

Yeas and Nays on 3rd reading
of By-Law for payment of Petit
Juries.

Upon the third reading of the By-Law for the
payment of Petit Juries the yeas and nays were
called for.

By-Law read a third time by 11 to 1

Yeas	Nays.
Messrs. Davy.	Mr. Farley. - 1.
Graham.	
Young.	
Gilbert.	
Appleby.	
Bird.	
McLaren.	
Bradshaw.	
McCurdy.	
Johnson and.	
Johns. - 11.	

By-Law passed and signed by
Warden

Ordered. That the said By-Law be read a
third time and that the Warden do sign the
same.

Adjourned to 2nd Tuesday in January
next

Upon motion, the Council adjourned and
stands adjourned until the second Tuesday
in January next.

Met by adjournment.

Minutes.
Of the meeting of the Municipal Council of the
County of Hastings.
Tuesday, 9th day of January 1852.
The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present.

Present.
His Honour the Warden: G. Benjamin Esq
Mr Bradshaw. Mr Young.
" McLaren. " Johns.
" Bird. " McCurdy.
" Graham. " Appleby.
" Farley. " Johnson.
" Gilbert. " Davy.
" Fidler.

Communication from County Treas
urer respecting retention of certain
moneys by Treasurers of Thurlow.

His Honour the Warden laid on the table a
communication from the County Treasurer
respecting the retention of certain moneys by
the Treasurer of the township of Thurlow
retained by him in accordance with
instructions from the Township Municipality.

Petition of Mess Fitchett for grant
of money on Town Line Huntingdon
and Thurlow.

Mr Graham presented the petition of Mess.
Fitchett and others of the township of
Huntingdon and Thurlow praying for a
grant of money to be expended on the
Town Line between the above named
townships.

Petition of Jas. S. Best for erection
of Bridge over Rivier on Madoc.

Mr Bradshaw presented the petition of
James S. Best and others praying for
the erection of a Bridge across the river
Rivier between the 5th and 6th concessions
of the township of Madoc.

Petition of D Jones & Co for remunera-
tion as assessors for Sidney.

Mr Bird presented the petition of David Jones
and others praying for remuneration as
Assessors for the township of Sidney.

Adjourned for 1 hour

On motion of Mr Bird seconded by
Mr Johns
The Council adjourned for one hour.

met by adjournment

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr Bird moved seconded by Mr Appleby
that the Council go into committee on
ways and means. - Carried.

Committee report

Mr Harley in the chair.

The committee rose and reported.

The Council resumed.

Yeas and Nays on Section 4

On adoption of section 4th the yeas and nays being demanded were taken as follows.

Section 4 carried by 10 to 2

Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Fiddler.	Mr. Gilbert.
" Bird.	" Farley - 2.
" Appleby.	
" McLahen.	
" Bradshaw.	
" McCurdy.	
" Johnson.	
" Young.	
" Graham and.	
" Johns. - 10.	

Carried by a majority of 8.

The following School Superintendents were appointed for the different townships.

Local Superintendents of Education for several Townships.

Sidney	Thomas D. Farley.
Thurlow	Isaac Denike.
Tyendinaga.	Rev. Andrew Hudson.
Rawdon.	Thomas Douglass.
Huntingdon.	Thomas Baker.
Hungerford.	John Johnson.
Marmora.	William Arketer.
Madoc & Elziver.	Rev. Stephen Miles.

Adjourned sine die.

Mr. Farley moved seconded by Mr. McCurdy that this Council do adjourn. - Carried.

Committee on Ways & Means report.

Appendix.
The Committee on Ways and Means beg leave to report the following Resolutions and Orders.

Warden to issue Libenture for £25.0.0 to David Wammacher on contract for Bridge in Tyendinaga

Mr Bird moved seconded by Mr McCurdy that the Warden be authorized to issue a Libenture for the sum of Twenty five pounds payable to David Wammacher on the contract for the construction of the bridge at Shipman's Mills in the township of Tyendinaga.

£ 1.3.0 each. to D. Jones, J. Barrager,
 J. Coon & R. E. Grass
 assessors for Sidney.

Mr Benjamin moved seconded by Mr Bird.
 That the sum of one pound three shillings be paid,
 to David Jones, Jacob Barrager, John Coon, and
 Robert E. Grass each as Assessors for the
 township of Sidney, in addition to their former
 fees such being in accordance with the By Law
 of this Council - Ordered.

On petition of Wm. S. Best, Surveyor
 to examine site for Bridge and
 report by plan &c. made

Upon the petition of James S. Best and others,
 it was

Ordered. - That the County Surveyor proceed
 to the spot and examine the site for the
 bridge, and report to this Council by plan and
 specification.

