and Gore.....	4280 71	Boyle drain.....	250 00
" Harwich.....	477 85	Cooper drain.....	154 00
" Camden and Gore.....	1177 14	Gov. Drain Tilbury East and Raleigh.....	11 42
" Tilbury East.....	4724 69	" Romney.....	22 83
Chatham and Camden T. L.....	11 17	Int. acct. to meet Coupons due 31st Jan., '81.....	387 50
Chatham and Dover East T. L. drain.....	420 00	Gore Camden and Dawn T. L.....	42 34
Camden and Dresden T. L.....	0 74	West Kent Agricultural Society.....	450 00
Dover East and West T. L.....	5 26	Chatham and Camden T. L.....	77 94
Village of Dresden.....	119 87	Bd. Se'l Trus. Th. Chatham for Model School.....	100 00
Romney and Mersea.....	127 73	Land Redeemed account.....	253 14
Moravia Bridge Repairs account.....	63 89	Blenheim and Harwich T. L.....	2 00
Bothwell Bridge and Approach.....	130 65	East and West Tilbury T. L.....	36 92
Camden, for line between Kent and Lambton.....	150 00	Romney and Tilbury East.....	10
Village of Thamesville.....	6 13	Finn Creek Drain.....	80 00
Gore of Chatham and Sombra T. L.....	451 35	Adm. Crim. Justice, old account.....	8 11
Township of Howard.....	125 32	Erie & Huron Railway Debentures.....	5608 17
" Raleigh.....	1505 32	Interest acct. Erie & Huron Railway.....	5139 74
Chatham and Wallaceburg T. L.....	49 00	Unpaid Crim. Witnesses.....	24 10
Howard and Harwich tap drain.....	23 25	Interest on Deb. under By-law No. 371.....	428 48
Bothwell Bridge, South Approach.....	20 66	Corless Drain.....	150 00
Township of Romney.....	939 65	Township Dover East and West.....	2307 03
Village of Wallaceburg.....	114 38	" Zone.....	288 00
" Blenheim.....	49 75	Adm. Justice not Crim.....	492 95
Drill Shed, Wallaceburg.....	200 00	Fuel account.....	146 44
New Moravian Bridge.....	2065 46	Debs. due 31st Jan'y, 1881.....	\$1000 00
Kent and Elgin County Line drain No. 1.....	24 00	Less payable by Town of Chatham.....	166 66
Township of Orford.....	195 18		833 34
Board of Examiners.....	124 76		\$35883 22

ASSETS.

Due by Treasurer Bothwell.....	\$ 300 70	Due by Treasurer Ridgetown.....	\$ 252 20
" Romney.....	633 79	" Orford.....	217 28
" Dover East & West.....	2411 08	Registrar Kent.....	328 45
" Dresden.....	761 27	John Mercer, Sheriff, for advances.....	100 00
" Chatham and Gore.....	6236 82	Gov. for payment of Crim. Witnesses.....	40 45
" Thamesville.....	174 60	Gov. Adm. Crim. Justice.....	223 73
" Raleigh.....	2943 28	Town Chatham Qly. Expenditure account.....	179 59
" Camden and Gore.....	2804 54	Cash on hand.....	8846 65
" Wallaceburg.....	440 74	Excess of Liabilities over Assets.....	5898 85
" Tilbury East.....	1382 62		\$35883 22
" Harwich.....	1678 96		

NOTE.—The excess of Liabilities over Assets will be met by amount coming from sale of Industrial Farm, when transaction is closed.

DEFERRED LIABILITIES.

Due Town of Chatham, under award.....	\$ 5000 00
Debentures, old issue, of which Town of Chatham is to pay \$3969 80.....	2300 00
Erie and Huron Railway Debentures.....	130,122 80
Debentures issued under By-law No. 371, \$14282 79.....	14282 79
	\$181405 59

Treasurer's Office, 1st Jan'y, 1881.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

STATEMENT showing the amount the Town of Chatham has had to pay under the Award towards the Expenditure of the County for the year 1880.

March Quarter, expenditure account.....	\$368 74
June " " ".....	371 46
October " " ".....	\$228 48
Less pro. of Fines received.....	8 07
December Quarter.....	412 22
Interest on Debentures.....	290 00
Account Debenture debt of County.....	499 99
Rent of Gaol and Registry Office.....	374 33

\$2537 15

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

REPORTS.

BOARD OF HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The High School Board of Trustees beg to report to your Honorable Body as follows:—

That the High School during the year 1880, has been most efficiently conducted by the Head Master, David S. Paterson, B.A., a graduate of the University of Toronto, assisted by D. F. H. Wilkins, B.A., a graduate of Toronto University; also, by Herbert N. Hoople, B.A., a graduate of Victoria University; and James A. Brown, an under graduate of Queen's College, Kingston. Besides those three assistants, D. McLachlan was employed during the first six months of the year, to teach writing, and E. H. Houghton during the whole year to give instruction in Calisthenics. The prosperous state of the School under the able management of the Head Master and his Assistants, made it necessary to increase the staff of teachers, and to enlarge the School accommodation, accordingly, during the mid-summer vacation, through the usual liberality of the Town and County Councils, the sum of \$2145.96 was spent in thoroughly remodelling and refitting the interior of the building. The rooms hitherto occupied by the Head Master being thrown into Class rooms, thus necessarily depriving him of a residence in the High School, and forcing both him and his assistants to seek lodgings elsewhere, a thing that is much to be regretted, as the efficient government of the School requires the Head Master and as many of his staff as possible, to reside on the grounds, that the pupils may at all times be under their supervision.

The buildings now consist of four commodious class rooms, a business room, a laboratory and gallery room, a lavatory, front and back stair-cases, with front and back entrance, and is capable of accommodating 200 pupils. The Gymnasium in the rear is 35 x 50, and well adapted for drill and Calisthenics.

The number of pupils enrolled during the year was 163—of these 83 were boys and 80 girls; 65 came from the town and 98 from the country. The average attendance during the first half-year was 103, and during the last half-year, 70. The number who passed the entrance examination during the year was 100; 30 from the town and 70 from the County; only 56 of these have as yet attended the High School. Hitherto the entrants from the County have been two-thirds of the whole school, but at the entrance examination held last week 65 passed, and of these, 27, nearly the one-half, were from the town. This shows the efficient work which is being done in the Central School, Chatham, and which promises to be an efficient feeder to the High School. The branches taught and the numbers in each are as follows: All the pupils attend English, including Grammar, Composition, Dictation, Literature, History and Geography, reading and writing. Also, in Mathematics, all attend classes in Arithmetic, Algebra and Euclid; 15 study Natural Philosophy; 15 Chemistry; 74 Latin; 68 French; 6 German; 9 Greek, and 30 Book-keeping; all are drilled in Gymnastic and Calisthenics. 10 passed the intermediate examination of July last, and 15 the Third-Class Teacher's examination; 2 passed the Primary examination in Law, standing second and sixth in large class; 2 also passed the primary examination in Medicine during the year; 5 Written Examinations were held on all the subjects, and detailed reports of each pupil's standing and progress were issued at the close of each examination. During the year \$100 dollars were spent in prizes, of which \$50 were raised by private subscription. In June a very successful exhibition was given by the pupils in the Music Hall, consisting of Tableaux, Choruses, Recitations and Feats in Gymnastics and Calisthenics. The entertainment netted \$75, which went to the Gymnasium Fund. In May, the Board issued 800 School Circulars, giving full information regarding the School Work. This bore immediate fruit in the increased attendance at the entrance examination of the year.

Inspector McLellan paid special visits during the year, and complimented the staff and the pupils on the progress made as evidenced by what they saw and heard

during the inspection. The past year has been one of great progress in the history of the School, and it now ranks among the first in the Province, and will soon pass to a higher grade of greater usefulness, as the Board intend, at its next meeting, to make application to have the High School raised to a Collegiate Institute.

To this report is appended the Financial Statement of the Treasury, in which your Honorable Body will find a detailed account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the School during the past year, also, an estimate of the expenses of the School for the present year.

The Board would also beg leave to report that the time for which Geo. Young has been elected for Trustee has expired. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Buxton, Jan. 7th, 1881.

WM. KING, Sec'y H. S. B. T.

DR.	HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT, 1880.	CR.
1880.		
Jan. 1 To balance from last year	\$ 104 26	Alterations, &c.
M'h 12 Gov. grant last half year '79 ..	8329 75	Mr. Bogart, for alter's, as per con't.,
Nov. 1 " " first half year '80 ..	852 50	" " extra work
Extra Gov't grant for 1880 ..	29 50	Mr. Gonne, plans and superintend'g ..
Co'ty grant for Teachers' salaries, &c.	702 75	Wm. Ball, plumber work
M'h 12 To Cash from County Treas'r, \$883 00		J. Scollick, blackboards in wall
Jul. 19 " " " " ..	280 ..	Jas. Richardson, window blinds
Nov. 1 " " " " ..	119 75	Coltart & Neilson, tables, &c.
Co. grant for alterations and repairs.		Thos. Stone, floor cloths, &c.
Aug. 2 To Cash from Co. Treasurer ..	8500 00	E. Jordan, for clocks
Oct. 4 " " " " ..	200 ..	R. Morton, for bells, etc.
Dec 31 " " " " ..	200 ..	Thos. Nichol, for hanging bells ..
Grant from Chat'm tn. for salaries, etc.	900 00	Bennett & Co., for desks and seats, ..
M'h 25 To Cash from Town Treasurer, \$600 00		Stevens & Stringer, stoves & pipes, ..
Jul. 5 " " " " ..	400 00	Sundries.
Sep 28 " " " " ..	400 00	D. S. Paterson, acct. for sundries ..
Dec. 1 " " " " ..	500 00	Shelby Smith, cleaning closets ..
From Town for alterations and repairs.	1300 00	Mr. Hoople, for chemicals
Aug. 2 To Cash from Town Treasurer, \$700 00		D. S. Paterson, for cutting wood ..
Sep 28 " " " " ..	350 00	" " for sidewalk
Dec 31 " " " " ..	159 04	" " books for Library
School Fees.		" " sundries
Apr. 5 To Cash, 1st quarter's Sch. fees, \$252 00		Jas. Cormode, for repairs, 1879 ..
Aug. 2 " " 2nd " " " ..	251 00	George Young, sundries
Oct. 4 " " 3rd " " " ..	170 00	John Davis, for repairs
Dec 23 " " 4th " " " ..	106 03	Mr. Jolliffe, for seats
Total	\$6348 76	Mr. Jordan, repairing clock
CR.		Mr. Jolliffe, for seats
Jan. 1 By paid D. A. Paterson, sundries		Jas. Sutherland, repairs
Salaries—		Mr. Jolliffe, for show cases
D. S. Paterson, Head Master	\$1050 00	Mr. Hoople, for chemicals
D. F. H. Wilkins, 2nd Master	702 50	J. & W. McKeough, repairs, 1879 ..
H. N. Hoople, 3rd Master	662 50	D. S. Paterson, sundries
James Brown, 4th Master	448 00	" " whitewashing Gym. ..
Mr. McLachlan, 5th Master	125 00	" " bonus for 10 pupils @ 85 ..
Mr. Houghton, 6th Master	160 00	Coltart & Neilson, repairs
Rev. A. McColl, as Examiner	51 04	D. S. Paterson, sundries
Rev. Wm. King, Secretary	12 00	Mr. Wilkins, for rock specimens, etc ..
George Young, Treasurer	10 00	Mr. Ross, 25 cords of wood
D. S. Paterson, for Janitor	66 ..	Rev. Wm. King, postages
Stationery, &c.	\$3347 04	Shelby Smith, cleaning closets ..
J. F. VanAllen, for cards	6 50	Members' Wages.
J. R. Gemmill, for printing	37 50	E. Robinson, 7 days, \$14; Rev. W. King, 9
Mr. Dobbyn, for printing	6 00	days, \$18; Steph. White, 8 days, \$16; Dr.
John Morrish, stationery	38 55	Bray, 8 days, \$16; T. W. Jackson, 4 days,
J. R. Gemmill, printing	2 00	&c; Geo. Young, 8 days, \$16
Robert Cooper, stationery	1 00	88 00
J. F. VanAllen, cards	1 00	86128 92
Dominion Blank Form Co., stat'y, ..	37 45	By balance
	130 00	86348 76

ESTIMATES OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL FOR 1881.

Mr. Paterson, Head Master, Salary ..	\$1100 00	For Sundries	\$200 00
Mr. Wilkins, 2nd Master, Salary ..	800 00	Members wages	75 00
Mr. Hoople, 3rd Master, Salary ..	700 00	Repairs, say	30 00
Mr. Brown, 4th Master, Salary ..	500 00		575 00
Mr. Houghton, 5th Master, salary ..	240 00	Total expenditure	84055 00
Rev. A. McColl, Intermediate Exr ..	52 00	To meet this we have cash on hand ..	219 76
Secretary and Treasury	22 00	Government, say	700 00
Mr. Paterson, for Janitor,	66 00	Co. grant equal to Government g't ..	700 00
Printing and Stationery	40 00	Fees from Pupils, say	700 00
Fire wood and cutting	150 00		2319 76
For Chemicals	40 00	T'l an't to be raised by Chat. Town ..	81735 24
Prizes for Pupils	40 00		

All of which is most respectfully solicited by the High School Board,
Geo. Young, Treasurer.

BOARD OF AUDIT.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—We, the undersigned members of the Board of Audit for the year 1880, beg leave to report to your Honorable Body as follows:—That we have audited the claims against the County for 1880, presented to the Board, amounting to \$2789.06, of which the sum of \$60.79 was disallowed, as shown by the accompanying Schedule. In addition to the claims against the County those against the Government for Criminal Justice were also audited by us before being transmitted to Toronto for a final audit by the Government Auditors. Since the organization of the Board, in conformity with the Statute, as reported to your Honorable Body in last year's report the result has been that the accounts, as a whole, have been better rendered, and consequently the amounts disallowed have been correspondingly less. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

S. WHITE, DANIEL KERR, Auditors.

APRIL AUDIT.		Amt. Claimed.	Amt. Allowed.	OCTOBER AUDIT.		Amt. Claimed.	Amt. Allowed.
Sheriff Mercer, Jurors' account	\$ 89 80	\$ 89 80	Sheriff Mercer, Jurors' account	\$ 100 80	\$100 80		
disbursements	119 22	119 22	Miscellaneous acct.	62 90	62 90		
rent account	12 56	12 56	Rent	12 50	12 50		
clothing for pris'rs	150 12	150 12	Wm. Douglas, Clerk of the Peace	11 25	11 25		
Wm. Douglas, Clerk of the Peace,	150 73	144 79	Miscellaneous acct.	183 11	153 11		
rent account	15 00	15 00	Rent account	15 ..	15 ..		
J. R. Gemmill, Ad. Jus. prin. acct.	41 45	41 45	Geo. E. Young, Gaol supplies	49 70	49 70		
W. R. Dobbyn,	10 00	10 00	C. G. Charteris, Postage acct.	4 75	4 75		
J. & W. McKeough, Gaol supplies	15 11	15 11	J. R. Gemmill, Adm. Justice print'g	47 10	47 10		
O. Dezelle, Constable	7 00	7 00	County printing	5 96	5 96		
J. R. Gemmill, County Printing	30 70	30 70				\$463 07	\$463 07
W. R. Dobbyn, Adm. Jus. print'g.	10 00	10 00					
" " "	10 00	10 00					
S. & E. F. Stephenson,	47 36	47 36					
W. S. Dennis, Constable	5 ..	5 ..					
C. G. Charteris, Postage account	4 34	4 34					
Geo. E. Young, Gaol supplies	95 56	95 56					
" " "	2 90	2 90					
Samuel Sloan, wood acct. for Gaol,	110 25	110 25					
Thomas Snook, lamps, oil, etc	15 80	15 60					
J. & W. McKeough, chand'r for C.H.	37 84	37 84					
	8980 48	8972 69					
	8972 69						
Amount disallowed	\$ 87 79						
JULY AUDIT.				JAN'Y AUDIT.			
Sheriff Mercer, Jury account	\$ 113 70	\$99 70	Sheriff Mercer, Jurors' account	\$ 128 28	\$122 87		
disbursements	206 51	206 51	Disburse's and rent	74 16	74 16		
Wm. Douglas, Clerk of the Peace	165 91	152 56	Wm. Douglas, Miscellan's and rent	195 83	179 83		
" " "	8 ..	8 ..	Jury account	175 ..	157 ..		
Geo. E. Young, Gaol supplies	92 50	92 50	Geo. E. Young, Gaol supplies	56 10	56 10		
J. R. Gemmill, Adm. Justice Print'g	73 54	73 54	S. F. Dennis, Constable	6 ..	4 ..		
County Printing	46 50	46 50	" " "	6 25	4 ..		
G. H. Taylor, Shorthand Reporter,	25 ..	25 ..	" " "	3 40	3 40		
James Holmes, stationery	10 15	10 15	" " "	3 50	3 50		
C. G. Charteris, Postage account	6 31	6 31	Dr. Fleming, examina'n of lunatics	44 ..	44 ..		
	8748 12	8720 77	Thos. Irwin, wood, Registry office,	19 50	19 50		
	720 77		Sam'l Sloan, " " "	12 86	12 86		
Amount disallowed	\$27 35		" " " " " " " "	14 70	14 70		
			" " " " " " " "	15 ..	15 ..		
			" " " " " " " "	2 ..	2 ..		
			" " " " " " " "	7 ..	7 ..		
			" " " " " " " "	5 20	5 20		
			" " " " " " " "	3 50	3 50		
			Total dis-			\$595 28	\$569 63
			allowance,			569 63	
			\$60 79	Amt. disallowed		\$25 65	

CARETAKER OF KENT BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit the following report as Caretaker of Kent Bridge for the year 1880:—The iron superstructure stands, to all appearances, as firm as the day it was put up. All it requires is to be kept painted so that it does not rust, and should any of the nuts work loose by vibration they should be kept screwed up so as not to let the Bridge get out of balance. The stone piers stand good, not a crack appearing in either of them, giving great credit to the builders.

The approaches were planked over in the middle to the width of twelve feet, leaving about three feet of the old plank on each side exposed, which, in some places, is quite rotten, and in others, gone altogether. This will require your attention before long. Otherwise the Bridge and approaches is in good repair.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Jan'y 27, 1881.

J. A. LANGFORD, Caretaker Kent Bridge.

COMMITTEE ON MORAVIAN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee appointed at the January Session to superintend the rebuilding of the Moravian Bridge beg leave further to report as follows:—

The work on the superstructure of the Bridge has been considerably delayed owing to the inclemency of the weather. It is, however, confidently expected that in the course of ten or twelve days the Bridge will be open for public travel.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. E. VOGLER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges recommend that this Council appoint a Committee consisting of the Warden and Wm. G. McGeorge, C.E., to meet the Committees from Middlesex and Elgin, and have power to do all necessary repairs on said Bridge, and have it put in order according to Mr. McGeorge's report of 14th December, 1880.

And in the matter of the granting of \$200 to the Raleigh and Tilbury East Diverted Town Line, your Committee recommend that it be granted.—All of which is most respectfully submitted.

ROBT. MARTIN, Chairman.

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

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on County Property present a Second Report:—That they have carefully examined the several matters laid before them, and report as follows:—

1st. That they would recommend that the several sums be granted, namely:—\$60 for the swinging of and caretaking of Dresden Bridge; and that a grant of \$100 be given to repair the Wallaceburg Diverted Town Line Road; and that the money to the credit of Bothwell Bridge be left for the purpose for which it was set apart.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. MARTIN, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PROPERTY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on County Property beg leave to report as follows:

1st. That soon after the last meeting of Council we found that a large quantity of stove wood was cut on the land known as the Industrial Farm. The County Solicitor was ordered to demand from John Northwood immediate possession, which was done and surrendered to him and placed in the hands of John Reeve, a Law Clerk in the Solicitor's Office. We are pleased now to report that said Northwood has placed a Bank Cheque, marked good, in the Solicitor's hands for \$1000. We are now happy to say this matter will soon be closed up.

2. In reference to the recommendation of the Grand Jury at the last December Sessions to heat the Court House by steam, your Committee cannot recommend this proposition at present. The Court House is not at all calculated by its construction to be heated in that manner. At some future time it may be deemed necessary to reconstruct the whole building, which includes the prison with its cells and wards, the Court Room, Council Chamber and Gaoler's residence, with a view to accomplish this object, but at the present time many experiments are being tried, and it has not yet been settled by scientific men what kind of fuel or what system is the best or most economical way for heating public or private buildings.

3. A set of pigeon holes was ordered from Messrs. Coltart & Neilson, and tin boxes from J. & W. McKeough, and placed in the office of the Clerk of the County Court, with a view to keep and preserve the papers therein. Also, two books were ordered to be re-bound.

4. Henry Robinson having intimated some time ago that he feared he would soon have to give up the office of Caretaker of the various County Offices, a few days ago became unable to fulfil the duties of the office any longer. George West, a person well fitted for the place, was appointed to that position.

Mr. Wrong's account for coal for said offices, has been paid, \$121 65. This is for the season's supply.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Jan'y 24, 1881.

S. WHITE, Chairman.

COMMITTEE TO STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees for the present year, beg leave to report as follows :—

FINANCE—Messrs Stephens, Caughill, Johnson, Mason, Wright, Barry, Spencer, Vogler and Langford.

ROADS & BRIDGES—Messrs. Martin (Bothwell), Robinson, Purser, Campbell, McArthur, Prangley, Gilmore, Irwin and Kimmerly.

PUBLIC PROPERTY—Messrs. Ferguson, Pardo, Mountford, Wilson (Harwich).

PRINTING—Messrs. Wilson (Howard), Sherman and Blackburn.

EDUCATION—Messrs. Martin (Tilbury), Gilmore and Moody.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. E. VOGLER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

GENTLEMEN,—We your Finance Committee beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the various matters referred to them, and would recommend that the following accounts be paid, viz :—

W. G. McGeorge, C.E., examination of Moravia Bridge, and fare.....	\$ 6 75
Jas. Windover, balance of salary as Caretaker of Dresden Bridge,.....	15 00
Henry Robinson, delivering wood and furnish'g kindling for Treas office	2 00
Thomas Windover, for repairs of Dresden Bridge	2 00
East Kent Agricultural Society, annual grant.....	250 00
George West, Caretaker and Messenger,	7 00
L. E. Vogler, attendance on Moravia Bridge	4 00
S. White, 1 day on County Property, and 1 day on Industrial Farm....	4 00
J. Smith, M.D., ex-Warden, 1 day on County Property Com., 2 days examining and signing By-laws, and postage and stationery.....	7 00

We would also recommend that the salary of the Gaol Surgeon, Dr. Bray, be increased \$25.00.

Also, that the sum of \$500 be granted to the West Kent Agricultural Society on condition that the Town of Chatham appropriate an equal amount, to be expended in the erection of buildings on the Society's grounds,

Band of 24th Batt., to assist in paying Instructor, and other expenses, ..\$50 00

J. R. Gemmill, advertising Division Court notices

S. & E. F. Stephenson, adv. Div. Court notice and notices of meetings of

Co. Council,

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We would further recommend that R. Auger be granted a Peddler's License free. Also, that the application of the Gaoler, Robt. Mercer, for restitution of \$59 deducted from his salary, be not entertained.

The account of High Constable Wemp we recommend to be referred to the Board of Audit of Criminal Accounts.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, Jan. 29th, 1881.

L. E. VOGLER, Chairman.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 397.

A BY-LAW to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain Officers of the Corporation of the County of Kent.

PASSED 28th January, 1881.

WHEREAS it is necessary to appoint and confirm the appointment of the following Officers for 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 Municipal Acts of Ontario and the School Laws now in force.

1. That William McKenzie Ross, nominated by the Warden, and John Duck, appointed by resolution of this Council, are hereby confirmed in the office of Auditors of this Corporation.

2. That George Young is hereby confirmed in the appointment of High School Trustee; and that Daniel Kerr be and he is hereby confirmed in the appointment of High School Trustee in room and stead of the Rev. Wm. King, removed from this County.

3. That James H. Reilly is hereby confirmed in the appointment of Caretaker of the County Offices and Messenger to this Council.

4. That the Rev. Angus McColl is hereby appointed Examiner of persons applying for Certificates as School Teachers in and for the County of Kent.

5. That Stephen White and Lionel H. Johnson are hereby confirmed in their appointment as members of the Board of Audit, under Sec 474, chap. 174 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario; and that they be each paid Six Dollars per audit.

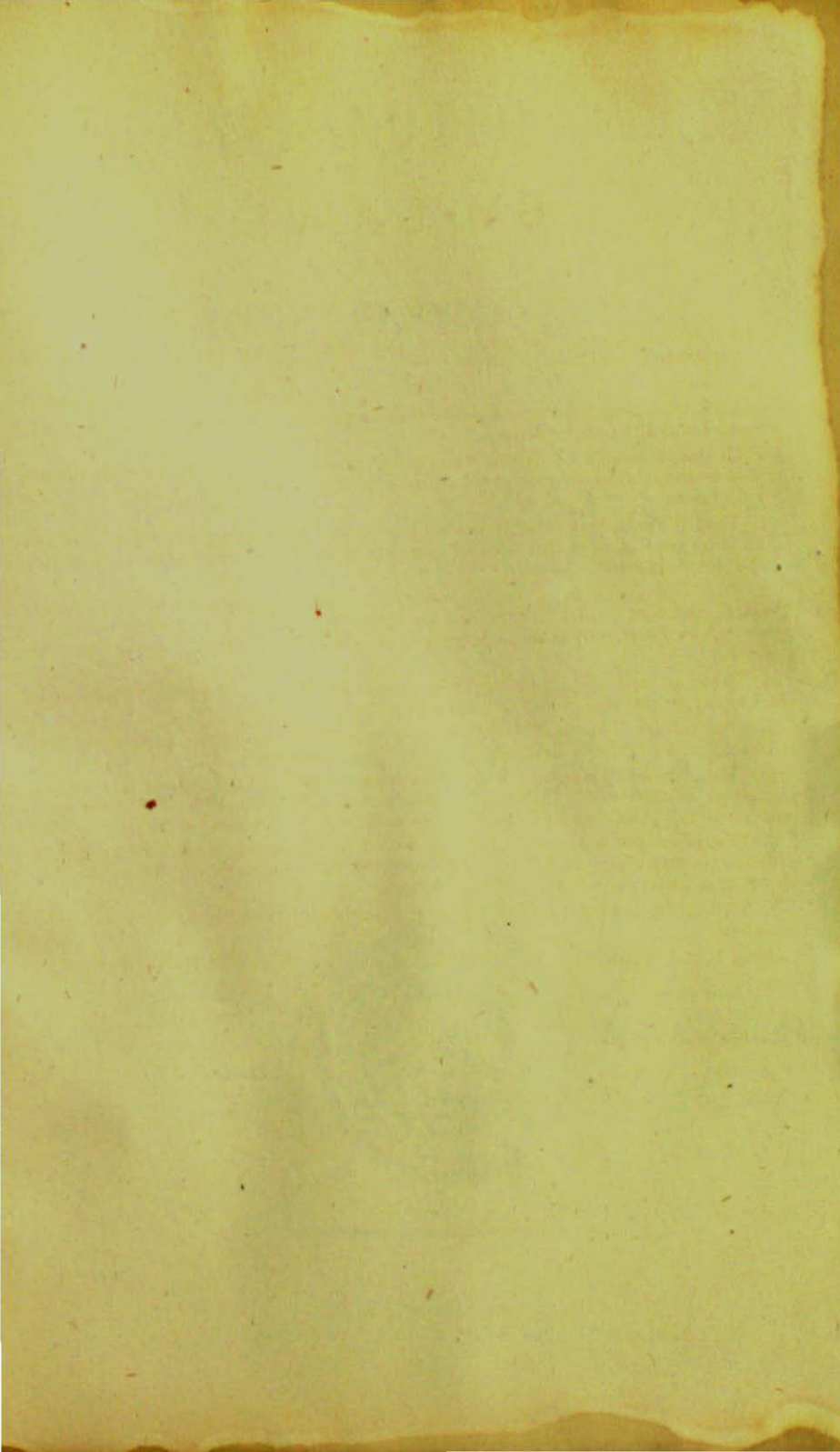
6. That Matthew Wilson is hereby confirmed in his appointment, in conjunction with the County Judge and the Sheriff, under 42 Vic., chap. 31, sec. 33, in the matter of Appeals on Equalization of Assessments.

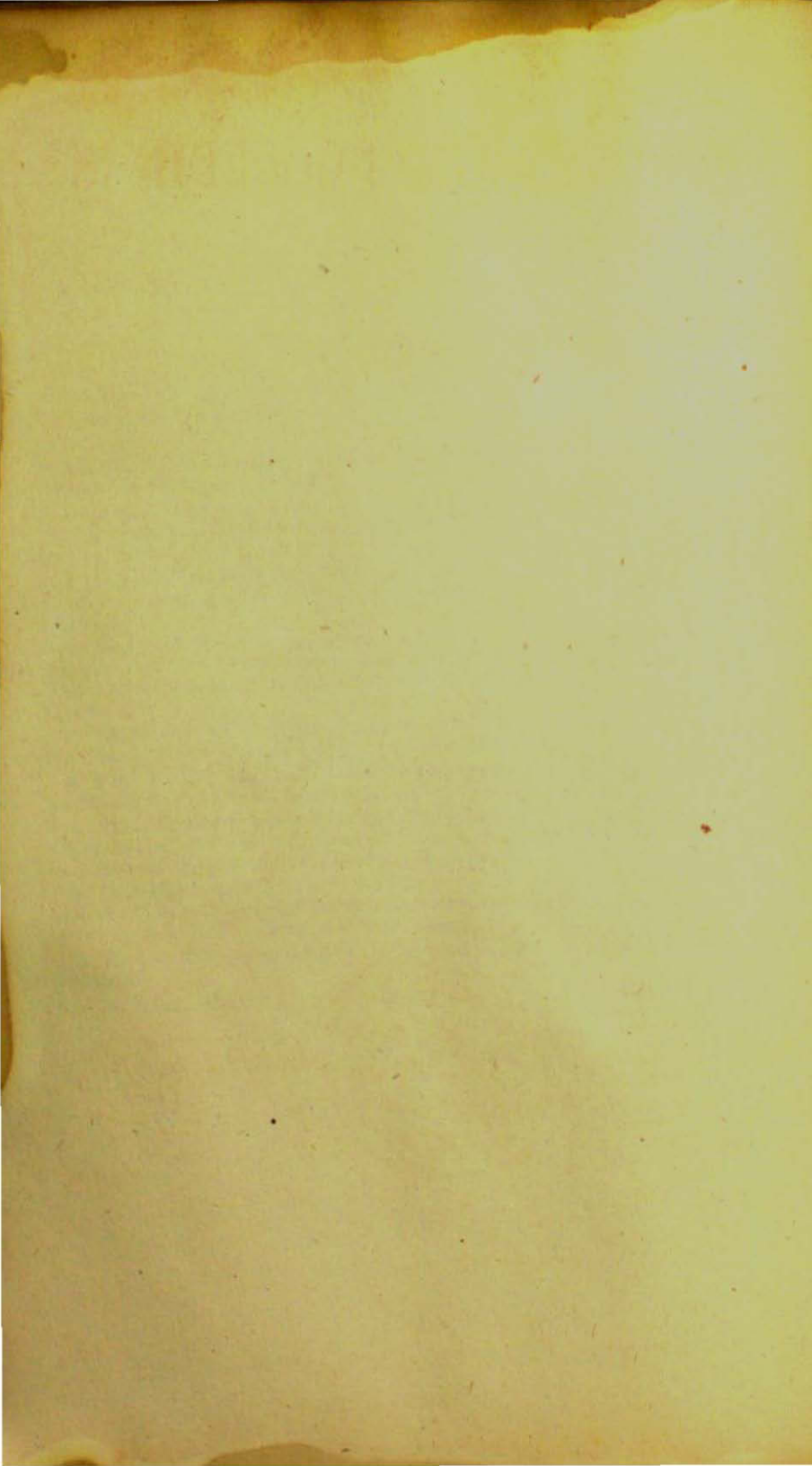
7. That all By-laws or parts of By-laws inconsistent with this By-law are hereby repealed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.





MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

— OF THE —

JUNE SESSION, 1881,

— OF THE —

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

— OF THE —

COUNTY OF KENT.

WM. HICKEY,
WARDEN.



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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Municipal Council of the County of Kent,

JUNE SESSION--1881.

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 Tuesday, 14th June, 1881.

The roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors. The Warden addressed the Council relative to the business of the session.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the January session were read and approved.

The following communications were read :

From Rufus Stephenson, Esq., M. P., acknowledging a receipt of a petition praying for a grant to improve the navigation of the creeks entering the north shore of the Rond Eau Harbor; also, acknowledging receipt of a resolution respecting the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company.

From the Provincial Secretary's office, Toronto, acknowledging receipt of petition asking amendments relating to the appointment of Auditors under the Law Reform Act.

From Ed. Robinson, Esq., M.P.P., acknowledging receipt of petitions for a charter to the Chatham and Charing Cross Railway, and for an extension of time for the charter of the Erie and Huron Railway.

From D. McCraney, Esq., M. P. P., acknowledging receipt of petitions for abolition of market fees, for amendments to the Jurors Act, and for amendments to the Law Reform Act.

From the Township Clerk of Orford, enclosing certificates of Arch. J. McDonald and Lawrence Gosnell, who were elected Reeve and Deputy Reeve, respectively, of said Township of Orford.

From the County Clerk of Peel, enclosing copy of a petition adopted by the Council of said County to the Lieut. Governor in Council, praying them to take such measures as may be necessary to realize upon the assets of the Upper Canada College, and to apply the income arising from the investment of the same to the promotion of education throughout the Province, in such a manner that the poor as well as the rich may be benefited thereby.

From Matthew Wilson, Esq., Barrister, Chatham, relating to his appointment as a member of the Court of Equalization of Assessments.

From John Tissiman, Esq., Secretary of the West Kent Agricultural Society, conveying the thanks of the Board of Directors for the grant of \$500 from the County to aid in the erection of exhibition buildings.

From P. D. McKellar, Esq., Registrar, requesting that the Council furnish a telephone; also, for internal improvements with a view to increase the accommodation in his office.

From Robert O'Hara, Esq., Master in Chancery, applying for furniture, etc., for his office.

From Public School Inspectors of East and West Kent, each furnishing their annual report on school matters.

From the County Auditors—their annual report.

From John L. Bray, Esq., M.D., Gaol Surgeon—his annual report.

From the Warden and Treasurer—report on County Assessments on Drains, for which the County had been assessed when the Town and County lines were assumed.

Mr. Wilson (Howard), presented the report on County Printing, which, on motion, was read and adopted.

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

The Warden referred communications to Committees to which they belong.

The Clerk laid on the table copies of minutes and proceedings of late sessions of the County Councils of Huron, Elgin, Oxford, Lanark and Frontenac, and copies of the Assessment Rolls from the various municipalities in the County, except from Camden; also, schedules, by-laws, &c., in blank, for the use of the Finance and Equalization Committees; also, copies of annual and special returns furnished to the Dominion and Ontario governments, comprising statement of assets, liabilities, expenditure, revenue, &c., of Municipalities in the County; abstract of the Treasurer's account, statement for apportionment of the Legislative School Grant; statistical information relating to Agriculture; statement relating to the number of Councillors, and showing the number of Assessors and the amount paid to them for their services by each local Council in the County.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

WM. HICKEY, Warden.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, Wednesday, 15th June, 1881.

The roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read:

From C. G. Charteris, County Treasurer, with estimate of the amount required to meet the current expenses of the County for 1881, and making an application to have an increase of salary.—Referred to Finance.

From the County Clerk of Elgin, enclosing extract from report of Committee on Public Improvements respecting Bothwell Bridge repairs.—Referred to Bothwell Bridge Committee.

From Robert Halle, Manager Bell Telephone Company, respecting a Telephone to the Court House.—Referred to Property Committee.

From Lieut.-Col. A. B. Baxter, asking a grant of money to the 24th Battalion Band.—Referred to Finance.

From Robert Mercer, Gaoler, respecting his salary.—Referred to Finance.

From Wm. Wemp, Chief Constable County of Kent, with account for dispersing a number of ruffians that had assembled in the Township of Chatham for the purpose of cock fighting.—Referred to Finance.

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

A Report from delegation to Toronto, re Erie and Huron Railway Charter, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Caughill, That the Reeves of the several Municipalities be a Committee to equalize the Assessment Rolls of the year A.D. 1880, for County purposes.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. McDonald, That the Council act as a Committee of the whole for equalizing the Assessment Rolls for County purposes.

Amendment carried; motion lost.

Moved by Mr. Mountford, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), That in view of the fact that a fearful amount of damage and loss is annually sustained on account of sheep being killed by dogs, Be it therefore resolved, that this Council petition the Parliament of Ontario praying for further and more stringent legislation in the mode of taxation; and that the mover and seconder, with Mr. Johnson and the Warden, be appointed a Committee to draft said petition; and that this resolution, with petition aforesaid, be printed and copies sent to the several County Councils in Ontario, asking their co-operation with a view to bring about the desired object.—Carried

Moved by Mr. Mountford, seconded by Mr. Johnson, That this Council tender the bereaved citizens of London their heartfelt sympathy in the terrible loss sustained by the collapse of the steamer VICTORIA on the 24th of May last, and that the Clerk is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Mayor of the City in the usual form.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Howard), That A. J. McDonald, Esq., Reeve of Orford, be placed on the Finance Committee in place of John Mason; and that Lawrence Gosnell, Esq., Deputy-Reeve of Orford, be placed on the Road & Bridge and Education Committees, in place of Henry C. Gilmour.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Martin (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. Ferguson, That Messrs. Johnson, Stephens, Moody, Gosnell, Martin (Bothwell), and the mover and seconder, be a Special Committee to consider the communication from the County Council of Peel respecting the advisability of petitioning the Legislature respecting the Upper Canada College.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the Council went into Committee of the whole on the Equalization of Assessment of 1880. Mr. McDonald in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress with leave to sit again.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

A communication from W. E. Hamilton, Esq., Editor of the "Chatham Tribune," was read, offering certain suggestions for the promotion of Immigration to the County of Kent.

On motion of Mr. Martin (Bothwell), the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the report of Committee on Bothwell Bridge repairs. Mr. McDonald in the chair.

Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress with leave to sit again.

A Petition from the Special Committee on Upper Canada College was read.

Moved by Mr. Martin, (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. Moody, That the draft of a petition now read, praying that the real estate held by Upper Canada College be sold, and that the income derived therefrom be distributed among the Public Schools be adopted, and that the Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of the same to the Governor in Council.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Moody, a By-law to establish a High School in the Village of Ridgetown was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the following resolution. Mr. McDonald in the Chair.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Mountford, That whereas the Gaol Surgeon's report refers to a large increase of vagrants committed to the County Gaol for vagrancy. And whereas the award between the County and the Town of Chatham is that the County pay three dollars for every two dollars the Town of Chatham pays towards the keeping and taking care of all parties committed to the Common Gaol. And whereas, all that have been committed for vagrancy since the first day of October, up to this date, have been committed by the Police Magistrate of Chatham, thereby increasing the taxation of the County in an undue and unproportionable manner, as every other municipality in the County supports its own poor. Be it resolved that a Committee composed of the mover, seconder, and the Warden, be appointed to wait on the County Solicitor and have his opinion as to what is the best course to pursue under such circumstances.—Carried.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that a resolution had passed.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (Harwich), the resolution passed in Committee was adopted by the Council.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, Thursday, 16th June, 1881.

The Roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Various notices of motion were given; accounts were read and referred to Finance. A petition to the Legislature of Ontario was read, praying for amendments to the law respecting the tax on Dogs.

Moved by Mr. Mountford, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), That the draft of a Petition now read be adopted, and that copies of the same be forwarded by the Clerk in the usual manner.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Moody, a By-law to establish a High School in the Village of Ridgetown was read a second time.

On motion the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the aforesaid By-law. Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

A deputation from Ridgetown, composed of Dr. Jacob Smith, Rev. Mr. McRobbie, Messrs. Simpson, McKay and McKinlay, addressed the Council in Committee at length in favor of the By-law.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress with leave to sit again. The Council then adjourned till Two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors. Notices of motion and accounts were read and referred.

The following Communications were read :—

From Wm. D. Eberts, Managing Director Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road Company, reflecting on the action that the County Council has taken respecting said road, and protesting against further interference or payment of costs of defence, and threatening to compel the individual members to pay such costs.

From C. E. Pegley, Esq., County Solicitor, respecting a decision by the Chatham Police Magistrate, relating to the Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road Company, and advising the Council to appeal against said decision to the Superior Courts at Toronto.

From A. Bell and 19 others, a petition praying that permanent Telephonic communication be established between the Court House and the central portion of the Town of Chatham.—Referred to Property Committee.

On motion of Mr. Kimmerly, a Report on Dresden Bridge was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Moody, the Council again went into Committee of the Whole on the By-law to establish a High School at Ridgetown. Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

John Duck, Esq., of Morpeth, addressed the Council at length in favor of the By-law.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-law to establish a High School at Ridgetown was lost in Committee.

On motion for the adoption of the report of the Committee, the Yeas and Nays were called for and taken down as follows :—

Yeas—Councillors Johnson, Caughill, Wilson (Harwich), Mountford, Pardo, Barry, Stephens, McArthur, Blackburn, Langford, Prangley, Sherman, Purser, Martin (Tilbury East), and the Warden—15.

Nays—Councillors McDonald, Campbell, Irwin, Robinson, Moody, Gosnell, Kimmerly, Martin (Bothwell), Vogler, Wright, Spencer, Wilson (Howard) and Ferguson—13.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, a By-law to meet the current expenses and for other purposes, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Mountford, seconded by Mr. Pardo, and resolved, That this Council appoint a County Engineer, and that a By-law be prepared for that purpose with the name of W. G. McGeorge embodied therein for the appointment; his services to be paid for as they are required and performed, and not by salary.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Caughill, That this Council go into Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the necessity of improving the navigation on the North side of the Rond Eau harbor.—Carried.

The Council then went into Committee. Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Pardo, That the sum of \$300 be granted for the purpose of assisting in the improvement of the navigation of the north side of the Rond Eau harbor, and that the same be placed in the Estimates for the current year to the credit of the Minister of Public Works for the benefit of the above proposed work.—Carried.

A deputation was present, composed of Messrs. Jackson, McMichael, Cameron and Stephenson, M. P. Each addressed the Council at length in favor of the scheme.

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

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Pardo, That the resolution passed in Committee be adopted by the Council.—Carried.

The following twelve resolutions were read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges :—

1. Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Martin (Bothwell), That the sum of \$100 be granted on the Kent and Elgin County Line, to meet an equal amount from Elgin.

2. Moved by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Wright, That a grant of \$150 be made to the Raleigh and Tilbury East Town Line, for the purpose of enlarging the ditch on the West side of said Town Line.

3. Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. McArthur, That a special grant of \$100 be made to the Chatham and Dover Town Line, to aid in repairing said road.

4. Moved by Mr. Martin (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. Langford, That a grant of \$200 be made by this County for the improvement of the Romney and Tilbury East Town Line.

5. Moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Kimmerly, That this Council grant the sum of \$5.00 to clear the mud off Thamesville Bridge.

6. Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Campbell, That a grant of \$300 be made on the Harwich and Howard Town Line; also, a grant of \$150 on the Harwich and Raleigh Town Line.

7. Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Martin (Tilbury East), That a grant of \$200 be made to improve the Town Line between the Gore of Camden and the Township of Chatham, known as the Base Line, leading to the Village of Dresden.

8. Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. McArthur, That the sum of \$250 be granted to the County Line between the Township of Sombra and the North Gore of Chatham, for the purpose of opening up and improving the same.

9. Moved by Mr. Wilson (Howard), seconded by Mr. Gosnell, That this Council grant the sum of \$700 for the improvement of the Howard and Orford Town Line.

10. Moved by Mr. Mountford, seconded by Mr. Campbell, That this County appropriate the sum of \$80 for the purpose of repairing the Town Line between Blenheim and Harwich.

11. Moved by Mr. Martin (Bothwell), seconded by Mr. Vogler, That Jabez Ellie be appointed caretaker of Bothwell Bridge at a salary of \$5.00 per year.

12. Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Stephens, That \$100 be granted to improve the Town Line between the Village of Wallaceburg and Gore of Chatham.

Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Campbell, That this Council go into Committee of the Whole on the matter of the St. Clair and Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road.—Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the following resolution—Mr. McDonald in the chair:—

Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Stephens, That inasmuch as the St. Clair and Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road Company have not repaired their road from Blenheim and Chatham, or that portion between the Townships of Chatham and Dover, as ordered by W. G. McGeorge, P. L. S., and has ordered toll to be charged on said road contrary to law, Be it therefore resolved, that this Council appoint a Committee composed of the Warden and the Reeves of Blenheim, Raleigh, Dover, Chatham Township, and the mover, with power to take any legal steps through the Courts of Justice said Committee may think best.—Carried

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

Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Stephens, That the resolution passed in Committee of the Whole be adopted by this Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), That a Committee be appointed composed of Messrs. Vogler, Pardo, Stephens, Spencer and the mover, to take into consideration the communication of W. E. Hamilton, Esq., offering certain suggestions for and asking this Council to take action to attract settlers to this County, and to report at the December Session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Wright, That the County Property Committee be instructed to procure the necessary information relative to the cost of erecting a building, including the site thereof, to accommodate the County Offices, and report at the December session.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, a By-law to raise the sum of \$11,641.24 from Municipalities grouped under By-law No. 319, to aid the Erie and Huron Railway Company, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Wright, That the 18th and 24th Rules be suspended for the remainder of the Session.—Lost.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, Friday, 17th June, 1881.

The Roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, a report on the Wallaceburg Bridges was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Martin (Bothwell), a report from the Caretaker on Moravian Bridge was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, the report of the Committee on rebuilding Moravian Bridge was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That the sum of \$400 be granted to repair the North approach of Moravian Bridge.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Martin (Bothwell), seconded by Mr. Moody, That four pair of handcuffs be supplied to the Corporation of the Town of Bothwell for the use of the Police force.—Referred to Finance.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors. Various notices of motion were given, and accounts were read and referred to Finance.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (Harwich), the report of Committee on County Property was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Martin (Tilbury East), the report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Martin (Bothwell), the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges was read, and on motion for its adoption,

Moved in amendment by Mr. Martin (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. Barry, That the report now read be not adopted, but be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration in the matter of the appropriation asked for on the Romney and Tilbury East Town line.—Lost.

The Report was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, a deputation composed of Wm. Young, Esq., Mayor of Chatham, Mr. Wm. Douglas and Mr. Thos. H. Taylor, addressed the Council with in the bar respecting the Erie & Huron Railway.

On motion of Mr. Mountford, a By-law to confirm the appointment of a County Engineer was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, a By-law to raise the sum of \$11,641.24 from Municipalities and parts of Municipalities grouped under By-law No. 319, to aid the Erie & Huron Railway Company, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, a By-law to raise a sum of money to meet the current expenses was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Martin (Bothwell), the Council again went into Committee of the Whole on the report on Bothwell Bridge. Mr. McDonald in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress with leave to sit again.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, Saturday, 18th June, 1881.

The Roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. McDonald, That the 18th and 24th Rules be suspended during the remainder of the Session.—Carried.

The Presentment of the Grand Jury of the General Sessions of the Peace was referred to Committee on County Property.

On motion of Mr. Mountford, a By-law to repeal By-law No. 383 was read a first and second times.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wright, That the grant made by this Council, in the January Session of 1875, of \$200 to aid the Village of Wallaceburg in the removal of a Drill Shed from the Village of Corunna, in the County of Lambton, to Wallaceburg, be and the same is re-appropriated to aid the Chatham and Dover Union Agricultural Society in the purchase of Agricultural Fair Grounds in the Village of Wallaceburg.—Carried.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Mountford, a By-law to confirm the appointment of a County Engineer was read a second time.

Moved by Mr. Mountford, seconded by Mr. Johnson, That the Council now go into Committee on the four following By-laws.—Carried.

1. To raise the sum of \$20,438.26 to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent for 1881, and for other purposes.

2. To raise the sum of \$11,641.24 from that portion of the County of Kent grouped under By-law No. 319, to aid the Erie and Huron Railway Company.

3. To confirm the appointment of a County Engineer.

4. To repeal By-law No. 383.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on the foregoing By-laws. Mr. Wilson (Harwich), in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that three By-laws passed, with blanks filled up, and that the By-law to repeal By-law No. 383, was lost in Committee.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, a By-law to raise the sum of \$20,438.26 to meet the current expenses, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, a By-law to raise the sum of \$11,641.24 from that portion of the County of Kent grouped under By-law No. 319, to aid the Erie & Huron Railway Company, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Mountford, a By-law to confirm the appointment of a County Engineer, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Martin (Tilbury East), the report of Committee on Education was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Mountford, That this Council go into Committee of the Whole to receive a deputation from the Town of Chatham who are desirous of having an opportunity of making some suggestions in connection with the Erie and Huron Railway.—Carried.

The Council then went into Committee. Mr. McDonald in the chair.

Council resumed. The Chairman reported that no action was taken respecting delegation.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Howard), seconded by Mr. Pardo, That the Committee on Bothwell Bridge repairs have the time extended (one month or for a longer time, if required), and that they have full power to adjust matters and make a full settlement with all parties interested.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Pardo, That this Council adjourns till the second Tuesday of December next.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

PETITION TO ABOLISH UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

To His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, in Council:—

The Memorial of the Council of the County of Kent, humbly sheweth:

1. That an institution known as Upper Canada College, which, in the opinion of your memorialists, exists and is maintained almost solely in the interests of the wealthier and more aristocratic classes of the community, has been carefully sustained and fostered at the Provincial expense.

2. That the income which might be derived from the endowment and real estate so long monopolized by the said institution, if converted into cash and invested would, in the opinion of your memorialists, be sufficient to increase the average Provincial grant to each High School by from \$250 to \$300 per annum, or to the Public Schools of each County of a still larger amount.

3. That by the adoption of such a course no injustice would be done to the City of Toronto, which would still remain in possession of its well organized Collegiate Institute; also that no hardship would be suffered by the privileged classes above referred to, who, if dissatisfied with the opportunities of educational development and association afforded their sons by our Provincial High School system, would be in a position to establish proprietary schools such as Marlborough and Clifton, in which all such advantages might be secured at their own expense.

4. That your Petitioners would therefore humbly pray your Honor in Council to take such measures as may be necessary to realize upon the assets of said Upper Canada College, and to apply the income arising from the investment of the same to the promotion of education throughout the Province, in such manner that the poor as well as the rich may be benefitted thereby.

And your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

WM. HICKEY, REEVE.

(Adopted 14th June, 1881.)

PETITION RE DOG TAX.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:—

The Petition of the County Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, humbly sheweth:—

That the Act respecting the taxation of Dogs does not fully meet the wants and requirements of the people.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will, at its earliest convenience, so amend said Act that all parties keeping Dogs shall pay tax therefor, by making it imperative that all Dogs shall be entered with the Clerk of the Municipality, or some other official, within twenty days of the owner becoming in possession, and the tax paid at the time of making such entry, together with a true and proper description given of said Dog. Whereas under our present law, if the Assessor should omit getting the entry on his roll, or the Court of Revision not being cognizant of such omission, the parties get clear for the balance of the year. And also in the case of tenants giving in their Dogs. In many cases when the Collector makes his round for collecting, the tenant has left the premises, and the landlord is liable for his Dog tax, which is manifestly unjust. The landlord, in almost every case, applies to the Municipality for a remission of said tax, which, we believe, is generally granted. By the adoption of some such measures as the above, and a substantial fine imposed for non-performance with its requirements, your Petitioners believe a much less number of Dogs would be kept, and a greater revenue derived.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

(Adopted 16th June, 1881.)

COUNTY TREASURER'S ESTIMATES, &c.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:—

County Treasurer's Office, Chatham, 14th June, 1881.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor herewith to enclose Estimate of Moneys required to meet the current expenses of the County for the year 1881, with Statement of the amount chargeable against the Grouped Municipalities, re Erie and Huron Railway.

I beg most respectfully to state to your Honorable Body that the duties and responsibilities of this Office have greatly increased within the past few years, the Separation of the Town of Chatham from the County, the Erie and Huron Railway Debentures, and many other causes, having led to this; that while my salary has remained stationary the expense of living has become very much greater; that I believe I discharge the duties of the office efficiently and to the satisfaction of your Honorable Body and the general public; and that I may claim your favorable consideration to an increase of my salary to the extent of at least Two Hundred Dollars—I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your obt. serv't,

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

ESTIMATE of Moneys required to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent for the year 1881.

Deficiency in amt. raised in '80,	\$5898 86	Dresden Bridge for swinging and taking care of,	\$ 60 00
Bridges at Wallaceburg, repairs,	84 77	Wallaceburg Bridges	150 00
East Kent Agricultural Society,	250 00	Wallaceburg diverted T. L. road,	100 00
West Kent	500 00	Trembly Govt. drain, Tilbury W. due Govt. for '70, '79, '80 & '81,	95 26
Board of Audit,	48 00	McSween drain, Tilbury East,	46 70
Registry Office for Books,	140 00	South branch Pike C'k dr. Camden	18 00
Gaol & Court House furnishings,	11 00	Crowell's Creek drain, Camden,	44 82
Town Chatham, bal due on award	5000 00	Duffus drain, Howard,	100 00
" 1 year's interest thereon,	300 00	Alexander drain,	20 00
Engineering and Surveying,	50 00	Bothwell Bridge, say proportion payable by Kent for repairs,	500 00
Dresden Bridge repairs,	17 00		
Kent Bridge	21 00		
Grant to 24th Kent Batt Band, Debentures to retire, \$3000 00	50 00		
Less payable by Town of Chatham	499 99		\$30451 59
Interest on Debentures \$1535 00	2500 01	Less pro. of amt from T'wn Chatham, und. award	\$1400 00
Less payable by Town	255 83	Rent of Gaol & Registry Office, Town Chatham,	374 33
Selectors of Jurors	139 60	Registrar Kent, pro. Fees of 1880 payable to Co.	2135 00
Office Furniture acct.	200 00	Paym't by J. Northwood to Mr. Pegley on acct. Industrial farm	1893 00
High School for Master	700 00	Jno. Northwood's Mortgage and interest, say	5350 11152 33
Gov. drain, Tilbury E. & Raleigh	11 42		\$19299 26
" Romney	22 83	GROUPED MUNICIPALITIES, RE E. & H. R. Y.	
County Printing	200 00	Debentures to redeem,	\$5949 71
Model School grant	100 00	Interest,	8347 36
Law expenses,	100 00	Half-year's inter't to Co. for advances,	125 21
Ridgetown Lock up	300 00	Int. on Debentures paid to meet Deb'tures due 1st Jan'y, 1879,	856 96
Coroners' orders,	50 00		\$15279 24
Payment Criminal Witnesses,	200 00	Less payable by Town of Chatham und. award,	3638 11641 24
Miscellaneous account	250 00		\$30940 50
Payment of Jurors,	1600 00		
Adm. Justice, not Criminal	3000 00		
Insurance account	336 25		
Fuel for Offices,	250 00		
Public Buildings repairs acct.	100 00		
Office rent	507 50		
Salaries Treas'r, Clerk & Auditors	1868 00		
Councillors' wages,	1600 00		
Caretaker of Offices,	245 00		
School Superintendence	895 00		
Grant to Town Chatham towards paying caretaker of Bridges,	300 00		
Raleigh & Tilbury E. divert'd line	200 00		
Co. Treasurer's Office, 14th June, 1881.			

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

FROM W. E. HAMILTON ON EMIGRATION.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—I trust that you will not think it an intrusion in me to suggest to the County Council, through you, the benefits which would flow from their taking official action to attract settlers, both Canadian and British, to this County.

Having spent two years previous to my resignation last October, as Immigration Agent for the Provincial Government, and having been Commissioner for the Muskoka Exhibit at the last Provincial Exhibition, I have had some practical experience in the best modes of attracting settlers, and take the liberty of pointing out two modes—both inferior to the appointment of an active Agent, but nevertheless of value—to set forth the resources of the County of Kent.

1. A County of Kent Exhibit at the next Provincial Exhibition would be seen by thousands of strangers, including capitalists and intending settlers, who otherwise would never hear the name of this County. True it is that individuals in the County will exhibit, but their grains, roots, etc., will be mixed up in the various classes with the products of other Counties, and will fail, even if crowned with prizes, to advertise the County as a whole. A small grant from the County Council would be sufficient to stimulate farmers to contribute to a general Kent Exhibit at the Provincial Show.

2. My other suggestion is that the County Council, before separating, should depute the County Clerk or a Special Committee of three, to cause the preparation of a pamphlet setting forth the agricultural resources and openings for manufactures in this County.

If such a pamphlet, properly edited and kept wholly free from all advertisements, or anything referring to individual land owners, were issued under official sanction, the result would be the attracting of new blood into the County, and enriching it by foreign capital.—I remain, etc.,

“Tribune” Office, June 14, 1881.

W. E. HAMILTON.

FROM COUNTY SOLICITOR, RE PLANK & GRAVEL ROAD CO.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—In the matter of the St. Clair Gravel and Plank Road Co., I have, in pursuance of your instructions, defended a case brought by Joseph Everitt, Toll keeper, against Joseph Graves, for refusing to pay toll on the Gravel Road. The Magistrate (who reserved his decision until this morning) fines Graves one dollar and costs.

In the meantime the Company are insisting upon the payment of toll, shutting the gate and otherwise troubling those who travel on the road.

I would therefore recommend your Honorable Body to have the conviction moved into the Superior Court, at Toronto, by Certiorari, and thus have the questions at issue decided at once. If appealed to the Sessions the matter would have to stand until December next.

I have no hesitation in recommending this course, as I am of the opinion the Company have not complied with Mr. McGeorge's report, and are not entitled to exact toll on the road.

I also beg to enclose an account of Mr. McGeorge's fees for making an inspection of the road, and attendance as a witness in the Police Court, at my request, which I think should be paid.—I have the honor to be, etc.,

Chatham, June 16th, 1881.

CHAS. E. PEGLEY.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT.

To His Honor the Judge of the County Court of the County of Kent:—

The Grand Jury having now disposed of all matters to be brought before them, beg to present:—That so far as the necessity for a new Court House is concerned, they coincide with the views expressed by your Honor in addressing them. It is quite evident that the present building is insufficient for the combined purposes of a Court House and Gaol, and the desirability of the former being situated nearer the Town is too apparent to need further comment. In the course of a short time this must necessarily be brought about, and the present building can be used entirely for Gaol purposes. Under the present system the Gaol accommodation is entirely inadequate and prevents proper classification of prisoners.

The Grand Jury would advise the continuance of the present Telephonic communication between the Court House and Town, alike desirable for Court purposes and for Gaol communication with the Police and Fire Halls.

The Grand Jury have inspected the Gaol and have much pleasure in testifying to the model manner in which it is in every way conducted by its officers.

They congratulate the County on the lightness of the Criminal Calendar, and acknowledge their obligations to the learned Crown Attorney for his assistance.—All of which they beg to present.

(Signed),

S. G. JUDSON, FOREMAN.

REPORTS.

COUNTY AUDITORS.

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

We, the undersigned, Auditors for the County of Kent, beg to report:—That having audited the Accounts of the County Treasurer for the year 1880, we find them correct; also, the vouchers for the different disbursements properly filed and entered. We find the total receipts by that Officer to be for the year 1880, the sum of \$87,829 07, while the total disbursements for the same period to be \$78,982 42.

Every courtesy and assistance that could be required by us was given by that Officer and his assistant during our audit.

We would most respectfully recommend to the consideration of the Council the suggestions submitted in the Auditors' Report for 1879.

We have also audited the accounts of the Sub Treasurers of School moneys for the different Municipalities. We find the following balances in their hands on the 1st of March, 1881:—

Municipality of Harwich.....	\$ 682 37	Municipality of Chatham & Gore	\$697 95
“ Tilbury East.....	111 54	“ Orford.....	502 95
“ Raleigh.....	393 28	Chatham High School,.....	219 84
“ Howard.....	200 71	Municipality of Zone.....	192 37
“ Dover E. & W.....	239 88		
“ Camden.....	171 08		
“ Romney.....	138 67		
			\$3549 74

All of which is most respectfully submitted.—We have the honor to be, etc.,

Chatham, 7th June, 1881.

JOHN DUCK,
W. MCKENZIE ROSS, } Auditors.

GAOL SURGEON.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith submit my Annual Report of the number of Prisoners treated by me, with their different diseases and the results of treatment, for the part year ending June 15, 1881:—

Diseases.	No. cases.	Result.	Diseases.	No. cases.	Result.
Ulcers.....	2	Improved.	Epilepsy.....	2	No improvem't.
Delirium tremens....	4	Recovered.	Acute Rheumatism,...	1	Recovered.
Colic,.....	2	“	Chronic “.....	2	No improvem't.
Intermittent fever, ..	6	“	Heart disease,.....	2	“
Diarrhoea,.....	4	“	Bronchitis,.....	2	Recovered.
Insanity.....	3	Sent to Asylum	Carbuncle,.....	1	“
Gonorrhoea.....	4	Recovered.	Cholera Morbus,.....	2	“
Congestion of Liver. .	1	“	Syphilis,.....	2	Improved.
Inflam'ation of bowels,	1	“	Coughs,.....	4	Recovered.
Abscess.....	2	“	Ague,.....	3	“
General debility,....	2	Improved.	Constipation.....	4	“
Injury.....	2	Recovered.	Sciatica.....	1	“
Consumption.....	1	No better.			

The number of chronic cases in Gaol for the past year has been great, owing to the Magistrates sending all the lame, halt and blind pauper up as vagrants; and this practice is on the increase, putting the County to a good deal of unnecessary expense for their maintenance. There has been no epidemic in the Prison, and this is due to the careful manner and clean condition in which it is kept by the Gaoler.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. L. BRAY, Gaol Surgeon

SCHOOL INSPECTOR, WEST KENT.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN.—I have the honor to submit the following report on Educational matters in West Kent for the year 1880:—

The total number of recognized Schools and Departments in operation during the year was 62, classified as follows:—Village Public Schools (Wallaceburg), 3; Village R.C.S. Schools (Wallaceburg), 1; Rural Public Schools, 55; Rural R.C.S. Schools, 3.

In these Schools there were employed 2 Teachers holding 1st Class Provincial Certificates; 14 holding 2nd Class do.; 3 holding 1st Class old County Board do.; 3 holding 2nd do.; 40 holding 3rd Class new do. Among these were 14 female teachers.

Salaries ranged from \$500 to \$300 for male teachers, the average being \$403 38; while for females the average salary paid was \$318 95.

Great, however, as is the variation in salaries paid to male teachers, it does not far, if at all, exceed the differences in the actual value of the work done by the different recipients. Whence it appears that after all that has been done towards bringing the standard of qualification to the same level for all holding Certificates of the same grade, the results are still not generally satisfactory. Nevertheless it is gratifying to be able to state that the percentage of Schools in which good work is done seems steadily increasing. A plan for testing in a uniform manner the work done in the Schools in West Kent is in course of preparation, and, when completed, will be submitted to the various Township Councils for their consideration.

As to financial matters the total amount received from all sources by the Trustees for the year 1880, was \$33,895 38, all of which was expended for School purposes except \$4912 57, remaining as a balance on hand at the close of the year.

The cost per pupil for the 222 teaching days of the School year was \$16.

Out of a total 5208 pupils, between the ages of 5 and 16, whose names appear on the School Registers for the year, the average attendance was only 1838, or about 35 per cent; thus, as it were, leaving 65 out of every 100 of these children who fail to get the benefit of the provision made for their education.

In view of these facts, I shall be glad to see the 5th Section of the School Act of 1881 put into effective operation. By this Section provision is made to appoint an officer in each Section, etc., whose duty it shall be to notify delinquents of their neglect of duty, and the consequences thereof. By the 11th Section of the said Act it is made the duty of every County Council to contribute towards the support of the County Model School, an enactment justified by the general admission that these Schools are becoming more and more effective and beneficial in preparing young teachers for their work.

By the first Section of the School Act of 1880 it is made optional with the Rural Public School Trustees to open School on the 3rd instead of the 18th of August, although the additional attendance cannot be considered in distributing the grants.

There plainly appear to be ever-increasing difficulties in satisfactorily arranging School Section boundaries, etc., and I submit herewith a communication from the Minister of Education bearing upon this subject.—I have the honor to be, etc.,

WILMOT M. NICHOLS,

P. S. I., West Kent

Dated this 11th day of June, 1881.

SCHOOL INSPECTOR, EAST KENT.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN.—I have the honor to submit a Report of the Schools in the East Riding of Kent.

There were open during the year 1880, 54 Rural Public Schools, 5 Public Schools in the Incorporated Villages, 2 Public Schools in the Town of Bothwell, 1 Roman Catholic Separate School, and 24 additional and distinct departments of Rural, Village and Town Schools, taught in separate rooms. One of the said departments was

only open for about three months, and another for six months. The Education Department recognized 82 Schools and Departments out of 86.

The total amount received by the Trustees from all sources, with a balance of \$6,597 53½ on hand from 1879 included, amounted to \$60,132 31½. The amounts expended were:—For Teachers' salaries, \$28,839 08; purchase of Books, Maps, Apparatus, etc., \$98 81; Buildings and Sites, \$14,258 45; sundries, \$5,490 04½—making a total expenditure of \$48,686 38½. The balance on hand on the 31st Dec'r ult., was \$11,445 93, which is \$4848 40½ more than it was at the commencement of the year. The financial report of the Town of Bothwell is not included in the above.

There are 66 School-houses, viz:—2 log, 46 frame, and 18 brick. Of these, 3 new brick and 1 frame house were built in 1880. If the school-house is "an index of the character of the neighborhood," the ratepayers of School Section No. 1, Howard, occupy an enviable position for the true and "generous spirit of intelligence" which they have exhibited in cordially co-operating with their energetic and sagacious Trustees in taking their children, I will not say out of a miserable and delapidated school-house—for although they were willing an incendiary did that for them—but in literally taking them out of the deep mud of the old school site and putting them into a very handsome, substantial and comfortable building, which is in harmony with the wealth of the community and the fine country in which it is situated, and of which it is a conspicuous and pleasing object. It is situated on an excellent site which enables the Trustees to have not only a furnace room but also a covered play-ground under the school-house, to be used during wet and stormy weather. The school-house and site cost about \$2492. During the current year four new brick school-houses, now under contract, will be built, and when finished will compare favorably with those in other School Sections.

There were, on the 31st day of Dec'r, 83 Teachers. One of these was an A. B.; 2 held 1st Class Certificates; 1 old County Board Certificate; 28 2nd Class Certificates; and the rest 3rd Class Certificates. The highest salary paid was \$700 per annum, the lowest \$325 to male Teachers, if we except S. S. No. 9½, Harwich; and the average to male Teachers was \$433 70, and to female Teachers \$267 85, not including the Town of Bothwell. Twenty-three Teachers had attended the Normal School.

The number of children between the ages of 5 and 16 in this Riding was 5983, and the total number of pupils of all ages entered on the daily Register during the past year was 6449, of which 3505 were boys and 2994 were girls.

About 56 per cent. attended school less than 100 days; 23 per cent. attended between 100 and 150 days; 19 per cent. attended between 150 and 200 days, and not 3 per cent. attended over 200 days. The average attendance, if based on the total number enrolled during the year and the aggregate attendance for each half-year, would give for the first half-year 63 3-20 days, and for the second half-year 36 9-25 days for each child.

These figures show "how few seem to realize the importance of regularity in school attendance." After a child has entered a class in any school, graded or ungraded, he cannot afford to lose a day or even a lesson. Teachers are continually complaining of the irregular attendance of their pupils, and of the unsatisfactory results of their labors. Unless parents or guardians are able and willing to attend to their children's lessons, when they are absent from school, they should not allow anything to prevent their children from attending school short of ill health or what would lead to ill health. Frequent absence creates an aversion for school work, and leads to truancy and other evils. People in general are convinced of the reasonableness of compulsory education, and in some localities they have made some efforts to enforce compulsory attendance; but as the reports show that 704 between the ages of 7 and 12, have not attended any school for at least four months of the year, more stringent measures are required, or the law in that behalf will become a dead letter. The clause relating to compulsory attendance has been altered; it now includes children between the ages of 7 and 13, and "the whole time in each week for which the school is open," and "for the periods of eleven weeks in each of the two terms of the Public School year."

The cost per annum for each pupil, estimated on the number of pupils entered on the daily registers and the amount paid to teachers was \$4.40; if estimated on the number of pupils entered on the daily registers and the total expenditure, it was \$7.49. Under no other system than that of free schools could such results be obtained.

The schools have made as much progress as could reasonably have been expected from them, when the various hindrances to their progress are taken into consideration.

As public opinion has not been sufficiently advanced to adopt the Township Boards instead of our present school sections system, and as there is much mis-conception about its merits, the question ought to be submitted annually, in the same manner to the school meetings for discussion, for the purpose of eliciting fuller information and familiarizing the public mind to its advantages, as the question of the abolishment of the rate bill system, and the introduction of the free-school system was submitted. But in the meantime other methods should be sought, by means of which the taxation for the support of Public Schools in rural sections could be made to be more equitable. I find from the returns made to me by the Township Clerk and the Public School Trustees, belonging to the same Township, that the school rate required to meet the ordinary expenses for the year 1880, varied from 2½ mills to 4¼ mills. The Section that paid the 2¼ mills, received from the Collector the sum of \$359.66½, from the Legislative Grant \$51.12, and from the Municipal Assessment \$57.06; the cost per pupil estimated on the number of pupils entered on the register during the year, and the amount paid as teacher's salary, was \$3.26, and it paid the teacher a salary of \$443.75 per annum. The Section that paid the 4¼ mills, to have received the same amount from the Collector, would have required a rate of 3 7-10 mills, nearly; it received from the Legislative Grant \$18.08, and from the Municipal Assessment \$19.33; the cost per pupil estimated as above was \$8.51, and paid its teacher a salary of \$400 per annum. It will be found on further investigation, that as a rule, after allowing for the difference of the assessed value of property, the smaller and poorer sections, when compared with the larger and wealthier sections, are assessed at a higher rate for school purposes, receive less from Government and Municipal Grants, and their children less in educational value for the money expended. The above illustrates some of the injustice done under our present system to the smaller and poorer sections.

At the next July Examinations for Teachers' Certificates, there will be no Third-Class Examination Papers, and as all Candidates for Third-Class Certificates will be obliged to take the Intermediate Examination Papers, which, so far as the subjects of examination are concerned, will be the same as for the Second-Class teachers, and the answers to them will be examined by the Central Committee of Examiners, consequently there will be a reduction in the expenses of the County Board of Examiners.

The 11th Clause of the School Act of 1881, makes it imperative for "County Councils to provide and levy in each year an amount equal to the amount apportioned or paid by the Education Department in support of County Model Schools." These schools have amply vindicated their claim, in the past, to your confidence and support, by their usefulness in training teachers for their work; but much better work would have been done if the Model School term had been extended to December 31st.

The meetings of the East Kent Teachers' Association have been fairly attended, and a reasonable amount of Institute work done. During the year a few more books were added to their library, and about \$30 expended for educational magazines and papers, for the purpose of circulating them among the teachers in addition to those taken privately by the members.—I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

EDMUND B. HARRISON,

P. S. I., East Kent.

Ridgetown, June 11th, 1881.

DELEGATES RE ERIE & HURON RAILWAY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—We, your delegates appointed at the January Session of this Council to go to Toronto to watch the legislation regarding the Erie & Huron Railway, beg leave to report as follows:—

That on learning from our representatives, Messrs. Robinson and McCraney, when the matter was likely to come before the Railway Committee, procured from Mr. Pegley, County Solicitor, a draft of the amendments required in accordance with your resolution, and the same was filed with the Clerk of the House as soon as possible. Mr. Manning's Solicitor having examined those amendments, a meeting was arranged at Manning's residence, as he was ill at the time.

After several meetings had been held, at which Messrs. McKellar, McNabb, Fer-

guson (Manning's Solicitor) Trerice and Webster of Dresden, Fraser of Wallaceburg, David Wilson of Harwich (who stopped on his return from Ottawa and gave us his assistance), was present. It was finally arranged that the Bill should be allowed to go through Committee on the terms agreed upon, which is now before you in the Statutes of last Session.

Though not instructed by your Council, we then arranged for an interview with the Hon. Mr. Mowat for the purpose of pressing upon him the necessity of granting Government aid to the road. Mr. Mowat listened attentively to our request, and promised that the Government would give the matter its earnest consideration, and did grant, for forty miles, \$30 75 per mile.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Council Chamber, June 15, 1881.

WM. HICKEY,
JOHN FERGUSON.

DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee to whom was referred certain Drainage Assessments made against the County in the year 1878, beg to report that we have looked carefully into the matter, and find that all notices required by Statute were duly served upon the Warden of that year in respect of the undermentioned drains. That no appeal was made against any of the amounts charged against the County; that it is now too late to question the correctness of such assessments; and would therefore recommend payment of said assessments if, on certificates being furnished your Treasurer of the completion of the works and cost thereof, same be found to have cost the amount originally estimated; if not, that only the proper proportion of the cost be paid by the County:—

1. The Trembly Government Drain, Tilbury West; \$22.04 for 22 years.
 2. The South branch of the Pike Creek Drain, Camden, \$18.
 3. The Crowell Creek Drain, Camden, \$44.82.
 4. The Duffus Drain, Howard, \$190.00.
 5. The Alexander Drain, Howard, \$20.00.
5. The McSween Drain, Tilbury East. The cost of construction of this Drain was considerably under the Engineer's estimate. We have therefore proportioned the amount chargeable to the County, which is \$46.70.—Respectfully submitted.

Chatham, 14th June, 1881.

WM. HICKEY,
C. G. CHARTERIS.

WALLACEBURG BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—On the opening of navigation this year, your Committee had the Wallaceburg Bridges spanning the River Sydenham examined, and found that in order to prevent accident and protect the Bridges it was necessary to make certain repairs thereon. Owing to the nature of the work it was impossible to make plans and specifications, so as to let the work by tender. So they employed a competent man to take charge and employed such assistance as he required, and completed the necessary repairs in a satisfactory manner. The cost of said repairs was \$102.30, for which sum your Committee have given orders to the parties on the County Treasurer. The Bridges are now in a good state of repair.—Respectfully submitted.

Council Chamber, 17th June, 1881.

L. H. JOHNSON,
WM. HICKEY.

DRESDEN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioners on the Dresden Bridge beg leave to report as follows:—That they have found it necessary to do some small repairs on said Bridge, a copy of which is herewith presented.—Respectfully submitted.

Chatham, June 16, 1881.

WM. HICKEY, }
R. KIMMERLY, } Commissioners.

MORAVIAN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee appointed at the January Session of 1880 to superintend the rebuilding of the Moravian Bridge, beg leave to further report as follows:

1. The Committee met at the site of the Bridge on the 10th of Feb'y, and found the work completed in a satisfactory manner, and the Chairman instructed to issue an order on the Treasurer for the balance of amount due the contractors—\$1900.

2. The bents supporting the approach nearest the pier on the North side of the river being unsafe on account of decay, the caretaker was ordered to put in temporary braces so as to render it secure during the spring freshets.

3. A pair of wrenches to fit the nuts of the suspension rods, were ordered to be procured for the use of the caretaker.

4. A report of the completion of the work was forwarded to the Indian Department at Ottawa, through Mr. Beattie, the Agent at Highgate, and the reply is enclosed herewith.

5. The approach on the North side of the river is in an unsafe condition, being much decayed, and your Committee would recommend that immediate steps be taken to have it rebuilt.

The approach on the South side of the river was ordered to be repaired by the Warden, the contract having been let by the Chairman of the Committee to A. Marcus at \$60, which was paid out of the funds standing to the credit of the Bridge.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. E. VOGLER, Chairman.

JOHN BEATTIE, Indian Agent, Highgate.

OTTAWA, 27th May, 1881.

SIR.—In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., applying on behalf of the County Council for the proportion of the cost of the Bridge across the River Thames which the Indians agreed, with the sanction of His Excellency in Council, to pay, as the Bridge in question adjoins their Reserve, I have to inform you that upon referring to the papers in this matter it is found that in your letter of the 5th April, 1880, you stated that the Bridge Committee had let the contract for the sum of \$3,659, and upon that understanding a recommendation was made to the Council, that one-tenth of that amount should be contributed from Indian funds towards said bridge, that is \$365.90. The amount now asked from Indian funds is \$386.90, being \$21.00 in excess of the amount authorized by Order in Council.

I need hardly say that no more than the amount promised can be paid, and until the Department is advised that the approaches to the bridge, which you describe as being old and in such condition as soon to require repairs, formed no part of the contract above referred to, (as if they were included therein, the work has not been completed), the Department cannot well pay the amount in full.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

L. VANKOUGHNET, Dept. Supt. of Indian Affairs.

MR. VOGLER, Chairman Bridge Com., Bothwell.

INDIAN OFFICE, Highgate, 6th June, 1881.

SIR,—I herewith enclose you a copy of a letter, which I received from the Indian Department in answer to a requisition from the Indians, and a letter from myself for the money to pay the one-tenth of the cost of the bridge across the river Thames, adjoining the Indian Reserve. You will see that the Department find fault for the Committee asking for more money than the contract price, and also that the approaches should be put in good repair before they will pay the amount in full.

I think you had better lay the copy of Mr. Vankoughnet's letter before your Committee, and hear what they have to say about the matter, and let me know what you think will be done in the matter.—Yours truly,

JOHN BEATTIE,

Indian Agent, Highgate.

GENTLEMEN,—I, as caretaker of the Moravian Bridge, beg to report to your honorable body the state of the bridge at the present time. The main part of the bridge is complete, excepting a few bolts at each end want to be tightened up. The approaches are in a very dangerous condition at present, some of the timbers on each side being very rotten. I would recommend they be attended to immediately. A notice at each end is much needed, to prevent people from driving fast over the Bridge.—Yours,

A. MARCUS.

BOTHWELL BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee met on the 17th of February at Bothwell. The Warden, McGeorge and Martin; Ferguson absent. Likewise, Committee from Elgin, four in number, and the Warden; likewise, five from Middlesex. All of them went to the Bridge, and after careful examination, resolved that owing to the Bridge being cased with lumber they could not conclude on the best plan of repairs.

They all went to Bothwell, and there met, forming a Committee of the Whole, B. Waterworth, Reeve of Mosa, in the chair, Mr. Rathburn, Reeve of Glencoe, Secretary, and after many plans being talked over, it was resolved that Robt. Martin, Reeve of Bothwell, should be appointed as Commissioner, to have the Bridge repaired, and that he should proceed to have the old lumber taken off the Bridge at once, and on the 25th the Engineers from each county should meet there, and give the Commissioner orders how to have the repairs done.

ROBERT MARTIN, Chairman.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

On the 25th Mr. McGeorge came, but none of the others. Mr. McGeorge instructed your Commissioner how to proceed. Your Commissioner wrote to the others asking when could they come, but got no reply. He then wrote to the Warden of Elgin. In his reply he stated he regretted much their Engineer did not put in an appearance, but said to go on with the repairs and make as good and cheap a job as possible, and when done to notify him and he would come and see the Bridge. Then the Engineer wrote he could not possibly come, but he did not see any reason why Commissioner could not carry out Mr. McGeorge's plans on the Bridge.

Your Commissioner begs to report the expenses as follows:—

Taking off old lumber on bridge, \$ 33 00	Telegraphing and postage \$ 1 00
Expenses looking after materials and men, 36 50	Meeting Committee to rec. bridge 2 00
596 ft oak timber, at \$2.10 P m. got from Henry Bloom, 125 16	Team to bridge (2 diff. times), 2 00
Oak plank from O. Crowell, 24 96	Meeting Committee at Chatham, 3 15
“ D. McLaren, 145 00	Commission selling lumber, 1 day 2 00
Iron from McKeough, 157 47	Advertising lumber on bridge, 0 50
Men's wages for work, 338 75	
Teaming, 46 00	Cr.—By sale of old lumber to C. Clark and A. Smith, . . \$21 00
Freight, 3 73	Keg nails ret. to McKeough, 5 02 26 02
2 pieces Timber, 6 75	
Hire of Jack screw, 1 00	
Spike Nails, 1 23	
Nails, 1 00	
Cost of chain lost, 1 75	
Blacksmith's bill, 32 50	
100 lbs. cast iron washers at \$3½, 3 25	
Work ordered by Mr. Ware, Eng. 10 00	
	\$972 70
	\$946 68
	TOTAL EXPENSES APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS:
	Kent (½) \$473 35
	Middlesex (2-10), 189 33
	Elgin (3-10), 284 00
	\$946 68

To the Warden and County Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—As there appears to be some hesitancy on the part of Elgin and Middlesex in regard to the payments connected with the repairs of the Bothwell Bridge, I beg to report to your honorable body my action in that matter. After last meeting of your honorable body it was arranged that your Committee should meet a Committee at Bothwell from Middlesex, as also one from Elgin; and at the time appointed these Committees met. At their meeting it was arranged that the Bridge should be stripped of its covering by Mr. Robert Martin, Reeve of Bothwell, and that then the Engineers should meet and decide upon the work necessary to be done, and that Mr. Martin should then proceed to have said work done under his own supervision. Before leaving Bothwell on the day of the meeting, the Engineers for Middlesex and Elgin arranged with myself for a meeting at the Bridge on a certain day, and on the appointed day I went to the Bridge and found that neither of the others put in an

appearance. I then examined the Bridge, which was now stripped of the encasing lumber, and I had no hesitation in coming to the conclusion that it was exceedingly dangerous to leave it for any length of time in its then unsafe condition, the central span which was built up of timber much too slight, being liable at any minute to go down. I indicated to Mr. Martin my views in regard to the work necessary, and what I considered the easiest method of strengthening the trusses of the central span, and requested him to communicate with the others, and I understand it was done. However, Mr. Martin proceeded with the work under my plan and directions, and after he had it under way the Engineer from Elgin visited the Bridge, and found fault with the work generally, and without suggesting any improvement or communicating directly with me, I understand, requested Mr. Martin to have me go to Bothwell to meet him, to set aside what was done, and begin anew on some plan of his own devising, and this I was not then prepared to do. I may say now that the Bridge has been repaired on the general plan I laid down, and that all the repairs have been made without stopping for a day the traffic over it, and that in my opinion the Bridge is good for many years to come, and that the cost is not excessive.—I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant.

W. G. McGEORGE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to examine the accounts of Mr. Martin, Chairman of Committee, report we have not been able to come to any definite conclusion, and would recommend that you extend the time further.

JOHN FERGUSON, Chairman.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report as follows:—That Jabez Ellie be appointed caretaker of Bothwell Bridge, at a salary of \$5 per annum.

That the sum of \$5 be granted to clean the dirt off Thamesville Bridge.

That the several sums asked for to repair the Town Lines, and the sum asked for to repair the approach to Moravia Bridge, be not entertained; and that the matter referred to in the report of the caretaker of the Moravian Bridge be referred to the Warden, to have the portion belonging to this County repaired, and to employ an Engineer if he deems it necessary.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. MARTIN, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Education beg leave to report that in the matter of a petition from Joseph Randall and six others, ratepayers of the Township of Raleigh, respecting certain charges made in School Section Nos 7 & 8 of said Township, praying that the case be investigated, in accordance with Chap. 204, Sec. 88, of the Statutes of Ontario, we beg leave to report that in the absence of any copies of petition said to be presented to the Township Council of Raleigh, or any other evidence in the matter, your Committee would suggest that the petition be referred back to the petitioners or laid over for further information on the subject.

In reference to the report of Edmund B. Harrison, School Inspector for East Kent, the principal barrier to the furtherance of Education seems to be the lack of the enforcement of compulsory education. Your Committee would recommend for your consideration that some better method of more effectually carrying out the School Law in this respect be devised.

We approve of the suggestion made by Mr. Nichol to submit to the annual School meetings the question of adopting Township Boards instead of the present system of School Sections.

Your Committee would also suggest in the matter referred to in Mr. Harrison's report about increased School accommodation, that the members of this Council, in their several Municipalities, draw the attention of School Trustees to the necessity of increased and better School accommodation.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

MATTHEW MARTIN, Chairman.

PRINTING.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Printing beg leave to report that we, on March 5th, received offers from the three newspaper offices in Chatham for County Printing for the current year. After carefully examining and comparing the same we awarded the contract to Mr. Gemmill, of THE BANNER Office, his tender being the lowest.—All of which is most respectfully submitted.

BENJ. WILLSON, Chairman.

COUNTY PROPERTY.

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

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on County Property beg leave to report as follows:—

1. That shortly after the last January Session, we received a notice to give up possession of the room used as an office by the County Clerk, as it was the intention of the proprietor to rebuild the premises; we selected a new office from the several places that were offered, and obtained two most suitable and convenient rooms in the Post Office Block, on the corner of King and Fifth streets, belonging to Mr. Barfoot, at a rental of sixty dollars per annum.

2. Mr. Douglas, Clerk of the Peace, made application for improvements. Your Committee visited his office in Eberts' Block, and found the rooms and furniture in a most dilapidated condition; the landlord and Mr. Douglas were present, and offered to repair the plaster, paper the walls, paint the wood-work, replace broken glass, &c., on condition that your Committee would cause furniture to be repaired, put on window blinds, and matting or oil cloth on the floor, provide a new table, also a case of pigeon holes to hold tin boxes for filing away papers. This your Committee agreed to do. We have now much pleasure in reporting to your Honorable Body that the work has been satisfactorily done at a cost of about \$100 to the county. The office of the Clerk of the Peace now presents a creditable and tasteful appearance, in keeping with its importance.

3. Your Committee had an application from Mr. Halle respecting the insurance of County Property. We applied to Mr. Charteris, who has had charge of this Department for many years. He furnished a statement, which we submitted to a Sub-Committee composed of the Warden, Treasurer and Chairman, who reported that all the property is insured in good, first-class Companies, and at current rates; also, that they had effected an insurance on the new Moravian Bridge, and with the others included in the following Schedule:—

Property Insured.	Name of Office.	Rate %	Amt. insured.	Yearly Prem.	When payable.
High School,.....	Phoenix.....	4	\$4,500	\$33 75	30th June.
Gaol and Court House.....	".....	4	10,000	62 50	16th March.
" ".....	British America,	4	10,000	62 50	17th Jan'y.
Tecumseh Bridge.....	Phoenix.....	1	4,000	40 00	20th Oct.
Wallaceburg Bridge E B.....	Imperial.....	1 1/2	3,000	45 00	10th Sept.
" ".....	N. B. ".....	1 1/2	2,000	30 00	10th Sept.
Dresden Bridge.....	Comm'l Union..	1 1/2	2,000	25 00	1st March.
Gaoler's House.....	" ".....	4	1,000	7 60	30th Dec'r.
Moravian Bridge.....	Imperial.....	1	3,000	30 00	16th May.
			\$39,500	\$338 25	

4. Your Committee recommend that the Insurance Policy on the High School be transferred to the Trustees, so that the yearly payment be placed in their Estimates and the amount collected by them, as the School law directs.

5. Your Committee would further recommend that the County Treasurer be instructed to have the Insurance Policy on Dresden Bridge transferred to the Corporation of Dresden, in the event of their attaining the position of a Town.

6. Your Committee would further recommend that Mr. Douglas, Clerk of the Peace, be allowed room in the vault of the old Registry Office to file away old papers as requested by him, and that the same privilege be extended to other County Officers who may require a like accommodation.

7. Your Committee had some repairs made on the roof of the new Registry Office, replacing some zinc that was blown off by the strong winds that prevailed in the spring. The slates do not cover the cornice at the gable ends, the cornice forming a

tube, causing a current of wind which shakes and destroys the slates. Your Committee intend to have this defect remedied when they can procure a competent person skilled in slate work.

8. Your Committee would recommend that the shed at the new Registry Office be extended twenty-four feet further at the North end, as the building is not now sufficient in size for the amount of coal and wood that requires to be stored there.

9. That in reference to the application of Mr. McKellar to have the Registry Office re-arranged in the interior, with a view to give more accommodation, we recommend as this matter is not of pressing nature, that it be laid over till next year, to consider whether an extension would not be more economical than the proposed alterations.

10. Your Committee has much satisfaction in reporting to your Honorable Body that the balance due the County, for the past nine months, for the first payment on the Industrial Farm, has, under the decree in Chancery in the suit Kent vs. Northwood, been paid into the hands of the Solicitor, and that the mortgage for the balance has been executed, and is now in possession of the County Treasurer; said mortgage will readily sell at its face value without any loss.

11. The following is an abstract of the expenditure made by your Committee since last Session :—

Office Furniture, Stoves, Bookcases, &c.....	\$ 186 05
Coal Account	60 78
Allowance to Judge Bell	10 00
T. F. Chapman, Registry and County Court Office books.....	24 00
Cartage, repairs at Gaol, &c.....	19 40
	8300 23

12. We would recommend that the communication from the Master of Chancery, for improvements in his office, that the same be laid over for further consideration.

13. In reference to the application of Mr. McKellar and Mr. Halle, for telephones to the Registry Office and Court House, at the expense of the County, your Committee cannot recommend these proposals. We are of opinion that communication by telephone is of the same nature as telegraph messages, and ought to be paid for in the same way by parties interested.

14. In reference to the accounts of Thomas Stone and John Mercer, for oil cloth, desks, &c., for the Sheriff's Office, your Committee will examine the work and material used, also consider its necessity. As no application was made to us or your Honorable Body, we cannot in the meantime recommend payment of the same or any portion thereof, until a proper and searching enquiry is made in the matter, and we would suggest that in the future no bills or accounts be entertained unless for orders made by the heads of Committees in a regular and proper manner—All of which is most respectfully submitted.

DAVID WILSON, Chairman.

June 17th, 1881.

EQUALIZATION.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent :—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to equalize the Assessment Rolls, beg leave to report that they have examined the Assessment Rolls, and have equalized the same. Schedule No. 1 is herewith submitted, and recommended that it be adopted.

We also submit Schedule No. 2, showing the amount to be paid by each Municipality, within the group required to pay the Erie & Huron Railway bonus, and recommend that the same be adopted.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, 18th June, 1881.

JOHN FERGUSON, Chairman.