Councillors to receive 6^d per mile
 as travelling expenses.

Mr Bird moved seconded by Mr Appleby.
 That in ^{lieu} ~~view~~ of the additions heretofore made
 to the payment of Councillors living at a
 certain distance from the County Town,
 the members of this Council shall receive
 six pence per mile for travelling expenses.
 - Ordered.

£ 10.0.0 on petition of Mrs. Fitchett

Mr Graham moved seconded by Mr Johnston.
 That on the petition of Moses Fitchett and
 others that the sum of ten pounds be
 granted - Ordered.

Township Council of Thurlow have
 given erroneous instruction to Township
 Treasurer.

Mr Benjamin moved seconded by Mr Bradshaw.
 That this Council is of opinion that the Municipal
 Council of the Township of Thurlow have given
 an erroneous instruction to the township
 Treasurer, that the Council cannot allow
 any deductions from the amount called for
 from the township except the fees to be paid
 according to By Law No. 12 and the
 amendments to the same - Ordered.

Mr Bradshaw moved seconded by Mr Bird.
 That the Committee rise and Report. - Carried.
 James S. Farley
 Chairman.
 G. Benjamin
 Warden.

Adopted 9th January, 1852.

Appendix of August Sessions. 1850.

Reports of the Town and County Councils on the projected Presque Isle Canal.

Report to Town Council of Belleville. To the Town Council of the Town of Belleville.

Committee on Presque Isle Canal report The Committee to whom has been referred the project of constructing a canal to connect the waters of the Bay of Quinte and Lake Ontario at the head of the former beg leave to report.

Country bordering upon Bay of Quinte equals any in Canada in natural advantages. The Bay offers facilities of navigation to first class vessels, and head of same only 5 miles distant from Presque Isle harbour. That the Country bordering upon the shores of the Bay is equal to any portion of Canada in respect to fertility of soil extent of water power salubrity of climate and beauty of scenery. That the Bay itself extending from Kingston westward in a line nearly parallel with Lake Ontario a distance of one hundred miles offers facilities for navigation to the largest class of vessels and that the head of this Bay is only five miles distant from Presque Isle one of the best Harbours upon the Lake.

Trade of this district has been chiefly directed to State of New York and west part of Province and vessels bound to these parts are subjected to much delay and expense. That the products of this part of the Country particularly sawed lumber of which a large quantity is annually made have lately found markets in the State of New York and the Western part of the Province with which a large return trade has sprung up and that to reach those quarters vessels sailing from the upper part of the Bay are subject to much delay and expense on their way to the Lake.

Emigrants and Tourists avoid Bay of Quinte for want of through communication. That Emigrants in search of advantageous settlements are generally predetermined to proceed direct as far as Toronto which is the Seat of Government and of the Land Granting Departments before they complete their arrangements or if by chance their attention is directed to the Bay of Quinte it is with the disheartening prospect of having to return to Kingston in order to resume their course and thus they pass us by entirely. Whilst

travellers and tourists whose favourable representations tend greatly to promote the interests of the places through which they pass rarely notice the Bay of Quinte country by reason of its being out of their course.

These disadvantages, removable by cutting proposed Canal.

These disadvantages, would in the opinion of your Committee be removed if a Canal were cut between the Head of the Bay, and Presque Isle and they venture to urge upon the Council, the employment of every means within its power, for the accomplishment of the work.

Further advantage consequent upon execution of work.

By such channel, a great saving of time and money would be effected in the trade of the whole country between Niagara and the Carrying Place with the Southern and Western parts of the Lake, and a communication between Kingston and Toronto, through the Bay would be opened, suited to all classes of vessels, and in the Spring and Fall of the year, when stormy weather prevails, far more secure than that by the Lake, rates of passage, and freight would be diminished, our shores would be visited and land taken up by Emigrants and other desirable settlers, trade would be fostered, real estate be greatly enhanced in value, and the whole line of country upon both sides of the Bay would profit by the stimulus that would be given.

Act passed and grant made in 1824 to report upon improvement of internal navigation of Province, and power given expressly to make survey and estimate of said Canal.

Your Committee beg leave to state that in 1824 an Act was passed by the Parliament of Upper Canada, whereby a sum of £1,000 in addition to the sum of £3000 previously bestowed) was granted towards the expense of Reporting upon the improvement of the internal navigation of the Province, and power was expressly given to Commissioners, to cause a Survey to be made by competent persons of the isthmus between Presque Isle Harbour and the head,

of the Bay of Quinte and estimates to be prepared of the sum necessary to connect the same by a navigable canal.