FINANCE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :—

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:—

1. We have examined the several matters and accounts referred to us, and would recommend that the following accounts be paid, viz.:—

W. R. Dobbyn, advertising meetings of County Council.....	\$ 3 34
Wm. Berry & Son, wood for Offices,	2 00

W. G. McGeorge, C. E., inspecting Bothwell Bridge,.....	\$83 75		
“ “ “ “ inspecting Moravian Bridge	5 55		
“ “ “ “ examination of St. Clair Plank & Gr. Road, two days' attendance at Police Court,.....	8 00		
George Morgan, 1 day on County Property Committee,.....	\$ 2 00	52 30	
L. Sherman, 1 day on Moravian Bridge Committee,.....	“ 2 00	2 00	
“ “ “ “ 1 day on County Property Committee.....	“ 2 00	4 00	
A. Blackburn, 1 day on Printing Committee.....	“ 2 00	2 00	
R. Martin, 1 day on Moravian Bridge Committee,.....	“ 2 00	4 00	
L. H. Johnson, 2 days on Wallaceburg Bridges,	“ 4 00	4 00	
James Holmes, Stationery for Clerk's Office	“ 11 70	4 00	
J. G. Mountford, 2 days on County Property Committee.....	“ 4 00	4 00	
T. L. Parth, 2 “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	“ 4 00	6 00	
L. E. Vogler, 3 days on Moravian Bridge	“ 8 00	8 00	
David Wilson, 4 days on County Property Committee,.....	“ 8 00	16 00	
“ “ “ “ 2 days and expenses in Toronto, in connection with Erie & Huron Railway legislation,.....	“ 8 00	36 33	
C. E. Pegley, legal services and disbursements, as per bill, Wm. Hickey, 8 days and expenses in Toronto, in connection with Erie & Huron Railway legislation,.....	“ \$41 25		
“ “ “ “ Bothwell Bridge Committee, 3 days and expenses.....	“ 11 75		
“ “ “ “ 2 days on Standing Com. and 1 day sub-Com. Insurance, 1 day on Drainage Assmt. with County Treasurer.....	“ 2 00	61 00	
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	“ 6 25	6 25	
S. & E. F. Stephenson, printing	“ 3 20	3 20	
2. Your Committee would further recommend that the sum of \$25 be granted the 24th Battalion Band. 3. Also \$4 to Wm. Wemp, High Constable, for dispersing a crowd of roughs from London, in the Township of Chatham. 4. The accounts of Sheriff Mercer, amounting to \$85, and Thos. Stone, we refer to the County Property Committee, and would recommend that in future no accounts for supplies or repairs to the County Property be paid, unless ordered by the proper Committees. 5. The application for the purchase of handcuffs for the Town of Bothwell we can- not entertain. 6. We would further recommend that the application of the Gaoler, Robt. Mercer, for what he claims as restitution of salary, as also the application for increase of salary of the County Treasurer, be not entertained. 7. The account of Jas. Rielly, for scrubbing, and removing stoves in the County Offices, we cannot entertain, as we deem it a part of his duties to perform the ser- vices rendered. 8. We recommend that the Warden be paid mileage at the rate of five cents per mile, for every mile necessarily travelled by him within the County, while in the dis- charge of his duties during the present year. 9. That the Ridgeway Mechanics' Institute be granted \$50 for 1881. 10. That the amount of former appropriation for the Ridgeway lock-up, amount- ing to \$300, be paid. 11. With reference to the acct for advertising Division Court Notices for ¼ of year 1880, we recommend that the Warden be instructed to confer with the Co. Solicitor and act accordingly—All of which is respectfully submitted.			

L. E. VOGLER, Chairman Finance Com.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 398.

A BY-LAW to raise the sum of \$20,438 26 to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent for 1881, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

PASSED 18th June, 1881.

WHEREAS it is requisite and necessary to raise the sum of \$20,438 26 to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent, and for raising \$4180, more or less, 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.

1. That in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one there shall be raised, levied and collected from and off all the ratable property in the County of Kent the sum of \$20,438 26, for the following purposes:—

Deficiency in amt. raised in '80,	\$5898 86	Salaries Treas'r, Clerk & Auditors	\$1868 00
Bridges at Wallaceburg, repairs ac.	84 77	Councillors' wages,	1600 00
East Kent Agricultural Society,	250 00	Caretaker of Offices,	245 00
West Kent " " "	500 00	School Superintendence,	895 00
Board of Audit,	48 00	Grant to Town Chatham for free	
Registry Office for Books,	140 00	Bridges	300 00
Gaol & Court House furnishings,	11 00	Raleigh & Tilbury E. divert'd line	200 00
Town of Chatham, balance due		Dresden Bridge for swinging and	
under award,	5000 00	caretaking	60 00
" 1 year's interest thereon,	300 00	Wallaceburg Bridges	150 00
Engineering and Surveying,	50 00	Wallaceburg diverted T. L. road,	100 00
Dresden Bridge repairs,	17 00	Trembley Govt. drain, due Govt.	
Kent Bridge " "	21 00	for 1870, '79, '80 & '81,	95 26
Grants to 24th Kent Batt. Band,	75 00	McSween drain, Tilbury East,	46 70
Debentures to retire, \$3000 00		South branch Pike C'k dr. Camden	18 00
Less payable by Town		Crowell's Creek drain, Camden,	44 82
of Chatham	499 99	Duffus drain, Howard	100 00
Interest on Debentures \$1535 00		Alexander drain,	20 00
Less payable by Town	255 83	Bothwell Bridge repairs, propor-	
Selectors of Jurors	139 60	tion payable by Kent	500 00
Office Furniture acct.	200 00	Grant to improve Rond Eau Har-	
High School for Master, (equal to		bor, North shore	300 00
Govt. grant, more or less)	700 00		
Gov. drain, Tilbury E. & Raleigh	11 42		\$31590 59
" Romney	22 83	LESS THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:	
County Printing	200 00	From Town of Chatham,	
Model School grant	100 00	re award,	\$1400 00
Law expenses,	100 00	From Town of Chatham,	
Ridgetown Lock up	300 00	rent of Gaol & Regis-	
Coroners' orders,	50 00	try Office,	374 33
Payment Criminal Witnesses,	200 00	Registrar, fees payable	
Miscellaneous account	250 00	for 1880	2135 00
Payment of Jurors,	1600 00	Paym't by J. Northwood	
Adm. Justice, not Criminal	3806 00	on Industrial farm,	1893 00
Insurance account	336 25	Mortgage & interest, re	
Fuel for Offices,	250 00	Industrial Farm	5350 11152 33
Public Buildings repairs,	100 00		
Office rent	507 50		\$20438 26

2. That the sum aforesaid shall be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Township, Town 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, 1881, in the following proportions as follows:—

Township of Camden	\$1435 71	Township of Zone,.....	\$ 628 29
“ Chatham,.....	2698 00	Town of Bothwell.....	263 50
“ Dover.....	2179 14	Village of Blenheim,.....	170 00
“ Harwich.....	3659 77	“ Dresden.....	323 00
“ Howard.....	2490 32	“ Ridgetown.....	221 00
“ Orford,.....	1680 39	“ Thamesville.....	153 00
“ Raleigh.....	2617 05	“ Wallaceburg.....	187 00
“ Romney.....	566 99		
“ Tilbury East.....	1165 10		\$20438 26

3. That the sum of \$4224, more or less, to meet the Legislative School Grant for the year 1881, be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Townships within the County of Kent, to meet the Government grant apportioned to them for Common School purposes.

4. That it shall be the duty of the County Clerk to notify the Clerks of the several Townships in the County the amount of the Common School grant apportioned to them, in order that the same may be raised according to law.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

WILLIAM HICKEY, WARDEN.

No. 399.

A BY-LAW to raise the sum of \$11,643 30 from Municipalities and parts of Municipalities grouped under By-law No. 319, to aid the Erie & Huron Railway Company.

PASSED 18th June, 1881.

WHEREAS it is requisite and necessary to raise the sum of \$11,643 30 to provide for the payment of interest falling due on the first day of July in the present year, and for the payment of principal and interest falling due on the first day of January, A.D. 1882, on Debentures issued by the County of Kent to aid the Erie and Huron Railway Company.

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; also, of the several Acts relating to the Erie and Huron Railway Company.

1. That in the year A.D. 1881 there shall be raised, levied and collected from and off all the ratable property in that portion of the County of Kent grouped to assist the Erie and Huron Railway Company, under By-law No. 319, (excepting on the Town of Chatham, whose share is arranged by the Separation Award), the sum of \$11,643 30, to meet the payment of interest falling due on the first day of July in this present year, and for the payment of principal and interest falling due on the first day of January, A.D. 1882, on Debentures issued by the County of Kent in aid of the said Erie and Huron Railway Company.

2. And be it further enacted that the sum aforesaid shall be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Municipalities and parts of Municipalities grouped under By-law No. 319, (excepting on the Town of Chatham, whose share is arranged by the Separation Award), and to be paid to the County Treasurer without any deduction whatever, on the 14th day of December, 1881, in the following proportion, as follows:—

Township of Camden, for part grouped,.....	\$1309 64
“ Chatham.....	3285 21
“ Dover, for part grouped,.....	1892 67
“ Harwich.....	4456 32
Village of Blenheim,.....	174 37
“ Dresden,.....	338 79
“ Wallaceburg,.....	186 30

\$11643 30

3. And be it further enacted that the County Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to borrow from the Merchants Bank, or other Chartered Bank, the sum required on the first day of July, 1881, to pay the Coupons for the first half year's interest on said Erie and Huron Railway Debentures, and that it be repaid with interest by

the Treasurer when he receives the same from the Municipalities, as provided by the preceding or second section of this By-law.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

No. 400.

A BY-LAW to confirm the appointment of County Engineer for the County of Kent.

PASSED 18th June, 1881.

WHEREAS a resolution of the County Council of the County of Kent was passed on the 16th day of June, 1881, for the purpose of appointing an Engineer.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, as follows:

1. That William G. McGeorge, P. L. S. & C. E., is hereby confirmed in the appointment of Engineer for the County of Kent.

2. That the said William G. McGeorge, P. L. S. & C. E., shall be paid for his services as they are performed, and not by any specified salary.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

WILLIAM HICKEY, WARDEN.

SCHEDULE No. 1.

STATEMENT from the Assessment Rolls of the County of Kent for the year 1880, and the Equalized Values for the Rate levied for the year 1881.

TOWNSHIPS.	Population on Assm't Rolls.	Tot'l No. of Acres.	Resident Land.				Non-Resident Land.				Personal Property		Total Assessed Value.	Total Equalized value.	Amount of Rate.	
			Acres.	Assessed Value.	Eq'd rate per ac.	Equalized Value.	Acres.	Assessed value.	Eq. rate per acre.	Equalized value.	Assessed value.	Equalized value.				
CAMDEN,	2579	43555	40899	\$ 498860	\$20	\$ 817980	2656	\$192000	\$10 00	\$265600	\$32435		\$ 550495	\$ 844540	\$1435 71	
CHATHAM,	5048	84139	74567	904785	20	1491340	9572	59075	10 00	95720	57815		1021675	1587060	2698 00	
DOVER,	3218	67956	61517	726162	20	1230340	6439	32475	8 00	51512	40425		799062	1281852	2179 14	
HARWICH,	5017	86726	85192	2164567	25	2129800	1534	24840	15 00	23010	103975		2293382	2152810	3659 77	
HOWARD,	3708	58789	58306	1443195	25	1457650	483	5510	15 00	7245	76108		1524813	1464895	2490 32	
ORFORD,	1926	49874	48973	965731	20	979460	901	10690	10 00	90100	42490		1018911	988470	1680 39	
RALEIGH,	4313	71083	66289	1566480	22½	1491502	4794	59616	10 00	47940	66760		1692856	1539442	2617 05	
ROMNEY,	892	26452	18019	279570	15	270285	8432	71905	7 50	63240	19348		370823	333525	566 99	
TILBURY EAST, ..	2477	53230	38151	535075	15	572265	15079	100516	7 50	113092	34575		670166	685357	1165 10	
ZONE,	1378	24948	24330	279880	15½	364950	618	5924	7 50	4635	15789		301593	369585	628 29	
TOWNS AND VILLAGES.																
							Population on Assm't Rolls.	Acres.	Assessed value Real Estate.	Equalized value Real Estate.						
TOWNS AND VILLAGES	}	TOWN OF BOTHWELL	1029	2371	150653	137979	30690	17021	181343	155000	263 50					
		VILLAGE OF BLENHEIM	959	483	169124	84236	15825	15764	184949	100000	170 00					
		“ DRESDEN,	1592	642	337290	163666	35650	26334	372940	190000	323 00					
		“ RIDGETOWN,	1312	660	224790	108297	25475	21703	250265	130000	221 00					
		“ THAMESVILLE,	755	400	64660	77511	10550	12489	75210	90000	153 00					
“ WALLACEBURG	1209	500	173620	90000	10400	20090	184020	110000	189 00							
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SCHEDULE No. 2.

STATEMENT showing the Assessed Value from the Assessment Rolls of 1880; also the Equalized Value for the rate levied for 1881 on that portion of the County of Kent grouped under By-law number 319, to aid and assist the Erie and Huron Railway Company.

Municipalities.	Assessed Value.	Equalized Value.	Amount of rate.
Township of Camden, part grouped.....	\$ 412,395	\$ 632,678	\$1309 64
“ Chatham.....	1,021,675	1,587,060	3285 21
“ Dover, part grouped.....	569,965	914,337	1892 67
“ Harwich.....	2,293,382	2,152,810	4456 32
Village of Blenheim,.....	184,949	84,236	174 37
“ Dresden,.....	372,940	163,666	338 79
“ Wallaceburg,.....	184,020	90,000	186 30
	<u>\$5,039,326</u>	<u>\$5,624,789</u>	<u>\$11,643 30</u>
Town of Chatham, re Separation Award.....			3,638 00
			<u>\$15,218 30</u>

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

DECEMBER SESSION, 1881,

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

—OF THE—

COUNTY OF KENT.

WM. HICKEY.

WARDEN.



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

DECEMBER SESSION—1881.

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 Tuesday, 13th December, 1881.

The Roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councilors.

The Warden addressed the Council relative to the business of the Session.

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

The following communications were read:—

From the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, respecting the County grant of \$300, made at the late June Session, towards the improvement of Raglan Creek on the north shore of Rond Eau Harbor.

From Ed. Robinson, Esq., M. P. P., acknowledging receipt of petition to the Legislature of Ontario, for amendments to the Act relating to dogs.

From the Provincial Secretary, Toronto, acknowledging receipt of petition asking for the abolition of Upper Canada College, and stating that the same had been transferred to the Minister of Education for his consideration.

From the Registrar-General, Toronto, copy of an Act to amend the law respecting the registration of births, marriages and deaths.

From the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, giving notice of the shipment of thirty-nine copies of the Dominion statutes for 1881.

From the County Clerk, Elgin, asking \$5.34 for repairs made on Bothwell bridge approaches.

From the County Clerk, Oxford, respecting taxation on dogs.

From J. W. Sharpe, of Dresden, and six others; from John Duck, Morpeth, and 16 others; from D. McCraney, Bothwell, and 34 others; and from F. S. Jarvis, Chatham, concerning telephonic connection with the Registry Office in Chatham.

From John B. Pike and 38 others, respecting a proposed division of School Sections Nos. 1 and 9 in the Township of Harwich.

From Wm. Wellwood and 6 others, and from H. Larabee and 11 others, respecting Nos. 5 and 7 School Sections in the Township of Raleigh.

From the clerk of the Township of Dover, in reference to the portion of the Erie & Huron bonus rated against said Township for 1881.

From Henry Blum, Orford, asking for compensation for land belonging to him occupied by the south approach of Bothwell bridge; also, sketch and report respecting the same made by Sherman Malcolm, Esq., P. L. S.

From Jas. H. Rielly, care taker of County offices, asking an advance of salary.

The Warden referred the several communications to the Committees to which they belonged.

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

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk,

WM. HICKEY, Warden.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, 14th Dec. 1881.

The Roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councilors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

On motion of Mr. Wilson (Harwich), the report of the Committee respecting vagrants committed to the County Gaol, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, the report of Committee on Bothwell Bridge was read.

Moved by Mr. Martin (Bothwell), seconded by Mr. Wright, That the report now read be laid over, and that the Council go into Committee of the Whole to-morrow on said report. Carried.

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

AFTERNOON SITING.

The Roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councilors.

Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That the Council go into Committee of the Whole on the matter relative to the Assessment for the Erie & Huron Railway, in the amount overcharged to the Township of Dover, in this present year. Carried.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on the following resolution. Mr. Ferguson in the chair:—

Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Purser, That Whereas, it clearly appears that a mistake was made at the June Session of this present year, by the Equalization Committee, on By-law No. 399, on the part grouped in the Township of Dover for the Erie & Huron Railway, in the amount of \$293.33 being overcharged on the said grouped part of Dover. Resolved, That the said amount of \$293.33 be credited to the Township of Dover, to be taken into consideration and allowed at the June Session of the County Council for the year 1882.

After discussing the resolution, on motion the Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again.

Moved by Mr. Martin, (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. Pardo, that the County Clerk call the attention of the several Clerks in the County to the change required in the assessment rolls next year.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Wright, a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Dover was read a first time.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY, CHATHAM, 15th Dec., 1881.

The Roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councilors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Communication was read from Archibald McKellar, President of the Erie and Huron Railway Company, respecting the prospects of having said railway completed.

Various accounts were read and referred to Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Martin (Tilbury East), the report on the Tilbury East and Raleigh Diverted Town line was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, a special report of the Committee on Finance, respecting the County Treasurer's bonds was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the Council again went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. McDonald in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Howard), seconded by Mr. Pardo, that after examining the assessment on that portion of the Township of Dover rated for the Erie & Huron Railway bonus in 1881, it appears that said rate has been struck too high in proportion. Resolved, That a reduction of \$292 be recommended by this Council to be taken from their share by the Equalization Committee next year.—Carried.

Council resumed. The chairman reported that a resolution passed in committee.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Howard,) seconded by Mr. Pardo, that the resolution passed. Committee of the Whole be adopted by this Council.—Carried.

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

Yeas—Councillors Wilson (Harwich), Mountford, Pardo, Irwin, Robinson, Martin (Tilbury East), Johnson, Gosnell, McDonald, Langford, Sherman, Kimmerly, Martin (Bothwell), Moody, Vogler, Purser, Wright, Wilson (Howard), Ferguson and the Warden—20.

Nays—Councillors Caughill, Campbell, Blackburn, McArthur, Stephens, Prangley and Spencer—7.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Kimmerly, that the 18th & 24th rules be suspended for the purpose of moving the Council into Committee of the Whole to discuss the advisability of petitioning the Legislature for an extension of the Erie & Huron Railway Charter, and also for hearing a deputation from the Railway Committee relative thereto. Carried.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. McDonald in the chair. The deputation consisted of Messrs. Woods, Young, Taylor and Wm. McKeough. The three first mentioned gentlemen addressed the Council.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Johnson, that after hearing the deputation on the Erie and Huron Railway, Be it resolved, that a committee composed of Messrs. Johnson, Stephens and Mountford, the Warden, and the mover, be appointed to draft a petition to the Local Legislature, praying to have the Charter of the Erie and Huron railway extended on the same condition as it was in February, 1881.—Carried.

The Council resumed. The chairman reported that a resolution passed.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the resolution passed in Committee of the Whole, be adopted by this Council.—Carried.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors

The following communications were read:

From Robert Dunlop, Esq., J. P., (Mitchell's Bay), asking that a pair of handcuffs be furnished for the use of a constable in the Township of Dover.

From Wm. Douglas, Esq., Clerk of the Peace, with copy of Presentment of the Grand Jury of the General Sessions now sitting. Referred to Com. on Property.

From W. G. McGeorge, Esq., C. E., a report on Bridge over the main stream at Wallaceburg.

From A. Marcus, his report as Caretaker of Moravian bridge. Referred to R. & B. Com.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the Warden and Mr. McGeorge's reports on the north approach of Moravian bridge. Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

The Council resumed. The chairman reported, that said reports on north approach of Moravian bridge were referred to Committee on Roads & Bridges.

On motion, the report of committee was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Kimmerly, the report on Dresden bridge was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the report on the bridge over the main stream at Wallaceburg was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Martin (Bothwell), the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the report of the Bothwell bridge repairs. Mr. McDonald in the chair.

The Council resumed. The chairman reported progress with leave to sit again.

Notice of motion was given.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CRATHAM, 16th Dec., 1881.

The Roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

Mr. Moody presented the report of the Committee on Education.

After hearing several gentlemen within the bar for and against the appointment of a committee (re School Sections 1 and 9, Harwich), on motion of Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), the report was referred back for the purpose of obtaining the advice of the County Solicitor thereon.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, the Council again went into Committee of the Whole on the report of the Committee on Bothwell Bridge repairs. Mr. McDonald in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Martin (Bothwell), seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the report be referred back, to amend the same so that the commissioner's claim against the County of Kent, amounting to \$62 50 be paid, and to be received by him in full of all demands against the said County of Kent, that amount being the balance due of their share for the repairs of the Bothwell Bridge—Carried.

On motion the Council resumed. The chairman reported that a resolution had passed in Committee.

Moved by Mr. Martin (Bothwell), seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the resolution passed in Committee of the Whole be adopted by this Council.—Carried.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councilors.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, the report of the Committee on Bothwell bridge repairs, as amended, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Vogler a supplementary report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Kimmerly, a petition relating to granting bonuses to railways, &c., was read.

Moved by Mr. Kimmerly, seconded by Mr. Prangley, that the petition now read respecting bonuses be adopted, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the Legislature of Ontario, in the usual way.—Carried.

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

Yeas: Councillors Mountford, Irwin, Robinson, McArthur, Johnson, Gosnell, McDonald, Langford, Prangley, Sherman, Kimmerly, Moody, Vogler, Wilson (Howard) Ferguson, and the Warden—16.

Nays:—Councillors Caughill, Wilson (Harwich), Campbell, Blackburn, Stephens, Martin, (Bothwell), Purser, Wright, Spencer and Barry—10.

On motion of Mr. Wilson (Harwich), the report of the Special Committee to draft petition to the Local Legislature for an extension of the Erie and Huron railway charter, was read.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Mountford, that the prayer of the petition just read be adopted, and that copies of the same be signed by the Warden and Clerk, and forwarded to Mr. Robinson or Mr. McCraney, our representatives at Toronto, during the sitting of the Local Legislature—Carried.

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

Yeas—Councillors Wilson (Harwich), Mountford, Barry, Irwin, Robinson, Martin, (Tilbury East), McArthur, Johnson, Gosnell, McDonald, Langford, Prangley, Sherman, Kimmerly, Martin (Bothwell), Moody, Vogler, Purser, Wright, Wilson, (Howard), Ferguson, and the Warden—22.

Nays—Councillors Caughill, Campbell, Stephens, and Spencer—4.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), that there were assessments made in 1878 by J. W. Shackleton, Esq., of \$60 against Gores of Chatham and Camden Town Line, on Base Line on account of Kerby drain, and \$30 against County Line, on account of Runciman Drain; in all, \$90. Be it Resolved, that the matter be referred to the County Treasurer and Warden, and if they find the same not paid, that the Warden give an order to pay the same, less the proportion of surplus.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Wright, a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Dover passed on the 15th day of October, 1881, and numbered twelve, was read a second time.

On motion, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law. Mr. Wilson (Harwich) in the chair.

The Council resumed. The chairman reported that the By-law passed in Committee without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the aforesaid By-law was read a third time and passed. On motion of Mr. Ferguson, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the following resolution. Mr. Caughill in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that this Council recommend that a By-law be passed at the January Session of 1882 to have no December Session, as a Committee of three or five would be able to do any business that would be required, and it would be a saving to the ratepayers of this County of about \$500.—Carried.

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

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that the resolution passed in Committee be adopted in Council.—Carried.

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

Yeas—Councillors Caughill, Campbell, Martin (Tilbury East), Blackburn, McArthur, Stephens, Gosnell, McDonald, Langford, Prangley, Sherman, Kimmerly, Martin (Bothwell), Moody, Vogler, Purser, Wright, Spencer, Wilson (Howard), Ferguson, and the Warden—21.

Nays—Councillors Wilson, (Harwich), Mountford, Barry, Pardo, Irwin, Robinson, and Johnson—7.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY, Chatham, 17th December, 1881.

The Roll was called. Present—Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

A communication was read from William Douglas, requesting that the Council grant the legal profession the use of the room in the Court House, formerly occupied by the Clerk of the County Court—Referred to Property Com.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Mountford, that the 18th and 24th Rules be suspended for the remainder of the session—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the Council go into Committee of the Whole on the Engineers report of the state of the bridge across the main stream at Wallaceburg—Carried.

Council then went into committee on the aforesaid report—Mr. Ferguson in the Chair.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, (Howard), seconded by Mr. Hickey, that the County Engineer be instructed to inspect the Wallaceburg bridge on the main stream, and make out plans, specifications, and estimates of the cost of repairs required on said bridge. He is also instructed to advertise and receive tenders for the work, and that L. H. Johnson be a commissioner, with the Engineer, on said work.—Carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Wilson, (Howard), the report of the Committee was adopted by the Council.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, (Harwich), the report of the Committee on County Property was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Martin (Tilbury East), the report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Martin (Tilbury East), a By-law to appoint a Committee to act in the matter of the petition of John B. Pike and thirty-eight others, of School Sections No. 1 and 9, in the Township of Harwich, was read a first and second time.

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

Council resumed. The chairman reported that the By-law passed in Committee with blanks filled up.

Moved by Mr. Martin (Tilbury East), seconded by Mr. Moody, that said By-law be read a third time and passed.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Wright, that said By-law be not now read a third time, but be referred back to amend the same, by inserting the name of E. B. Harrison, Inspector of Schools for East Kent, instead of the Inspector for West Lambton.

On being put to vote, motion carried, amendment lost.

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

Yeas—Councillors Caughill, Campbell, Mountford, Pardo, Barry, Irwin, Martin (Tilbury East), McArthur, Stephens, Johnson, Gosnell, McDonald, Langford, Sherman, Kimmerly, Martin (Bothwell), Moody, Vogler, Purser, Spencer, Wilson (Howard), Ferguson, and the Warden—23.

Nays—Councillors Wilson (Harwich), Robinson and Wright—3.

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

On motion of Mr. Vogler, the Council went into Committee of the Whole relative to the sureties on the Treasurer's bond. Mr. Caughill in the chair.

Council resumed. The chairman reported that the matter respecting the Treasurer's bond be laid over till the January Session.

On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted by the Council.

On motion of Mr. Pardo, the report on the Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. Caughill, that after hearing Mr. Pegley, our Solicitor, with reference to a proposed arbitration in connection with the Gravel Road Company, Be it resolved that a Committee be appointed, composed of the Warden, Mr. Pardo and the mover, to watch the proceedings of said arbitrators, and report the same to the Council at the January Session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Wright, that a Committee be appointed composed of Messrs. Johnson, Stephens and Caughill, to watch the interests of this County in the legislation which the Erie & Huron Railway Company are about to ask from the Legislature of Ontario, and that the said Committee act without pay.—Carried.

By request the Warden left the chair, which was taken by Mr. Johnson.

Moved by Mr. Wilson (Harwich), seconded by Mr. McDonald, that as this is probably the last Session of this Council for this present year, we, the members thereof, have much pleasure in tendering to William Hickey, our present Warden, the thanks of the Council for his uniform courtesy and kindness to each and every one of us, during the time he has occupied the Warden's chair. We trust he may be long spared to society, and that all his acts will correspond with those he has done while he has presided over us.—Carried unanimously by a standing vote.

Mr. Johnson then presented the resolution to the Warden, who, on resuming the chair, thanked the Council in suitable terms.

On motion, the Council then adjourned *sine die*.

PETITIONS, ETC.

TO AMEND THE ACT RELATING TO BONUSES.

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 your petitioners are of the opinion that a change in the Municipal Law of this Province, relating to the granting of a bonus in aid of a railway, or for promoting any manufacture, would be in the interest of this County and of the Province at large.

Your petitioners therefore pray that the law may be restored to what it was before the passing of 43 Vic., Chap. 27, Sec. 16. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

(Adopted 15th Dec., 1881.)

TO EXTEND ERIE & HURON RAILWAY CHARTER.

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 this Council is desirous that the charter of the Erie & Huron Railway Company should be extended for another year, as we have reason to believe that the said road will be completed within that time.

Your petitioners therefore pray that the said charter may be extended for another year, subject to the terms of the Act of last Session, protecting the interests of the County. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

(Adopted 16th Dec., 1881.)

FOR NEW SCHOOL SECTION, HARWICH.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Kent :

The petition of the undersigned ratepayers of School Sections numbers One and Nine, of the Township of Harwich, humbly sheweth :

1. That owing to the great distance at which they live from the school house, their children have not been able to attend, and they have been entirely deprived of the benefits and advantages to which they are entitled as ratepayers in said sections.

2. Hitherto they, or a large majority of them, have had to depend upon the schools of the Town of Chatham, outside of said section, for the education of their children, but latterly and now the schools of Chatham are so crowded there is no room for outside children.

3. In the early part of the present year a very large and important petition was presented to the Municipal Council of Harwich, asking them to alter the boundaries of said sections, and form a new section of that portion of the Township in which your petitioners live into a new section, but by reason of certain influence brought to bear upon said Council, the prayer of said petition was denied.

4. The trustees of School Section No. 1 are now preparing, and intend to, build a new school house, which is to be a large and expensive structure, on the site of the old one, and to which your petitioners will have to pay a large amount, without being in a position to receive any benefit. Your petitioners submit that the said Municipal Council wrongfully refused to alter said Nos. 1 and 9 School Sections, and form such new section and complain to your honorable body, on that account, and pray

1. That your honorable body will take this matter under your consideration.
2. That said school sections may be altered, and a new section formed, so that your petitioners may have the advantages of school education for their children.
3. And that such redress may be given as under the circumstances that may be just and right, in accordance with R. S., Chap. 204, Sec. 88. And your petitioners will ever pray.

JNO. B. PIKE, and 38 others.

RESPECTING SCHOOL SECTIONS, RALEIGH.

To the Warden and County Council of the County of Kent, and to the Committee of Appeal appointed under Section 88, Cap. 204, Revised Statutes of Ontario :

We, the undersigned ratepayers of School Section Number Seven, Township of Raleigh, formerly of School Section Number Six in said Township, do hereby enter a complaint against By-laws Nos. 357 and 358, whereby above School Sections were altered and changed. Among other grounds we urge the following :

1. The distance from school practically excludes our children from its advantages.
2. No accommodation, even if our children could attend.

And we pray an investigation of the above complaints.

WILLIAM WELLWOOD, and 6 others.

Dated this 20th August, 1881.

RESPECTING SCHOOL SECTIONS, RALEIGH.

To the Warden and County Council of the County of Kent, or the Committee of the same, appointed under Sec. 88 of Chap. 204, R. S., Ont. :

GENTLEMEN,—We, the resident ratepayers on tiers of Lots Nos 4 and 5, of Union School Section No. 5, Raleigh, hereby petition and pray you to consider our case, and wish in connection with the questions to come before you at the September sitting, in so far as it is our desire to be taken out of said Union School Section, as the distance we live from the school house practically excludes our children from attending said schools; and whereas an application has been made to your honorable body, to revise No. 7 S. S., Raleigh. We therefore pray that you will consider this our petition in connection with said revision, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

JAMES H. LARABEE, and 11 others.

OPINION IN RE E. & H. RAILWAY BONUS.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—As requested, I have examined the By-law of the County granting a bonus to the Erie and Huron Railway Company, with a view of ascertaining upon what basis the yearly assessment is to be made to meet the Debentures issued.

I am of opinion that the statement of the amount of rateable property in that portion of the County defined in the By-law, and set forth in the recitals thereof, does not form the basis of the assessment for the whole period which the debentures have to run.

It will be observed that the By-law was passed under the provisions of the original act of incorporation of the Company—36 Vic., Cap. 70—which provides that the By-laws granting bonuses may be passed as provided by the Municipal Act for creating debt.

By the Municipal Act a By-law creating a debt must recite certain facts, and amongst others the amount of the whole rateable property of the Municipality, according to the last revised assessment roll, with a view no doubt of showing the financial position of the municipality at the time the debt is created, and not for the purpose of establishing a basis for the levy of the rate.

The By-law in question does no more than recite this fact, while the enacting clause of the By-law provides that a rate of 5 15-16ths mills in the dollar shall, in addition to all other rates, be raised and levied upon all rateable property within the section defined during the continuance of the Debentures, without limiting it to any particular basis of assessment.

By 36 Vic., Cap. 46, this By-law is declared valid, and by Section 2 provision is made for the raising of all annual special rate upon all the rateable property within the limit defined, sufficient to provide a sinking fund for the payment of the Debentures and interest.

By Section 7 the County is empowered to annually pass a By-law fixing the rate for each year, to be levied on the portion of the County to be taxed for the bonus, notwithstanding any Statute or By-law to the contrary, a provision that is clearly intended to apply to the yearly variation of the assessment that may be expected.

From a careful examination of the By-law, and all the Acts relating to the bonus, I find nothing to take the assessment out of the rule of ordinary By-laws creating

debts, and as in the case of such By-laws, the rate will have to be levied upon the whole territory upon the basis of the equalized assessment for each year.

Yours, &c.,

CHAR. E. PEGLEY.

PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY.

To His Honor the Chairman of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Kent:—

The Grand Jurors at the December sittings of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Kent, beg leave to present:—That after disposing of the necessary business brought before them they have visited the Gaol, which they found clean, neat, and in good order. We exceedingly regret that no means are provided for the classifying and separating of prisoners, and suggest that separate wards be provided for boys and lunatics, and an hospital for the sick; and that the interior of the Court Room be remodelled.

And would further recommend Telephonic communication with the Fire Hall and other important places in Town.

We beg further to congratulate the County on the lightness of the Criminal calendar.

(Signed),

JOHN MCKERRALL, Foreman.

REPORTS.

ON VAGRANTS COMMITTED TO GAOL.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee respecting vagrants committed to the County Gaol beg leave to report as follows:—

1. As directed by your Honorable Body at the late June Session, your Committee laid the matter respecting vagrants committed to the gaol before Mr. Pegley, County Solicitor, who stated that he would look up and give his report on the same at the December Session; said report is hereunto annexed.

2. Your Committee by special notice met on the 21st Oct. ult. Dr. Bray, Gaol Surgeon, and Wm. Douglas, County Attorney, were present by request. The case of Duncan Robinson, a pauper belonging to Dover, then in gaol, was considered. Dr. Bray reported as follows: He is in a dying condition, and what is more, if he remains in gaol even for a short time in his present state, he in all probability will be the means of causing an epidemic of typhoid fever among the prisoners, as he is suffering from chronic diarrhoea and is unable to help himself. Under these peculiar circumstances immediate action had to be taken. On the advice of the County Attorney, and at the request of the Gaol Surgeon, the Chairman of your Committee went to London, and arranged with the Superintendent of the General Hospital to receive Robinson into that institution, the County giving a guarantee to pay \$3 50 per week for his care and attendance. On the following day, Mr T. R. G. Rutley accompanying Robinson, had him placed in the Hospital on the above terms, where he died on the 7th of November—sixteen days after his removal from Chatham.

3. Your Committee, before Robinson was sent to London, served notice as follows: Chatham, 21st Oct., 1881.

To the Reeve and Council of Dover East and West:

GENTLEMEN,—I am instructed by the Warden of the County of Kent, to notify you that Duncan Robinson, a pauper belonging to Dover, has been discharged from the county gaol, where he was committed (as you are aware) some time ago, and you are further notified that as said Robinson is unable through sickness to assist himself, you are requested to have him removed forthwith and provided for. Unless you do so the County will have him taken care of at your expense, and any expenses incurred in the meantime will also be charged against your Township.

Yours, &c.,

DANIEL KEER, County Clerk.

The following account with copy of vouchers has been rendered :

Chatham, 12th November, 1881.

Municipality Township of Dover E. & W., to County of Kent, Dr.

To expenses incurred in having Duncan Robinson, a pauper belonging to Dover, admitted into the General Hospital, London, per vouchers Nos. 1 and 2	\$22 00
To attendance, interment and grave, voucher No. 3,	16 50
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	\$38 50

4. The Reeve of Dover has agreed to pay the account, \$38.50, to the County, and your Committee has much pleasure to report that this case is finally settled.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID WILSON,
Chairman.

Chatham, Dec'r 10th, 1881.

The Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—In pursuance of the resolution of your Honorable Body, passed at the June Session relating to the amount paid by the Town and County respectively, for the keeping of parties committed to the Common Gaol of the County.

I have considered the matter carefully, and am of opinion that in this instance the County has no present means of redress.

By the terms of the Municipal Act the award made upon separation of the Corporation of a Town from the County, must fix the amount to be paid by each for the expenses of the administration of criminal justice, use of gaol, &c.

The amount thus fixed must remain for five years from the date of the award, unless a shorter time is mentioned in the award, after which period a fresh adjustment of the amount can be made.

It does not follow that because a vagrant is committed to gaol by the Police Magistrate, who has jurisdiction over all of that class, whether from the Town or country, or abroad, that the vagrant properly belongs to the town. It will be found that a large number of them come from other Counties, and cannot be credited to either County or Town. I would suggest, therefore, that means be taken, with the assistance of the Governor of the Gaol, to obtain correct statistics of the number of persons yearly committed to the gaol, the offence for which committed, the expense attending their commitment, and particularly, the locality from which they come, with a view of placing the Council in a position of ascertaining with certainty the amount that should be paid towards the expense of the administration of criminal justice, by the Town and County respectively, and thus place the County in a position to insist upon a suitable modification of the present award, when the time arrives that a change can be made according to the Act.

Yours, &c., CHAS. E. PEGLEY.

ON R. E. P. & GRAVEL ROAD.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on St. Clair and Rond Eau Plank & Gravel Road, beg leave to report :—

That they met in Mr. Pegley's office during the June Session, and was advised by him to allow the case of Nelson Graves, who was convicted for non-payment of tolls, to be carried to the Superior Court, at Toronto, as it would otherwise lay over until the December Session. We therefore acted on his advice ; the case was argued before the Judges in Toronto, and the conviction quashed without costs. We have been informed by Mr. Pegley that the Company has taken steps to procure arbitration as to the legality of collecting tolls.

Annexed is Mr. Pegley's report, which will fully explain matters to you.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. L. PARDO, Chairman.

Chatham, Dec. 16th, 1881.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Re the St. Clair and Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road Co. :—

Since the last meeting of your Honorable Body pursuant to instructions, a motion was made at Toronto to quash the conviction made in the matter of Everett vs.

Graves, which was done and the conviction was quashed without costs, the Court holding that the Road Co. had no right to impose tolls.

During the time these proceedings were pending and after, the Co. proceeded at different times against several persons both for non-payment of tolls and pulling down the toll gate. The greater number of these cases were disposed of by the decision in the Graves case, but I have three appeals against convictions made by the Police Magistrate, awaiting hearing at the Court of General Sessions now sitting.

I am informed that under the provisions of the Act, steps have been taken by the Co. to have the matters respecting their road arbitrated upon, and that arbitrators have actually been appointed. I have not been able to ascertain fully what has been done, as their action in this respect has been done very quietly. I would, however, suggest that your Honorable Body appoint a Committee to do whatever may be necessary for the protection of our interests.

My opinion is that these or any other proceedings they may now take, are of no validity whatever, as the road has not been repaired within the time specified by the Act, and their charter therefore forfeited.

I have the honor to remain, gentlemen, faithfully yours,

CHAS. E. PEOLEY.

ON DIVERTED TILBURY EAST AND RALEIGH TOWN-LINE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—We have the honor to submit the following report as Commissioners for the expending of \$200, granted by this Council at the January Session of this year, for the improvement of the Diverted Road across the Raleigh Plains. We beg leave to say that we have expended in ditching, grading, repairing culverts, and repairing the bridge across Jeanette's Creek the sum of \$140.25, leaving a balance to the credit of the road of \$59.75. We may further say that owing to the difficulty of inducing any one to take work of that kind, we concluded to leave a balance to the credit of the road, to be expended next year.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

MATHEW MARTIN, }

P. T. BARRY, }

{ Commissioners.

Council Chambers, Dec. 15, 1881.

ON BOTHWELL BRIDGE.

Bothwell, July 27th, 1881.

Committee on Bothwell Bridge met in Griffith's Hotel, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Present—James Armstrong, Warden of Middlesex; Wm. Hickey, Warden of Kent; M. Payne, Warden of Elgin. Mr. Hickey was appointed Chairman, and Mr. Payne, Secretary of the meeting.

Mr. McGeorge, Engineer of the County of Kent, and Mr. Ware, Engineer of the Counties of Elgin and Middlesex, reported on the material used in repairing the bridge, both agreeing as to quantities. Mr. McGeorge declined giving estimates of the work, while Mr. Ware estimated it to be worth at the outside about \$612.57.

Mr. Robert Martin's account for repairing, amounting to \$946.68, was laid before the Committee, and after discussing it for some time, it was

Moved by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. James Armstrong, that the account of R. Martin for \$946.68, for repairs on Bothwell Bridge be reduced by \$125.00, as we find his vouchers are very unsatisfactory, and that he executed work for which he had no proper authority, and the Counties of Elgin and Middlesex remit their proportion of the amount of account as reduced, viz.: Elgin \$246.50, and Middlesex \$164.34 to the Treasurer of the County of Kent.—Carried.

Committee then adjourned.

M. PAYNE, Secretary.

WM. HICKEY, Chairman.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to settle all matters on Bothwell Bridge repairs, beg leave to report:—

1. That a meeting of the Committees of the Counties of Kent, Elgin and Middlesex met at Bothwell on the 14th July, as a Committee on said bridge repairs, and after discussion for a length of time on matters in connection with repairs of said bridge, the following resolution was carried:—

Moved by Mr. Watterworth, and seconded by Mr. Poile, that the matter of settlement of the Bothwell Bridge repairs be left to the Wardens of Kent, Elgin and Middlesex Counties to deal with said repairs.—Carried.

2. We have also further to report, and lay before you a report of a meeting held at Bothwell, on the 27th July, by the Wardens of Kent, Elgin and Middlesex on said Bothwell Bridge repairs. Said report is hereby annexed.

3. Your Committee further report that we recommend that Mr. Martin be paid the sum of \$62.50, in full of the share claimed from this County.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN FERGUSON, Chairman.

ON DRESDEN BRIDGE.

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

That, in September last our attention was called to the fact that the north approach to said bridge was in a dangerous condition; that we met at said bridge, and ~~No. 211, of School Act.)~~

~~4th. The right of petition by five ratepayers, notwithstanding the adverse decision~~ examined the needed repairs. We found that the approaches to the Bridge were the old ones that were first erected when the old Bridge was built, consequently some of the timbers were rotten; we, therefore, came to the conclusion that new timbers be put in place of these that were rotten, and so much of the covering of said approach as was rotten be replaced with new plank; the whole job at a probable cost of \$75 or \$80. We proceeded accordingly to do the job at a cost of \$72.79 cts., a bill of which is herewith accompanied.

Also, in the month of November the head block of swing was broken loose so as to not allow the swing to come to its place on the abutment, and immediate action had to be taken, in order to allow boats to pass through. The Reeve of Dresden called on Mr. Windover, the builder of the Bridge, to have it repaired, which he did at a cost of \$60 25.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM HICKEY, }
R. KIMMERLY, } Commissioners

ON WALLACEBURG BRIDGE.

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

GENTLEMEN,—Since the June Session of this Council—owing to the condition of the Bridge across the main stream at Wallaceburg, a considerable outlay had to be made, in order to prevent accident and not obstruct navigation. Your Commissioner made such repairs as he deemed absolutely necessary for the protection of the Bridge and the travelling public—which repairs amount in the aggregate to \$60 29, detailed accounts of the work done having this day been presented to the Council.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

County Council Chambers, 15th Dec'r 1881.

L. H. JOHNSON, Com'r.

Chatham, 15th December, 1881.

To the Warden of the County of Kent:

SIR,—In pursuance of your instructions I have made an examination of the bridge over the river Sydenham, below the junction of the two branches at Wallaceburg. I found the bridge and approaches in a very dilapidated condition, and much in need of immediate attention. I think it would be economy to build the approaches anew entirely, which may be after the manner of ordinary pile structures with the addition of a row of guard piles at the end of the north approach, to prevent the shock of passing vessels against the approach itself. The swing bridge itself is out of order in its turning gear, also the lower chords in a rotten state, and the floor timbers with their covering in need of renewal. The whole structure is in an unsafe condition, and should, as soon as possible, be placed in repair, which can best be done in the winter when the river is frozen over. The time at my disposal (instructions having only been given me yesterday) did not enable me to note down all the details of the work required, but I would suggest that the approaches might be let by special contract, and the work of placing the bridge itself in repair be done under proper supervision by day's labor, material being obtained by contract.—I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

W. G. McGEORGE.

ON MORAVIAN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—At the June Session of this Council you referred to me the matter complained of by the Caretaker of the Moravian Bridge, and I beg leave to report as follows:

I visited that bridge last July in company with the Reeve of Zone, and found the North approach in a dangerous condition, and it being a lengthy approach, I consulted the County Solicitor to learn what portion the County was compelled to build. He advised me that the County was only compelled to build 100 feet of the approach. I then instructed the County Engineer to examine the approach, and make plans and estimates for 100 feet of the North approach, which is hereto annexed—All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM HICKEY, WARDEN.

Council Chamber, December 14th, 1881.

Chatham, 15th Dec'r 1881.

To the Warden of the County of Kent.

SIR,—I beg to report to you, that in compliance with your instructions I have made an examination of the approach and short span at the North end of the Moravian bridge. I find that these are in a very unsafe condition, and should be removed and their place supplied by new work. I would recommend a short span of about 44 feet, of Howe's Truss, to conform to the rest of the main structure, and to reach from the North pier to a point in the North bank of the River, that will be safe from sliding-in of the bank—the North end to rest upon piles. The approach should be built anew upon piles. I would recommend that this work receive early attention.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. G. McGEORGE.

Wm. Hickey, Esq., Warden, and the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith beg leave to submit the following report in respect to the Moravian Bridge:—

1. That the bridge is now in first-class order and repair. The timbers had shrunk with the dry hot weather of the past summer, and the bridge sunk at the centre about six inches. I have tightened up all the bolts and by so doing, raised the centre of the bridge up to its original position.

2. The old approaches are in a very bad condition; in fact, I consider them dangerous, and that they should be re-built at once in order to ensure the safety of the travelling public.—Respectfully submitted.

A. MARCUS, Caretaker.

Orford, Dec. 12th, 1881.

COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

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

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges having examined the several matters referred to us, beg leave to report as follows:—

1. That the account from the County of Elgin for repairs on south approach of Bothwell Bridge. \$5 34, be paid, as it is a small matter; but would in future recommend that such accounts should only be paid on the order of the Commissioner.

2. In the matter of the Moravian Bridge, your Committee recommend that the north approach be built in accordance with Mr McGeorge's plan and report; that the Reeve of Zone, and John Ferguson, the present Reeve of Howard be Commissioners to receive tenders and superintend the work.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT MARTIN, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We, you Committee on Education, beg leave to report:

1. That, in the matter relating to the petition presented to this Council by J. B. Pike, and thirty-eight others, respecting the formation of a new School Section, to

be taken from Numbers One and Nine in the Township of Harwich, we have enquired into the matter, and base our report on such information as we received from the School Act, and documents laid before us, and also from the arguments adduced by Counsel for both sides.

1st. We believe that there is territory enough to form a new Section.

2nd. That there are a large number of children of school age, who are unable to attend any school, owing to the great distance they are from any of the existing Schools.

3rd. That, as the School laws of the Province make it imperative that all children of School age shall attend school at least four months in the year, your committee think it impossible for many to do so, under the existing circumstances.—(Re Sec. No. 211 of School Act).

4th. The right of petition by five ratepayers, notwithstanding the adverse decision of School Inspector and Trustees, on these grounds your Committee would recommend your Honorable Body to grant an Arbitration or Committee in accordance with the School Act.—(The County Solicitor's opinion is hereunto annexed).

II. In reference to the complaint of Mr. Wellwood and six others, of School Section No. 7, Township of Raleigh, formerly of Section No. 6, in said Township, against By-laws Nos. 357 and 358, while recognizing the difficulties of said petitioners being removed a distance from school accommodation, basing our report upon the limited information which we have been able to gather, we do not think that any change would be desirable as the Section has been recently re-organized.

III. In reference to the petition of Thomas Merlatt and ten others, we beg leave to report that in the absence of evidence, that any considerable number of the ratepayers of the existing Union School Section, situated in the Township of Raleigh, are in favor of the change we could not recommend the prayer of the said petitioners.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

MATTHEW MARTIN, Chairman.

The Chairman of the Committee of the County Council on Public Education.

SIR,—As requested, I have considered the matter relating to the petition of the ratepayers of S. S. 9 & 1, Harwich—to have a committee appointed to investigate their alleged grievance in respect to the alteration of these Sections.

Section 88 of the Public School Act, appears to make it imperative upon the Council to appoint a Committee upon the petition of the requisite number of ratepayers or Trustees, to investigate the complaint.

I do not think the Council are called upon to deal with the regularity of the proceedings before the Township Council. It appears to me to be the intention of the Act, that the Committee should investigate the complaint, and not the Council. In other words, the complaint is made, and the County Council are called upon to name a Committee to try it, before which Committee all questions, either of form or as to the merits, may be raised and decided.

Yours, &c.,

CHAS. E. PEGLEY.

COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PROPERTY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on County Property beg leave to report as follows:

1. We met soon after the late June Session, and arranged to have the improvements made at the Registry Office that were recommended in last report. In addition to having the roof repaired and the shed enlarged, we found it necessary to put in some iron shelving in the vault, also to cover floors with oil cloth, and to have the walls and arches kalsomined. The work has been satisfactorily done, and everything is now in a thorough state of repair, excepting the fence on Colborne and William streets, which requires to be painted. We recommend that the work be done next spring. The question of reconstruction or extension was duly considered. We are of opinion that with additional shelving supplied as books and papers accumulate, the Registry Office will be large enough for many years to come, but in the alternative of reconstruction or addition your Committee would recommend the latter course. We also considered that in the event of the East Riding being formed into a Registration District, and the Town of Chatham attaining the position of a city—two

events within a short space of time not at all improbable—our Registry Office would then as it is now be large enough for a century to come.

2. In reference to the presentation of the Grand Jury at the late County Court and General Sessions, setting forth the necessity of a new Court House, nearer the town, so that the present building may be used entirely for Gaol purposes, your Committee, with all due regard for the Grand Jury and for their presentment, we could not recommend your Honorable Body to entertain that proposal, for the following reasons: (1) Our County buildings are as convenient as could be reasonably desired, being distant only three-eighths of a mile from the centre of the business portion of Chatham. (2). They are situated on perhaps the highest and most healthful portion of said Town. (3). It would be a great sacrifice to set apart that fine stone structure costing upwards of \$30,000, for the use of a few prisoners who may be from time to time temporarily confined there.

3. Your resolution instructing us to procure the necessary information relative to the cost of erecting a building, including the site thereof, to accommodate the County Officers, has been duly considered. We inspected the site adjoining the Registry Office purchased in 1874 and set apart for that purpose. We herewith submit a plan (made by W. F. Rutley, Esq., architect) of the floors of the first and second stories, showing that all the offices, seven in number, and the Council Chamber can be arranged in a building of two instead of three stories as was proposed by former plans. This will greatly reduce the cost, as the first plans had three set of offices more than are required, and will also add to the convenience, as can be easily seen by comparing the two plans together. Your Committee did not think it prudent in the mean time to incur any further expense in drawings, estimates or details, but would recommend the new Council of 1882 to take this matter in hand at the January Session; after the accounts are closed for this year. We examined into the state of the general debtenture debt of the County, and find that it was created between the years 1868 and 1875. Within that time in the aggregate \$60,000 work of debentures were issued in three loans of \$20,000 each. In the coming year 1882 it will be reduced to \$16,666.76. The other debt incurred in consequence of the separation of the Town of Chatham from the County, which amounted to \$16,420.32, will be wiped out this present year, as per County Treasurer's statement annexed. Taking into account the favorable state of our finances, and when money can be obtained on so easy terms, we think that next year would be the proper time to erect a building for our County Officers, as the present state of affairs are very unsatisfactory.

4. The application from Mr. O'Hara for furniture, laid over from last report, has been carefully attended to. We found it necessary to provide a book case, a desk raised on a dais, also an office chair. After we had satisfactorily completed our arrangements, the Warden and Clerk received letters from Robinson & Wilson, threatening on behalf of Mr. O'Hara, to take legal proceedings against the corporation. We have submitted this case of extra accommodation demanded to the County Solicitor, and with the consent of the Council we will be guided by his advice.

5. Your Committee had their attention directed to the vault in Mr. O'Hara's office as being unsafe, and the responsibility of the County in reference thereto. We lost no time in having an inspection made by Mr. Rutley. The following is a copy of his report:—

As requested by you, I have examined the vault in the office of the Master in Chancery, and find that it is not fire proof. I consider the walls sufficient, and with proper doors would be secure from fire.

Yours respectfully,
W. F. RUTLEY, Architect.

We applied at once to St. Bartfoot, landlord of the premises, to have a proper door placed on the vault. He asks \$25 from the County to make it secure and fire proof. This matter is still under our consideration. If the Council proceeds with the erection of County buildings next year, we would not be inclined to make the repairs on Mr. Bartfoot's vault, but if we rent for a length of time it would perhaps be better to have the necessary repairs made.

6. We advertised as is usual for parties to supply fuel for the Gaol and County Offices. The contract for wood was awarded to James Waugh at \$3.00 and \$3.25 per cord, for chopped and sawed ends, and for coal to Wm. Berry & Son at \$6.25 and \$7.75 per ton, for hard and soft coal respectively.

7. Tenders for Gaol supplies have been asked; four tenders were received. The contract has been awarded to Andrew Heyward, his tender being the lowest. The following is the prices:—

Bread, per lb.,	\$0 03½	Oatmeal, per bbl.,	\$6 25	White Beans, per bush.,	\$2 75
Beef, “	0 05½	Salt, “	0 90	Molasses, per gallon,	0 47
Hard Soap, “	0 05	Potatoes, per bush.	0 65	Coal Oil,	0 25
Pepper, “	0 18	Peas for Soup, “	0 65		

8. We had application from Mr. Douglas, also from Mr. Charteris, to be provided with coal stoves, base-burners. That description of stoves are expensive, from \$20 to \$30 each. As they are in general use in offices we consented and had them supplied.

9. In reference to the petitions concerning telephones, your Committee reported at the late June Session as follows: We cannot recommend these proposals; we are of opinion that communication by telephone is of the same nature as telegraph messages, and ought to be paid for in the same way by parties interested.

10. The matter referred to us, an account from Wm. Gray \$5.00, for a wheel-barrow furnished to the gaol, your Committee had no application to provide the same. We recommend payment of the account when properly certified. Officials requiring furniture, &c., ought to have authority from the Council or your Committee, and have these things supplied in a regular way.

11. In reference to the presentation of the Grand Jury at the present General Sessions, this matter, with some others, having been referred to us near the end of the session, from the press of business your Committee have not been able to overtake them, but we will make another report for the January session.—All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Chatham, 17th Dec'r, 1881.

DAVID WILSON, Chairman.

STATEMENT shewing what will be the old Debenture Debt of the County after the present year; also, amount paid Town of Chatham under Award.

Amount of Debentures.....	\$20000 00	
Of which there is payable by Town of Chatham.....	3333 24	
Payable by County.....		\$16666 76
Amount due Town of Chatham under Award:—		
For Gaol and Court House.....	\$5000 00	
Registry Office,	1238 85	
Industrial Farm.....	1041 66	
Roads and Bridges,	8449 00	
Proportion of Registry Office fees in arrears,	558 71	
		\$16288 22
Add Pro. of Registry Office fees from 1st Nov. to 31st Dec'r,	\$117 13	
Interest from Registrar on fees due 1st Nov'r, 1879.....	8 53	
“ “ “ on fees of 1879.....	6 44	132 10
		\$16420 32
Amount paid Town Treasurer in 1880		11420 32
		\$ 5000 00
Balance payable in 1881		\$ 5000 00
For which provision is made in estimate; also for \$300 interest thereon.		

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

County Treasurer's Office, Chatham, Dec. 15. 1881.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend, that the matter of the County Treasurer's bond be considered in Committee of the Whole.

We have examined the several matters and accounts referred to us, and would recommend that the following accounts be paid, viz:—

Wm. Sherman, Care-taker, Tecumseh Bridge.....	\$ 5 00	
Repairs.....	5 00	\$ 10 00
A. Marcus, Caretaker, Moravian Bridge.....	5 00	
Repairs to Approach.....	4 00	
Wrench, \$1.50; screwing up Bridge, \$6.25.....	7 75	16 75
R. Martin, selling and receiving contract of Repairs, N. Approach Bothwell Bridge.....		3 00
W. H. Stephens, on Bothwell Bridge, Com., 3 days.....	6 00	
Plank & G. Road Co., \$2.00; Equalization Com., 1 day,...	4 00	10 00
R. Kimmerly, 2½ days, Commissioner Dresden bridge.....		5 00
L. H. Johnson, 1 day on (E. B.) Wallaceburg Bridge.....		2 00
Geo. Wrigley (Printing Notices).....		1 00
S. Stephenson, Printing.....		11 10
W. R. Dobbyn, do.....		7 20
P. D. McKellar, registering three By-laws.....	6 00	
Mounting and Binding Maps.....	11 59	17 59
John Wright, 1 day Com'r E & H. R.....	2 00	
“ “ Equalization.....	2 00	4 00
L. E. Vogler, Com'r on Bothwell Bridge.....	2 00	
Selling and receiving jobs, Moravian Bridge.....	2 00	4 00
G. R. Langford, Com'r on Bothwell Bridge.....		2 00
Wm. Hickey, attending Committees & Mileage.....		59 20
W. G. McGeorge, Services and Expenses as County Engineer.....		36 95
David Wilson, 5 days on Property Com., and looking after materials for Co. officers.....	10 00	
6 days and expenses on Vagrancy Com.....	18 00	28 00
John Mountford, 3 dys. on Property Com.,.....		6 00
T. L. Pardo, “ on Property Com.....		6 00

WALLACEBURG BRIDGES REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

John Lee.....	\$14 05	
West & Davis.....	2 36	
Wm. Patterson.....	12 55	
J. W. Steinhoff.....	7 08	
E. Greenwood.....	5 00	
D. Sutherland.....	7 25	
J. B. McDougall.....	6 00	
J. G. Findlay.....	6 00	\$609 29

We would further recommend that the application of Henry Blum, claiming indemnity for loss of land occupied by Bothwell Bridge approach and County Line between Kent and Elgin, be laid over for further information, and that the Clerk communicate with the County Council of Elgin, in reference to paying for its share of said claim.

Also, that the accounts of Wm. Gray be referred to the County Property Committee.

The application of the Care-taker, Mr. James H. Rielly, we recommend to be laid over till the January Session.

The account of Chas. E. Pegley, Esq., County Solicitor, amounting to \$126 38 having been examined, we would recommend to be paid, less one dollar being amount of error therein.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. E. VOGLER, Chairman.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 401.

A BY-LAW to confirm a By-Law of the Township of Dover, passed on the 15th day of October A. D., 1881, and numbered Twelve.

PASSED 16th December, 1881.

WHEREAS it is necessary to confirm a By-Law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Dover, passed on the 15th day of October, 1881, and numbered Twelve, for the purpose of disposing of and selling that portion of the public road allowance between the 2nd and 3rd Concessions, in front of Lot No. 13 and part of No. 14, in the said Township of Dover East.

And Whereas it appears by the said By-Law (a copy of which is hereunto annexed) that all the requisite notices have been given, both by being posted up and by publication.

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 :

1. That the said By-Law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Dover, passed on the 15th day of October, and numbered Twelve, for the purpose of disposing of and selling a portion of the public road allowance between the 2nd and 3rd Concessions, in front of Lots No. 13 and part of No. 14, in the said Township of Dover East, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

No. 402.

A BY-LAW to appoint a Committee to act in the matter of the Petition of Jno. B. Pike and thirty-eight others, of School Sections Numbers One and Nine, in the Township of Harwich.

PASSED 18th December, 1881.

WHEREAS it is necessary to appoint certain persons to act as a committee on the Petition of Jno. B. Pike, and others, presented to this Council at this present Session.

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

1. That the County Judge, County Inspector of Schools for West Lambton, William Hickey, Warden of Kent, T. L. Pardo (Raleigh), and Matthew Martin (Tilbury East), be and are hereby appointed a Committee to act in this matter.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L.S.)

WM. HICKEY, WARDEN.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

JANUARY SESSION, 1882,

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

—OF THE—

COUNTY OF KENT.

B. W. WILLSON,
WARDEN.



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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Municipal Council of the County of Kent,

JANUARY SESSION—1882.

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, 24th January, 1882 The Clerk in the Chair.

From the Certificates filed with the Clerk it appeared that the following Reeves and Deputy-Reeves were duly elected, and had taken the declaration required by the Statute.

TOWN OF BOTHWELL.....	THOMAS DILLON, REEVE.
“ DRESDEN	“
“ RIDGETOWN	JOHN P. MCKINLAY, REEVE.
VILLAGE OF BLENHEIM.....	JOHN G. MOUNTFORD, REEVE.
“ THAMESVILLE	FREDERICK J MAYHEW, REEVE.
“ WALLACEBURG.....	ALEX. McDOUGALL, REEVE.
TOWNSHIP OF CAMDEN.....	GEORGE R. LANGFORD, REEVE.
“ “	PATRICK BODKIN, DEPUTY.
“ CHATHAM.....	JAMES CLANCY, REEVE.
“ “	ALEX. W. CROWE, 1ST DEPUTY.
“ “	WM. A. MILLS, 2D DEPUTY.
“ DOVER.....	JOHN WRIGHT, REEVE.
“ “	THEODORE PELTIER, DEPUTY.
“ HARWICH.....	DAVID CAUGHILL, REEVE.
“ “	JAMES McMULLIN, 1ST DEPUTY.
“ “	JOHN VESTER, 2D DEPUTY.
“ HOWARD.....	BENJ. W. WILLSON, REEVE.
“ “	SAMUEL H. SPENCER, 1ST DEPUTY.
“ “	JOHN MCKERRECHER, 2D DEPUTY.
“ ORFORD.....	JOHN REYCRAFT, REEVE.
“ “	JOHN LOCHORE, DEPUTY.
“ RALEIGH.....	STEPHEN WHITE, REEVE.
“ “	WILLIAM IRWIN, 1ST DEPUTY.
“ “	ALEX. GOULET, 2D DEPUTY.
“ ROMNEY.....	CALEB COATSWORTH, REEVE.
“ TILBURY EAST.....	JOHN RICHARDSON, REEVE.
“ “	MATTHEW MARTIN, DEPUTY.
“ ZONE.....	L. E. VOGLER, REEVE.

The Roll was called. All the members who had filed their certificates were present except Mr. Mountford.

Nominations for Warden were asked for by the Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. White, that inasmuch as the Reeve of Dresden cannot take his seat to-day, but will be prepared to-morrow, Be it therefore resolved that the members present adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow.—Carried.

The Council adjourned accordingly.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, 22nd January, 1882.

The Roll was called. All the members were present except Mr. Mountford, —the Reeve of Dresden, James Stephens, Esq., having filed his certificate.

The Clerk in the Chair.

Nominations for Warden were asked for.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. McKinlay, that Benjamin W. Willson, Esq., Reeve of Howard, be Warden for 1882.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Vester, that Alexander McDougall, Esq., Reeve of Wallaceburg, be Warden of the County of Kent, for the year 1882.

The first motion on being put to vote was carried.

The Clerk then declared Benjamin W. Willson, Warden.

Mr. Willson made the necessary Declaration of Office, and on taking the Chair thanked the Council for the honor conferred on him.

The minutes of the last meeting of the December Session, also of the first meeting of the present session were read and approved.

The following communications were read:

From C. G. Charteris, Esq., County Treasurer, submitting the annual accounts for 1881, in the usual form, with statement of amount payable by Town of Chatham under Separation award; also, relating to the mortgage held by the County on Industrial Farm, and making application for an increase of salary.

From the Attorney-General's Department, Toronto, to ascertain an opinion as to the efficiency or otherwise of the present system of detecting crime, and bringing offenders to justice.

From Ed. Robinson, Esq., M.P.P., acknowledging receipt of petition for amendments to the Municipal Act, also petitions re Erie & Huron Railway.

From the County Clerk of Elgin, with copy of resolution requesting co-operation by petition or otherwise to the Legislature, to withhold the annual grant from the Provincial Exhibition and distribute the amount in an equitable manner to the County Agricultural Societies.

From the same, respecting the re-adjustment of the Administration of Justice Accounts at the Provincial Treasurer's Office, in Toronto, that representation be made to Government to investigate this matter so that justice to Counties be obtained.

From the same, also from A. M. Ross, Esq., County Treasurer, Huron, to make such change in the Jury Law so that it will not be necessary to make a second selection of jurors, but have the whole work done by the local municipal officers, thereby saving a great expense to the County.

From the Treasurer and ex-Warden, respecting assessments made against the County in 1878, for the Kerby and Runciman drains in Camden.

From Thos. R. Harris, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer of the Chatham High School Board, with annual report and financial statement for 1881, also an estimate of the amount of money required for the current year.

From E. B. Harrison, Esq., Public School Inspector for East Kent, report and financial statement of the Board of Examiners for 1881.

From Archibald Bell, Esq., County Judge, report of Committee appointed at December Session to investigate the appeal or complaint of John B. Pike and others, against the Council of Harwich re School Sections Nos. One and Nine.

From John Denis, Toronto, concerning the construction of wooden bridges.

From the Secretary of the Ontario Rifle Association, Toronto, asking a contribution of \$10 for the encouragement of Rifle Shooting in the Militia force.

From Wm. McKenzie Ross, Esq., applying to be appointed County Auditor for 1882.

From Messrs. White and Johnson, members of the Board of Audit, annual report for 1881.

The Warden referred the several communications to the Committees to which they belong.

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

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The roll was called. Present—B. W. Wilson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors, except Mr. Mountford.

A communication was read from D. C. McMullin, Esq., applying to be appointed County Auditor for 1882.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the 18th and 24th rules be suspended during the afternoon sitting.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. White, a deputation composed of Messrs. Smyth, Wilson and Gray, addressed the Council within the bar, asking a grant of \$1,000 to assist in paying off the debt of the West Kent Agricultural Society.

A petition signed by the President of the West Kent Agricultural Society and 125 others, was read.

Moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Mills, that the application of the West Kent Agricultural Society for \$1000 be referred to the Committee on Finance. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that Councillors Caughill, White, Coatsworth, Martin, Langford, Wright, the mover and seconder, be a Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the present year.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the Council went into Committee of the Whole, respecting the Jury Act. Mr. Caughill in the Chair.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed composed of Councillors McDougall, White, Coatsworth, Richardson and the Warden, to draft a petition to the Legislature of Ontario, praying them to abolish the County Selectors of Jurors.—Carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the report of the Committee was adopted by the Council.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that the salary of the County Treasurer be raised from \$1200 to \$1400 per annum, and that he furnish such sureties as may be required and called for by the By-laws of this Council.—Referred to Finance.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Romney, No. 285, was read a first time.

Various notices of motion were given.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

B. W. WILSON, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—CHATNA: 26th January, 1882.

The Roll was called. Present B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Mr. Mountford.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read:—

From John L. Bray, M. D., Gaol Surgeon, asking an increase of salary.—Ref. to Finance.

From C. Somerville, Turukey, asking to be supplied with firewood from the wood delivered at the Gaol.—Ref. to Property Committee.

From Alex. Elliott, Blenheim, and 14 others, asking to be furnished with Telephone communication from the Telegraph to the Registry Office.—Ref. to Property Committee.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, the report of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the current year, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, a By-law to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain officers, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, a By-law respecting salaries and other matter relating to County Officers, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Mayhew, that Robert Duffus be caretaker of Thamesville Bridge, and that John A. Langford be caretaker of Kent Bridge for the year 1882, at a salary of \$5 each.—Carried.

The Warden appointed John Duck, Morpeth, County Auditor.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Dillon, that William McKenzie Ross be also appointed Auditor.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Clancy, seconded by Mr. Bodkin, that D. C. McMullin be appointed Auditor of the Finance of the County of Kent for the current year.

Amendment carried; motion lost.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Martin, that this Council grant the usual sum of \$250 to the East Kent Agricultural Society. Ref. to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that Alexander Goulet, of the Township of Raleigh, be High School Trustee.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that Stephen White, Reeve of Raleigh, be appointed a member of the Board of Audit.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Wright, that Daniel Kerr, of the Town of Chatham, be appointed a member of the Board of Audit.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mayhew, seconded by Mr. McKerrecher, that an appropriation of \$25 be made for repairing the approaches of Thamesville Bridge, and that the mover be a Commissioner to expend the same.—Ref. to R. and B. Committee.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that a special Committee be appointed composed of the following gentlemen, viz: Messrs. Mills, Goulet, McKerrecher and the mover, to draft a petition to the Local Legislature of Ontario, to withhold the annual grant from the Provincial Exhibition, and distribute the amount in an equitable manner to the County Agricultural Societies.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Mills, that a Committee be appointed composed of Messrs. McDougall, Clancy, Caughill, the Warden and the mover, to watch the interests of this County in the legislation which the Erie & Huron Railway Company are asking from the Legislature of Ontario.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Bodkin, seconded by Mr. Spencer, That this Council appoint a Committee, composed of the Reeves of the grouped Municipalities and the Warden, to look after the interests of this County in regard to the Erie & Huron Railway, to act as they see fit in regard to sending a delegation to Toronto.

On being put to vote, motion carried, amendment lost.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The same members present. The Warden in the chair.

A Communication was read from E. W. Scane, Esq., Chatham, respecting the Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road Company; also, a financial statement relating thereto.

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

Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Crow, That the sum of \$500 be granted by this Council, and be paid to the Treasurer of the Town of Chatham, provided the Council of said Town of Chatham make the Bridges free from toll for the year 1882.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Clancy, seconded by Mr. Mills, That the sum of \$200 be granted to assist in opening the County line between Kent and Lambton.—Referred to R. & B. Committee.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Martin, That the sum of \$500 be granted for the improvement of the County line between Kent and Essex.—Referred to R. & B. Committee.

Moved by Mr. McMullin, seconded by Mr. White, that the sum of \$300 be granted to repair the Harwich and Raleigh Townline.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Goulet, seconded by Mr. White, That the sum of \$100 be appropriated for the construction of a Bridge across a large drain on Talbot Road, Raleigh. Referred to R. & B. Committee.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Crowe, that it is necessary and expedient that this Council assume all Township and County boundary lines.

Moved in amendment by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the resolution before the Council lay over until the June Session.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Martin, that the matter now under consideration lay over till to-morrow, and that this Council go into Committee of the Whole in the morning.

Amendment to amendment carried; motion and amendment lost.

Moved by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Caughill, that the sum of \$75 be granted to the town line between Howard and Harwich.—Ref. to R. & B. Committee.

Notices of motion were given.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

(FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, 27th January, 1882.

The Roll was called. Present—B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Mr. Mountford.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

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

A special report from Finance Committee was read, recommending that \$1000 be granted to the West Kent Agricultural Society. A motion was made for adoption.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Clancy, seconded by Mr. Reycraft, that the consideration of this report be laid over till to-morrow.

Moved as a second amendment by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Mayhew, that the report of the Finance Committee be referred back, and that the sum of \$500 be recommended instead of \$1000.

On being put to vote the amendments and motion were lost.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Same members present, the Warden in the chair.

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

A communication was read from C. E. Pegley, County Solicitor, respecting the mortgage held by the County against the Industrial Farm, also respecting the Rond Eau Plank and Gravel Road Company, with copy of an award relating thereto.

On motion of Mr. Caughill, the report on County Property was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, a deputation from the Council of the Town of Chatham, composed of E. W. Scane, Esq., Mayor, and Councillors Roche, Holmes and Campbell, were heard within the bar relating to railway crossings, and asking the County Council to co-operate with them in petitioning the Legislature of Ontario for amendments to the Law relating thereto.

On motion of Mr. McKinlay, a By-law to establish a High School at Ridgetown, was read a first time.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Clancy, that the Warden be and is hereby appointed a Director on behalf of this County on the Board of Directors of said Erie & Huron Railway Company.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Goulet, that Messrs. Langford, Caughill, McDougall, Richardson and the mover, be a Committee to confer with the Clerk of the Peace, with a view of arranging with that officer for a yearly sum in lieu of fees which are payable by the County.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Clancy, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the resolution passed at the late session of this Council, appointing L. H. Johnson, Esq., a Commissioner to act with the County Engineer, to superintend the work of repairs on the Wallaceburg bridge, be amended by inserting the name of A. McDougall instead.—Carried.

The following nine resolutions were read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

1. Moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that this Council appropriate the sum of \$500 on the Town line between Romney and Tilbury East.

2. Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Bodkin, that \$100 be granted to improve the Town line between the Town of Dresden and the Gore of Camden.

3. Moved by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Lochore, that the sum of \$100 be granted to improve the Howard and Orford Town line.

4. Moved by Mr. Bodkin, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that \$100 be granted to repair the County line between Camden and Dawn.

5. Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Crow, that a grant of \$200 be made to the Town line between Chatham & Dover, as the said Road is difficult to keep in repair, and a great deal of travel passes over said road.

6. Moved by Mr. Lochore, seconded by Mr. McMullin, that the sum of \$100 be granted to aid in repairing the county line between Kent and Elgin.

7. Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that the sum of \$50 be granted to repair road between Bothwell and Zone.

8. Moved by Mr. McMullin, seconded by Mr. Wright, that the sum of \$100 be granted to assist in repairing the Communication Road.

9. Moved by Mr. Bodkin, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that \$100 be granted to improve the town line between Camden and Zone.

Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. McMullin, that a Committee be appointed composed of Messrs. Langford, Spencer and the mover, to examine the Kent Bridge approaches, with power to make necessary repairs and report to this Council at the next session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Mills, that this Council, with a view to the purchasing from Solomon M. Knapp, \$72,000 of paid up stock in the Erie & Huron R'y Company, held by him, also his claim to the sum of \$9000, or thereabouts, being interest said to be overdue and unpaid, and that the following gentlemen be a Committee to negotiate with the said Knapp for said purchase, if they are of opinion that the said purchase can be safely made, viz:—the Warden, Messrs. Clancy, Stephens, White, Coatsworth, Caughill and the mover, and that said Committee be at liberty to take such legal advice in the matter as they deem necessary, and that said Committee report to this Council to-morrow if possible.

Wm. Douglas, Esq., Chatham, was heard within the bar relating to the foregoing resolution.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that no action be taken by this Council in reference to purchasing any stock in connection with the Erie & Huron Railroad.

Amendment carried, motion lost.

Moved by Mr. Reycraft, seconded by Mr. Lochore, that Andrew Marcus be appointed caretaker of the Moravian Bridge, and that Malcolm Grant be appointed caretaker of the Bothwell Bridge at a salary of \$5 each per annum, and that the proper party communicate with the County Councils of Elgin and Middlesex in regard to bearing their share in the care and repairs of Bothwell Bridge.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, a report with draft of petition to the Legislature of Ontario, asking amendments to the Jury Act, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Remney, No. 285, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, a By-law respecting salaries and other matters relating to County Officers, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-law to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain officers was read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on By-law to appoint and confirm the appointment of County Officers. Mr. Langford in the Chair.

Council resumed. Chairman reported that said By-law passed with two clauses struck out, and with blanks filled up.

On motion of Mr. White, said By-law to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain officers was read a third time and passed.

Notices of motion were given.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, 28th January, 1882.

The Roll was called. Present—B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Mr. Mountford.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was read from the Immigration Department, Toronto, respecting Roads in the County on which tolls are collected.

On motion of Mr. White, the report from Committee to confer with the Clerk of the Peace in reference to the County paying him an annual sum instead of fees, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges was read and adopted.

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

YEAS—Councillors Lochore, McDougall, Clancy, Crow, Mills, Martin, Coatsworth, Langford, Bodkin, Mayhew, Dillon, Peltier, Wright and the Warden.—14.

NAYS—Councillors McMullin, Vester, White, Irwin, Richardson, Reycraft, Stephens, McKinlay, McKeircher, Spencer and Caughill.—11.

The draft of petition to the Legislature relating to the Provincial Exhibition, was read.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that the petition now read, praying the Legislature of Ontario to withhold the grant from the Provincial Exhibition and distribute the amount to the County Agricultural Societies, be adopted, and that copies of the same be made and forwarded in the usual manner.—Lost.

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

YEAS—Councillors Coatsworth, Martin, Mills, Crow, Clancy, McDougall, Langford, Wright, McKercher, Spencer.—10.

NAYS—Councillors Caughill, McMullin, Vester, White, Irwin, Goulet, Richardson, Lochore, Reycraft, McKinlay, Stephens, Mayhew, Bodkin, Dillon, Vogler, and the Warden.—16.

The report on Finance was read.

Moved by Mr. Clancy, seconded by Mr. McDougall, that the report of the Finance Committee be referred back to strike out that clause granting \$300 to the Town of Chatham in lieu of Bridge Tolls.—Lost.

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

YEAS—Councillors White, Irwin, Goulet, Coatsworth, Martin, Clancy, McDougall, Reycraft, Bodkin, Mayhew, Stephens and Dillon.—12.

NAYS—Councillors Caughill, McMullin, Vester, Lochore, Crow, Mills, Richardson, McKinlay, Langford, Vogler, Spencer, McKercher, Wright, Peltier, and the Warden.—15.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. McDougall, that the Finance Report be referred back so that the clause granting \$1000 to the West Kent Agricultural Society be struck out, and that \$500 be substituted in lieu thereof.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Reycraft, seconded by Mr. McKercher, that the report just read from the Finance Committee be referred back for amendment.

First—That the grant of \$1000 to the West Kent Agricultural Society be made \$250. Second—That the sum of \$1400 to be paid for salary to the Treasurer be \$1200.—Lost.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, the report on Finance was adopted.

Moved by Mr. Mayhew, seconded by Mr. Langford, that an appropriation of \$50 be given to assist in supporting a Lock up in Thamesville.—Ref. to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Spencer, that a Committee be appointed composed of Messrs. Wright, McDougall, White, Clancy and the mover, to look after the interests of the County in connection with the Plank and Gravel Road Company, with power to take any legal steps they deem best.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Wright, that this Council grant the sum of \$100 to assist in building a bridge over the Prangley tap-drain, at or near the County line between Camden and Chatham, said amount to be paid on the certified completion of said bridge.—Ref. to R. & B. Committee.

A petition to the Legislature was read.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Lochore, that the petition just read praying the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for the passage of an Act permitting municipalities to cross Railroads with roads, streets, &c., be adopted, and that copies of the same be made under the Seal of the Corporation and forwarded to Ed. Robinson, Esq., M. P. P., for West Kent.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Clancy, that the 18th & 24th Rules be suspended for the remainder of the Session.—Lost.

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

YEAS—Councillors McDougall, Clancy, Crow, White, Irwin, Langford, Mills, Mayhew, Stephens, Wright, Dillon, and the Warden.—12.

NAYS—Councillors Caughill, McMullin, Vester, Goulet, Coatsworth, Martin, Richardson, Lochore, Reycraft, Bodkin, McKinlay, Vogler, Peltier, McKercher, and Spencer.—15.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Romney, No. 255. Mr. McDougall in the Chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that said By-law passed in Committee.

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

The 18th & 24th Rules were suspended for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr Coatsworth, a By-law to appropriate certain sums to County Roads and Bridges, was read a first and second time.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on By-law to appropriate certain sums of money to County lines and Bridges; also on By-law respecting salaries, and other matters relating to County Officers. Mr. Langford in the Chair.

Council resumed. The Chairman reported that two By-laws passed in Committee, each with amendments and with blanks filled up.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, a By-law relating to grants of money on Roads and Bridges was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, the By law respecting salaries and other matters relating to County Officers was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. White, that in reply to the communication from the Attorney-General, asking the opinion of the Council as to whether it would be advisable to appoint a paid constabulary force for the County of Kent, In the opinion of this Council such a force is not necessary, inasmuch as the present force is deemed sufficient for all purposes, and that the Clerk communicate this resolution to the Honorable the Attorney-General for Ontario.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Bodkin, that a Committee be appointed composed of the Warden, Messrs. Clancy, McDougall, Mountford, Langford, Coughill and the mover, for the purpose of obtaining information as to the best course to be taken relative to obtaining or not obtaining a preponderance of paid up stock of the Erie & Huron Railway, and thereby protecting the best interests of this County in relation to the same, and that they have power to obtain legal advice if necessary, and report at the June session.—Carried

On motion the Council adjourned till the second Tuesday in June next.

PETITIONS, ETC.

TO AMEND JURY ACT.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario in Parliament Assembled:

The petition of the County Council of the County of Kent, humbly sheweth :

That as the costs of the County Board of Selectors of Jurors in every County of the Province amounts to a large sum of money annually, and as something has been done within the past year or two in reducing the expenses connected with the Jurors' Act, we your petitioners humbly pray that your honorable body may see fit to amend the Jurors' Act so as to abolish the second selection of Jurors by County Selectors; and that the said Jury law be so amended that the Clerk of the Peace make his returns of such Jurors as may have served under such Act to the Clerk of the different local municipalities; and that the panels may be balloted for directly from the list returned by the local Selectors.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

RE RAILWAY CROSSINGS.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Legislature assembled :

The Petition of the Corporation of the County of Kent, humbly sheweth :

That there exists a growing necessity for an Act of the Legislature permitting Towns and Villages to cross railway tracks with streets. In many instances the egress and ingress of towns is altogether too limited, in consequence of the continuation and opening up of streets being blocked by railways, the managers of which persistently

refuse to permit streets to cross their lines. The result of this is a great inconvenience to the travelling public, and in some instances tends to endanger the lives of persons and horses.

Your petitioners would therefore pray that your Honorable Body will cause an act to be passed permitting Municipalities to cross railroads with roads and streets, that are laid out subsequent to the construction of railways, across which it is desirable to continue such street or road.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

FOR \$1,000 AID TO WEST KENT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

To the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—The petition of the Board of Directors and other members of the Electoral District Agricultural Society of West Kent, humbly sheweth :—

That your Society during the past year went to a great expense in erecting agricultural buildings, sheds, &c., and enclosed the whole with a good substantial fence, and made the premises for the exhibition of agricultural products the very best of all the Electoral District Societies in the Province.

That the outlay has necessarily been very great, and although grants and subscriptions were made far beyond our expectations, the Society is in debt to the amount of three thousand two hundred dollars. Your Directors are determined to make the Society one of the best in the Province, advancing the interests of every branch of agriculture and industry possible.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable Body grant your petitioners one thousand dollars to aid in paying off our debt, and carrying out our good work.

HENRY SMITH, and 56 others.

Chatham, Co. Kent, Jan 18th, 1882.

To the Honorable the Municipal Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—We, the undersigned ratepayers of the Township of Harwich, humbly pray your Honorable Body to aid and assist the West Kent Agricultural Association, by making a grant of one thousand dollars, to assist in paying the balance on their grounds and buildings.

DUNCAN McCOLL and 68 others.

Harwich, Jan. 24th, 1882.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS, &c., 1881.

County Treasurer's Office,

Chatham, 23rd January, 1882.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent :—

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit herewith to your Honorable Body my accounts with the County of Kent for the year 1881, as hereunder. 1st. Copy of Cash Book, giving in detail the receipts and expenditure during the year. 2nd. Abstract of Accounts, shewing the total amount received and expended under each head. 3rd. Balance Sheet. 4th. Statement of the amount due each Municipality for Wild Land tax collections. 5th. Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the County. I also submit a statement of the amount payable under the Separation Award by the Town of Chatham, towards the expenditure of the County for the year 1881. I beg to report that under instructions from your Warden, I endeavored to negotiate a sale of the mortgage held by the County upon the Industrial Farm property, but was unsuccessful, the guarantee asked for by the intending purchaser not being such as either Mr. Hickey or myself felt disposed to give. I therefore determined to await the maturing of the first instalment, and if not met to place the matter in the hands of your Solicitor, Mr. Pegley, to take the necessary proceedings to enforce payment, which I regret I had to do, and I presume he will report to you what action he has taken in the premises. The full amount awarded the Town of Chatham on separation from the County has now been paid. I most respectfully beg to request that your Honorable Body will be pleased to grant me an increase of salary to the extent of at least \$200. The duties and responsibilities of this office have greatly increased

within the past few years, and while the expense of living has become very much higher, my salary has remained stationary. After paying an assistant, without whom I could not accomplish the work that has to be done the amount I at present receive is quite inadequate remuneration for the services I perform, and is not at all in proportion to salaries paid officials in many of the public institutions, whose duties and responsibilities are not greater than mine. From the length of time I have been Treasurer of the County, and I venture to say the faithful discharge of the duties pertaining to the office, I hope I may reasonably expect your favorable consideration of this application.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treas. Kent.

CHAS. GEO. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, in account with the County of Kent for Receipts and Expenditure of County funds during the year 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, 1st January, 1881.....	88846 65	Treas. Ridgetown, County rate of 1880 & '81.....	\$ 473 20
Registrar Kent, fees payable County for 1880, and balance 1879.....	2462 46	John Mercer, Sheriff, for advances.....	300 00
Bothwell bridge, rec'd from Elgin & Middlesex their proportion of cost of repairs.....	410 84	High School for Master, rec'd from Govern't.....	685 00
Treasurer Dover E. & W. County rate of 1880, and Bonus E. & H. Railway 1881.....	4303 75	Treas. Orford, bal. Co. rate of 1880 & ac. '81.....	1502 28
Treasurer Dresden, County rate, 1880.....	761 27	Interest account, received under this head.....	416 17
Treas. Town of Chatham, E. & H. R'y bonus, and prop. debt due Jan'y and Oct'r, 1881.....	4137 99	Administration Justice and Payment of Witnesses, received under this head.....	3096 89
Treas. Chatham, County rate of 1880.....	6293 82	Lands redeemed, received under this head.....	1164 70
Treasurer Howard, County rate of 1881.....	2490 32	Wild Land tax, rec'd for differ't Municipalities.....	14826 50
Treasurer Zone, County rate of 1881.....	623 29	Payment of Jurors, rec. for Fines & Jury fees.....	85 00
Treasurer Thamesville, County rate of 1880.....	174 60	Fuel for Offices, rec'd from Wm. Douglas.....	13 44
Treasurer Romney, County rate of 1880.....	633 79	License account, received under this head.....	399 00
Treas. Raleigh, County rate of 1880, and ac. '81.....	4943 28	Rent of Gaol and Registry Office.....	374 33
Treas. Camden & Gore, County rate of 1880.....	2804 54	Town of Chatham, quarterly expenditure ac.....	1138 77
Treas. Wallaceburg, County rate of 1880.....	440 74	Industrial Farm, rec'd under this head.....	1803 09
Treas. Tilbury East, County rate of 1880.....	1362 62	Division Court Jury fund.....	52 52
Treas. Harwich, bal. Co. rate of 1880, & ac. '81.....	6678 96	Poor School, Dover.....	38 59
Treas. Bothwell, County rate of 1880.....	300 70	Legislative School grant.....	4230 00
			877872 92

EXPENDITURE.

Registry Office—Furniture account.....	\$ 145 01	Erie and Huron Railway Debentures retired.....	\$5608 17
Wallaceburg bridges—repairs.....	163 59	Interest account, Erie and Huron Railway.....	8515 62
East Kent Agricult'l Society, grants '80 & '81.....	500 00	Payment of Witnesses.....	188 90
Board of Audit.....	68 00	Miscellaneous Expense account.....	115 07
Registry Office for Books.....	151 59	Interest new Debenture.....	856 96
Gaol and Court House furnishings.....	17 00	Payment of Jurors.....	1448 ..
Town of Chatham, balance due under award.....	5600 00	Administration Criminal Justice.....	4094 21
Engineering and Surveying.....	96 00	Administration Justice not Criminal.....	2039 82
Moravian Bridge repairs account.....	16 75	Mechanics' Institute, Ridgetown.....	50 00
Bothwell Bridge approach.....	28 25	Insurance account.....	302 50
Dresden Bridge repairs account.....	155 06	Fuel for Offices.....	356 01
Tecumseh Bridge repairs account.....	30 00	Public Buildings repairs.....	72 30
Kent Bridge.....	11 00	Office rent account.....	507 52
Grant to 24th Kent Battalion.....	75 00	Division Court Jury fund.....	0 00
Wm. Douglas, C. P., advanced him re Criminal Witnesses.....	50 00	Salary account.....	1860 ..
Debenture account, retired Debentures.....	3000 00	Councillors' wages and Committees.....	1382 40
Selectors of Jurors.....	157 50	Caretaker of Public Offices.....	245 ..
Moravian Bridge construction acct.....	2004 09	School Superintendence.....	703 75
Office Furniture.....	448 50	Tremblay Creek Government drain.....	73 22
Board of Examiners.....	11 00	Vagrancy account.....	38 56
John Mercer, Sheriff, advances to him.....	200 ..	Raglan Creek, Rond Eau harbor.....	300 ..
High School for Master.....	1370 ..	Chatham, Dover and Sombra Agricul. Society.....	200 00
Bedford-Ellis drain.....	22 39	Bothwell Bridges repairs.....	889 32
South Branch Pike's Creek drain.....	17 11	Legislative School grant, paid Municipalities.....	4230 ..
Stephens drain.....	62 92	Camden for line between Kent and Lambton.....	71 ..
Government drain, Tilbury East and Raleigh.....	11 42	Gore of Chatham and Sombra.....	7 ..
Government drain, Romney.....	22 83	Chatham and VII. Wallaceburg town line.....	33 ..
Interest account.....	1874 58	Raleigh and Tilbury East Diverted line.....	140 25
West Kent Agricultural Society.....	950 ..	Gore of Camden and Dawn.....	30 ..
County Printing.....	181 52	Chatham and Camden Town line.....	74 50
Law Expenses.....	186 38	Diverted Line Chatham and Dover East.....	99 ..
Lands Redeemed account.....	1219 97	Wild Land Tax account.....	16280 51
Wallaceburg Bridges, for swinging.....	150 ..	Cash on hand.....	8361 74
Ridgetown Lock up.....	300 ..		877872 92
Coroners' orders.....	53 20		

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

County Treasurer's Office, 1st January, 1882.

BALANCE SHEET, COUNTY OF KENT LEDGER, 1st Jan'y, 1882.—Dr.		Cr.
Gaol and Court House,	\$ 24181 08	
Gaol and Court House Wall	6561 09	
Registry Office Furniture,	414 56	
" Addition,	716 24	
Kent and Middlesex County Line,		\$ 3 38
Harwich and Town of Chatham Line,		57 60
Otter Creek drain,		260 00
Board of Audit,		12 00
Chatham and Camden T. L. ditch		11 17
Chatham and Dover East T. L. drain,		420 00
Camden and Dresden T. L.		0 74
Dover East and West T. L.		5 26
Treasurer of Dover East and West,	2179 14	
" Dresden,	661 79	
Gaol and Court House furnishings acct.	1438 43	
Treasurer Town of Chatham,	166 66	
Town of Dresden,		126 34
Treasurer Chatham and Gore,	5983 21	
Town of Chatham,		300 00
Romney and Mersea County line,		127 73
McSween drain, Tilbury East		46 70
Moravian Bridge Repairs acct.		47 14
Bothwell Bridge and Approach,		104 40
Dresden Bridge,	3881 59	
Crowell's Creek drain,		44 82
Kent Bridge,	15907 22	
Runciman drain		27 08
New Registry Office,	7193 83	
Treasurer Thamesville,	153 00	
Tecumseh Bridge,	16455 50	
Wm. Douglas, C. P.	53 50	
Camden for Line between Kent and Lambton,		79 00
Village of Thamesville,		20 00
Debenture account		21000 00
Gore of Chatham and Sombra C. L.		444 36
Township of Howard,		284 92
" Raleigh		1449 60
Treasurer Raleigh,	617 05	
" Camden and Gore,	2745 35	
Chatham and Village of Wallaceburg		16 00
Howard and Harwich Tap drain,		23 25
Raleigh and Tilbury East Diverted Line,		59 75
Bothwell Bridge, South approach,		20 66
Treasurer Wallaceburg,	373 30	
" Blenheim,	344 37	
Township of Romney,		1799 81
Village of Wallaceburg,		121 49
" Blenheim,		137 34
High School,	6992 85	
New County Offices,	270 00	
New Moravia Bridge Construction acct.		61 46
Kent and Elgin County Line drain, No. 1,		24 00
Office Furniture acct.	1877 39	
Treasurer Tilbury East	1165 10	
" Harwich	3116 09	
Township of Orford,		351 48
Bothwell-Mosa County line,		33 93
Carried forward,	\$103448 33	\$27441 41

Brought forward	\$103448 33	\$27441 41
Chatham and Town of Chatham Line.....		27 96
John Mercer, Sheriff.....	9 50	
Town of Ridgetown.....		24 80
Hazlett drain.....		150 00
Duffus drain.....		100 00
Alexander drain.....		20 00
McKim drain.....		40 00
Kerby drain.....		50 18
Boyle drain.....		250 00
Cooper drain.....		154 00
Government drain, Raleigh and Tilbury East.....		11 42
" " Romney.....		22 83
Treasurer Orford.....	305 39	
Interest account.....		358 34
Gore of Camden and Dawn Town Line.....		12 34
Chatham and Camden Town Line.....		3 44
Board of School Trustees, Chatham, for Model School.....		200 00
Lands Redeemed account.....		217 87
Blenheim and Harwich Town Line.....		2 00
East and West Tilbury County Line.....		36 92
Romney and Tilbury East.....		0 10
Finn Creek drain.....		80 00
Adm. Criminal Justice, old account.....		8 11
Bonus, Erie and Huron Railway.....	155000 00	
Erie and Huron Railway debentures.....		139122 80
Interest, Erie and Huron Railway.....		4971 48
New Debenture account.....		14282 79
Payment of Criminal Witnesses.....	24 38	
Cash account.....	8361 74	
Unpaid Witnesses account.....		24 10
Interest on new Debentures.....		428 48
Corless drain.....		150 00
Township Dover East and West.....		1367 03
" " Zone.....		256 99
Administration Criminal Justice account.....	391 16	
Administration Justice not Criminal.....		666 91
Insurance account.....	302 50	
Fuel for Offices.....		99 91
County Kent General account.....		74556 91
Town of Chatham, quarterly expenditure.....	212 64	
Treasurer Bothwell.....	263 50	
" " Romney.....	566 99	
Township of Chatham and Gore.....		2986 37
" " Harwich.....		839 71
" " Camden and Gore.....		1159 70
" " Tilbury East.....		3520 92
Division Court Jury Fund.....		43 52
School superintendence.....		203 75
Mortgage account.....	5050 00	
Tremblay Creek Government drain.....		22 04
Diverted Line Chatham and Dover East.....		1 00
Vagrancy account.....	38 50	
Poor School, Dover East.....		38 50
	\$273974 63	\$273974 63

Treasurer's Office, 1st Jan'y, 1882.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr., Kent.

STATEMENT of Amounts due different Municipalities from Wild Land Tax Collections during the year 1881.

Blenheim.....	\$ 137 34	Harwich.....	\$ 839 71
Zene.....	256 99	Dover East and West,.....	1367 03
Dresden.....	126 34	Raleigh,.....	1449 60
Wallaceburg,.....	121 49	Howard,.....	284 92
Tilbury East,.....	3520 92	Thamesville.....	20 00
Camden,.....	1159 70	Ridgetown.....	24 80
Chatham.....	2866 37		
Romney,.....	1799 81		
Orford.....	351 48		\$14326 50
Co. Treasurer's Office, 1st Jan'y, 1882.		C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.	

STATEMENT showing Liabilities and Assets of the County of Kent, as at 1st January, 1882.

LIABILITIES.	
Due Kent and Middlesex County line.....	\$ 3 38
Harwich and Town of Chatham Town line.....	37 60
Otter Creek drain.....	200 00
Board of Audit.....	12 ..
Chatham and Camden T. L. ditch.....	11 17
Chatham and Dover East T. L. drain.....	420 ..
Chatham and Dresden T. L.....	0 74
Dover East and West T. L.....	5 26
Town of Dresden.....	126 34
Town of Chatham.....	300 ..
Romney and Mersea County line.....	137 73
McSween drain, Tilbury East.....	46 70
Moravia Bridge repairs acct.....	47 14
Bothwell Bridge and approach.....	104 40
Crowell's Creek drain.....	44 82
Runciman drain.....	27 08
Camden for line between Kent and Lambton, Village of Thamesville.....	20 00
Gore of Chatham and Sombra County line.....	444 36
Township of Howard.....	284 92
" " Raleigh.....	1449 60
Chatham and Village of Wallaceburg.....	16 ..
Howard and Harwich Tap drain.....	23 25
Raleigh and Tilbury East Diverted line.....	59 75
Bothwell Bridge, South approach.....	20 86
Township of Romney.....	1799 81
Village of Wallaceburg.....	121 49
" " Blenheim.....	137 34
New Moravia Bridge Construction acct.....	61 46
Kent and Elgin County line Drain No. 1.....	24 00
Township of Orford.....	351 48
Bothwell and Mosa County line.....	33 93
Chatham and Town of Chatham line.....	27 96
Town of Ridgetown.....	24 80
Hazlett drain.....	150 00
Duffus drain.....	100 00
Alexander drain.....	20 00
	\$31961 84
ASSETS.	
Due by Treasurer Dover East and West.....	\$2179 14
" " Dresden.....	661 70
" " Town of Chatham.....	166 66
" " Chatham and Gore.....	5083 21
" " Thamesville.....	153 00
" " William Douglas, C. P.....	53 50
" " Treasurer Raleigh.....	617 05
" " Camden and Gore.....	2745 35
" " Wallaceburg.....	373 30
" " Blenheim.....	344 37
" " Tilbury East.....	1165 10
" " Harwich.....	3116 09
" " John Mercer, Sheriff.....	9 50
" " Treasurer Orford.....	305 39
Town of Chatham, quarterly expenditure.....	212 64
Payment of Criminal Witnesses, due by Gov't.....	\$ 24 38
Adm. Criminal Justice Acct.,.....	891 16
Treasurer of Bothwell.....	263 50
" " Romney.....	566 99
Vagrancy acct., due by Dover East and West,.....	38 50
Cash on hand,.....	8361 74
Excess of Liabilities over Assets.....	4229 48
	\$31961 84

The Northwood Mortgage on Industrial Farm is now in the Solicitor's hands for foreclosure, and when paid will meet the excess of Liabilities over Assets and leave a little over \$1000 to the good.

DEFERRED LIABILITIES.

Debentures, old issue, of which the Town of Chatham is to pay \$3333 24.....	\$20000 00
Erle and Huron Railway Debentures.....	133173 09
Debentures issued under By-law No. 371.....	14232 79
	\$107455 88

Co. Treasurer's Office, 1st Jan'y, 1882.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

STATEMENT showing the amount payable by the Town of Chatham under Award towards the Expenditure of the County for the year 1881.

March quarter.....	\$209 58	
Less received from Government for disbursements.....	57 31	\$152 27
June quarter,		395 97
September quarter.....		176 31
December quarter,		402 25
Interest on Debentures,		255 83
Account Debenture debt of County.....		499 99
Rent of Gaol and Registry Office.....		374 33
		\$2256 95

Co. Treasurer's Office, 1st Jan'y, 1882.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

BOARD OF AUDIT.

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

GENTLEMEN,—We, the members of the Board of Audit for the County of Kent, during the year 1881, beg to report that in addition to accounts preferred against the Government of Ontario for services performed in relation to the administration of Criminal Justice, we have carefully audited all claims and demands presented to our Board, and charged against the County, amounting to \$2798 98, of which \$28.70 were disallowed by us as will be seen from the schedule hereto annexed. It affords us much pleasure to report that the accounts are now carefully and systematically prepared, the items are arranged and classified under their proper heads and those which should be charged against the Government are invariably so charged. We are occasionally called to pass upon accounts for repairs and supplies for the Court House, gaol, and other public buildings, the details of which, though stated, we have no means of investigating or ascertaining their correctness, and are at a loss to know for whom or by whose authority the work charged for was furnished and performed. We would respectfully suggest that in future such work be placed under the supervision and surveillance of some member or member of the Committee on County Property, who will be responsible for the work ordered and goods supplied, and certify to the accounts for the same.

It is a matter of regret that the attempt made last year to commute with the Clerk of the Peace had not been successful, as that official should not be in a position of antagonism with the Board. The accounts of the Clerk of the Peace, though now prepared with much care, are always most difficult to audit as his duties and services are so various, and the statutes relating thereto are intricate and difficult to understand; besides, it would be of great advantage to the Board of Audit to have the assistance of an official so well acquainted with the work performed by other claimants and the correct and proper charges therefor.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WHITE, }
L. H. JOHNSON, } Auditors.

Dated the 23rd January, A. D., 1882.

APRIL AUDIT, 1881.

Name of Claimant.	Account.	Am't Claimed.	Am't Allowed.	Am't Disallowed.
Sheriff Mercer.....	Disbursements & rent.....	\$ 31 25	\$ 31 25	
do.	Jury.....	32 00	32 00	
Wm. Douglas	Jury.....	8 25	8 25	
do.	Miscellaneous and rent.....	199 25	199 25	
S. F. Dennis.....	Constable acct.....	2 70	2 70	
J. R. Gemmill.....	County printing.....	111 50	111 50	
do.	Criminal Justice printing.....	79 47	79 47	
Robert Cooper.....	Stationery.....	12 58	12 58	
C. G. Charteris.....	Postage for Clerk and Treas.....	8 99	8 99	
J. A. Walker.....	Clerk of Board of Audit.....	2 00	2 00	
J. Marquand.....	Cleaning clock.....	1 00	1 00	
Total.....		\$488 99	\$488 99	\$00 00

JULY AUDIT, 1881.

Name of Claimant.	Account.	Am't Claimed.	Am't Allowed.	Am't Disallowed.
Sheriff Mercer.....	Disbursements & rent.....	\$ 83 86	\$ 83 86	
do.....	Jury acct.....	149 92	149 82	
Wm. Douglas.....	Miscellaneous and rent.....	278 92	278 07	85
Wm. Wemp.....	Constable acct.....	11 35	11 35	
H. Goolding.....	do.....	6 70	6 70	
M. Tompkins.....	do.....	21 75	17 50	4 25
C. Sommerville.....	do.....	15 00	15 00	
H. G. Kersey.....	do.....	5 55	5 55	
J. R. Gemmill.....	County Printing.....	47 00	47 00	
do.....	Criminal Justice printing.....	94 58	91 58	3 00
Geo. H. Taylor.....	Steno.....	15 00	15 00	
C. G. Charteris.....	Postage acct.....	5 67	5 67	
J. A. Walker.....	Clerk of Board of Audit.....	4 00	4 00	
Thos. Irwin.....	Wood acct.....	163 50	163 50	
Total.....		\$902 80	\$894 70	\$ 8 10

OCTOBER AUDIT, 1881.

Name of Claimant.	Account.	Am't Claimed.	Am't Allowed.	Am't Disallowed.
Sheriff Mercer.....	Disbursements & rent.....	\$ 68 65	\$ 68 65	
Wm. Douglas.....	Miscellaneous and rent.....	231 45	230 85	60
do.....	Jury account.....	27 50	27 50	
B. M. Hubble.....	Constable account.....	8 50	8 30	20
Jacob A. Courtney.....	do.....	8 10	8 10	
M. Dillon.....	do.....	6 50	6 50	
S. F. Dennis.....	do. total.....	28 55	21 20	7 35
H. Weaver.....	do. total.....	11 50	5 90	5 60
C. G. Charteris.....	Postage acct.....	4 43	4 43	
J. A. Walker.....	Clerk of Board of Audit.....	4 00	4 00	
Total.....		\$399 18	\$385 43	\$13 75

JANUARY AUDIT, 1882.

Name of Claimant.	Account.	Am't Claimed.	Am't Allowed.	Am't Disallowed.
Sheriff Mercer.....	Disbursements & rent.....	\$ 83 49	\$ 83 49	
do.....	Jury acct.....	164 74	164 74	
Wm. Douglas.....	Jury acct.....	152 15	152 15	
do.....	Miscellaneous and rent.....	247 73	242 48	5 25
J. J. Thompson.....	Constable acct.....	2 50	2 50	
S. F. Dennis.....	do.....	15 20	15 20	
Angus Glassford.....	do.....	4 60	4 60	
Jos. Heatherington.....	do.....	3 80	3 80	
M. Tompkins.....	do.....	14 16	13 00	1 60
J. R. Gemmill.....	County Printing.....	59 39	59 39	
do.....	Criminal Justice printing.....	111 70	111 70	
Daniel Kerr.....	Postage account.....	5 81	5 81	
C. G. Charteris.....	do.....	9 07	9 07	
Geo. H. Taylor, Steno.....	Steno.....	20 00	20 00	
J. A. Walker.....	Clerk of Board of Audit.....	4 00	4 00	
J. & W. McKeough, Repairs.....		109 23	109 23	
Total.....		\$1008 01	\$1001 16	\$ 6 85

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 beg to report to your Honorable Body as follows :—

That the High School during the past year, 1881, has been efficiently conducted by the following staff, viz.:

STAFF.

Mr. D. S. Paterson, Graduate of the University of Toronto, Head Master ; Mr. Wilkins, also Graduate of the University of Toronto, First Assistant ; Mr. Hoople, Graduate of Victoria University, Second Assistant ; Mr. Brown, under Graduate Queen's College, Third Assistant, until the close of his engagement in July, when he left to resume his studies for the ministry, and in whose place, the Board after due examination and recommendation, appointed Mr. B. N. Davis, Graduate of Queen's College, who has rendered efficient assistance in the conduct of the school. Mr. E. B. Houghton also continues as instructor in gymnastics and calisthenics. The Board having accepted the resignation of Mr. Hoople at the close of the year, appointed Mr. B. N. Davis to the vacancy, and advertised for third assistant master, and from twenty-four applications, four of which were from ladies, selected Mr. Cruickshank, of Weston, Under-Graduate of the University of Toronto.

PUPILS.

The number of pupils enrolled during the year was one hundred and seventy-five, of whom eighty-five were boys and ninety girls; seventy-five were from the town and one hundred from the country; the average attendance during the year, first half, was one hundred and sixteen, and during the last half eighty-five. The number who wrote at the Entrance Examinations during the year was two hundred and twenty-seven, of whom one hundred and twelve were successful, and of these forty-two were from the Town and seventy from the country. Only sixty-nine of these have as yet attended the High School. It is gratifying to notice the steady and growing interest taken by the Public Schools in the High School Entrance Examinations, and although many of the successful candidates do not afterwards attend the High School, the examination is rightly regarded as a valuable educational agent. During the year three pupils were suspended, and two expelled, for persistently and flagrantly violating the rules of the school.

STUDIES.

All the pupils attend classes in Grammar, Literature, Composition, Dictation, History, Geography, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Algebra, Euclid, Gymnastics and Calisthenics ; eighty of the pupils studied French, seventy Latin, seven Greek, forty Book-keeping, twenty five Natural Philosophy, and thirty Chemistry. Since April last a piano kindly loaned has been in the building, and is used for the instruction of the pupils. There are special classes in music and drawing taught by Mrs and Miss Minty respectively, not connected with the staff of the school.

PROGRESS.

Eleven pupils who received all or an important part of their training at the High School, obtained Intermediate Certificates at the July Examination; one passed the primary in Medicine, and three the primary in law during the year.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The remarks of the Inspector, Mr. Marling, attached to his report, are as follows: "The distance from the University and the eagerness to embark on a commercial or industrial career so prevalent here in the West, deprive the devoted and able Head Master and his assistants from reaping that reward in their pupils' academic success which would be most acceptable to them, as few go on to college ; but an excellent training is here given and a large class of intelligent and interested pupils show unmistakably the fruit of the skill and energy expended upon them. There are some unique features of this school to which I would ask the special attention of the Hon. the Minister of Education, viz. : A. The attention paid to the physical training of the pupils under a competent instructor. B. The minuteness and carefulness with which the reports are drawn up and publicly distributed with appropriate remarks, and the

pains taken to govern by influencing right principles rather than by restraints and coercion."

EXHIBITIONS.

The Annual Exhibition given by the pupils at Easter, in the Music Hall, realized ninety dollars, and the steamboat excursion in June sixty dollars. These sums have been devoted to the purchase of gymnasium and cricket supplies books for the library, and other purposes. A literary and debating society organized in September with a membership of eighty, holds meetings fortnightly in one of the class rooms and has opened a reading room for newspapers and magazines.

EXAMINATIONS.

During the year every Friday afternoon was spent in written examinations in which all the pupils took part. At the end of every series detailed reports with examination papers attached of each pupil's progress and standing, were issued and sent to the parents. This system, altho' entailing much night work on the teachers has not failed to stimulate and educate. The important subject of essay writing also received special attention, the pupils being required to write an original composition of reasonable length every three weeks; these were criticised, corrected and returned. Prizes to the value of ninety dollars (of which forty dollars was contributed by the Masters) were awarded during the year.

BUILDINGS.

The buildings have been carefully looked after and repaired; the shed in which the wood has been kept heretofore, was open and in bad repair, and it was thought advisable for the security of the wood or coal, as the case may be, that a clove shed should be built, giving better access to the shed, at the same time affording ample protection and room for work. The portion of the lot on the south side of the buildings, heretofore used for agricultural purposes, the Board are now levelling, preparatory to seeding down, which will increase the grounds for exercise and recreation.

DRAINAGE.

It would also be beneficial to the health of the school if the grounds were drained, to facilitate which the Board would respectfully request the Town Council to cause a sewer to be constructed on Prince street.

The Board also beg to report that they have appointed a Secretary-Treasurer, outside of the Board; also that the time for which your trustee, S. White, Esquire, was appointed has expired. To this report is attached the financial statement of the treasurer, containing a detailed account of the receipts and expenditure of the High School Board during the past year, also an estimate of the expenses for the present year.—All of which is respectfully submitted to your Honorable Body.

THOS. RICH'D HARRIS, Secretary B. H. S. T.

Chatham, Twentieth day of January, 1882.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNT OF THE TREASURER OF THE HIGH SCHOOL BOARD.

RECEIPTS IN 1881.		PAYMENTS IN 1881.	
Balance on hand, as per last account, 1st January, 1881.....	\$ 219 84	Paid Masters during 1881.....	83476 67
Government grant for last half 1880.....	323 85	Paid for Building, Repairs, and School Furniture during 1881.....	291 27
" " first half of 1881.....	361 15	Paid for Library during 1881.....	25 00
Received from Municipal grants during 1881.....	2420 34	Paid for Maps, Apparatus, Prizes, during 1881.....	116 11
Received from Fees during 1881.....	758 00	Paid for School Books and Stationery, Fuel and other expenses during 1881.....	476 57
Received from other sources during 1881, including Bank of Commerce, \$279 95.....	324 44	Balance on hand.....	22 ..
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DETAIL OF PAYMENTS.

1881.					
Feb'y 2	Rev. A. McColl, Int. examination, ..	\$ 12 94	Oct. 3	H. N. Hoople, quarter's salary,.....	\$ 200 ..
April 4	D. S. Paterson, quar. salary	275 00		J. A. Brown, two months "	100 ..
	" " Entomo. Society	1 ..		B. N. Davis, one months "	41 67
	D. F. H. Wilkins, quar. salary	200 ..		E. B. Houghton, quarter's "	60 ..
	H. N. Hoople, "	175 ..		R. Douglas, wages	12 ..
	J. A. Brown, "	150 ..		E. Jordan, repairing clock	1 50
	A. P. Houghton, "	60 ..		W. R. Dobbyn, printing,	1 50
	R. Douglas, wages	25 ..		R. Cooper, stationery	8 50
	" cutting wood	22 88		J. R. Gemmill, printing	3 25
	H. N. Hoople, chemical apparatus	22 44		Mechanics' Institute, advertising	2 ..
	R. C. Burt, " account,	9 81	Nov'r	D. S. Paterson, grant Library,	25 ..
	W. R. Dobbyn, printing	7 50		Robertson & Co., repairs	22 12
	W. Ball, repairs	10 ..		R. Douglas, work on grounds,	4 ..
	J. F. VanAllen, printing	7 ..		R. Cooper, stationery,	6 10
	J. & W. McKeough, repairs, etc.	10 70		J. F. VanAllen, printing	1 ..
	J. C. Small, pump	2 75		David Wilson, team on ground	4 ..
	John Morrish, stationery	3 41		Robinson & Wilson, patent	4 58
	Stephenson & Co., advertising	24 96		A. Bartlett, wood shed, etc.	46 83
	J. & W. McKeough, chemical appar. ..	6 95		A. Piggott, lumber,	87 96
	J. R. Gemmill, printing and advert'g ..	10 45		D. S. Paterson, exam. fees,	12 ..
	Andrew Ross, wood	14 85	Dec'r 7	W. R. Dobbyn, adv'g and printing ...	5 04
	Robert Cooper, stationery	3 ..		J. R. Gemmill, advertising	3 60
July 4	D. S. Paterson, quarter's salary	275 ..		Rev. A. McColl, examination	16 95
	" " postage,	3 ..		Stephenson & Co., advertising	4 80
	D. F. H. Wilkins, quarter's salary	200 ..		R. Cooper, stationery	7 60
	H. N. Hoople, "	175 ..		" "	7 30
	J. A. Brown, "	150 ..	23	B. N. Davis, quarter's salary	125 ..
	E. B. Houghton, "	60 ..		D. F. H. Wilkins, "	200 ..
	R. Douglas, wages	25 ..		H. N. Hoople, "	200 ..
	J. R. Gemmill, printing	11 80		E. B. Houghton, "	60 ..
	A. Mellish, chairs,	10 ..		R. Douglas, wages	25 ..
	Roberson & Co., carpenters	3 30		J. Waugh, wood	48 75
	H. N. Hoople, chemicals	18 50		R. Douglas, cutting wood	7 50
	J. Morrish, stationery	3 55		D. S. Paterson, quarter's salary	275 ..
	R. Riddell, blacksmith	1 10		D. McLachlan, advertising	10 ..
	W. R. Dobbyn, printing	3 50		J. C. Burt, chemicals	15 36
	R. O'Hara, insurance,	45 ..		Coltart & Neilson, shelves	1 25
	Globe, advertising	1 58		Stephenson & Co., printing,	2 ..
	D. S. Paterson, expenses exhibition ..	3 75		E. Robinson, 10 days' services	20 ..
	W. F. Payne, printing	3 ..		G. Young, 7 "	14 ..
	D. S. Paterson, prizes,	50 ..		S. White, 8 "	16 ..
	D. McLachlan, balance salary,	20 ..		J. L. Bray, 8 "	16 ..
Oct. 3	Rev. A. McColl, examination	13 45		T. W. Jackson, 7 "	14 ..
	D. S. Paterson, quarter's salary	275 ..		Sec'y-Treasurer, (postage \$2)	37 ..
	" " postage,	2 25		Balance	22 ..
	D. F. H. Wilkins, quarter's salary	200 ..			
					\$4407 62

ESTIMATE OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL FOR 1882.

EXPENSES.		RECEIPTS.	
To Mr. Paterson, Head Master, salary	\$1200 ..	Prizes	\$ 50 ..
Mr. Wilkins, First Asst. "	800 ..	Building, repairs and grounds,	100 ..
Mr. Davis, Second " "	700 ..	Sundry incidental expenses	150 ..
Mr. Cruickshank, 3d " "	500 ..	Balance due Bank of Commerce	279 95
Mr. Houghton, gymnastics and calls	240 ..		\$4442 95
Janitor,	87 ..		
Secretary and Treasurer,	50 ..	By balance,	\$ 22 ..
Rev. A. McColl, examiner	56 ..	Government grant, say	700 ..
Printing, advertising and stationery	100 ..	County grant, equal "	700 ..
Firewood and cutting	80 ..	Fees from Pupils, "	700 ..
Chemical account,	50 ..	Amount Town of Chatham,	2320 95
			\$4442 95

I hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and full account of the receipts and payments of School moneys in this Municipality to the 31st day of December, 1881, as per vouchers herewith submitted to the Municipal School Auditors.

Dated the Twentieth day of January, 1882.

THOS. RICH. HARRIS,

Treasurer High School B.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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

GENTLEMEN,—In behalf of the Board of Examiners, I have the honor to report for the information of your Honorable Body, as follows:—

That fifty-eight eight candidates for the non-professional Intermediate Certificates, were present for examination at the meeting of the Board of Examiners in July last, and with the following results, viz.:

That four received Second Class Grade B Certificates, three Intermediate Certificates, and afterwards on appeals three more Intermediate Certificates were granted.

That the general regulations of the Education Department prescribed for the

examinations of Third Class Non-professional Certificates before the County Boards being discontinued, and the Intermediate Examinations henceforth being substituted for the Non-professional Third-Class Certificates, and that there being of the said fifty eight candidates, thirty-seven pupils from the High School, and twenty-one who were not pupils of the High School. I, in conformity with Regulation 2, Examination of Candidates for Certificates, Section 5. in the case of those Candidates who were not High School pupils, certified to the County Treasurer for payment to the High School Board, the sum of \$13 and 76 cents, as additional expense entailed on the High School Board by the County of Kent candidates, at the July Intermediate Examination, for the attendance of the Rev. A. McColl, Printing, Stationery, Postage, &c

That three of the above, and one other who had previously passed the non-professional examination in 1880, attended the County Model School, Chatham, for their professional training, and having passed a satisfactory examination, received Third-class Certificates

That the expenses of the Board for the professional examination of the County Model School Teachers-in-Training for Third-class Certificates in October last, were \$6 and 19 cents.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

EDMUND B. HARRISON, CHAIRMAN.

Ridgetown, January 19th, 1882.

The expenses of the Board of Examiners for the County of Kent, for the year ending December 31st, 1881:—

INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION IN JULY.

Planet, for advertising meeting of Board.....	\$	4	80
Banner, do do do		3	60
Tribune, do do do		5	04
R. Cooper, Stationery, 2 reams of Foolscap, 1 box of Pens, 1 bottle Ink...		7	60
Rev. A. McColl, 5 days' services, at \$3.00 per day.....		15	00
Drayman, for services, 50c. Express charges on parcels from Toronto, 45c. Telegram, 22c. Express charges on parcel to Education Office, 70c.			
Postage on Report to Education Office, 8c.....		1	95
Total.....	\$	37	99

MODEL SCHOOL EXAMINATION IN OCTOBER.

Rev. A. McColl, 2 days' services.....	\$	6	00
Postage on Letters and Certificates.....		0	19
Total.....	\$	6	19

The vouchers for the July expenses were forwarded to the Chairman of the High School Board.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDMUND B. HARRISON, CHAIRMAN.

RE SCHOOL SECTIONS NOS. 1 & 9, HARWICH.

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

GENTLEMEN.—The Committee appointed by By-law No. 402, passed at the December sessions of the County Council of the County of Kent, to investigate the matter of appeal or complaint of John B. Pike and others, against the Township Council of Harwich, as to the alteration of School Sections One and Nine, of said Township of Harwich, and the formation of a new School Section, beg leave to report as follows:—

A meeting of said Committee was called, all the members being duly notified for Friday, the 23rd day of December, A. D., 1881, at two o'clock, P. M., at which all parties interested were present by Counsel and personally, and the following members of Committee: Archibald Bell, Esq; Wm. Hickey, Esq and Thomas L. Pardo, Esq. Nine witnesses were called and sworn on behalf of the complainants, and six on behalf of the respondents.

It was by the evidence established beyond a doubt, that the resident rate-payers

in the territory for which a new Section is asked, reside from two and a-half to four and-a-half miles from the School House in their section.

That there are upwards of Seventy children of school age who are not attending the School in their section, as the distance is too great, and a great many of them are not attending school at all. The principal evidence for the defence admitted that in order to give these children schooling within their own section, it would be necessary to form a new section, the only objection urged being that the setting off of a new section would increase the taxation on the remaining sections. The sections One and Nine, after the alteration and formation of the new section asked for, will still each be over four miles square, and are in a thickly populated district, and the new section will be over three miles square, and thickly populated.

We, the said arbitrators, therefore unanimously agreed that it is necessary and proper to make the alterations asked for, and form a new section, and therefore made the following award:—

In the matter of appeal or complaint to the County Council of the County of Kent, from the Municipal Council of the Township of Harwich, re School Sections numbers One and Nine, in said Township.

We, Archibald Bell, William Hickey and Thomas L. Pardo, being a majority of the Committee appointed by the County Council of the County of Kent, to investigate said appeal or complaint, by virtue of and under the authority of the Public School Act of Ontario, having investigated said matters complained of, and heard the parties by their Counsel for and against said appeal and taken the evidence offered by said parties, do award, order and direct as follows:—

1. That there are a large number of children in the section proposed to be formed, who under the present arrangement are deprived of School.

2. That in order to meet their wants it is necessary to form a new Section.

3. We therefore award that the following lands, lots numbers three, four, five and the west-half of six in the 1st concession, and lots two, three, four, five and six, in the second Concession from the River Thames, be detached from School Section number one, and that the East half of lot six, and lots seven and eight in the first concession from the River Thames, and lots seven and eight in the second concession, Western Boundary, be detached from School Section number nine, and that the above lots be, and the same are hereby formed into a new School Section, to be known as School Section number Fifteen, (said Section being colored pink on the map or plan hereto unto attached.

4. We do further award that the petitioners, John B. Pike and others, shall pay to Archibald Bell, the sum of \$10; to William Hickey, the sum of \$8; to Thomas L. Pardo, the sum of \$8; and to Daniel Kerr, (Sec'y) the sum of \$6, in full satisfaction of all costs and expenses, and that each party pay their own witnesses and costs.

In virtue thereof, we have set our hands and affixed our seals to these presents.

Dated at Chatham, this twenty-fourth day of December, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

In presence of
DANIEL KERR,

(Signed)

}	A. BELL.	[L. S.]
	Wm. HICKEY.	[L. S.]
	T. L. PARDO.	[L. S.]

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A BELL, CHAIRMAN.

DRAIN ASSESSMENTS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with a resolution of your Honorable Body, passed at the December Session, 1881, in reference to the Kerby and Runciman Drains, we beg to report that we have looked into the matter, and find that the amounts assessed against the County in respect of said Drains, have not been paid. The Warden has therefore, now in compliance with your instructions, given an order in favor of the Treasurer of Camden, for the proportion payable by the County, of the actual cost, namely: Kerby Drain, \$59.18; Runciman Drain, \$27.08; Total—\$77.26.

The Assessment for the former, \$60, and for the latter, \$30.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. G. CHARTERIS, TREASURER.
Wm. HICKEY, WARDEN.

Chatham, 25th January, 1882.

ST. CLAIR & ROND EAU PLANK ROAD COMPANY.

STATEMENT of the Receipts and Expenditures of the St. Clair and Rond Eau Plank Road Company, for the year 1881.

RECEIPTS DURING 1881.

Cash on hand, 1st January, 1881.....	\$ 449 18	
Tolls from Wallaceburgh Division.....	433 55	
Tolls from Blenheim Division	496 00	
For old Plank.....	10 00	\$1388 73

EXPENDITURE.

Sundries, Insurance, Road Inspection, Taxes, &c.....	\$ 61 12	
Bond to Bank of Upper Canada.....	200 00	
Salaries of Toll-keepers.....	200 00	
Road Repairs.....	838 64	
Cash on hand.....	88 97	\$1388 73

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Municipal Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges having met, and carefully examined all the applications referred to them for grants to Roads and Bridges, and after having duly considered the same, beg leave to report as follows :

1. That they do not deem it advisable to entertain any applications for grants, other than those to County Lines and Bridges.

2. That any grants to County Lines should only be made on the express condition that the amounts so given be met by equal grants from the adjoining Counties.

3. That they would most earnestly recommend that the following grants be made:

To repair the approaches to Thamesville Bridge.....	\$ 25 00
To aid in repairing County line between Keat and Elgin.....	100 00
To repair County Line between Camden and Dawn.....	100 00
To improve County Line between Essex and Kent.....	100 00
To assist in opening County Line between the Gore of Chatham & Sombra	100 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. COATSWORTH, CHAIRMAN.

COUNTY PROPERTY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee on County Property, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We met on January 12th, to finish up the business left over from last session. The classifying of prisoners in gaol is required by the last presentment from the Grand Jury, so that separate wards be provided for Boys, Lunatics, &c. This is entirely in the hands of the Government of Ontario; we could not interfere in this matter. It is not long since the cells and wards have been re-arranged at considerable expense, according to the direction and approval of the Inspector of Prisons, respecting Boys. They have ample opportunity in Towns and Villages to have their morals corrupted before being shut up in Gaol. Place a few of them together in a Ward, and what any of them does not know in rascality he will soon learn. In reference to the re-construction of the Court-room, its defects have been constantly remedied; the placing of arm chairs for the Petit Jury, instead of the stationary seats, have been found to be a great improvement; the roof, so long a source of annoyance and expense, is now all that can be desired, perfectly water tight. We would report that the whole structure is in first-class order. Your Committee would remark respecting the Presentments from Grand Juries that have come before your Honorable Body in the past three years, they are so conflicting in their requests that it would be impossible to do and undo things as they require.

2. After consulting with the County Solicitor respecting Mr. O'Hara's demands, we found that he, Mr. O'Hara, would be satisfied to continue on the old arrangement, if we would furnish him with a Stove for his outer room, we at once caused one to be fitted up. This matter is now mutually settled.

3. Your Committee had some difficulty in reference to extra furniture placed in the Registry Office. The Registrar's clerk ordered a new desk; the account was pre-

sented to us. We after some delay, paid from ten to fifteen dollars more than we had calculated upon; we would again recommend, that in future any one presuming in this way will be left to pay and finish up their own arrangements. The old desk turned out of the Registry Office, has been made shorter and painted, at a cost of \$3.50; we placed it in the Clerk's office, and is a first-class piece of furniture.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

DAVID WILSON, CHAIRMAN.

Chatham, 12th January, 1882.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1882.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees for the present year, beg leave to report as follows:—

FINANCE.—Councillors Goulet, Caughill, Langford, Reycraft, A. W. Crow, Spencer, Wright, Richardson and Vogler

ROADS AND BRIDGES.—Councillors Coatsworth, Clancy, Bodkin, Irwin, Lachore, Vester, McKerrecher and Peltier.

COUNTY PROPERTY.—Councillors White, McMullin, Dillon and Mountford.

EDUCATION.—Councillors Martin, Stephens, McKinlay and McDougall.

PRINTING.—Councillors Mills, Mayhew and Stephens.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. E. VOGLER, CHAIRMAN.

FEES RE CLERK OF THE PEACE.

To the Warden Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to confer with the Clerk of the Peace in reference to agreeing with him for the payment of a gross annual sum in lieu of fees chargeable to the County by the Province, under Sec. 1 of Chap. 18, of Vic. 42, beg leave to report as follows:—

That after carefully looking into the matter, and conferring with Wm. Douglas, the present Clerk of the Peace, recommend that One Thousand dollars be paid to the said Clerk of the Peace, per annum, said sum to be paid quarterly, viz:—\$250 on the fifteenth day of April, July, October and January, in each year; provided always that either the County or the Clerk of the Peace may determine this recommendation of the 31st day of December, in any year, by giving one months' notice in writing, on his or their intention of doing so.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN WHITE, CHAIRMAN.

Chatham, January 28, 1882.

FINANCE.

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

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report, namely:—That we have fully examined the various matters referred to us, and would recommend the following:

1. That the sum of \$1000 be granted to the West Kent Agricultural Association, on conditions that the Town of Chatham pay an equal amount to the Treasurer of the said Association; and that the usual grant, paid annually by the County Council, be withheld for the next four years, including the present one, and the hereunto annexed document, signed by the President and Secretary of the said Agricultural Association, shall be a certificate of proof that no demand shall be made.

2. That the East Kent Agricultural Association be granted the usual sum of \$250.

3. That a grant of \$300 be paid to the Town of Chatham to assist in paying the care-takers of the Chatham Bridges, on condition that the Corporation make the said bridges free of tolls for the year 1882.

4. That the salary of the Treasurer of the County of Kent, be raised \$200.

5. That the salary of the County Clerk be raised \$100

6. That the salary of the Caretaker of the County offices, be raised \$35.

7. That the petition of the Gaol Surgeon be not entertained.

8. That the Report of the High School Board be referred back with instructions to strike out the sum of \$100 contained in the estimates for services of the members of the said Board, as all such payments are illegal.
9. That the petition of the Ontario Rifle Association for a grant be not entertained.
10. That the account of C. E. Pegley, County Solicitor, in the item, Gravel Road Arbitration, be reduced \$25.

11. That the following accounts be paid, namely :—

William Hickey, 1 day County Property Com and mileage	\$3 50	
“ “ 2 days, Gravel Road Committee and mileage	3 50	
“ “ on Drainage Assessment Camden T. L.	3 50	\$10 50
David Wilson, 3 days Committee on Gravel Road	6 00	
“ “ 1 day County Property Committee	2 00	8 00
John Wright, 1 day witness Gravel Road Arbitration		2 00
John Mason, 1 day Moravia Bridge		2 00
L. E. Vogler, painted notice, Moravia Bridge		1 00
Jabez Elley, caretaker, Bothwell Bridge,	5 00	
“ “ 2 Notice Boards do do	2 00	
“ “ 2 Days' Work, do do	3 00	10 00
W. G. McGeorge, plans and specifications of Moravia Bridge,	30 00	
“ “ Gravel Road inspection and arbitration	7 00	37 00
C. E. Pegley, for services		74 67

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Chatham, Jan. 28, 1882.

L. E. VOGLER, CHAIRMAN.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—In view of the fact that the West Kent Agricultural Society is considerably in debt, and unless the County Council aid us to the extent of \$1000, the operations of the Society this season are going to be retarded, in fact will be unable to accomplish what is desired.

We therefore make the following proposition, if you will be pleased to grant the \$1000 asked, we will accept it in lieu of the usual annual grant, till that amount is absorbed by such annual grants.

HENRY SMYTH, PRESIDENT W. K. A. A.

JOHN TISSIMAN, Secretary.

Chatham, January 26th, 1882.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 403.

A BY-LAW to appoint and confirm the appointment of certain Officers of the Corporation of the County of Kent.

PASSED 27th January, 1882.

WHEREAS it is necessary to appoint and confirm the appointment of the following Officers for 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 Municipal Acts of Ontario and the School Laws now in force.

1. That John Duck, nominated by the Warden, and D. C. McMullin appointed by resolution of the Council, are hereby confirmed in the office of Auditors of this Corporation, and the salary of said Auditors shall be the sum of forty dollars each.

2. That Alexander Goulet is hereby confirmed in the appointment of High School Trustee.

3. That Stephen White and Daniel Kerr are hereby confirmed in the office of members of the Board of Audit, under Sec. 474, Chap. 174 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, and that they be paid each \$6.00 for each quarterly Audit.

4. That all By-Laws or parts of By-Laws inconsistent with this By-law are hereby repealed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

[L.S.]

B. W. WILSON, WARDEN.

NO. 404.

A BY-LAW to confirm a By-law of the Township of Romney, No. 285.

PASSED 28th January, 1882.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to confirm said By-law No. 285, of the Township of Romney.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, under and by virtue of the several Acts of the Province of Ontario.

1. That the above cited By-law be and the same is hereby confirmed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

[L.S.]

B. W. WILSON, WARDEN.

NO. 405.

A BY-LAW to appropriate certain sums of money to County Lines and Bridges, in the County of Kent.

PASSED 28th January, 1882.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to grant the following sums, and they are hereby granted to improve and repair the following County Lines and Bridges.

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.

1. The sum of twenty-five dollars to repair the approaches to Thamesville Bridge. The Reeve of Thamesville, Commissioner.

2. The sum of one hundred dollars on County Line between Kent and Elgin.

3. The sum of one hundred dollars on County Line between the Townships of Camden and Dawn.

4. The sum of two hundred dollars on County Line between Essex and Kent, one half of said amount to Romney, and one half to Tilbury East, for expenditure on said Line.

5. The sum of one hundred dollars on County Line between the North Gore of Chatham and Sombra.

6. That the County Treasurer pay the said amounts on the order of the Commissioners appointed by the Local Municipalities.

7. All grants to County Lines are on condition that the adjoining County or Township expend an equal amount.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

[L.S.]

B. W. WILSON, WARDEN.

NO. 406.

A BY-LAW respecting Salaries and other matters relating to County Officers.

PASSED 28th January, 1882.

WHEREAS it is necessary to re-arrange and increase the salaries of certain County Officers, and to have the County Treasurer's Bond renewed; also, to provide for the payment of mileage to the Warden.

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.

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 twenty thousand dollars, and four sureties each in the sum of five thousand dollars—bonds to be made jointly and severally.

4. 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.

5. The Treasurer shall receive for his services in lieu of all fees or percentages, except fees for searches and the fees for sales of lands for taxes, the sum of fourteen hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. The salary of the Clerk shall be seven hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly. He shall be provided with an office in the business part of the Town of Chatham.

9. The Gaol 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 the 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.

10. The Surgeon shall perform all and every duty required to be done by him by virtue of his office as Gaol Surgeon.

11. The salary of the Gaol Surgeon shall be One Hundred and Seventy-five dollars per annum, payable quarterly; the Surgeon to find all medicines.

12. The Messenger of the Council shall perform the duties required of him from time to time by the Council, and shall receive for his services the sum of One dollar and Fifty cents for each and every day he is in attendance.

13. The Care-taker of County offices shall, during the months that fires are required, put on fire in each office 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 offices:

1. Chambers of the County Judge.
 2. Sheriff's office.
 3. Clerk of the Peace and County Attorney's office.
 4. Clerk of the Surrogate and County Court office.
 5. Master in Chancery's office.
 6. County Treasurer's office.
 7. County Clerk's office.
14. The salary of the Care-taker of County offices, shall be two hundred and seventy-five dollars per annum, payable monthly.
15. The salary of the Gaoler shall be six hundred and fifty dollars per annum.
16. The salary of the Turnkey shall be four hundred and thirty dollars per annum.
17. The salary of the Matron of the Gaol shall be two hundred dollars per annum.
18. The Warden shall be paid two dollars per day, and mileage at the rate of five cents per mile, for every mile necessarily travelled by him within the County, while in the discharge of his duties during the current year.
19. All By-laws or parts of By-laws inconsistent with this By-law, are hereby repealed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

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B. W. WILSON, WARDEN.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

JUNE SESSION, 1882,

—OF THE—

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—OF THE—

COUNTY OF KENT.

B. W. WILLSON,
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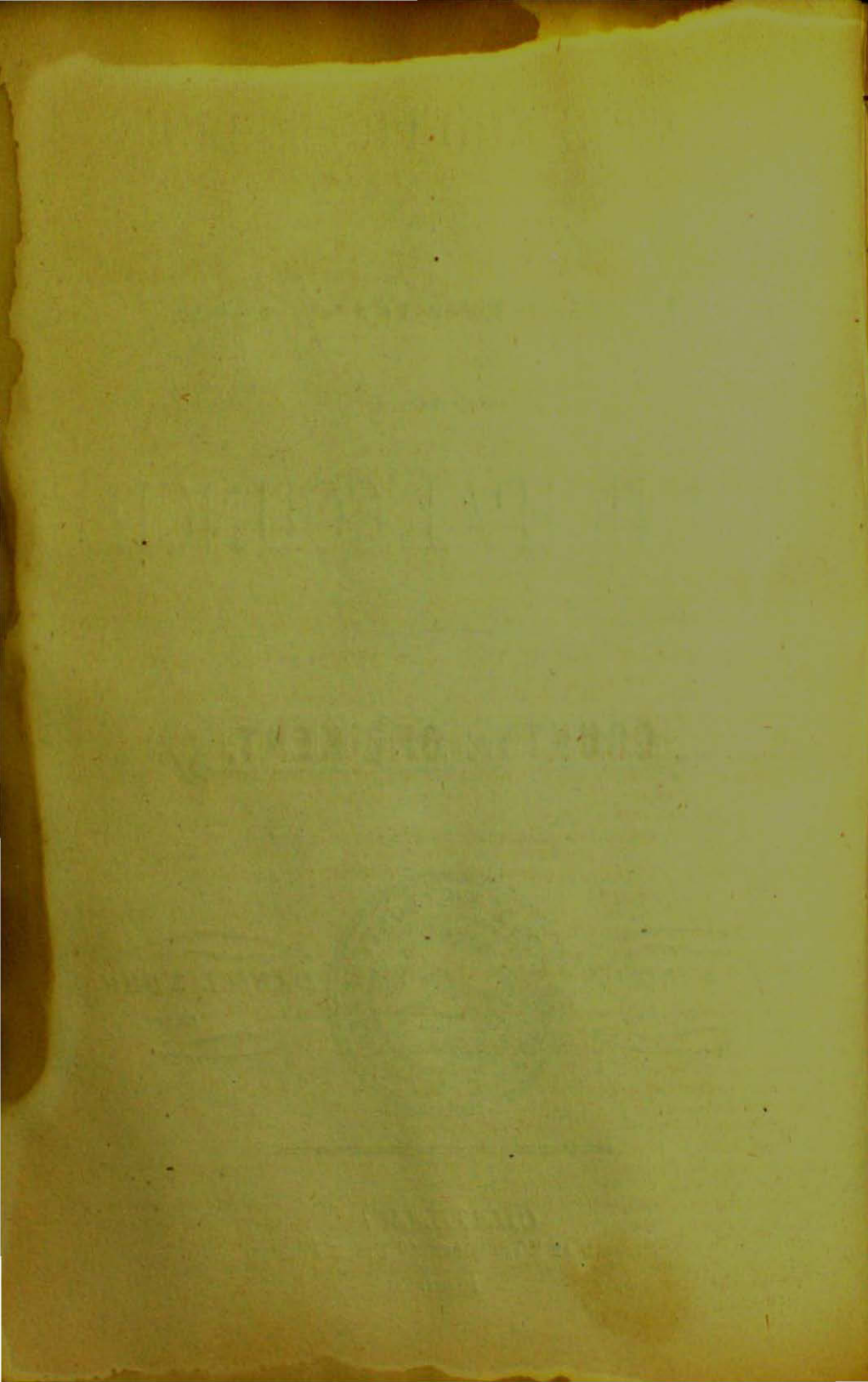


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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Municipal Council of the County of Kent,

JUNE SESSION--1882.

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 Tuesday, 13th June, 1882.

The Roll was called. Present—B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden; Councillors Caughill, Coatsworth, Crow, Goulet, Irwin, Langford, Lachore, Mayhew, Martin, Mills, Mountford, McKercher, McMullin, Reycraft, Richardson, Spencer, Vester, Wemp and Wright.

The Warden addressed the Council relative to the business of the session.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the January session were read and approved.

The following communications were read :

From the Attorney General's Department, Ontario, acknowledging the receipt of a resolution passed by the County Council of Kent, respecting the Constabulary system.

From D. McCraney, Esq., M. P. P., acknowledging receipt of a petition for amendments to the Jury Law.

From Ed. Robinson, Esq., M. P. P., acknowledging receipt of petition respecting Railway Crossings.

From Provincial Secretary's Office, Immigration Department, transmitting order for a return respecting municipal bonuses, and also respecting tax exemptions by this County since 1879, with copy of the return made by the Clerk relating to the same.

From C. G. Charteris, Esq., County Treasurer, enclosing estimates for 1882; also, his bond duly executed.

From J. W. Langmuir, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, &c., with copies of new rules and regulations for the government of Common Gaols in Ontario, relative to the duties of gaol officers; also, respecting dietary, clothing, prison offences, labor, employments, &c., of prisoners.

From John Welsh, Esq., Township Clerk, Dover, with certificate that Barnabas Wemp was elected Deputy-Reeve of Dover, instead of Theodore Peltier.

From John Tissiman, Esq., Town Clerk, stating that \$1000 had been paid by the Council of the Town of Chatham to the West Kent Agricultural Society.

From R. Kimmerly, Esq., Secretary P. S. Board for the Town of Dresden, stating that Edmund B. Harrison, Esq., had been appointed Inspector of Public Schools for the said Town of Dresden.

From Lieut.-Col. W. D. Otter, Secretary of the Ontario Rifle Association, Toronto, asking a contribution of \$10 in aid of the funds of said Association.

From Andrew Broadbent and eleven others, respecting School Section number Seven in the Township of Raleigh.

From the County Auditors, their annual report.

From John L. Bray, M. D., Gaol Surgeon, his annual report.

From W. R. Fellows, Esq., Clerk of Harwich, rendering certain accounts in connection with Geo. C. Stripp, an insane person.

From the Committee for the Parish of the Immaculate Conception, Township of Dover, cordially inviting the members and officers of the County Council to attend a pic-nic, to be held at Pain Court, on the 14th inst., in aid of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Ouellette, Chairman of said Committee, was heard within the bar in reference to the same.

The Warden referred the various communications to the Committees to which they belong.

The Clerk laid on the table copies of the minutes and proceedings of the County Councils of the Counties of Huron and Oxford; copies of the assessment rolls from all the municipalities in the County of Kent, except from the Township of Chatham; also schedules, by-laws, &c., in blank for the Finance and Equalization Committees; also copies of annual and special Government returns, comprising statements of liabilities, expenditure, revenue, assets, &c., of municipalities in the County for 1881.

Various notices of motion were given.

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, 14th June, 1882.

The Roll was called. Present—B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councilors, except Messrs. Bodkin, Clancy, Dillon, McDougall and Stephens.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read :

From the Public School Inspectors of East and West Kent, each furnishing an annual report on school matters.

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

On motion of Mr. Caughill, the report of a Special Committee appointed in reference to the approaches of Kent Bridge was read and referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the Reeves of the different Municipalities be a Committee for the purpose of equalizing the Assessment Rolls for the present year.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Mayhew, That the Council as a whole equalize the Assessment Rolls for the present year.

Motion carried; amendment lost.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Richardson, That John G. Stewart being a fit and proper person to act as Shorthand Reporter for the County Court of the County of Kent, he is hereby recommended to the favorable notice of the Ontario Government to receive the appointment to that position, in room of George Taylor, who has left the County.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. White, That when this Council adjourns it stand adjourned until to-morrow morning, in order to enable the several Committees to work.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Crow, seconded by Mr. Mills, That this Council adjourn at noon and stand adjourned until Wednesday, 21st instant.

Motion carried; amendment lost.

On motion of Mr. Wright, a By-law to repeal By-law No. 401, passed 16th Dec'r, 1881, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Wright, a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Dover, passed Oct'r 15th, 1881, was read a first time.

Notices of motion were given. The Council then adjourned till Ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, 15th June, 1882.

The Roll was called. Present—B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councilors except Messrs. Dillon and Stephens.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Communication from the Clerk of the Peace was read, with a copy of the Presentment of the Grand Jury of the County Court of the County of Kent at its June sitting.—Referred to Property Com.

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

On motion of Mr. Langford, a By-law to raise the sum of \$11,958 68 from Municipalities grouped re Erie & Huron Railway, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, a By-law to raise the sum of \$19,546 04 to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent for 1882, was read a first time.

The following fourteen Resolutions were read and referred to the Committee on Roads & Bridges :—

1. Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Caughill, that this Council grant \$600 to plank anew the approaches, and for other repairs on Kent Bridge, the same to be expended in accordance with the directions of W. G. McGeorge, C.E., and that the following be a committee to act in the matter, viz.: Messrs. Crow, Spencer, Caughill and the mover, and that they have the same completed forthwith.

2. Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by M. Clancy, that \$200 be granted for the purpose of painting the iron structure of the Kent Bridge, and that the Warden and the mover be a committee to expend the same.

3. Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that a grant of \$200 be made by this Council, to aid in the improvement of the County line between Kent and Essex, to be expended between East and West Tilbury.

4. Moved by Mr. Vester, seconded by Mr. Mountford, that \$200 be granted to assist in gravelling the Communication Road in the Township of Harwich, and that Mr. McMullin and the mover be a committee to expend the same.

5. Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Mountford, that the sum of \$2,000 be granted to repair the Gravel Road from Chatham to Blenheim. If a liberal grant is not made by this Council, this great thoroughfare will soon become impassable to the ratepayers of the County of Kent; and further, that no part of this grant be expended until the Gravel Road Company gives up all claims they may have on said road.

6. Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that \$400 be granted to the Romney and Essex County line.

7. Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the sum of \$500 be granted to aid and assist in improving the Raleigh and Tilbury East Town line, it being a long and difficult line to keep in passable repair.

8. Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Goulet, that \$500 be granted to aid and assist in improving the Town line between Harwich and Raleigh, from Lake Erie to Charing Cross, said road being one of the leading thoroughfares for the people in the southern part to the County town, and very much in need of repair.

9. Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Goulet, that a grant of \$200 be made by this Council to aid in the improvement of the Town line between Raleigh and Tilbury East.

10. Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Wemp, that this Council make a special grant of \$500, to aid and assist in repairing the Chatham and Dover Town-line, and that Messrs. Wemp and Mills be appointed to expend the same.

11. Moved by Mr. Mayhew, seconded by Mr. McKerrecher, that the sum of \$200 be appropriated to plank and repair the Thamesville Bridge, and that the mover and seconder be commissioners to expend the same.

12. Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Martin, that the sum of \$200 be granted for the improvement of the Town line between Romney and Tilbury East.

13. Moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that the sum of \$500 be appropriated for the Town line between Romney and Tilbury East, for the purpose of chopping and clearing that portion of the line that is uncleared.

14. Moved by Mr. McKerrecher, seconded by Mr. Spencer, that a grant of \$500 be made by this Council to assist in building the Arnold Creek Bridge in the Township of Howard.

On motion of Mr. Wright, a By-law to repeal By-law number 401, passed 16th December, 1881, was read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on said By-law, Mr. Caughill in the chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Wright, the aforesaid By-law to repeal By-law No. 401, was read a third time and passed.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

A communication from David Wilson was read, respecting a new School Section that was formed in Harwich, and numbered fifteen — Referred to Com. on Education.

On motion of Mr. McMullin, Mr. Wilson was heard within the bar in reference to said School Section.

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

On motion of Mr McDougall, a report from the commissioners on Wallaceburg Bridges, was read and adopted.

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

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, 16th June, 1882.

The Roll was called. Present—B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

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

On motion of Mr. White, the report of the Committee on County Property, was read and adopted.

A Report from the Special Committee on Equalization with Schedules Nos. One and Two were read. Mr. White moved for their adoption.

The following six amendments were put in and read :—

1. Moved by Mr. Crow, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that the report be amended by adding twenty-five per cent. on the several towns and villages.

2. Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Wemp, that the report just read be not adopted, but be referred back to the Committee to reduce the equalized value of the resident lands in Dover to the average value per acre of \$18, as there has been a great increase of resident lands since the Township was classed at the value of \$20 per acre, and the changes in the assessment are made by parties getting large tracts of land resident without any residence or improvement thereon, amounting to about twenty thousand acres.

3. Moved by Mr. McKinlay, seconded by Mr. Spencer, that the Town of Ridgetown be exempted from the additional raise in value now proposed by the first amendment, as a large portion of said town had lately been destroyed by fire.

4. Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That the Town of Bothwell be exempted from the twenty-five per cent., as they are too high at present, in proportion to other Towns and Villages.

5. Moved by Mr. Clancy, seconded by Mr. Mills, That the Report be referred back to the Equalization Committee to enquire into the irregularities which occurred in the equalization of the Erie and Huron Railway rate for 1881, with a view of correcting these errors and to permanently fix a just and equitable basis for equalization in the future.

6. Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Bodkin, That fifteen per cent. be added to the last equalized assessment of the towns and villages, so as to be the equalized rate for the year 1882.

A motion to adjourn was lost.

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

YEAS—Councillors Caughill, McMullin, Mountford, Reycraft, McDougall, Clancy, Mills, McKinlay, Stephens and Dillon—10.

NAYS—Councillors White, Irwin, Goulet, Coatsworth, Martin, Richardson, Crow, Lachore, Langford, Bodkin, Mayhew, Vogler, Wemp, Wright, Mc Kerrecher and Spencer—17.

The first motion to amend the Report, adding twenty-five per cent. on towns and villages, was then put to vote and carried.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Roll was called. Present—B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors.

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

On motion of Mr. Caughill, the Report of the Committee appointed at the late January Session to watch the interests of the County in the matter of the Erie and Huron Railway Company, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the Report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted.

The Report on Equalization with Schedules Nos. One and Two as amended, were on motion of Mr. White, read and adopted.

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

YEAS—Councillors Caughill, McMullin, Vester, White, Irwin, Goulet, Coatsworth, Martin, Richardson, Crow, Lachore, Reycraft, Langford, Vogler, McKerrecher and Spencer—16.

NAYS—Councillors Mountford, Mills, Clancy, McDougall, Bodkin, Mayhew, Stephens, McKinlay, Dillon, Wemp, Wright and the Warden—12.

Moved by Mr. McKinlay, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that \$50 be granted to aid the Mechanics' Institute at Ridgetown.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. McKinlay, seconded by Mr. Mayhew, that \$50 be granted to assist in maintaining a lock-up at Ridgetown.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Crow, and Resolved, that this Council assume all Township and County boundary lines and the bridges thereon, for the purpose of improving and maintaining the same.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. McKinlay, that the County do not assume the County lines at this session of the Council, but lay the matter over till the January session.

Motion and amendment lost.

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

YEAS—Councillors Mountford, White, Goulet, Coatsworth, Martin, Richardson, Crow, Clancy, McDougall, Stephens, Bodkin, Dillon, Wemp and Wright—14.

NAYS—Councillors Caughill, McMullin, Vester, Irwin, Mills, Lachore, Reycraft, Langford, McKinlay, Mayhew, McKerrecher, Spencer, Vogler and the Warden—14.

The following twenty-one resolutions were read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges:—

1. Moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Wright, that \$200 be granted in addition to the \$300 granted at the January Session to the Town of Chatham for free bridges.

2. Moved by Mr. McMullin, seconded by Mr. Spencer, that the sum of \$300 be granted to improve the Harwich and Howard Town line.

3. Moved by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Reycraft, that the sum of \$200 be granted to Howard and Orford Town line.

4. Moved by Mr. McKinlay, seconded by Mr. Spencer, that \$150 be granted to aid in repairing Howard and Ridgetown line.

5. Moved by Mr. Bodkin, seconded by Mr. Spencer, that \$100 be granted to repair the Town line between Zone and Camden.

6. Moved by Mr. Crow, seconded by Mr. Mills, that the sum of \$200 be granted to repair and drain the road known as the London Road, between Chatham and Louisville on the north side of the River Thames, as it has become a very bad road, owing to the immense travel on said road from all parts of the County.

7. Moved by Mr. Goulet, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the sum of \$150 be granted by this Council for the purpose of raising the bridge across Jeanette's Creek, in the Township of Tilbury East.

8. Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Crow, that this Council grant \$200 to drain and improve the County line between the Townships of Chatham and Camden, north of the River Thames, and that the mover and seconder be a Committee to expend the same.

9. Moved by Mr. Bodkin, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That \$100 be granted to repair that portion of the Base Line between the Townships of Zone and Camden.

10. Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Dillon, That a grant of \$100 be made to repair the Town Line between the Town of Dresden and Gore of Camden.

11. Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That the sum of \$50 be granted to improve the Town Line between Bothwell and Zone.
 12. Moved by Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Vogler, That the sum of \$50 be granted to improve the County Line between Kent and Middlesex.
 13. Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Dillon, That the sum of \$200 be appropriated to the improvement of the County Line between Zone and Lambton, provided the adjoining Municipality expend an equal amount.
 14. Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Dillon, That the sum of \$50 be granted to improve the County Line between Zone and Middlesex, providing the adjoining Municipality expend an equal amount.
 15. Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Dillon, That the sum of \$50 be granted to improve the road used in lieu of a portion of the County Line between Zone and Lambton.
 16. Moved by Mr. Bodkin, seconded by Mr. Mayhew, That the sum of \$100 be appropriated to the Town Line between Thamesville and the Township of Camden.
 17. Moved by Mr. McMullin, seconded by Mr. Spencer, That the sum of \$100 be granted to improve the River Road from the Town of Chatham to the Village of Pikeville.
 18. Moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Stephens, That \$100 be granted to improve the Base Line between the Townships of Chatham and Camden.
 19. Moved by Mr. Clancy, seconded by Mr. Crow, That \$200 be granted to improve the Town Line between Sombrá and Gore of Chatham.
 20. Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, That after hearing the Report of the Warden with reference to the swinging of the Wallaceburg bridges, that the Council of Wallaceburg positively refuses to assist in swinging the bridges; Be it Resolved that this Council pass a By-law imposing tolls on said bridges, unless the Reeve of Wallaceburg will agree to carry out the former agreement of accepting from this Council \$150, and take charge of the two bridges.
 21. Moved by Mr. Clancy, seconded by Mr. McDougall, that \$1000 be granted in addition to the sum already asked for, to improve the Town line between Dover and Chatham.
- On motion of Mr. Wright, a By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Dover, passed 15th October, 1881, was read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. Langford, a By-law to raise the sum of \$11,958 from E. & H. Railway group, was read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. Vogler, a By-law to raise the current expenses and for other purposes, was read a second time.
- The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Dover, and on By-law to raise \$11,958 from grouped municipalities re Erie & Huron Railway. Mr. Reynolds in the chair.
- The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that two By-laws passed in Committee, the By-law to confirm By-law of the Township of Dover without amendments, and the By-law to raise \$11,958 from grouped municipalities re E. & H. Railway, with blanks filled up.
- On motion of Mr. Wright, the aforesaid By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Dover, was read a third time and passed.
- On motion of Mr. Langford, the aforesaid By-law to raise \$11,958 from grouped municipalities re E. & H. Railway, was read a third time and passed.
- The 18th and 24th rules were suspended during the remainder of the session. Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Crow, That the sum of \$50 per annum be added to the salary of the Gaoler of the County Gaol.—Referred to Finance.
- On motion, the Council adjourned till Nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk,

B. W. WILLIAMS, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, 17th June, 1882.

The Roll was called. Present—B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden, and all the Councillors except Mr. Stephens.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read :—

From Chas. E. Pegley, Esq., County Solicitor, respecting the Plank & Gravel Road Arbitration; also, respecting the Treasurer's bond, with an account for his own services.—Referred to Finance.

From Messrs. Stephens, McDougall and Mountford, Reeves of Dresden, Wallaceburg and Blenheim respectively, protesting against the addition of twenty-five per cent. for this present year on the equalized value of said municipalities.

A Report from the Committee on Roads and Bridges was read. Mr. Coatsworth moved for its adoption.

The following amendments were put in and read.

1. Moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Spencer, that the report be amended, making the amount \$500 for the Town line between Harwich and Raleigh from Chatham to Charing Cross, and that no appropriation be made for the road from Charing Cross to Blenheim.—Carried.

2. Moved by Mr. Reycraft, seconded by Mr. Lachore, that the report now read be amended by striking out the clause to impose tolls on the Wallaceburg Bridges, the Reeve of Wallaceburg agreeing to take charge of said Bridges on condition of receiving \$150 per annum.—Carried.

3. Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. White, the report be not adopted, but be referred back to the Road and Bridge Committee to amend the same, and grant \$200 to the Gravel Road from Charing Cross to Blenheim.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges, as amended, was then read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read. Mr. Vogler moved for its adoption.

The following five amendments were put in and read.

1. Moved by Mr. McKinlay, seconded by Mr. Mayhew, that the report of the Finance Committee be amended by granting \$50 to the Mechanics' Institute at Ridgetown.—Lost.

2. Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Mills, that the Report be amended by striking out the grant to Ridgetown and Thamesville in aid of lock-ups.—Lost.

3. Moved by Mr. Vester, seconded by Mr. Mountford, that the Report be amended by striking out \$50 for the lock-up at Ridgetown.—Lost.

4. Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Crow, that the Report be amended by granting to the Village of Wallaceburg, to the Village of Blenheim, and to the Town of Bothwell, the sum of \$50 each in aid of lock-ups.—Carried.

5. Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. Langford, that the sum of \$50 be granted to aid the Town of Dresden for the lock-up, and that the Finance Report be amended accordingly.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, the Report on Finance as amended was then read and adopted.

The Council adjourned for an hour to allow Committees to meet.

Council resumed. Same members present.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, a By-law to appropriate certain sums of money to repair certain Roads and Bridges was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, a By-law to raise the sum of \$19,546.04 to meet the current expenses of the County for 1882, was read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole on the two said By-laws. Mr. Langford in the chair.

Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the two aforesaid By-laws passed in Committee with amendments and with blanks filled up.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, the By-law to appropriate certain sums of money to certain Roads and Bridges, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, a By-law to raise the sum of \$19,546.04, to meet the current expenses of the County for 1882, was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Lachore, that in the event of the tenders for repairs to Wallaceburg Bridges exceeding the appropriation therefor, that the Committee be and are hereby authorized to proceed with such repairs.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Clancy, that this Council adjourn to meet on the second Tuesday of December next.—Carried.

The Council adjourned accordingly.

REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

FROM INSPECTOR OF PRISONS RE NEW RULES.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR OF PRISONS, &c., Toronto, 3rd Feb'y, 1882.

SIR,—I have the honor to send herewith two copies of the rules and regulations of the government of the Common Gaols of the Province, as framed by me and approved by Order-in-Council. One copy is sent for the information of yourself and the County Council generally, and the other for the special use of the members of the Gaol Committee.

I would call your particular attention to the following Sections, viz. :—

Sec. 22 (sub.-sec. 3 and 4) The information contained in the dietary and account books is intended to furnish a check upon the consumption of gaol supplies and enable the Gaol Committee to see whether due economy is exercised.

Secs. 66 and 69. These define what the dress of the prisoners shall be, so that uniformity in prison garb may be obtained throughout the Province. Also, the manner in which it shall be supplied.

Secs. 73 to 79. These deal with the food to be given to the prisoners, and the scale of dietary therein laid down is to be strictly followed.—I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. W. LANGMUIR, Inspector.

The County Clerk, Chatham.

COUNTY SOLICITOR RE GRAVEL ROAD, &c.

The Corporation of the County of Kent.—

Chatham, June 16th, 1882.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to enclose my account, amounting to eleven dollars and fifty cents, which you will, I think, find correct.

I have considered the various matters referred to me. As to the Plank & Gravel Road, I concluded it would be difficult to succeed in moving against the award, and that our only course lay in putting the whole matter into the Court of Chancery. Nothing has been done under the award, and under the present circumstances, nothing is likely to be done.

The Treasurer's bond was duly prepared and executed by himself and sureties—men whose names will commend themselves to your Honorable Body.—I have the honor to remain, faithfully yours,

CHAS. E. PEGLEY.

FROM GAOL SURGEON.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent :—

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith submit my Annual Report of Prisoners in the County Gaol requiring medical attendance and medicine during the past year, together with their different diseases and termination :—

Disease.	No. of Cases.	Termination.	Disease.	No. of Cases.	Termination.
Neuralgia	3	Recovered.	Insane	5	4 sent to Asylum;
Intermittent Fever	4	" [treatm't.			1 committed sui-
Syphilis	5	Improved under			cide by hanging.
Delirium Tremens	6	Recovered.	Asthma	1	Better when dis-
Ague	3	"			charged.
Diarrhoea	3	"	Erysipelas	2	Recovered.
Colic	1	"	Ulcers	2	"
Epilepsy	2	Slightly better.	Convulsions	1	"
Disease of Heart	2	Improving when	Bilious Fever	1	"
		discharged.	Coughs	4	"
Chronic Bronchitis	2	Recovered.	Sore Throats	3	"
Rheumatism	3	"	Mamary Abscess	1	"
Constipation	4	"	Acute Mania	1	Died.
Debility	3	No improvement	Injuries	2	Recovered.

The sanitary condition of the Prison is good. There have been no epidemics during the year, and from the Inspector's Report I find that your Gaol is among the best managed in the Province.

There have been some new Regulations issued by the Government, through the Inspectors, which necessitates more work on the part of the Governor of the Gaol as well as the Surgeon. The latter has to make regular inspections at stated periods during the year, of the whole premises, and supervise all the sanitary arrangements.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. L. BRAY.

COUNTY TREASURER WITH ESTIMATES, &c.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, Co. OF KENT, Chatham, 13th June, 1882.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to enclose herewith estimate of monies required to meet the current expenses of the County for the present year, with statement of amount chargeable against the grouped Municipalities re Eric & Huron Railway. And I beg to report that since making out said Estimate, Mr. McKellar has made his return of Registry Fees received during the year 1881, showing the sum of \$2603.39 to be due the County, of which he has paid \$1000.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

C. G. CHARTERIS, Treasurer, Kent.

ESTIMATE of Monies required to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent, for the year 1882.

Deficiency in amt. raised in '81, \$4229 48	Coroners orders	\$ 50 00
Gaol & Court House furnishings, 19 73	W. Kent Agricultural S'y grant. 1000 00	
Ins. on Pub. buildings & bridges 302 50	E. Kent " " " 250 00	
Registry office furniture..... 110 01	Wallaceb'g bridges, caretaker, say 450 00	
Kent Bridge caretaker, &c 20 00	Rewards acct. for apprehension	
Dresden bridge repairs in 1881.. 10 73	of horse thieves	100 00
T'n Chatham, grant free bridges 300 00	Registry office for books.....	213 00
Board of Audit..... 42 00	Selectors of Jurors.....	93 50
High School for Master, equal to	Thamesville bridge grant.....	25 00
Government Grant, say..... 750 00	Kent & Elgin County line grant. 100 00	
Office Furniture	Camden & Dawn " " " 100 00	
Debentures to retire, \$3000 00	Essex & Kent " " " 200 00	
Less payable by Town	North Gore Chatham & Sombra	
of Chatham	County line grant.....	100 00
Interest on Debentures \$1330 00		\$24575 66
Less payable by T'n Ch. 221 66	Less from T'n of Chatham, under	
Wallaceburg bridges repairs... 63 41	award, say.....	\$1200 60
To this amount add such further	Do. rent of Gaol & Reg-	
sum as may be required for re-	istry office.....	374 33
construction of bridges.....	J. Northwood, m't'ge &	
Office rent.....	int. p'd 10th Feb. last 5522 51	7096 84
Councillors' wages,.....		\$17478 82
Salaries Treas'r, Clerk & Auditors 2171 66	GROUPED MUNICIPALITIES,	
Public Buildings repairs..... 150 00	FOR E. & H. R'Y.	
Adm. Justice, not Criminal... 3600 00	Debentures to redeem.. \$6312 04	
Fuel for Offices..... 250 00	Interest	7990 38
Gov. Drain Raleigh & Tilbury E 11 42	Half-year's inter't to Co.	
" " Romney " 22 83	for advances.....	119 86
" " Trombly C. & Tilb. W 22 04	Int. on Debentures issu-	
B'd School Trustees T'n Chatham	ed to meet Deb'tures	
for Model School.....	due 1st Jan'y, 1879..	856 96
Payment of witnesses..... 250 00		\$15279 24
School Superintendence..... 925 00	Less payable by Town of	
Law Expenses, say..... 150 00	Chatham.....	3638 ..11641 24
Caretaker of Offices..... 275 00		\$29120 06
County Printing..... 250 00		
Payment of Jurors..... 1600 00		
Miscellaneous expense account.. 300 00		

Co. Treas. Office, Chatham, 13th June, 1882.

C. G. CHARTERIS, Tr. Kent.

FROM COUNTY AUDITORS.

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

Your Auditors for the County of Kent, beg most respectfully to report:

That we have audited the County Treasurer's books for the year 1881, and as usual find the same correct, and all the vouchers for the different payments produced.

The same courtesy and assistance was given us by that officer and his assistant during our audit.

We find payments made from time to time to the Clerk of the Board of Audit. This we were unable to find authority for, and are not aware that it is usual for auditors to have assistance in the work that must of necessity, if properly done, be done by themselves. The accounts of the sub-Treasurers of school monies for the different Municipalities have been audited by us, and we felt it our duty to report the payments of money to certain members of the High School Board as contrary to Statute.

The following are the balances in the hands of the sub-Treasurers on 1st January, 1882:—

Chatham or County High School, \$	22 00	Township of Orford,	\$ 145 01
Township of Camden	302 57	“ Raleigh	568 00
“ Chatham,	749 18	“ Romney	133 67
“ Dover E. & W.	454 00	“ Tilbury East	356 47
“ Harwich	700 25	“ Zone,	208 37
“ Howard	248 69		
Total			\$3828 21

We would further recommend the adoption of a system of quarterly audit, as recommended in the Auditors' Report for 1879, as the expense after the first year would not necessarily be increased.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DUCK,
D. C. McMULLIN, } AUDITORS.

Chatham, 6th June, 1882.

FROM INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, EAST KENT.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Kent —

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor respectfully to submit the following as a Report of educational matters in East Kent during the year 1881:—

The total number of Schools and Departments in operation during the said year, and recognized by the Education Department, was 81, viz:—Rural Public Schools, 54; Village Public Schools, 5; Public Schools in the Town of Bothwell, 2; Roman Catholic Separate School, 1; and additional and distinct departments in the Rural, Village and Town Public Schools, 19.

There were on the 31st Dec'r ult., 4 Teachers who held First-class Provincial Certificates; 1 held First-class old County Board Certificate; 39 held Second-class Provincial Certificates; and the rest held Third-class Certificates.

The total number of Pupils of all ages entered on the daily register during the past year was 6501, an increase of 52 over the year 1880. The number of boys was 3492, and the girls 3009.

The average attendance for 222 days was about 2650, or about 40 7-10 per cent. of the number enrolled. Had it not been for the prevalence of sickness, said to be diphtheria, in a number of School Sections, the average attendance would have been better. The percentage of average attendance during the year 1880 was in the Province of Ontario, as follows:—Rural Sections, 43 %; Towns, 55 %; Cities, 57 %; and for the Province, 46 %.

About ten per cent. attended less than 20 days; 19 3-10 per cent. attended between 21 and 50 days; 26 2-10 per cent. attended between 51 and 100 days; 25 per cent. attended between 101 and 150 days; 17 per cent. attended between 151 and 200 days; and 2½ per cent. attended between 201 days and the whole year.

The attendance for the whole Province for the same number of days during 1880 give the per centages of 20, 18, 25, 21, 22 and 5.

The Trustees had at the beginning of the year a balance in hand amounting to \$11, 218 68, and received from all sources \$43,693 84. They expended \$43,556 99, and the balance in their hands was \$11,355 53.

The highest annual salary paid to a male teacher was \$600, and the lowest was

\$300. The average salary paid to male teachers was at the rate of \$428 52 per annum; and the average salary paid to female teachers was \$262 48 per annum.

The cost per annum for each pupil, estimated on the number of pupils enrolled on the daily registers, and the amount paid to teachers, was \$4 36; if estimated on the number of pupils entered on the daily registers and the total expenditure during the year, was \$6 70.

Inspectors and Teachers are continually pointing out the evils sustained by the Schools from the irregular attendance on the part of a majority of the pupils. Until people are sufficiently educated to suppress this great evil the progress of the Schools will not be satisfactory. We require public opinion to enforce a regular attendance, for without it the Act of 1881, or any other Act, will be of little use.

The short time in each year during which many pupils attend the Public Schools, and the Teachers being so frequently changed, prevent the reaping of such beneficial results as the country should expect from the amount of money expended for the support of its Public Schools. In some Sections the irregular attendance has been lessened by Teachers who, to their credit be it said, have made their schools attractive, inspired their pupils with love for their school work, and created amongst the people in general an interest in their schools.

The Teachers' Association meetings have been fairly attended, and the nature of the work done had especial reference to its members becoming more skilful teachers. This and similar associations should be considered and sustained as motive powers of progress in the cause of education, and are necessary to enable the isolated teacher to "rise far above his surroundings."

As a grant of \$50 was made by your honorable body to the Ridgetown Mechanics' Institute, I desire to say that it is in a very satisfactory condition, owing to the energy of its officers and directors. The expense of management is not large as the Librarian is the only paid officer. The reading room is well supplied with Canadian, British and American newspapers and magazines. The Library contains valuable and well-selected books. As the fee is only \$1 per annum no family in the Town and its vicinity need lack the means to supply themselves with extensive and valuable literature. Evening instruction in elementary subjects was given during the winter, and under the auspices of the Institute. The evening classes were attended by 22 persons. Instructions were given in writing, book-keeping, grammar and arithmetic. The writing was well taught; the classes in book-keeping and grammar acquitted themselves very well; the class in arithmetic failed in their examination.

When the progress of education is compared year by year with labor and expense bestowed upon it, the results appear to be meagre, but when the comparison of its progress is made between two decades, we are able to see that substantial progress has been made.

In addition, allow me to say that the Model School term for 1882 will be three months instead of two months, as it was heretofore. It is to be hoped that the Chatham Board of Trustees will not object to the change, as the longer term is absolutely necessary to enable young teachers to be better prepared for the discharge of their duties.—I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

Ridgetown, June 10, 1882.

EDMUND B. HARRISON, P.S.I. East Kent.

FROM INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, WEST KENT.

To the Warden and Members of the County Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to make the following report of Public and Separate Schools in West Kent for the year 1881:—

The total number of Schools and Departments recognized by the Education Department during the year was 63, including 4 R. C. S. Schools, 3 departments of the Wallaceburg Public School, and the County Model School.

The Minister of Education having appointed an Inspector of all the R. C. S. Schools in Ontario, these Schools are no longer under the supervision of the Public School Inspectors.

Owing to misapprehension of the provisions of the law relating to Township School Boards, and the evident determination of the wealthier sections to leave the weaker ones to bear their comparatively heavier burdens for the support of much inferior Schools, the majority is still opposed to a Central School Board and the consequent

equalization of school rates, and in favor of the old system, with its ever-recurring wrangling over School Section boundaries, the results of which are too familiar to need description.

I respectfully beg leave to ask a careful consideration of the following three propositions:—

First. That the County and Government grants for the payment of Public School Teachers' salaries should be apportioned so as to give most aid where most needed. As now distributed it frequently—in fact, generally—happens that those Sections least able to bear their burdens get the least aid.

Secondly. That the Free School system, if based on true principles of political economy, as it is generally admitted to be, should be extended in its application and all Public School taxes raised by an equal rate throughout each Municipality.

Thirdly. That, since this second proposal is rejected by a favored class, the County grant should be so increased as to pay the BALANCE of the AVERAGE salary of teachers in Public Schools under County jurisdiction, after deducting the Government grant for that purpose. This would, in a measure, equalize the rates, and consequently be less oppressive to the poorer Sections.

The average salary to male teachers was \$394 17; of female teachers, \$309 38—while the general average was \$355 24.

The Government and County grants received were respectively \$2,478 94 and \$2,297 13, while \$22,381 75 was raised by local taxation. The total sum received by School Trustees was \$36,948 17.

The total number of pupils registered at school was 5390, the average attendance being 1748; and the average time schools were kept open was 209 days out of 222, not including the time from the 3rd to the 18th of August, which is not considered in distributing grants.

There appeared to be a scarcity of teachers at the close of the year, but this scarcity may not have been general in the Province; and as 3rd Class Certificates, regularly issued by County boards after attendance at County Model Schools, are hereafter to be valid in any County without endorsement by the Inspectors, the supply of teachers regularly qualified may be found equal to the demand.

The time to be spent at the County Model School by teachers-in-training for 3rd Class Certificates is now to be 3 months instead of 2, as heretofore.

Finally, I respectfully beg leave again to direct attention to the 11th section of the School Act of 1881, relative to the grant to the County Model School. Liberality on the part of the County is now called for by the fact that the Trustees of each County Model School are required by the regulations of the Education Department to make special provision for the better accommodation of such Model School, entailing thereby considerable extra expense, besides the interruption of their regular arrangements. The effect reasonably to be expected from these alterations is, that the training of young teachers will now be more thorough than ever before in this Province.—I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

Rond Eau, June 12, 1882.

WILMOT M. NICHOLS, P.S.I., West Kent.

FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Education beg leave to report that we have examined the various matters referred to us and would recommend as follows:—

1. In reference to the petition submitted by Andrew Broadbent and eleven others of the Township of Raleigh, School Section number Seven, we recommend that it be laid over, as said petitioners are not now prepared to furnish the necessary information thereto.

2. In reference to the report of the Inspector of Public Schools for East Kent, he has given no information respecting the cost and number of pupils attending the Model School for the year 1881. We, your Committee, would recommend that the County Clerk be instructed to communicate with said Inspector and ask him to supply the necessary information so that the same may be placed before the Council at its next session.

3. Your Committee would further say that in reference to the report of the Inspector of East Kent, he has made no reference in his report to the action taken by the Committee appointed by the County Council at the December session of 1881, res-

pecting School Sections Nos. 1 & 9, in the Township of Harwich, after having had an opportunity of knowing the result of the action taken by said Committee relative to the same, and having had official correspondence with the Minister of Education in reference to said matter. Your Committee would further say that in their opinion it was clearly the duty of the Inspector to refer to the said correspondence in his report now before us, dated 10th June, 1882.

4. In reference to the claim of David Wilson, Esq., for \$24 60, being money expended on new School Section, we, your Committee, recommend that this matter be referred to the Committee on Finance.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, 16th June, 1882.

MATTHEW MARTIN, Chairman.

FROM COMMITTEE ON ERIE & HURON RAILWAY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed at the January session to watch the interests of the County in the matter of the Erie and Huron Railway Company, beg leave to report as follows:—

On Feb'y 12th the Warden and Councillor Caughill received a telegram from D. McCraney, M. P. P., stating that the Bill for the extension of the charter of the E. & H. R. Co. was set down for Tuesday, Feb'y 15th, before the Railway Committee. After receiving the Bill and examining the same we found several clauses attached that would, if carried in favor of the Company, be a great grievance to the County of Kent. The Warden and Councillor Caughill went to Toronto to oppose the several clauses save the clause for the extension for one year. Ed. Robinson, M. P. P., informed us that if the various clauses attached to the extension were to be torn to pieces there would be a great fight before the Committee. Arrangements were made with Messrs. Robinson and McCraney, M. P. P.'s, that the Bill should be laid over until the 20th. We returned home, and the Warden called the Committee together at Chatham, on Saturday the 18th, and also took the County Solicitor's advice on the various clauses. After receiving the advice from our Solicitor, and agreeing that the various clauses were so objectionable to the County and favorable to the Company, your Committee thought it their duty to appoint a deputation to wait on the Government, composed of the Warden, Councillors Clancy, McDougall, Stephens and Caughill. The Bill was heard as set down. Clauses 2, 3, 4 and 6 were amended, as will be seen in the Bill, not satisfactory to all your Committee. Clause 8, affecting the County of Lambton, was also attached.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID CAUGHILL, Chairman.

FROM COMMITTEE ON KENT BRIDGE APPROACHES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed at the January session to examine the Kent Bridge approaches and to make necessary repairs, beg leave to report as follows:

On examination we found 310 feet of approach on the south side; on the north side, 115 feet. Each side requires planking anew. We found several of the stringers decayed and broken. Your Committee did not feel justified in going on with so large an expenditure without bringing the matter before the Council. We would recommend the repairs to be done as soon as possible, as it is not safe. We would further recommend that the iron structure be painted to protect the Bridge, as on some parts of the iron structure the paint is off.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID CAUGHILL, SAMUEL H. SPENCER,
G. R. LANGFORD, Committee.

WALLACEBURG BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed at the January session to have the repairs done to the Wallaceburg Bridge, beg leave to report:—That we met Mr. McGeorge, the County Engineer, at the Bridge on February 8th, and we made a careful examination of the Bridge. We found it in a bad state; that parts of the chords in the main structure are rotten, and several of the tenons of the road beams were rotted off; and that the turning gear of the Bridge is too light for the weight it has to

carry. The north approach is bad and will require to be rebuilt. The Engineer estimated it would cost between Ten and Twelve hundred dollars to have the work done, and probably more if the inside of the cherds in the Bridge were not sound. Owing to the large amount it would cost to have the work done to make a good permanent job of it, we only had repairs done to the amount of \$67 39; and four signs for the two bridges—what was necessary to keep the bridge up for travel until after the June session of Council. We also instructed the Engineer to make out plans and specifications of the work to be done and advertise for tenders to be submitted at the June session of the Council.

The Council of Wallaceburg has refused to have anything to do with paying the Caretaker of the Bridges. The County is now paying all the cost of keeping them up and the Caretaker. There is one Caretaker at \$30 per month, and one at \$20 per month. It will now be for the Council to assume the Bridges to keep them free of toll, or to pass a By-law to have toll put upon the Bridges to pay for swinging them.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, June 15th, 1882.

B. W. WILLSON.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges having carefully considered all the applications for grants to Roads and Bridges, beg leave to report as follows:

1. That \$1500 be granted to repair Wallaceburg Bridge, on the East Branch of the River Sydenham.
2. That \$800 be granted to repair and paint Kent Bridge.
3. That \$500 be granted to repair the Gravel Road between Chatham & Charing Cross, and \$200 from Charing Cross to Blenheim.
4. That \$100 be granted to repair the Romney and Tilbury West Town line on condition that the County of Essex meet the grant with a similar sum.
5. That \$100 be granted to the Town Line between Harwich and Raleigh, on condition that similar sums be granted to the respective Townships.
6. That \$300 be granted to repair the Chatham and Dover Town line.
7. Re application for grant to repair Thamesville bridge, that the matter be referred to the Warden and Mr. Mayhew, to make such repairs as are necessary for the safety of the public.
8. That \$200 be granted to improve the Town line between Sombra and Chatham, on condition that the County of Lambton or the Township of Sombra grant a similar amount.
9. That \$50 be granted to the Town line between Howard and Orford.
10. That \$25 be granted to improve the Town line between Thamesville and Camden.
11. That \$50 be granted to the County line between Zone and Euphemia.
12. That \$50 be granted to improve the County line between Zone and Middlesex.
13. That \$100 be granted to improve the County line between Zone and Lambton.
14. That \$50 be granted to improve the County line between Kent and Middlesex.
15. That \$25 be granted to improve the Base Line between Camden and Zone.
16. That \$50 be granted to improve the Town line between Camden and Chatham.
17. That \$100 be granted to improve the County line between Tilbury East and West.
18. That \$200 be granted in addition to the sum already granted to improve the Town line between Dover and Chatham.
19. In conclusion, your Committee wish it to be understood that all grants to County boundary lines in aid of said lines are made on condition that a similar sum shall be granted either from the adjoining Townships or Counties.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, 17th June, 1882.

C. COATSWORTH, Chairman.

FROM COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Printing beg leave to report that we, on March the 8th, received offers from the three newspaper and VanAllan's Job Offices, in Chatham, for County Printing for the current year.

After carefully examining and comparing the same, we awarded the contract to Mr. Gemmill, of The Barrack Office, his tender being the most satisfactory.—All of which is most respectfully submitted.

W. A. MILLS, Chairman.

FROM COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PROPERTY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—

I. Shortly after the late January Session your Committee had laid before them by J. W. Langmuir, Esquire, Inspector of Prisons, &c., a set of new rules and regulations for the government of the Common Gaols of Ontario, approved by Order of the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, and repealing all former By-laws, &c. We at once provided the necessary books consisting of (1) a Gaol Register, which must be entered up whenever a prisoner is received, and must be closed and all columns of figures added up on the 30th September in each year, so as to correspond with the annual returns made to the Inspector.

(2). A Journal in which shall be entered daily all occurrences of importance within the gaol, together with the gaoler's remarks upon structural defects, and all other matters which should be brought to the notice of the Inspector.

(3). A Dietary Book in which shall be entered all the information required by the headings of the different columns of such book, as prescribed from time to time by the Inspector.

(4). An Account Book showing the amount of articles used in the maintenance of the gaol, the exact quantities of all such articles bought for the use in the gaol, and the prices paid for them. The book to be balanced on the 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December in each year, and an exact statement made out from the same, together with a statement showing the number of prisoners and their collective stay during each quarter, and the daily cost of each prisoner's rations. These statements, duly certified as to their correctness, shall be given to the Sheriff for transmission to the Inspector.

(5). A Punishment Book in which shall be minutely recorded all punishments and deprivations to the prisoners.

(6). A Prisoners' Effects Book in which shall be entered a list of all articles taken from any prisoner on admission, the list to be signed by such prisoner as evidence of its correctness.

(7). A Labor Book showing how every prisoner sentenced to hard labor has been daily employed.

II. Your Committee had some necessary repairs made on the outbuildings and grounds at the Gaol. The box drain from the gaoler's residence to the main sewer, about sixty feet in length, had become rotten; we caused it to be replaced with four inch sewer pipe, furnished with a proper trap of approved pattern laid in cement, to prevent the return of poisonous gas. The work and material, with repairs on water closets, &c., costing in all the sum of \$23.34.

III. The room in the Court House, formerly occupied by the Clerk of the County Court, which was granted to accommodate the legal profession while the Courts are sitting, has been properly furnished, and fitted up with racks, shelving, &c., at a cost of \$20. Mr. Douglas provided some Dominion and Ontario Statutes, and steps are being taken by him to have both sets made complete and placed on the shelves at an early day. We supplied for the Court Room a suitable box to ballot panels of Petit Jury, which cost \$4.25.

IV. At last December Session the Committee on County Property reported to your Honorable Body that the vault in the office of the Master in Chancery was insecure in case of fire, on account of the outer door. To avoid any further risk your Committee agreed with Mr. Barfoot, landlord of the premises, to put on a new and substantial door that would stand inspection. This has been done at a cost of \$36.30. The County paid one-half, having received a certificate from Mr. Butley, that the vault is fire proof.

V. Application was made to have blinds put on two windows at the Registry office, and as inside wooden or cloth blinds are contrary to regulation, your Committee had

awnings placed outside on these windows at a cost of \$9 each; other two awnings are applied for; we would recommend that they be provided.

VI. The Clerk of the Peace made application for a clock; as most of the public offices had been supplied, we furnished one costing \$7. We also supplied a new coal stove for the office of the Clerk of the County Court, which cost \$20. The old one was worn out and could not be repaired.

VII. The complaint that the County Registry office has not sufficient accommodation has been examined into, and we find that all the shelving for books and title deeds are full. We recommend that the door at the side of the building be moved to the end on William St., and that new shelving be placed in the centre room for the books; this will leave room for the title deeds in the west end of the building. We are assured that this will answer all the requirements for the next fifteen years. The cost is estimated at three hundred and fifty dollars, as the accompanying letter and plans from Mr. Rutley will show.

VIII. Application has been made by Mr. Jarvis, of the Merchants Bank, to use the ground in rear of the Registry Office for a lawn tennis ground, a game played by ladies, and that they will fit up and improve the place rather than otherwise. We recommend the request be granted during the pleasure of the Council.

IX. We recommend that the request of Mr. Campbell for a book to enter all business done at the County Court, be granted.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, June 16, 1882.

S. WHITE, Chairman.

FROM COMMITTEE ON EQUALIZATION.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Special Committee appointed to equalize the assessment rolls for the year 1882, report as follows:—

1. That the Committee by resolution adopted the total equalized figures for each Municipality for the year 1881, consequently the other columns cannot be filled, as the resident lands have increased, and if made up at the same rate per acre as last year would not agree with the total.

2. The grouped portion of the County for the Erie & Huron Railway bonus, has been made up on the same basis as for other purposes.

3. Your Committee are of opinion that the manner of equalizing the assessment rolls for some years is unsatisfactory, and that in future County valuator or a small Committee should be appointed at the first meeting of the Council next year, to make a full investigation and report at the June Session.

4. The Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 are hereunto annexed.—Respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, June 16, 1882.

S. WHITE, Chairman.

FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—We your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:—We have examined the several matters and accounts be paid, viz.:

S. White, 2 days on Co. Property Com.....	\$ 4 00
F. J. Mayhew, 1 day on Printing Com.....	2 00
W. A. Mills, 1 day on Co. Property Com.....	2 00
J. G. Mountford, 1 day on Co. Property Com.....	2 00
Jas. McMullin, 2 days on Co. Property Com.....	4 00
S. H. Spencer, 1 day on Kent Bridge Com.....	2 00
Thos. Dillon, 2 days on Co. Property Com.....	4 00
G. R. Langford, 1 day on Kent Bridge Com.....	2 00
L. E. Vogler, 2 days on Moravian Bridge App. Com.....	4 00
Jas. Clancy, exp. to Toronto on E. & H. R. R. Com.....	\$20 00
“ 1 day E. & H. R. R. Com. at Chatham.....	4 00
C. E. Pegley, legal services as per bill.....	11 50
David Caughill, to Toronto on E. & H. R. R. Com.....	20 00
“ 1 day at Chatham on E. & H. R. R. Com.....	2 00
“ to Toronto on E. & H. R. R. Com.....	20 00
“ 1 day at Chatham on E. & H. R. R. Com.....	2 00
	44 00

Jas. Stephens, 2 days on R. R. Com	.....	\$ 4 00
“ exp. to Toronto on E. & H. R. R. Com.	.....	20 00
“ 1 day on Printing Com	.....	2 00
A. McDougall, 2 days on R. R. Com.	.....	\$26 00
“ exp. to Toronto on R. R. Com.	.....	4 00
“ 1 day Plank & Gravel Road Com	.....	20 00
“ 1 day Wallaceburg Bridge Com.	.....	2 00
“ 1 day Wallaceburg Bridge Com.	.....	2 00
Slits Howe, work on Tecumseh Bridge.	.....	28 00
Wm. R. Dohbyn, advertising meetings of Council	.....	4 00
W. F. Rutley, for sketch and estimate of Registry Office alterations.	.....	2 88
B. W. Wilson, 2 days on Wallaceburg Bridge Com.	.....	5 00
“ Mileage on above	.....	4 00
“ Trip and expenses to Toronto on R. R. Com	.....	3 50
“ 1 day at Chatham on R. R. Com	.....	20 00
“ Mileage	.....	2 06
“ To Toronto on R. R. Com.	.....	2 10
“ 1 day on Printing Com. and mileage	.....	20 00
“ 2 days and mileage on Wallaceburg Bridge Com.	.....	4 10
“ 1 day and mileage signing deed of sale of Taxes.	.....	7 50
“	.....	4 10
“	.....	67 30

Your Committee would further recommend that David Wilson be paid the sum of \$24.00, being amount of expenses incurred in procuring plans and specifications, &c., of school house in S. S. No. 15, set apart under authority of a Committee appointed by this Council, but since declared illegal.

Also, for the support of a lock-up in Ridgetown.	.....	\$50 00
Thamesville lock-up.	.....	50 00
Blenheim lock-up	.....	50 00
Bothwell lock-up	.....	50 00
Dresden lock-up	.....	50 00
Wallaceburg lock-up.	.....	50 00
Wallaceburg lock-up.	.....	300 00

The Treasurer's bond was examined and found satisfactory.

The proposed increase of Gaoler's salary we cannot entertain, as also the application for a grant of \$50 for Ridgetown Mechanics' Institute.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

June 17th, 1882.

L. E. VOORER, Chairman

BY-LAWS.

NO. 407—A BY-LAW

To repeal By-Law No. 401, passed 16th December, 1881, being a By-Law to confirm a By-Law of the Township of Dover.

PASSED 16th June, 1882.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to repeal said By-Law No. 401.

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.

1. That the above recited By-Law of the County of Kent, passed 16th December, 1881, and numbered 401, be and the same is hereby repealed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

NO. 408—A BY-LAW

To confirm a By-Law of the Township of Dover, passed 15th October, 1881, and numbered Twelve.

PASSED 16th June, 1882.

WHEREAS it is necessary to confirm a By-Law of the Township of Dover, passed on the 15th day of October, 1881, and numbered twelve, for the purpose of disposing of and selling that portion of the public road allowance between the second and third concessions in front of Lot No. 13 and part of No. 14, in the said Township of Dover.

AND WHEREAS it appears by the said By-Law (a copy of which is hereunto annexed) that all the requisite notices have been given, both by being posted up and by publication.

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.

1. That the said By-Law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Dover, passed on the 15th day of October, and numbered twelve, for the purpose of disposing and selling a portion of the public road allowance between the 2nd and 3rd Concessions, in front of Lots No. 13 and part of No. 14, in the said Township of Dover, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

NO. 409—A BY-LAW

To raise the sum of \$11,958.68 from Municipalities and parts of Municipalities grouped under By-Law No. 319, to aid the Erie & Huron Railway Company. Also, to raise \$292.00 for the Township of Dover, in accordance with a resolution passed 15th December, 1881.

PASSED 16th June, 1882.

WHEREAS it is requisite and necessary to raise the sum of \$11,641.24, to provide for the payment of interest falling due on the first day of July, 1882, and for the payment of principal and interest falling due on the first day of January, A. D. 1883, on Debentures issued by the County of Kent, to aid the Erie & Huron Railway Company. Also, to raise \$292.00 for the Township of Dover, in accordance with a resolution passed 15th December, 1881.

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, also by the several Acts relating to the Erie & Huron Railway Company.

1. That in the year 1882 there shall be raised, levied and collected from and off all the rateable property of that portion of the County of Kent grouped to assist the Erie & Huron Railway Company, under By-Law No. 319 (excepting on the Town of Chatham, whose share is arranged by the Separation Award) the sum of \$11,958.68 to meet the payment of interest falling due on the first day of January, 1883, on Debentures issued by the County of Kent, in aid of the said Erie

& Huron Railway Company. Also to raise \$292.00 for the Township of Dover in accordance with a resolution passed 15th Dec., 1881.

2. That the sum aforesaid shall be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Municipalities and parts of Municipalities grouped under By-Law No. 319 (excepting on the Town of Chatham whose share is arranged by the Separation Award) and to be paid to the County Treasurer for the purposes aforesaid, without any deductions whatever on or before the 14th day of December, 1882, in the following proportion as follows:—

Township of Camden, for part grouped.....	\$ 1291 49
“ Chatham.....	3428 05
“ Dover, for part grouped.....	1509 07
“ Harwich.....	4650 07
Town of Dresden.....	503 00
Village of Blenheim.....	270 00
“ Wallaceburg.....	297 00
	\$11958 68

3. That the County Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to borrow from the Merchants Bank or other chartered bank the sum requisite, on the first day of July, 1882, to pay the coupons for the first half-year's interest on said Erie & Huron Railway Debentures, and that it be repaid with interest by the Treasurer when he receives the same from the Municipalities, as provided for by the preceding or second section of this By-Law.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

NO. 410—A BY-LAW

To appropriate sums of money to repair certain Roads and Bridges in the County of Kent.

PASSED 17th June, 1882.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to grant certain sums of money for the purpose of repairing certain Roads and Bridges in 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 Acts respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of Ontario.

1st. That the sum of \$1500 be granted to repair the Wallaceburg Bridge on the East Branch of the River Sydenham.

2nd. That the sum of \$800 be granted to repair and paint Kent Bridge.

3rd. That the sum of \$500 be granted to repair the Gravel Road between Chatham and Charing Cross, conditional upon the surrender of the said road by the Rond Eau & St. Clair Plank and Gravel Road Company.

4th. That the sum of \$200 be granted to repair the Gravel Road from Charing Cross to Blenheim, conditional upon the surrender of the said road by the Rond Eau and St. Clair, Plank and Gravel Road Company.

5th. That the sum of \$100 be granted to repair the Romney and Tilbury West Town Line, on condition that the County of Essex meet this grant with a similar sum.

6th. That the sum of \$100 be granted to improve the Town Line between Harwich and Raleigh, on condition that the respective Townships grant similar sums.

7th. That the sum of \$500 be granted to repair the Chatham and Dover Townline.

8th. That the sum of \$200 be granted to improve the County Line between the Townships of Chatham and Sombra.

9th. That the sum of \$50 be granted to repair the Town Line between Howard and Orford.

10th. That the sum of \$25 be granted to repair the Town Line between the Village of Thamesville and the Township of Camden.

11th. That the sum of \$50 be granted to repair the County Line between Zone and Euphemia.

12th. That the sum of \$50 be granted to repair the County Line between Zone and Middlesex.

13th. That the sum of \$100 be granted to improve the County Line between Zone and Lambton.

14th. That the sum of \$50 be granted to improve the County Line between Kent and Middlesex.

15th. That the sum of \$25 be granted to improve the Base Line between Camden and Zone.

16th. That the sum of \$50 be granted to improve the Town Line between Camden and Chatham.

17th. That the sum of \$100 be granted to improve the County Line between Tilbury East and West.

18th. That all grants to County boundary lines are made on the express condition that the same be met by similar grants from the adjoining Township or Counties.

19th. That the several amounts granted for County Lines be under the control of the Municipality bounded by the same.

20th. And that the appropriation made to Township lines be under the joint management of the Townships or other municipality of which they form the boundary.

21st. And that when the Council of a Municipality appoint a Commissioner to expend any of the several grants, it shall be the duty of said Council to notify the County Treasurer, so that he may know on whose order the money should be paid.

22nd. And that the Commissioner so appointed shall be a member of the County Council, and that the above conditions shall apply to all unexpended-moneys heretofore granted, as well as to the present grants.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

E. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

NO. 411—A BY-LAW

To raise the sum of \$19,546.04 to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent for 1882, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

PASSED 17th June, 1882.

WHEREAS it is requisite and necessary to raise the sum of \$19,546.04 to meet the current expenses of the County of Kent Also, to raise the sum of \$4,224.00, more or less, to meet the Government appropriation 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.

1. That in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two there shall be raised, levied and collected from and off all the rateable property in the County of Kent, the sum of \$19,546.04 for the following purposes:—

Deficiency in amount raised in 1881	\$ 4229 48
Gaol and Court House furnishings.....	19 73
Insurance on Public Buildings and Bridges.....	302 50
Registry Office Furniture.....	110 01
Kent Bridge Caretaker, &c.	20 00
Dresden Bridge repairs in 1881.....	10 73
Town of Chatham grant for Bridges.....	300 00
Board of Audit.....	42 00
High School for Masters, equal to Government Grant, more or less.....	750 00
Office Furniture.....	200 00
Debentures to retire.....	\$3000 00
Less payable by Town of Chatham.....	499 99
Roads and Bridges.....	4400 00
Enlargements and maintenance of lock-ups in towns and village, \$50 each..	300 00
Office rent	510 00
Councillors wages	1600 00
Salaries of Treasurer, Clerk and Auditors	2171 66
Public Buildings repairs	150 00
Administration of Justice, not Criminal	3600 00
Fuel for Offices	250 00
Gov't Drain, Raleigh and Tilbury East.....	11 42

Carried forward.....\$21477 54

Brought forward.....		\$21477 54
Gov't Drain, Romney	22 85	
Gov't Drain, Trombly Creek, Tilbury West.....	22 04	
Board School Trustees, Town of Chatham, for Model School	150 00	
Payment of Witnesses	250 00	
School Superintendence	925 00	
Law Expenses	150 00	
Caretaker of Offices	275 00	
County Printing.....	250 00	
Payment of Jurors.....	1600 00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	300 00	
Coroners Orders.....	50 00	
West Kent Agricultural Society.....	1000 00	
East " " ".....	250 00	
Wallaceburg Bridges caretakers.....	150 00	
Rewards for the Apprehension of Horse-thieves.....	100 00	
Registry Office for Books.....	213 00	
Selectors of Jurors.....	93 50	
Thamesville Bridge grant.....	25 00	
Kent and Elgin Co. line grant	100 00	
Camden and Dawn Co. line grant	100 00	
Essex and Kent Co. line grant	200 00	
N. Gore and Sombra Co. line grant.....	100 00	
Interest on Debentures.....	\$1330 00	
Less payable by Town of Chatham.....	221 66	1108 34
Repairs Registry Office, &c.....		334 00
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Less the following amounts—		\$29246 27
From Town of Chatham under award.....	\$1200 00	
" " rent Registry Office	374 33	
From Mortgage re Industrial Farm.....	5522 51	
From Registry Office Fees	2603 39	9700 23
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		\$19546 04

2. That the sum aforesaid shall be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Township, Town 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, 1882; in the following proportions as follows:—

Township of Camden.....	\$ 1351 26	Township of Zone	\$ 591 33
" Chatham	2539 30	Town of Bothwell	310 00
" Dover	2050 96	" Dresden	380 00
" Harwich.....	3444 50	" Ridgetown.....	260 00
" Howard.....	2343 83	Village of Blenheim.....	200 00
" Orford	1581 55	" Thamesville.....	180 00
" Raleigh	2463 10	" Wallaceburg.....	220 00
" Romney.....	533 64		
" Tilbury East.....	1096 57		
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			\$19546 04

3. That the sum of \$4224 00 more or less to meet the Legislative School Grant for the year 1882, shall be raised, levied and collected from and off the several Townships within the County of Kent, to meet the Government Grant apportioned to them for Common School purposes.

4. That it shall be the duty of the County Clerk to notify the Clerks of the several Townships in the County, the amount of the Common School grant apportioned to them, in order that the same may be raised according to law.

5. That in the case of an appeal by any Municipality that is dissatisfied with the amount rated against them, as set forth in clause two of this By-Law, this Council is willing to have the final equalization of the assessment made by the County Judge.

DANIEL KEER, Clerk.

(L. S.)

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

SCHEDULE No. 1.

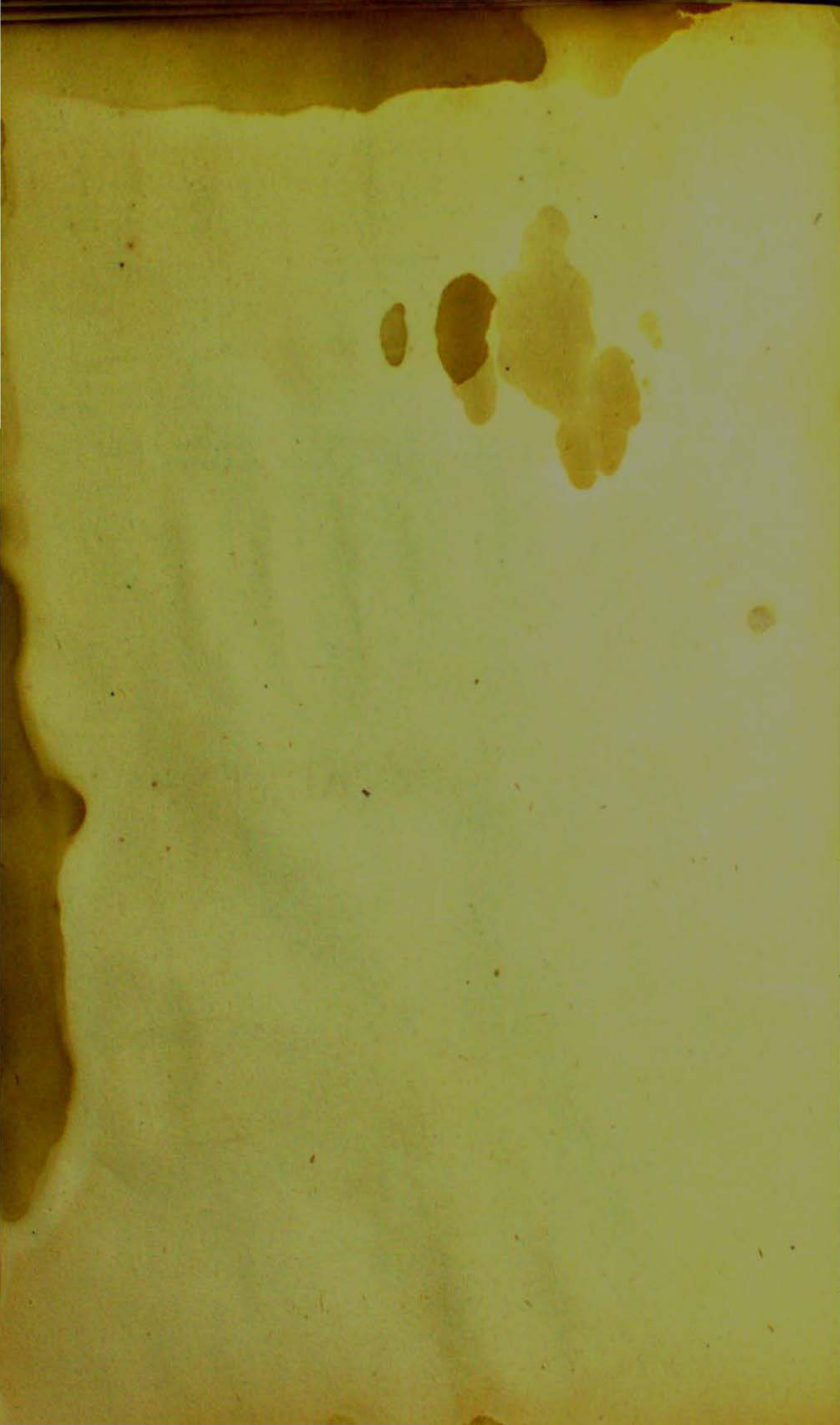
STATEMENT showing the Assessment of the County of Kent for the year 1881, and the Equalized Values for the Rate levied for 1882.

TOWNSHIPS.	Popula- tion on Assessm't Rolls.	Total No of Acres.	Resident Land.			Non-Resident Land.				Personal Property		Total Assessed value.	Total Equalized value.	Amount of rate.	
			No Acres	Assessed Value.	Equ'd rate per acre	Equalized Value.	No. acres	Assessed Value.	Equalized rate per acre.	Equalized value.	Assessed value.				Equalized value.
CAMDEN	2616	43555	41091	\$479240		2464	22850			\$34650		\$536740	\$844540	\$1351 26	
CHATHAM,	4871	83636	76339	847475		7297	43960			50650		942085	1587060	2539 30	
DOVER,	3429	68656	64992	765253		3664	20633			35854		821740	1281852	2050 96	
HARWICH,	4999	87806	85961	2178063		1345	31690			108915		2318668	2152810	3444 50	
HOWARD,	4232	59259	58776	1440725		483	5910			79309		1525944	1464895	2343 83	
ORFORD,	2880	49874	48884	961260		990	11690			39210		1012160	988470	1581 55	
RALEIGH,	4570	70876	66755	1588164		4121	47625			72345		1708134	1539442	2463 10	
ROMNEY,	916	26234	20781	351101		5433	56669			14867		422637	333525	533 64	
TILBURY EAST, ...	2521	53653	40121	571903		13530	90596			35140		697639	685357	1096 57	
ZONE,	1355	25110	24543	280286		567	5364			19975		305625	369585	591 33	
TOWNS AND VILLAGES.															
						Population.	No. of Acres.	Assessed value Real Estate.	Equalized value Real Estate.						
TOWNS AND VILLAGES						TOWN OF BOTHWELL	851	2371	128582		42120		170702	193750	310 00
						“ DRESDEN,	1829	642	342336		37479		379815	237500	380 00
						“ RIDGETOWN	1429	482	236406		22050		258456	162500	260 00
						VILLAGE OF BLENHEIM	1010	489	171929		25775		197704	125000	200 00
						“ THAMESVILLE	682	400	65200		10330		75530	112500	180 00
						“ WALLACEBURG,	1125	500	192592		19150		201742	137500	220 00
										647819		11575321	12216287	19546 04	

SCHEDULE No. 2.

STATEMENT showing the Assessed Value from the Assessment Rolls of 1881; also, the Equalized Value for the rate levied for 1882 on that portion of the County of Kent grouped under By-law number 319, to aid and assist the Erie and Huron Railway Company.

Municipalities.	Assessed Value.	Equalized Value.	Amount of rate.
Township of Camden, part grouped	\$ 510,620	\$ 597,910	\$1,291 49
" Chatham	942,085	1,587,060	3,428 05
" Dover, part grouped	591,533	698,644	1,509 07
" Harwich	2,318,668	2,152,810	4,650 07
Town of Dresden	379,815	237,500	513 00
Village of Blenheim	197,704	125,000	270 00
Village of Wallaceburg	201,742	137,500	297 00
	<u>\$5,142,167</u>	<u>\$5,536,424</u>	<u>\$11,958 68</u>
Town of Chatham, amt. agreed upon for 5 yrs. re Separation Award for 1880-1885 inclusive			3,638 00
			<u>\$15,596 68</u>



MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

DECEMBER SESSION, 1882,

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

—OF THE—

—:COUNTY OF KENT:—

B. W. WILLSON

WARDEN.



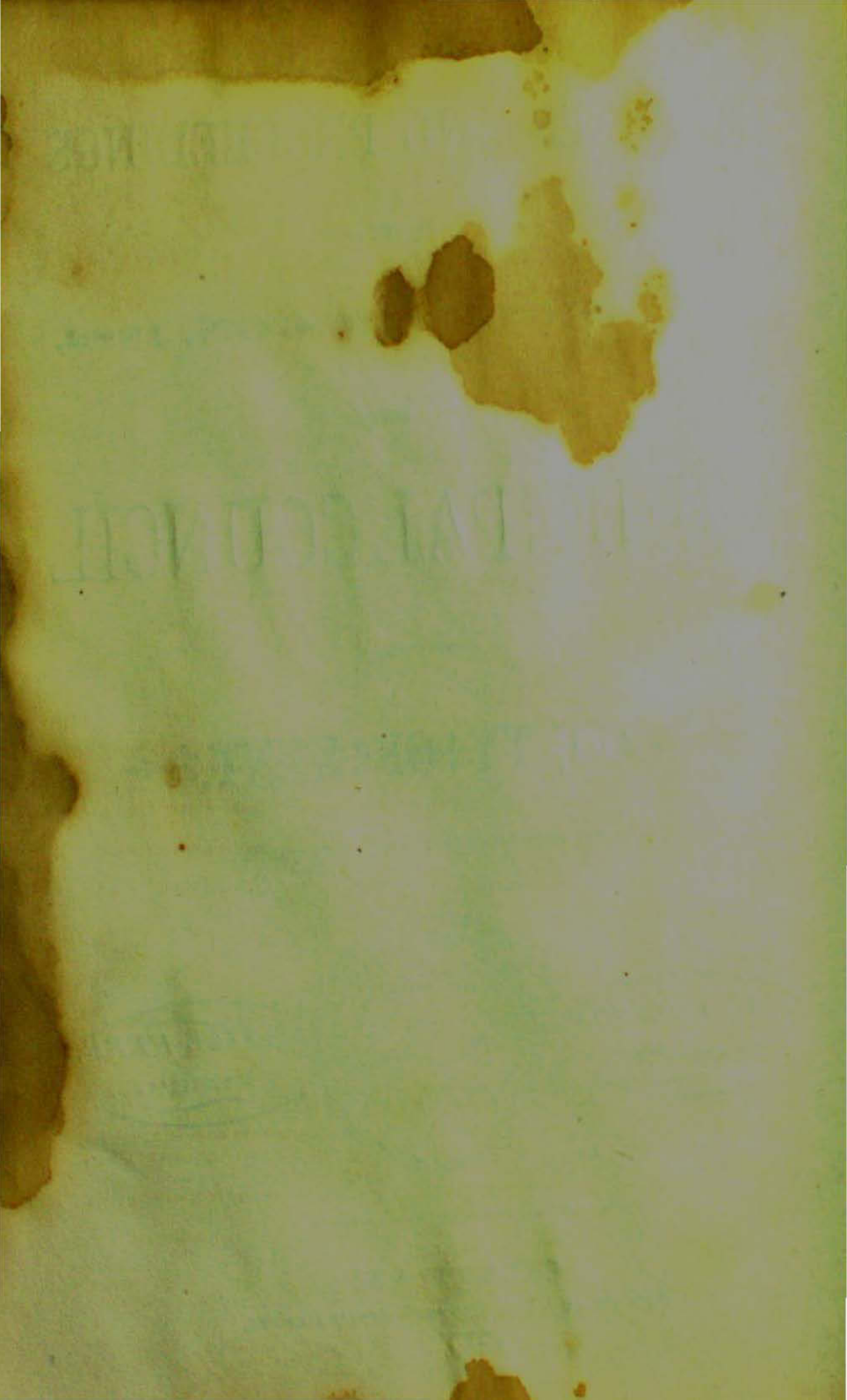
DANIEL KERR,

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
— OF THE —
Municipal Council of the County of Kent.

DECEMBER SESSION—1882.

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 Tuesday, 12th December, 1882.

The Roll was called. Present—B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden; and all the Councillors, except Mr. McDougall.

The Warden addressed the Council relative to the business of the Session. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read:—

From the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, stating that the Dominion Statutes had been discontinued to the Reeves and Deputy Reeves, and that one copy only is now furnished for each Municipality for the use of the Clerk's office.

From the Queen's Printer, Toronto, stating that he can supply the Ontario Statutes and other official books at prices determined by the Government.

From the Provincial Secretary's office, acknowledging receipt of a resolution recommending the appointment of John G. Stewart as short-hand writer for the County Court.

From W. T. O'Rielly, Inspector of Prisons, respecting medicines furnished at the gaol.

From E. W. Scane, President of the St. Clair and Rond Eau Plank Road Co'y, giving notice that the Company had abandoned the whole of said road.

From John Wright, Reeve of Dover, copy of an appeal made against the equalized assessment of 1882.

From J. A. Bell, P. L. S., St. Thomas, County Engineer for Elgin, stating that the south approach of Bothwell Bridge requires to be re-planked.

From Wm. Berry & Son, relating to the supply of coal for the County Offices.

From A. McNabb, Secretary of the E. & H. R. Co'y, stating that the Townships comprising the group will have gravel supplied on the same terms as the Town of Chatham.

From Harry Duck, agent for Carter's new map of Ontario, soliciting orders to supply the Council Chamber and the County Offices.

From the County Clerk of the County of Ontario, requesting co-operation by petition to the Legislature to discontinue the annual grant for the Agricultural and Arts Association.

From the County Clerk of Peel, with copies of four petitions, requesting co-operation:—

1. For the House of Commons to amend the present tariff so that a duty will be placed on fine wools imported into Canada.
2. For the Legislative Assembly to amend Sub-Sec. 3, Sec. 20, of the Voters' List Act, so that the appellants may be made liable for all costs incurred in each and every appeal he fails to sustain.
3. For the Legislative Assembly to make such enactment as will exempt all lines dividing lands in rural districts from the operation of the Real Property Limitation Act.

4. For the Legislative Assembly to pass an Act to allow villages that may, owing to decrease of population, desire to re-unite with the Municipality in which they are situated.

From John Tissiman, Clerk of Chatham, enquiring if it is the intention of the County Council to make any arrangements with the Town whereby the tolls on the River Bridges may be thrown off.

From the same, respecting the support of a destitute blind girl.

From P. D. McKellar, Registrar, requesting that gas be put into his office.

The Warden referred the communications to the Committees to which they belong.

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

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

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

B. W. WILLSON WARDEN.

SECOND DAY—CHATHAM, 13th Dec., 1882.

The Roll was called. Present—B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden; and all the Councillors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Notices of motion were given. Various accounts were read and referred to Finance.

On motion of Mr. Vester, the Commissioner's Report on Gravel Road from Blenheim to Charing Cross, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lochore, the Commissioners' Report on Kent and Elgin County line, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Langford, the Report of Committee on Painting and Tightening up the Bolts on Kent Bridge, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bodkin, the Report on County line between Camden and Dawn, on Town line between Camden and Thamesville, and on Town line between Camden and Zone, were read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Vogler, that a Committee be appointed consisting of Messrs. Clancy, Martin, White, and the mover, to draft a petition to the Legislature of Ontario for amendment to the Drainage Acts, so as to enable Municipal Councils to enlarge or make new outlets to any drain constructed under the Municipal Drainage Act, where shown to be necessary by the report of an Engineer, similar to the amendments of the Ontario Drainage Act of 1873, or the Revised Statutes in that behalf, or the Act relating to the expenditure of public money for drainage by 45 Vic., Chap. 26, Sec. 17.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Martin, that \$200 be granted to repair the Raleigh and Tilbury East Town line.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Clancy, seconded by Mr. Crow, that whereas the stream emptying into the North Branch of the River Sydenham, known as Running Creek, forms the boundary line between the Village of Wallaceburg and the Township of Chatham; And whereas, upon the incorporation of the Village of Wallaceburg the bridge spanning the said stream, as in such cases provided by Statute, then became the property of the County of Kent; And whereas the Township of Chatham has, since the incorporation of the Village of Wallaceburg in the year 1874, kept in repair and re-built a large portion of the bridge spanning the said stream at considerable expense; Be it therefore resolved, that the County do now take charge of and assume the necessary control of said bridge.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Caughill, seconded by Mr. McMullin, that this Council ask the Erie and Huron Railway Trustees, Robert Ferguson, John A. Langford, and Wm. Hammond, Esquires, to furnish this Council with a financial statement of all moneys paid over to said Erie and Huron Railway Company, and when paid; also all moneys now laying in their hands to the credit of the said Erie and Huron Railway from the sale of bonus Debentures granted under By-Law Number 319; the amount of Debentures sold and the accrued interest to date, and that the Clerk send each of said Trustees a copy of this resolution.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. White, that a grant of \$100 be made by this Council to assist in defraying the cost of raising the Bridge across Jannett's Creek on the Tecumseh Road, to a sufficient height to admit tug boats to pass underneath, and also to widen the centre span.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

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

A communication from the Clerk of the Peace was read, being a copy of the Grand Jury Presentment presented at the Quarter Sessions now sitting.—Referred to Property Com.

Notices of motion were given, and accounts were read and referred to Finance.

On motion of Mr. Langford, the report of the Commissioners on Townline between Chatham and Camden, north of the River Thames, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, the report of Commissioners on Romney and Mersea, also on Romney and Tilbury West Townline, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Rycraft, the report of Commissioners on Howard and Orford Townline, was read and adopted.

The Council on motion, adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

THIRD DAY—CHATHAM, 14th Dec., 1882.

The Roll was called. Present—B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden; and all the Councillors.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Wemp, the report of the Commissioners on Townline between the Townships of Chatham and Dover, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. McMullin, the Commissioners' report on Harwich and Raleigh Townline from Charing Cross to Buckhorn, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, a report from the Committee appointed to re-build the north approach of Moravian Bridge, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Martin, a report from the Committee on Education, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Mayhew, the Commissioners' report on Tecumseh Bridge, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dillon, the report of the Commissioners on County line between Bothwell and Middlesex; also, the report on the north approach of Bothwell Bridge, were read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. White, a report from the Committee on County Property, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, the report of the Commissioner on County line between Zone and Euphemia, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. White, the report of Commissioners on Harwich and Raleigh Townline from Chatham to Charing Cross, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Langford; the report of Committee on Kent Bridge approaches, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the report on the Tilbury East and Raleigh Townline, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Spencer, the Warden's report as a Director of the Erie and Huron Railway, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Clancy, seconded by Mr. White, that Messrs. McDougall, White, Mountford, Coatsworth, Stephens, Richardson, the Warden, and the mover be a Committee during the remainder of this present Session, to take into consideration such communications and petitions as do not come fairly within the scope of action of any of the Standing Committees, and also to amend the Rules so far as to provide a Standing Committee for the same purpose in future.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, a By-Law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Tilbury East, was read a first time

Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Crow, that a grant of \$500 be made and paid to the Town of Chatham, on condition that the Bridges in the said Town of Chatham are made free of toll for the year 1883.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. McMullin, seconded by Mr. Langford, that this Council offer \$100 reward for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who poisoned six horses, the property of Charles Stewart, a resident of the Township of Harwich, in this County.—Referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. McMullin, that this Council offer \$100 reward for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who poisoned two horses, the property of Thomas and John Punnfrey, residents of the Township of Camden, in this County.—Referred to Finance.

On motion of Mr. White, a By-Law to confirm a By-Law of the Township of Raleigh, was read a first time.

The Council, on motion, then adjourned till two o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

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

Notice of motions were given. Accounts were read and referred to Finance.

A communication from Matthew Wilson, Esq., Solicitor, was read, being an opinion relating to Running Creek bridge in the Township of Chatham.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, a report of the Commissioners on County line between East and West Tilbury, was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, the report of Commissioners on Wallaceburg Bridges, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. McMullin, seconded by Mr. McKercher, that this Council grant the sum of \$50 to assist in graveling the road from the Town of Chatham to the Village of Pikeville. Referred to B. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Bodkin, seconded by Mr. Martin, that the sum of \$300 be granted to assist in building a new bridge over the Cornwall Creek on Townline between Camden and Thamesville, as the same is in a very dangerous condition, and is over two hundred feet long.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that this Council grant the sum of \$200 to be expended on the Townline between Romney and Tilbury East, in chopping and clearing, on condition that the adjoining Townships contribute an equal amount.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Mayhew, that a grant of \$50 be made to repair the Townline between the Town of Dresden and Gore of Camden.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

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

DANIEL KEHR, Clerk.

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

FOURTH DAY—CHATHAM, 15th Dec., 1882.

The Roll was called. Present—B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden; and all the Councillors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from C. E. Pegley, County Solicitor, was read, respecting the Rond Eau Plank Road Company; and the appeal made by Dover against the Equalization Report of 1882; also an opinion re Running Creek bridge, with his account and bill of costs relating to the same.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, the Commissioners' report on the road used in lieu of a portion of the County line between Zone and Lambton, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Wemp, seconded by Mr. Clancy, that Messrs. Martin, Dillon, McDougall, White, and the mover, be a Committee to draft a petition to the Legislature of Ontario for such amendments to the Municipal Drainage Act as will enable Township Councils to employ any competent person to take the necessary levels for the purpose of removing obstructions in drains already constructed, thereby saving the expense of employing an Engineer, where the cost of the work is in many instances less than the fees of the Engineer so employed.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, the Council went into Committee of the Whole respecting the Wallaceburg Bridges. Mr. Reycraft in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported progress with leave to sit again.

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

AFTERNOON SITTING.

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

Notice of motions were given. Accounts were read and referred to Finance.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, the Council again went into Committee of the Whole respecting the Wallaceburg Bridges on the following resolution. Mr. Reycraft in the chair:—

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the following be a Committee to build a bridge replacing the West Bridge at Wallaceburg, or to repair the same, to be either of iron or wood as the said Committee may deem most expedient:—The Warden, the Reeve of Wallaceburg, Raleigh, Chatham, Dover and Harwich, and that said Committee have power to employ a competent Engineer, and to do all things necessary to carry out the said work during the present winter.—Carried.

On motion, the Council resumed. The Chairman reported that a resolution passed.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the resolution passed in Committee be adopted by this Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. McKeecher, that this Council grant the sum of \$500 to assist in building a bridge over the Arnold Creek in the Township of Howard.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

On motion of Mr. Langford, the Council went into Committee of the Whole respecting the approaches to Kent Bridge. Mr. McMullin in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the present Committee get an estimate of the cost of a stone abutment and iron span at the north end of Kent Bridge; also the cost of the approach at the south end to the extent of one hundred feet, said Committee to have power to ask tenders for the same, and report at the January Session.—Carried.

On motion, the Council resumed. The Chairman reported that a resolution passed.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the resolution passed in Committee be adopted by this Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Goulet, that \$500 be granted to assist in building a bridge over Jannett's Creek, on the Townline between Raleigh and Tilbury East, and as the bridge will come under the jurisdiction of the County Council that the County Engineer be asked to make an inspection, and report to this Council at the January Session whether it is a navigable stream, also the width and depth of said stream.—Referred to R. & B. Com.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, a By-Law to confirm a By-Law of the Municipality of the Township of Tilbury East, was read a second time.

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

On motion, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the two aforesaid By-Laws. Mr. Langford in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-Laws passed in Committee.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the By-Law to confirm a By-Law of Tilbury East, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. White, the By-law to confirm a By-Law of Raleigh, was read a third time and passed.

The 18th and 24th Rules were suspended during the remainder of the Session.

A petition to the Legislature was read.

Moved by Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. White, that the draft of a petition to the Legislature of Ontario now read, praying that the charter of the Erie and Huron Railway be extended for one year be adopted, and that copies of the same be forwarded in the usual way.—Carried.

Mr. Wright presented a petition to the Legislature, which was read.

Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Martin, that the draft of a petition to the Legislature of Ontario now read praying for amendments to the Drainage Acts be adopted, and that copies of the same be forwarded in the usual way.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMullin, seconded by Mr. Crow, that a Committee be appointed by this Council to watch any changes that may be asked for by the Erie and Huron Railway Company, at the present Session of the Legislature now sitting at Toronto, that might be detrimental to the ratepayers of this County; that said Committee be composed of the following members, viz.: Messrs. Caughill, Clancy and McDougall.—Lost.

The Council then adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

FIFTH DAY—CHATHAM, 16th Dec., 1882.

The Roll was called. Present—B. W. Willson, Esq., Warden; and all the Councillors. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

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

On motion, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges. Mr. Caughill in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the report passed with a clause added.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Bodkin, that the report on Roads and Bridges, as amended, be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Wemp, that the report be not adopted, but be referred back to the Committee to strike out all grants made to Roads and Bridges until the January Session.

Motion carried, amendment lost.

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

YEAS—Councillors Stephens, Wemp, Wright, McKeenocher, Spencer and Reycraft—6.

NAYS—Councillors McMullin, Caughill, Vester, White, Irwin, Goulet, Coatsworth, Martin, Richardson, Mills, Crow, Clancy, McDougall, Lahore, Langford, Bodkin, McKinlay, Dillon, Vogler and the Warden—20.

On motion of Mr. Vogler, a report on the south approach of Moravian Bridge, was read and adopted.

A petition to the House of Commons was read.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the draft of a petition to the House of Commons now read, praying that a duty be placed on fine wools imported into Canada, be adopted, and that copies be made and forwarded to the Dominion Government.—Carried.

A petition to the Legislature of Ontario was read.

Moved by Mr. Wemp, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the draft of a petition to the Legislature of Ontario now read, praying for amendments to the Drainage Acts, be adopted, and that copies be forwarded to the House now in Session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMullin, seconded by Mr. Coatsworth, that the Warden of this County, B. W. Willson, Esq., be appointed to watch any changes that may be asked for by the Erie and Huron Railway Company at the present Session of the Legislature at Toronto, that might be detrimental to the ratepayers of this County.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Coatsworth, a By-Law to appropriate sums of money to repair certain Roads and Bridges, was read a first and second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the aforesaid By-Law. Mr. Reycraft in the chair.

The Council resumed. The Chairman reported that the By-Law passed with a clause added.

Moved by Mr. Coatsworth, seconded by Mr. Bodkin, that the aforesaid By-Law appropriating grants for Roads and Bridges, be read a third time and passed.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the By-Law be not now read a third time, but be laid over for three months.

Motion carried. Amendment lost.

By request, the Warden left the chair, which was taken by Mr. Coatsworth.

Moved by Mr. Langford, seconded by Mr. White, that this is probably the last Session of this Council for this present year, we, the members thereof, have much pleasure in tendering to B. W. Willson, Esq., our present Warden, the thanks of the Council for his uniform courtesy and kindness to each and every member during the time he has occupied the Warden's chair, and with every respect to him, we trust that he may be spared for many years as a useful member to this County.—Carried by acclamation with a standing vote.

Mr. Coatsworth then presented the resolution to the Warden, who, on resuming the chair, thanked the Council in suitable terms.

The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

REPORTS, ETC.

FROM COUNCIL TO DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

To the Honorable the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada.

The prayer of the Memorialists, the County Council of the County of Kent, humbly sheweth :

WHEREAS, in the opinion of your Memorialists, the several industries of the Dominion have received a careful consideration at the hands of your Government with a view to promote the welfare of the country at large, and stimulate the production and growth of such articles as are suited to the conditions of climate and soil within the Dominion ;

AND WHEREAS, in the opinion of this Council, a large portion of Canada is well adapted to the raising of Sheep and the production of Wool of a finer quality than is grown at the present time by farmers generally, and such wool as the demands of manufacturers of woollen cloths call for ;

AND WHEREAS we are of the opinion that a duty levied upon the finer grades of imported wools would give a stimulus to agriculturists generally in the Dominion to engage more largely in the production of the finer wools ;

THEREFORE, your Memorialists pray that your honorable body will so amend the present tariff that a duty will be levied on fine wools imported into Canada.

And, as in duty bound, your petitioners humbly pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

(Adopted Dec. 16th, 1882.)

FROM COUNCIL TO LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

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 this Council is desirous that the charter of the Erie & Huron Railway Company should be extended for a period of one year, as we have reason to believe that the said road will be completed within that time.

Your petitioners therefore pray that the said charter may be extended for the period of one year and no longer, subject to the terms of the Act, protecting the interests of the County. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

(Adopted in Council, 15th December, 1882.)

FROM COUNCIL TO LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The Petition of the County Council of the County of Kent humbly sheweth :

1. That the Drainage Works constructed by Municipal Councils, under the provisions and early operation of the Municipal Drainage Act, have now become entirely inefficient, owing in part to the want at that time of the practical knowledge which is always essential to a well organized system of drainage

2. That the Drainage Works constructed in the earlier history of the Municipal Drainage Act, were usually on a small scale, compared with what are found to be necessary at the present time, and have now become incapable of doing the work imposed upon them as outlets in consequence of the rapidly increasing number of new Drainage Works, which require proportionately increased outlets.

3. That it has been found impossible for Municipal Councils, with the present means at their disposal, to keep pace with the rapidly increasing number of new Drainage Works, in the way of providing suitable outlets for the same, and are thereby subjected to annoying and expensive litigation, and in many cases to the payment of heavy damages.

4. That in the opinion of your petitioners, this difficulty could, to a great ex-

tent, be obviated, if the same powers were given to construct outlets under the provisions of the Municipal Drainage Act as are now given to construct outlets under the provisions of the Ontario Drainage Act of 1873, by amending Sec. 17 of the Act entitled An Act to make further provision for the Construction of Drainage Works by Municipalities, 45 Vic, Chap. 26, by inserting the words, *or of the Municipal Drainage Act and Amendments*, after the words "Drainage Works," so as to read:

"In any case wherein the better to maintain any drain constructed, under the provisions of the "Ontario Drainage Act of 1873," or of the Revised Statutes respecting the expenditure of public money for Drainage Works, *or of the Municipal Drainage Act and Amendments*, or to prevent damage to adjacent lands, &c.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

DANIEL KEER, Clerk. (L. S.) B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

Adopted in Council, Chatham, 15th Dec., 1882.

FROM COUNCIL TO LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

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 under the provisions of the Municipal Drainage Act, Chap. 174, Sec 529, it is imperative upon Municipal Councils to employ an engineer or Provincial Surveyor, to make report to the Council, when the work is of no great importance, such as cleaning out or deepening and taking levels on old drains, and causing the necessary improvements or repairs, costing in many cases more than the cost of the actual work.

Your Petitioners believe that if the Municipal Drainage Act was so amended as to permit Municipal Councils to employ an engineer, Provincial surveyor, or other competent person to take such levels, make report and assessments on the lands benefited, it would be a matter of great convenience and tend to facilitate the work to be done.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that the Municipal Drainage Act of the Province of Ontario Consolidated Statutes, Chapter 174, Sec. 529, be amended by adding the words, "Or other competent person," after the words surveyor in the eighth and fifteenth lines of said Section.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

DANIEL KEER, Clerk. (L. S.) B. W. WILLSON, WARDEN.

(Adopted in Council, Chatham, 16th Dec. 1882.)

FROM GRAND JURY—PRESENTMENT.

To His Honor the Judge:—

We, the Grand Jurors, having disposed of all business placed before us by the County Attorney, and have also visited the Gaol, and have found everything in a clean and satisfactory condition, and find the prisoners all well satisfied with the accommodation furnished them.

We, the Grand Jurors, would recommend that the County Council take immediate steps to put on one story on the present dwelling of our Gaoler; also, to put the present building in proper repair, as it is very damp, badly ventilated, and the rooms and halls are not well lighted.—All of which are respectfully submitted.

(Signed),

A. R. COLTART, Foreman.

COUNTY SOLICITOR RE ST. C. & R. E. ROAD CO'Y, &c.

The Warden and Council, County of Kent:

CHATHAM, 16th Decy, 1882.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to report that the Gravel Road Company have abandoned to the Municipality the roads held by them, and there appears to be no necessity for further advice in respect of them.

The costs of two appeal cases have not been paid, and there appears to be no fund to pay them in the hands of the Company, and the respondents, Eberts and Everitt, personally are in such circumstances that I have not thought proper to proceed by distress without instructions from the Council. I have in the mean time rendered the costs in my account accompanying this report. Also the witness fees to a witness who attended in the Higgins case, and whose fees have not yet been paid.

The appeal from the Equalization of the County rate by Dover to the County Judge was dismissed without costs, and I have put the account of costs in my account. The Judge upon this appeal was of opinion that Dover had a grievance, but as it was not shown upon what other Municipality the amount taken off Dover should be put, he decided that he could not reduce the amount of their assessment. He pointed out the necessity of steps being taken under the Act, to have a careful valuation of the whole County made, to avoid further difficulty, and intimated that upon a proper appeal he would reduce the amount due upon Dover. You will find my opinion respecting the Running Creek Bridge accompanying this report.

I also enclose my account for the current year.

Yours, &c.,

CHAS. E. PEGLEY.

RE RUNNING CREEK BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council, County of Kent:

GENTLEMEN.—This bridge, if I am correctly informed, crosses Running Creek where the creek forms the boundary between the village of Wallaceburg and the Township of Chatham. The creek is well defined, has water to the depth of five or six feet in it all the year round. It requires a bridge of say 40 or 50 feet to connect the roads at each side. The 413th section of the Municipal Act provides that it shall be the duty of the County Councils to maintain bridges over rivers forming or crossing boundary lines between two municipalities within the County. There seems to be no question but that Running Creek forms the boundary between Wallaceburg and Chatham—the only question is whether it is a *River* within the meaning of the Act. This question seems to have been completely settled in the Court of Appeals for Ontario in the case of Mr. Hardy vs. the corporations of Ellis and Downie, 1 Appeal, 628, where the question, "What is a river?" was fully discussed and decided that a creek called Black Creek, having well defined banks, and well marked channel, and constant flow of water, was a river within the meaning of the Act. The true test appears from this decision to be whether the structure required is a bridge or a culvert. If a bridge, then it brings it within the definition of "River" as contemplated by the Act. I have no hesitation in saying that the bridge in question must be maintained at the expense of the County Council, and that the County would be liable for any damage sustained by want of repair, and not the adjoining township or village. I am, gentlemen, yours respectfully,

CHAS. E. PEGLEY.

FROM PRESIDENT ST. C. & R. E. ROAD.

DEAR SIR.—I beg to notify you that at a meeting of the Directors of the St. Clair & Rond Eau Plank Road, held on the 11th inst., a by-law was passed abandoning the whole of said road, but reserving the right of the Company to sell or remove all toll houses. I am, dear sir, yours respectfully,

E. W. SCANE, President.

Daniel Kerr, Esq., County Clerk of Kent.

FROM SECRETARY E. & H. R'Y CO.

E. W. Willson, Warden, County of Kent.

TORONTO, Dec. 5, 1882.

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the shareholders of the Company to day it was decided to give the same privilege to the Townships grouped under the County by-law granting aid to the Company, as has been given to the Town of Chatham, fixing the terms on which any gravel required by these Townships will be delivered along our line. If your solicitor draws up the agreement, it will be delivered to you executed forthwith.—Yours, respectfully,

A. MACNABC, Sec. E. & H. R'y.

WARDEN RE ERIE & HURON RAILWAY CO.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to report that the President of the Erie and Huron Railway Company has called three meetings of the Directors of the road since the June session of this Council. Two of them I attended. The first one was on the 31st of July, to consider the proposition of Solomon S. Knapp and others to build the road, and for the electing of new Directors for the road. There not being a quorum present to transact business, the meeting was adjourned until the call of the Pres-

ident. The second meeting was called for the 3d of November, 1882. That meeting I did not attend. The third meeting was called for the 28th of November, 1882, to consider agreements with Chatham, Blenheim, Dresden and Wallaceburg, and contract for the completion of the said road; which contract will be placed in the hands of this Council at this session. All of which is most respectfully submitted,

B. W. WILLSON, Warden.

FROM COMMISSIONERS CHATHAM & CAMDEN TOWN LINE.

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

GENTLEMEN,—We, the Commissioners appointed by the Municipal Councils of Chatham and Camden, to expend the \$50 grant to grade and ditch the town-line between Chatham and Camden, North of River Thames, by this Council, beg leave to report that we sold and received jobs on said line, to that amount, and gave orders on the County Treasurer for full amount. All of which we respectfully submit.

G. R. LANGFORD, Commis'r of Camden.

A. W. CROW, Commissioner of Chatham Tp.

Chatham, December 13th, 1883.

FROM COMMISSIONERS HOWARD & ORFORD.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—We, your Commissioners appointed to expend \$50 on the Howard and Orford town-line, beg leave to report as follows: That your appropriation was expended in grading and repairing said road. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN REYCRAFT, }
B. W. WILLSON. } Commissioners

Council Chambers, Chatham, Dec. 13th, 1882.

FROM COMMISSIONERS DOVER & CHATHAM TOWN LINE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent,

GENTLEMEN.—Your Commissioners beg leave to report on the grant given to the Chatham and Dover Town line. Your Commissioners could not do the work necessary to be done as early as desirable on account of the wet weather; but as practicable we measured 454 rods, took the levels on the same, and made an estimate of the cost of the work. First Section, 48 rods of ditch on each side of the road alike; average depth, 22 inches; road rounded from the outside of the ditch and properly leveled. Estimated at \$1.25 per rod or 11½ cents per cubic yard. Section 2. 216 rods; average depth of ditch, 15 inches; ditch and road as above. Estimated at 75 cents per rod or 10 cents per cubic yard. Section 3. 190 rods; average depth, 12 inches. Estimated at 75 cents per rod or 12½ cents per cubic yard. Work was sold at this estimate. D. Sylvester and M. O'Connor, Contractors.

Cost of constructing the 454 rods.....	\$364.50
Robert Kelley, filling holes, 19½ days, at \$1.25 per day.....	22.75
Phillp and I. Thibadeau, along the plank 21 days with team, at \$3....	63.00
J. and J. Evans, 60 rods of grading.....	5.00
Printing,	1.25
Total	\$456.50
Unexpended.....	\$43.50

All of which is humbly submitted, trusting it will meet your approval,

B. WEMP, }
W. A. MILLS, } Commissioners.

FROM COMMISSIONERS HARWICH AND RALEIGH.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—Your Commissioners appointed to expend the sum of one hundred dollars on the Harwich and Raleigh Town line, from Charing Cross to Buckhorn, on condition that said Townships granted an equal amount, which has been granted and expended. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES McMULLIN }
S. WHITE, } Commissioners.

	Dr.	Cr.
3rd. Town line, Camden and Zone,		
Appropriated, June Session.....	\$ 25 00	
To amount expended.....	12 50	
Balance to Credit of Line.....		\$12 50
Total amount appropriated.....	\$150 00	
Total amount expended.....	112 50	
Balance to Credit of different lines.....		\$37 50

Hoping the above will meet your approbation,
I remain your most obed't serv't.

P. BODKIN, Deputy Reeve, Camden.

December 12th, 1882.

FROM COMMISSIONER E. & W. TILBURY.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the amount appropriated to the County Line between Tilbury East and West, beg leave to report that he has expended the sum of \$144.83, in ditching, grading and scraping, and that I have given orders to the amount of \$144.83, leaving a balance to the credit of the Line, which will be expended so soon as met by the adjoining Township. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON, Commissioner.

December 14th, 1882.

FROM COMMISSIONER ROMNEY AND MERSEA.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Commissioner appointed to expend the sum of one hundred dollars granted at the last January session for the Romney and Mersea Town line begs leave to report that said sum has been laid out in grading and gravelling, having been met by a similar sum from the Township of Mersea.

He would also further report that the one hundred dollars which you were pleased to grant for the improvement of the Essex and Kent line at the June session has not been met by the County of Essex or the Townships. But I have every reason to believe that the Township of Tilbury West will meet said sum from County or Township funds so that it can be expended early next session. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. COATSWORTH, Commissioner.

FROM COMMISSIONERS KENT AND ELGIN.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN—I beg to submit the following report as Commissioner to expend one hundred dollars granted for the repairing of the Kent and Elgin County line. I have expended in grading, repairing culverts and bridges, \$97.85, leaving a balance of \$2.15 to expend. Aldborough Commissioner laid out an equal amount. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LAHORE, Commissioner.

FROM COMMISSIONERS ZONE AND EUPHEMIA.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—Your Commissioner, appointed to expend the sum of one hundred dollars on the County line between Zone and Lambton, begs leave to report as follows: That he met the Reeve of Euphemia during the summer, and jobs of grading and ditching were let to the amount of one hundred and ten dollars, one half of which will have to be met by Kent. Some of the work was commenced but none completed. Respectfully submitted.

L. E. VOGLER, Commissioner.

FROM COMMISSIONERS ZONE AND LAMBTON.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—Your Commissioner, appointed to expend the sum of fifty dollars on the road used in lieu of a portion of the County line between Zone and Lambton, begs leave to report as follows: Work was let to the full amount appropriated and orders given for \$38.75 of that sum, the balance of the work not having been completed at the present date. Respectfully submitted.

L. E. VOGLER, Commissioner.

FROM COMMISSIONERS BOTHWELL BRIDGE AND MIDDLESEX.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—Your Commissioner begs leave to report that I have expended the grant of fifty dollars on County line between Bothwell and Middlesex, and also twenty dollars at the north approach of Bothwell Bridge for repairs. All of which I respectfully submit.

THOMAS DILLON, Commissioner.

FROM COMMITTEE ON NORTH APPROACH MORAVIAN BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee appointed to rebuild the north approach of the Moravian Bridge, beg leave to report as follows:—On the 9th of February we advertised for tenders for the building of a span bridge and approach in accordance with the report, plans and specifications furnished by W. G. McGeorge, Esq., and received the following tenders, viz.:

W. F. Armstrong.....	\$1,600
John McMisner.....	2,500
Andrew Marcus.....	1,780
J. Armstrong.....	1,600
G. W. Batt.....	1,315

The contract was awarded to G. W. Batt, his tender being the lowest and the sureties offered satisfactory.

The work was completed and the bridge again open for traffic on the 28th of Aug., having been closed for three weeks. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. E. VOGLER }
JOHN FERGUSON } Committee.

SOUTH APPROACH.

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

GENTLEMEN.—Your Commissioner begs leave to report that having been notified by the Reeve of Zone that the south approach of the Moravian Bridge was in an unsafe condition, I examined the same as well as the main span of the bridge. I instructed the Reeve of Zone to have a temporary bent placed under the approach, and owing to the shrinkage of the timbers I found the suspension rods and other bolts needed tightening, which has been done at a total cost of \$27.00.

I would recommend that at the January session of the County Council the rebuilding of the south approach be taken into consideration, as it is in an advanced state of decay. All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. W. WILLSON, Warden.

FROM COMMITTEE TECUMSAH BRIDGE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—We, your Committee, appointed to inspect and repair Tecumseh bridge, beg leave to report that after a careful examination they found the top of the road bed in a very bad state of repair, many of the plank cut through to second, several of the section braces gone, others out of repair. We had a new cover put on, bolts tightened, and all other repairs to make it in a safe state, at a cost of two hundred and three dollars, for which we gave orders on the County Treasurer. All of which we most respectfully submit.

B. W. WILSON, }
F. J. MAYHEW, } Committee.

FROM COMMITTEE KENT BRIDGE AND APPROACHES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—We, your Committee, appointed to have the Kent bridge repainted and bolts tightened, beg leave to report that we got two men to work at \$1.75 per day, and we furnished the paint. The total cost of work, \$47.26, and the paint, oil and brushes \$32.44, making the total cost as above, \$79.71. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

G. R. LANGFORD }
B. W. WILLSON } Committee.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee appointed at the June session of this Council to have the approaches to the Kent bridge repaired, beg leave to report that your Com-

mittee and the County Engineer met at the bridge and made a careful examination of the approaches, and we found them in a very bad state. The string pieces and planking were very rotten, and the Engineer advised the building of a new approach at the north end instead of repairing the old one, as he thought the money would be lost in repairing it up. We instructed him to make out plans and specifications of new approaches, and we advertised for tenders for the same. And on receipt of tenders we found that they were in excess of the amount appropriated for the repairs. We concluded to make some necessary repairs costing \$39 96, until the December session of this Council. And your Committee would recommend the building of new approaches to said bridge as soon as possible. All of which I respectfully submit.

G. R. LANGFORD, Chairman Com.

FROM COMMITTEE ON WALLACEBURG BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on the Wallaceburg Bridges, beg to report as follows: That they made a thorough inspection of the Bridges, in company with W. G. McGeorge, Esq., County Engineer, and found the West Bridge in a state almost unfit for public use. That W. G. McGeorge, Esq., prepared plans and specifications for the repairs considered necessary, and your Committee advertised for tenders for the performance of the work, according to the said plans and specifications, but no tenders were sent in, although several mechanics examined the plans and the Bridge. Failing to receive tenders, your Committee was obliged to cause such repairs as was absolutely necessary, to be done by days' work, and for that purpose engaged Martin Martin, to construct a new turn-table, and make such other repairs as was necessary to render the Bridge available. The Bridge had to remain open during the time the repairs were going on, hence your Committee had to establish a Ferry to accommodate the public travel.

The repairs done by your Committee amounted to the sum of \$552.25, including the cost of the Ferry, which was run during the time the Bridge was under repair or remained open.

That notwithstanding the repairs caused to be made by your Committee, the said Bridge requires a thorough repair during the present winter. The approaches on either side require to be re-built, and the covering must be removed. The fender pier or guard must be thoroughly repaired, as some of the caps and piles are gone.

About the middle of November, the barge Sampson, while in tow of the Byron Terice, ran into the North approach of the West Bridge, and damages to the amount of \$40.00, was the result.

As the Bridge on the North Branch is in a fair state of repair, except the Fender Pier, and the West approach must be repaired during the present winter, the repairs necessary to the approach, was caused by a large barge, called the Moss, owned in Detroit, and in tow of the Tug McRae, running into it, breaking several of the stringers and piles, displacing the caps, &c.

Your Commissioners would recommend the appointment of a Committee at once, to proceed with a thorough repair of said Bridges, during the present winter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chatham, Dec. 14th, 1882.

A. McDOUGALL, } Committee.
B. W. WILLSON. }

FROM COMMITTEE ON ROADS & BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on Roads and Bridges, having carefully examined and considered all the applications for grants, beg leave to report as follows:—

1. That the communication from the Town Council of the Town of Chatham, referring to arrangements for Bridge Tolls, be laid over to the January Session.
2. That the Warden be a Commissioner to act with the Commissioner from the County of Elgin, to superintend the work of repairs on the South approach of the Bothwell Bridge.
3. That \$100 be granted to assist in paying the expense of raising Jeannette's Creek Bridge.
4. That \$200 be granted to improve the Raleigh and Tilbury East Townline.
5. That \$50 be granted to assist in grading the Road from the Town of Chatham to the Village of Pikeville.

6. That \$100 be granted to assist in repairing Cornwall Creek Bridge.
7. That \$200 be granted to the Townline between Romney and East Tilbury, on condition that the said Townships grant a similar sum.
8. That we recommend that the County assume the control of Running Creek Bridge, the same appearing to be the property of the County of Kent.
9. That the application of Mr. Spencer for a grant of \$500 to build a bridge over Arnold Creek be laid over to the January session.
10. That the application of Mr. White for a grant of \$500 to build a bridge over Jeannette's Creek, be laid over to the January session.
11. That we have reconsidered the question of assuming Running Creek bridge as the property of the County, and as we have applications in reference to some other bridges which appear to be somewhat in a similar position, we deem it advisable not to assume such bridges until such time an examination and report is made by a competent Engineer on the same.
12. That \$200 be granted toward repairing Running Creek bridge so as to make it safe for public travel and that the Warden and the Reeves of Wallaceburg and Chatham Townships be a Committee to expend the same.

C. COATSWORTH, Chairman.

FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee on Education begs leave to report that we have examined the various matters referred to us and would report as follows:

In reference to the petition of Joseph Randal and others of the Township of Raleigh respecting School Sections No. 7 and 8 of said Township, which was before us at the June session, the said petitioners have notified us that they will withdraw the petition and stop further proceedings in this matter.

In reference to the report made at the late June session by Edmund B. Harrison, School Inspector for East Kent, he has now given some information in respect to the cost of teachers in training at the Model School, also respecting School Sections Nos 1 and 9, Harwich. We herewith attach his communication. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

MATTHEW MARTIN, Chairman.

Inspector's Office, Ridgétown, Dec. 6, 1882.

MATTHEW MARTIN, Esq., Chairman of the Committee on Education, County of Kent.

SIR—I have the honor to state, through you, for the information of the County Council, that in my report, see "Minutes and Proceedings of the January Session, 1882, of the Municipal Council of the County of Kent," pages 228 and 229, I stated that four teachers in training "had attended the County Model School, Chatham, for professional training, and having passed a satisfactory examination, received third-class certificates." I also gave a detailed statement of the expenses of the Board of Examiners for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1881. These included all the data in my possession. Through the courtesy of a member of the Chatham Public School Board I am informed that during the year 1881 the sum of \$200 was received from the Government and the County, (being, I presume, \$100 from each) for the County Model School, and on April 18th, 1882, the sum of \$50. The said \$50 was from the Government as part of this year's grant for the Model School. I am inclined to think that the said \$50 was a balance due from the Government for the work of 1881, as can be seen by referring to 44 Vic. chap. 30, sec 11. "It shall be the duty of every County Council to provide and levy in each year, in aid of each County Model School established in such County, under the regulations of the Education Department, an amount at least equal to the amount apportioned or paid by the Education Department in support of County Model Schools out of any grant annually voted by the Legislature for that purpose; but such amount shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars in one year, unless the County Council should think fit to provide a larger amount of aid." Again, the grants are only made after a satisfactory report has been received from the Board of Examiners. But no report was made by the Board of Examiners previous to July, 1882.

Assuming, then, that the said \$50 was a balance due from 1881, the cost of each

teacher in training was \$66.50. For the year 1881, if the said \$50 is not included, the cost would be \$54. Had a greater number attended in 1881 the aggregate cost would have been about the same, but the average would have been much less. The present attendance at the County Model School would give an average of \$14.81 for each teacher in training, if based on last year's expenditure.

With respect to the third clause of your Committee's Report of June 16th ult., I desire to say that I verbally communicated to the Warden, as the head of the County Municipality, and at my earliest opportunity, the result of my correspondence with the Honorable, the Minister of Education. I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

EDMUND B. HARRISON, P. S. I., East Kent.

COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PROPERTY.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee on County Property beg leave to report as follows:

1. That we had two meetings since the June Session. At the first meeting we received a tender from J. & W. McKeough, also from J. May & Co., on the iron work for repairs and alterations required at the Registry Office, according to the plans and specifications approved by your honorable body at the late June Session. Mr. May withdrew his tender. We accepted that of Messrs McKeough, it being lower than the estimate. We found that the mason and carpenter work could not be let by contract, and as advised by the Architect it was done by the day. The whole work was finished to the satisfaction of the Registrar, and also to your Committee, at a cost of \$371 13. The cost of awnings, in accordance with last report, \$36 00. Painting fence and new inside work, \$24 00—making a total expenditure of \$431 13.

2. Mr. O'Hara, Master in Chancery, applied to have a clock for his Office, which was granted. We also supplied a stove for the Clerk's office; the old one was worn out.

3. Your Committee had a communication from the Inspector of Prisons respecting medicines furnished by the Gaol Surgeon. We decided to leave this matter over till this present Session, and report that the arrangements are quite satisfactory, having been in operation for the past four years, and that the Gaol Surgeon's salary has been increased Twenty-five Dollars per annum as a consideration for him supplying the medicines, such sum being in excess of what was the usual cost under the former system.

4. The Grand Jury at the late Assizes, also the Inspector of Prisons in his report under the new regulations, asked that communication be opened by telephone between the Central office and the Gaol. Your Committee, after due consideration, acceded to the request, subject to the approval of your honorable body. The account for six months, amounting to \$17 50, will be laid before you. We recommend that it be continued, and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the amount as it falls due, at the above rate, in terms of the lease.

5. The Sheriff applied to have a flag staff erected and a flag supplied on the County Buildings, to meet the requirements of the law in the case of a prisoner who was under sentence of death. Your Committee had taken steps to furnish temporarily what would answer for the occasion referred to, but it was not required. We would recommend that a suitable staff be erected, so that a flag can be hoisted on all public occasions.

6. We had the iron fence in front of the Court House repaired and painted, which cost, with some other needed repairs on the iron work of the cells, the sum of \$45. We also expended for mason work, \$45 50, repainting part of the building, replacing a little over one of the doors that was broken, also renewing some brick work in the Gaoler's residence.

7. We advertised as usual for parties to supply fuel for the Gaol and County offices. The contract for wood was awarded to S. F. White at \$3.90 per cord, his being the lowest tender; and for coal to Thomas Wrong, at \$5 50 and \$7 per ton for hard and soft coal respectively. Mr. Wrong has sold his coal business to H. A. Patterson, and we recommend that new tenders be called for, and that all the coal in future be inspected by the Caretaker before it is put in the Offices.

5. We have considered the communication of the County Registrar to have gas fixtures in the County Registry Office, and as coal oil lamps are not considered safe by the Inspector, we recommend that gas fixtures be put in the Office, under the direction of the Chairman of the Committee.

9. We recommend that one of Carter's maps be purchased for the Council chamber.

10. We have considered the presentment of the Grand Jury recommending an additional story on the Gaoler's residence, and recommend that the matter be laid over for the consideration of next year's Council at the proper season of the year.

11. Tenders for Gaol supplies have been asked for and the contract awarded to Andrew Heyward, his tender being the lowest. The following are the prices:—Bread per lb. 2½c; Beef per lb. 6c; Hard Soap per lb. 5c; Pepper per lb. 15c; Oat meal per bbl. \$8 90; Salt per bbl. \$1 40; Potatoes per bush. 50c; Peas for soup, per bush. 60c; White beans for soup, per bushel, \$2 00; Molasses per gal., 40c; Coal oil per gallon, 25c.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, Dec. 14, 1882.

S. WHITE, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Kent.

GENTLEMEN,—We your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the various matters referred to them, and would recommend that the following accounts be paid, viz:—

C Coatsworth, one day and mileage on appeal, Dover vs. Co. Kent.....	\$ 6 20	
Jas. A. Luke, 3 ranches for Moravia bridge	6 80	
Jas McMullen, 2 days on Co. Property Committee	4 00	
B. W. Willson, 1 day and mileage at Kent Bridge.....	\$ 3 50	
June 30—1 day and mileage at Chatham	4 10	
July 1—1 day on County Property Committee	2 00	
July 5—1 day and mileage on appeal, Dover vs. Kent,	5 10	
July 11—1 day and mileage on Thamesville Bridge	3 00	
July 14 & 15—2 days and mileage on Wallaceburg Bridge, ..	7 50	
Aug. 3—1 day and mileage at Chatham	4 10	
Aug. 5 & 6—2 days and mileage at Wallaceburg Bridge....	7 50	
Aug. 12—1 day and mileage at Meravian Bridge	3 50	
Oct. 14—1 day and mileage at Chatham,	4 10	
To two trips to Toronto on E. & H. R.	30 00	74 40
John Ferguson, 3 days on Moravian Bridge approach Com.	6 00	
S. H. Spencer, 4 days on Kent Bridge Com.	8 00	
R. Duffus, Caretaker Tecumseh Bridge.....	5 00	
F. J. Mayhew, 2 days on Tecumseh Bridge	4 00	
J. A. Langford, Caretaker Kent Bridge.....	5 00	
J. Waugh, 2½ cords of wood for Gaol	8 93	
J. Wall, cocoa matting, 5 yards	6 25	
Wm. Patterson, 970 ft. lumber for Wallaceburg Bridges in 1881.....	13 05	
Bell Telephone Co., 6 months' rent at County Gaol,	17 50	
Thos. Stone, 7½ yards matting,	4 75	
James Richardson, posting bills,	1 00	
W. G. McGeorge, C.E., balance from last acct	\$ 7 50	
" 1 day and expenses at Kent Bridge.....	6 00	
" Plans and specifications Kent Bridge app., 25 00	38 50	
W. R. Dobbyn, adv. meeting of County Council, 3 ins	4 80	
W. A. Poat, iron work for Wallaceburg bridge in 1881	4 50	
A. W. Crowe, 1 day Kent Bridge Com.	2 00	
C. E. Pegley, legal services.....	\$45 60	
" expenses paid McPherson vs. Eberts appeal.....	25 60	
" " Chrysler vs. Everitt appeal,	31 91	103 11
A. McDougall, 5 days on Wallaceburg Bridge and Ferry,	\$10 00	
" 1 day and mileage on Dover appeal,	4 20	14 20
J. Clancy, 1 day and mileage on Dover appeal.....	5 00	
J. P. McKinlay, 1 day and mileage on Dover appeal.....	5 20	
G. R. Langford,	\$ 4 00	
" 2 days on Kent Bridge Com	4 00	
" 2 days " repairs	4 00	12 00
J. Wright, 1 day and mileage on Dover appeal.....	4 00	
J. Stephens, 1 day and mileage on Dover appeal.....	4 80	

T. Dillon, 2 days on Public Property Com.....	\$ 4 00	
“ 1 day and mileage on Dover appeal.....	5 80	\$ 9 80
L. E. Vogler, 1 day and mileage on Dover appeal.....	\$ 4 00	
“ 6 days on North approach Moravian Bridge Com....	12 00	
“ 2 “ South “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	4 00	20 00
John Richardson, 1 day and mileage, Dover appeal.....		4 60
S. White, 2 days on County Property Committee,	\$ 4 00	
“ 1 day and mileage, Dover appeal.....	3 20	7 20
David Caughill, 3 days Kent Bridge Com....	6 00	
“ “ 1 day and mileage, Dover appeal.....	4 80	10 80

Your Committee would further recommend that a reward of \$100 be offered for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who poisoned two horses the property of Thos. & John Pumfrey residents of the Township of Camden, and also a further reward of the same sum for the apprehension of the person or persons who poisoned six horses belonging to Chas Stewart, of the Township of Harwich.

With reference to the application of the Corporation of the Town of Chatham, to re-imburse them for expenses incurred in taking charge of Anna Shaw, a blind girl, we would recommend that the same be not entertained.

We would further recommend that the bill of costs in the matter of appeal of School Sections 1 & 9, Harwich, be laid over to the Jan Session of this Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. E. VOGLER, Chairman.

BY-LAWS.

NO. 412.

A BY-LAW to confirm a certain By-law of the Municipality of the Township of Tilbury East.

Passed 15th Dec., 1882.

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Township of Tilbury East, in the County of Kent, did, on the twenty-fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, pass a By-law numbered five and entitled "A By-law to open up and establish a new public highway between Lots Nos. 14 and 15, south of the Middle Road."

And Whereas the public highway proposed to be opened under the authority of the said By-law is less than sixty-six feet in width and cannot therefore be legally opened without the permission of the County Council of the County of Kent;

And Whereas it is desirable that the said proposed new public highway should be opened and established;

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, in Council assembled, by virtue and under the authority of the Municipal Acts of Ontario, I. That permission is hereby granted to the Municipal Council of the said Township of Tilbury East to open and establish the new public highway referred to and described in the said recited By-law of the said Municipality of the Township of Tilbury East, notwithstanding that the width thereof is less than sixty-six feet, and that the said recited By-law of the said Municipality of Tilbury East is hereby confirmed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

B. W. WILLSON, Warden.

NO. 413.

A BY-LAW to confirm a By-law of the Township of Raleigh, passed 14th September, A. D. 1882, and numbered 390

Passed 15th Dec., 1882.

WHEREAS it is necessary to confirm a By-law of the Township of Raleigh for stopping up a certain portion of the original allowance for road between Lots 12 and 13 in the Front Concession of the said Township of Raleigh, from the River road to the River Thames, and for the sale thereof.

And Whereas it appears by the said By-law (a copy of which is herunto annexed) that all the requisite notices have been given both by being posted up and by publication.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Kent, under and by virtue of the Municipal Laws of Ontario

I. That the said By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of Raleigh, passed on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1882, and numbered 390, for the purposes of closing up and selling off the original allowance of road between Lots 12 and 13 in the Front Concession of the said Township of Raleigh from the River road to the River Thames, be, and the same is hereby confirmed.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

B. W. WILLSON, Warden.

NO. 414.

A BY-LAW to appropriate sums of money to repair certain Roads and Bridges in the County of Kent.

PASSED 16th December, 1882.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient to grant certain sums of money for the purpose of repairing certain Roads and Bridges in 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 Acts respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of Ontario.

1. That \$100 be granted to assist in paying the expense of raising Jeannette's Creek Bridge.

2. That \$200 be granted to improve the Raleigh and Tilbury East Townline.

3. That \$50 be granted to assist in graveling the Road between the Town of Chatham and the village of Pikeville.

4. That \$100 be granted to assist in repairing the Cornwall Creek Bridge.

5. That \$200 be granted to improve the Townline between Romney and Tilbury East, on condition that the above Townships grant and expend an equal sum.

6. That \$200 be granted to repair Running Creek Bridge.

7. That the conditions for appointing Commissioners and for expending the several grants, be the same as in By-law No. 410, passed 17th June, 1882.

DANIEL KERR, Clerk.

(L. S.)

B. W. WILSON, Warden.





INDEX TO BY-LAWS.

1849.

1. To impose a tax for the building of a Gaol and Court House.

1851.

2. To raise a sum of money for Common School purposes.
3. To provide for the current expenses—£2859-19-9.
4. To regulate the duties of Municipal Officers.
5. To appoint Commissioners for arranging Taxes in arrears.

1852.

6. To repeal part of a By-law of Provisional Council.
7. To repeal a By-law of Council of the Western District.
8. To provide for the current expenses—£2849.
9. To increase the salaries of the Auditors.
10. To indemnify Officers acting in reference to the sale of land for taxes.
11. To raise by way of loan the sum of £3000 and interest, payable within ten years, for repairing the several Town lines and for making a Bridge over the River Thames at Gees' ferry.
12. To define the mode of expending the sum of £3000, granted for the purpose of building a Bridge at Gees' Ferry and for improving and opening the Roads and Town lines.

1853.

13. To appropriate a portion of the Surplus fund.
14. To repeal part of a By-law relating to mileage for Councillors.
15. To transfer certain County Roads to the St. Clair and Rond Eau Plank Road Company.
16. To raise a sum of money for current expenses, &c.—£2700.
17. To re-appropriate the sum of £300 apportioned to the Town line between the Townships of Chatham & Dover.

18. To provide for the payment of Jurors.
19. To regulate the expenditure of Statute Labor on County Roads, &c.
20. To establish and confirm a certain piece of road in the Township of Raleigh, being a continuation of the Town line between Raleigh and Tilbury East.

1854.

21. To authorize the Warden to issue Debentures upon the credit of the Non-resident land fund.
22. To divide the several Town lines into Statute Labor divisions, &c.
23. To appoint Local Superintendents of Common Schools for the year 1854.
24. To remunerate Councillors for their services.
25. To confirm the appointment of certain Officers.
26. To regulate the sale of Non-resident lands on which arrears of taxes have been due for five years.
27. To raise the sum of £5,000, payable in ten years, for repairing the Town lines.
28. To amend a By-law imposing a license on Pedlers.
29. To appoint a Local Superintendent of Education for Orford.
30. To raise a sum of money for current expenses—£1,400.
31. To apportion £5,000 to certain roads and for other purposes.
32. To amend By-law No. 30.
33. To regulate the tolls for the Bridge at Gees' Ferry.
34. To explain By-law No. 27 apportioning £5,000 to certain roads.
35. To repeal By-law No. 27.
36. To amend and consolidate By-laws imposing a duty on Hawkers and Pedlers.
37. To acknowledge and make valid certain By-laws destroyed by fire on the 15th of August, 1854.
38. To re-appropriate the sum of £400 in the Town of Chatham.
39. To confer the power of Police regulations on the Village of Morpeth.

40. To define the period for the completion of jobs on certain Town line roads.

1855.

41. To appoint certain Officers, &c.
 42. To appoint Local Superintendents for Common Schools.
 43. To establish certain Ferries on the River Sydenham.
 44. To provide for the current expenses—£3,920.
 45. To re-appropriate £25 to the County Road between the Township of Chatham and the Gore of Camden.
 46. To subscribe for 2,000 shares in the stock of the Amherstburg and St. Thomas Railway Co., amounting to £50,000.
 47. To repeal By-law No. 40.
 48. To amend By-law No. 19.

1856.

49. To appoint certain Officers.
 50. To appoint an Inspector of Weights and Measures.
 51. To form a new Statute Labor Division in the Township of Zone.
 52. To repeal the several By-laws imposing a duty on Hawkers and Pedlers.
 53. To amend By-law No. 49.
 54. To provide for the current expenses—£3,800.
 55. To separate the township of Zone from the township of Camden.
 56. To increase the salary of the Gaol Surgeon and to provide for the supply of medicines.

1857.

57. To appoint certain Officers.
 58. To define the time for the expenditure of sums granted to be laid out on Roads and Bridges.
 59. To amend By-law No. 33, regulating Tolls on Kent Bridge.
 60. To confirm a grant of £25 for repairing a Bridge across the River Sydenham near Dawn Mills,
 61. To confirm the Rules of Order.

62. To provide for the current expenses—£5,000.
63. To confer the power of Police regulations on the Village of Blenheim.
64. To amend By-law No. 57.
65. To amend and consolidate By-laws regulating tolls on Kent Bridge.
66. To amend and consolidate By-laws regulating the duties and salaries of certain County Officers.
67. To raise by way of loan the sum of £4,000 and interest, payable in 10 years, for bridge at Thamesville, and repair of County roads.
68. To amend By-law No. 67.
69. To confer the power of Police regulations on the Village of Florence.
70. To repeal part of By-law No. 22.
71. To appoint a Treasurer.
72. To authorize and require the accounts to be kept in decimals.
73. To grant \$50 yearly to the Trustees of the Grammar School for prizes.
74. To amend By-law No. 67.

1858.

75. To repeal By-law No. 61; and to confirm the Rules of Order as revised and amended.
76. To amend By-law No. 22.
77. To repeal part of By-law No. 74.
78. To appoint certain Officers.
79. To define the mode of expending \$16,000, granted for building a Bridge at Thamesville, and to improve Town and Co. lines, &c.
80. To provide for the current expenses—\$17,600.
81. To appoint a Surgeon to the Goal.
82. To regulate tolls on the Tecumseh Bridge, &c.
83. To repeal By-law No. 46.
84. To confirm a By-law of the township of Howard for the sale of an allowance of road.

85. To amend certain By-laws and to re-appropriate a balance of money unexpended on Twenty Creek Road, Tilbury East.

1859.

86. To appoint certain Officers.
87. To license Auctioneers, Hawkers, Pedlers, or Petty Chapmen.
88. To provide for the County Printing.
89. To improve the construction of Roads and to prevent accidents thereon.
90. To define the duties and powers of Inspectors of Weights and Measures.
91. To amend certain By-laws relating to Statute Labor.
92. To amend By-law No. 31.
93. To raise the sum of \$5,200 for assisting persons in certain cases to sow their land, &c.
94. To apportion the sum of \$5,200 among the several Townships in the County for purchasing Seed and for other purposes.
95. To amend By-law No. 86.
96. To amend By-law No. 87.
97. To transfer to the general funds all mories raised for the purpose of building a Registry Office.
98. To alter and amend By-law No. 79.
99. To amend By-law No. 86.
100. To provide for the payment of Jurors.
101. To regulate the manner of auditing Accounts.
102. To provide for the current expenses—\$15,200.
103. To amend By-law No. 19.
104. To appropriate \$120 for the better drainage of the Raleigh & Tilbury East Town line.
105. To take possession of a portion of Chatham and Dover Town line remaining unfinished by the Rond Eau & St. Clair P. & G. R. Co's.
106. To alter and amend By-law No. 79.
107. To open a portion of the Howard and Orford Town line near the River Thames.

108. To appropriate the sum of \$600 to improve the Raleigh and Harwich Town line between Cook's Corners and Talbot Street.
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.
118. To establish certain Statute Labor Divisions.
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.
- 145. To make additions and alterations to the Registry Office.
- 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.
- 174. To amend By-law No. 100.

- 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.
- 225. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Howard, closing a portion of Side Road between 12 & 13, in the 12th Con.
- 226. To offer a reward for the apprehension of Horse Thieves.
- 227. To appropriate \$2,690 for the improvement of certain Roads.
- 228. To provide for the current expenses—\$18,811 71.
- 229. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Raleigh for closing the Road allowance between Lots 147 & 148, Talbot Road, and to vest the same in Philip Toll in lieu of other lands given by him on the west side of Lot 148.

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.
- 234. To consolidate By-laws licensing Auctioneers, Hawkers, Pedlers & Petty Chapmen.
- 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.
- 245. To amend the Rules of Order.

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.

1871.

- 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.
268. To incorporate the Village of Dresden.
269. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Howard closing up a portion of the original allowance dividing the "Block" and 2d Con. E. B. ; also, part of the Howard Road opposite Lot 24, T. Line Range, to be disposed of, and to vest part of the road opposite Lot 2, in 2d Con. E. B., in John Symington in lieu of lands on the S. side of Lot 24, T. L. Range ; also, to vest in Henry Symington that portion opposite Lot 3, in 2d Con. E. B., in lieu of lands given on East side of Block, Lot 3.
270. To open up a portion of Town line between Chatham and Camden.
271. To amend By-law No. 63.
272. To appropriate certain sums on Roads and Bridges, and to appoint Commissioners.
273. To raise \$22,337 to meet the current expenses for 1871.
274. To confirm the appointment of Officers.
275. To repeal part of By-law No. 268.
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.
279. To confirm the appropriation of \$10,000 to Chatham and Dover Town line Drain.
280. To grant certain sums for Roads and Bridges.

1872.

281. To confirm certain grants.
282. To amend By law No. 122.
283. To confirm the appointment of Officers.
284. To grant certain sums for Roads and Bridges.
285. To assume the County and Town lines.

286. To direct the removal of trees 25 feet on each side of County and Town lines.
287. To raise \$20,503.98 to meet the current expenses for 1872.
288. To grant certain sums for Roads and Bridges.
289. To aid Local Municipalities in building Lock-ups.
290. To provide certain sums to the Volunteers of the 24th Batt.
291. To appoint a Clerk.
292. To raise by way of loan \$20,000.
293. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Howard to close up a road through Lot 84, S, side Talbot Road.
294. To regulate the making and repairing of County & Township roads.
295. To confirm the appointment of Officers.
296. To define certain matters connected with the Prangley Drain.
297. To define the duties of the Warden relative to the Drainage Act.
1873.
298. To confirm the appointment of Officers.
299. To appoint a person to take the census of Wallaceburg.
300. To appoint a person to take the census of Thamesville.
301. To repeal By-law No. 299, and to appoint a person to take the census of Wallaceburg.
302. To repeal By-laws Nos. 285 and 294.
303. To incorporate Thamesville,
304. To grant certain sums for Roads and Bridges.
305. To raise \$22,738 53 for the current expenses of 1873.
306. To repeal By-law No. 292.
307. To amend By-law No. 279.
308. To repeal By-law No. 210.
309. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Chatham closing up and conveying Woods' Alley, in Wallaceburg, to Peter Clapp, Margaret Duggan and Abraham Blanchet.
310. To incorporate the Village of Wallaceburg,

311. To grant certain sums on Roads and Bridges.

1874.

312. To raise by way of loan \$20,000.

313. To appoint a person to take the census of Blenheim.

314. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Chatham conveying a certain piece of the 2nd Con. Road allowance on the North side of the River Sydenham, in Wallaceburg, to Theodore Martin.

315. To appoint a Tavern and Shop License Inspector.

316. To appoint Officers for 1874

317. To meet \$100 for Tilbury East and Raleigh Town line.

318. To incorporate the Village of Blenheim.

319. To aid and assist the Erie & Huron Railway Company, by granting \$155,000 by way of bonus.

320. To raise \$22,955 32 to meet the current expenses for 1874.

321. To grant \$150 for the County line between Kent and Lambton.

322. To amend By-law No. 318.

323. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Chatham closing up a certain by-road through portions of Lots 14 & 13, from the Front of the 5th Con. to near the front of the 6th Con.

1875.

324. To confirm an annual grant of \$400 to the High School.

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.

330. To confirm a By-law of the Township of Howard to deviate a portion of old River Road and to open another road in lieu thereof, on Lot No. 12, in 1st Con. E. B., and Lot 12 in 1st Con. W. B.

331. To appropriate certain sums for Roads and Bridges.

332. To appoint a person to take the Census of Ridgetown.

333. To regulate the public travel on Wallaceburg Bridges.

334. To amend By-law No. 237.
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. lots, according to a Plan made by Thos. 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 and Romney, and to confirm the purchase of part of Lot No. 177, 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.
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, 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 and Huron Railway, payable on the First day of January, 1879.

1879.

372. To repeal By-law No. 225, 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.
375. To repeal By-law No. 157, making allowance to the Warden.
376. To raise \$15,298.01 for the Erie and Huron Railway.
377. To repeal certain Acts relating to a grant of \$400 to the Provisional Directors of the Erie and Huron Railway.
378. To raise \$20,624.36 for the current expenses of 1879.
379. To appoint an Arbitrator in the matter of the separation of the Town of Chatham from the County.
380. To confirm a By-law of Harwich passed 28th of March, 1874 numbered 152, entitled "A By-law to close and sell the road allowance between Lots Nos. 24 and 25 in 4th Con., W. C. R., and open up a new road across the 4th Con. W. C. R. Also, to close and sell the 4th Con. W. C. R. west of the Side Road west between Lots Nos. 24 and 25.
381. To confirm a By-law of Harwich passed 27th December, 1877, numbered 218, entitled "A By-law to open up a new line of road from the 4th Con. line W. C. R., along the southeasterly limits of Lot No. 24 in said 4th Con. to the Town line between Raleigh and Harwich in the Township of Harwich, in lieu of the said 4th Concession line, W. C. R., across Lot No. 24, and to sell and close up said 4th Concession line from the Side Road across Lot No. 24, and to sell and close up said 4th Concession line from the said Side Road between Lots 24 and 25, easterly to within four rods of the line between Lots 24 and 23.

1880.

382. To appoint Officers.
383. To amend By-law No. 364 relative to Nomination of Councillors.
384. To confirm Award RE Separation of Chatham from County.
385. To indemnify the Trustees of the Erie and Huron Railway debentures.
386. To confirm By-law No. 346 of Raleigh, being a By-law to open up a new road on the southerly side of the Great Western Railway, on Lot 12 in the 4th Con., from the side road between Lots 12 and 13 on the Concession line between three and four, and for other purposes.
387. To confirm the sale of the Industrial Farm.

388. To raise \$11,239,35, for the Erie and Huron Railway.
389. To raise the sum of \$23,121,05, for the current expenses of 1880.
390. To confirm a By-law of Tilbury East.
391. To confirm a By-law of Tilbury East to establish a new Road, commencing at the Northerly limit of the Middle Road, at or near the line between Lots Nos. 14 and 15, North Middle Road, thence Northerly to the Road in rear of the Middle Road lands.
392. To confirm By-law, No. 352, of Raleigh.
393. To confirm By-law, No. 353, of Raleigh.
394. To confirm By-law No. 355 of Raleigh.
395. To give the Council of Chatham Township control of a grant of money on the County-Line between Kent and Lambton.
396. To confirm By-law No. 260, of Harwich.

1881.

397. To appoint Officers.
398. To raise \$20,438,26, for current expenses.
399. To raise \$11,643,30, for the Erie and Huron Railway.
400. To appoint a County Engineer.
401. To confirm a By-law of Dover, for selling that portion of the road allowance between the 2nd and 3rd Concessions, in front of Lots 13 and 14, in Township of Dover East.
402. To appoint a Committee re School Sections Nos. 1 and 9, Harwich.

1882.

403. To appoint Officers.
404. To confirm By-law No. 285, of Romney.
405. To make grants for County-lines and Bridges.
406. To regulate Salaries and other matters relating to County Officers.
407. To repeal By-law No. 401, to confirm By-law, of Dover.
- 408 To confirm By-law of Dover, for selling that portion of the road allowance between the 2nd and 3rd Cons., in front of Lots 13 and 14, in Dover East.

409. To raise \$11,958,68, for the Erie and Huron Railway.
410. To make grants for Roads and Bridges.
411. To raise \$19,546,04, for current expenses.
412. To confirm a By-law of Tilbury East, to open up and establish a new Road between Lots Nos. 14 and 15, South of Middle Road.
413. To confirm By-law No. 390 of Raleigh, for stopping up a portion of the original allowance of Road, between Nos. 12 and 13, in Front Con., from the River Road to the Thames, and for the sale thereof.
414. To make grants for Roads and Bridges.