Reservation of 6000 acres of land made in original survey of Township of Murray for purpose of constructing Canal -

Your Committee have also to state that in the original survey of the Township of Murray, through which the proposed Canal would be cut, a tract of Six Thousand Acres of Land, was reserved for the purposes of the work. It was afterwards diverted from that object and sold but the Government has pledged itself to advance the full value of the land which has been estimated to be eighteen thousand pounds, whenever the construction of the Canal is undertaken. The level of the waters is so nearly even, that no check beyond a Guard Lock would be required, and it has been well ascertained that each terminus would open into deep water with hard bottoms.

Recommend application to Government and correspondence with neighbouring Municipalities to concur in and support same.

The Committee do not consider it necessary to enlarge any further upon the importance of the undertaking, but they would suggest to the Council, the expediency of entering into an immediate correspondence with the other Municipal Corporations representing this section of the Province, and of inviting their co-operation, in an application to the Government or the Legislature, or in the use of such other means, as may effectually obtain that attention to the subject which it deserves.

All of which is respectfully submitted
(Signed) F. Mc. Annany,
Belleisle 24th August, 1850. Chairman

Committee on foregoing report, report.

The Committee to whom was referred a Report made to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Belleisle upon the project of constructing a Canal to connect the Waters of the Bay of Quinte and Lake Ontario beg leave to Report.

They cordially agree with opinions of
said report.

Injustice on the part of successive
administrations towards Bay Section
of Province.

That they cordially agree with the opinions
set forth in said Report. They feel that for
many years great injustice has been done
to the Bay Section of this Province, by
successive administrations, and officers,
in charge of Public Departments. A marked
disregard of all wishes for the exploration of
this Section of the Country has been mani-
-fested, and your Committee conceive that
it would be a criminal disregard of the duties
imposed upon the County Council, if
they were to allow the question to slumber,
and not use every means at their disposal,
to obtain justice for the Inhabitants of
this County, whose welfare and prosperity,
are placed under their guardianship. It
cannot be disputed, that the soil and
climate as well on the shores of the Bay as in
the Interior Townships are at least equal
to any in the Province, and that every
effort should be made to lay these facts
before the Country generally and
particularly before Emigrants, in search
of valuable farms upon good Roads. And
your Committee looking at the past are
fearful that this will not be effectually
accomplished, unless some steps are taken
to bring the Emigrant up the Bay of
Quinte on his westward journey.

Facts should be laid before Country
at large, and especially made known
to Emigrants in search of Farms.

This subject engaged attention of
District Council in 1847 and 1848.
and addresses sent to Government, which
appear not to have met with due consid-
eration.

Your Committee beg leave further to remark that
this subject has twice engaged the attention
of the District Council once in 1847 and again
in 1848. On both occasions addresses were
adopted and forwarded to the Government,
which beyond the acknowledgement of
these receipts do not appear to have
engaged the consideration of the Provincial
Authorities.

Warden to open correspondence with
Commissioner of Public Works and obtain
information on following points.

Whether it is the intention of Govern-
ment to take steps to construct said
Ship Canal.

Whether any, and what, report was made
by Commissioners under 2 Geo. 4th Cap 2

Whether Commissioners acting under
4 Geo IV. Cap. 15, employed a competent
person to make survey of Isthmus.

Whether estimates of cost of construction
were ordered to be prepared.

And to obtain copies of all reports
and plans submitted to Provincial
Government in connection with said
project and Presque Isle Harbour.

Considering tenor of these acts and fact
of £1000.0.0 additional being granted
Committee are of opinion that said
survey and plans together with reports
and estimates must be in hand of the
Government.

Your Committee therefore now recommend additional
steps to be taken to bring about the accomplishment
of a public work so much desired for the general interest.
They earnestly recommend that a correspondence
be forthwith opened by the Warden with the
Commissioner of Public Works and that he be
requested to ascertain if it is the intention of the
Government to take the necessary steps for
making a Ship Canal by which the Waters of
Lake Ontario may be connected with those of
the Bay of Quinte. That he will further be
pleased to ascertain whether any report and
what if any was made by Commissioners
appointed under Chap. 2. second George 4th.
to explore survey and level the most practicable
routes between Lake Erie and the Eastern
extremity of the Province with reference to
connecting the waters of Lake Ontario with
those of the Bay of Quinte, or if the Commission-
ers acting under the authority of chap 15 4 Geo.
IV. employed a competent person or competent persons
to survey the Isthmus between the Presque Isle
Harbour and the head of the Bay of Quinte, and
if estimates were ordered to be prepared of the
sum necessary to connect the same by a
navigable Canal. Your Committee would
further suggest the propriety of obtaining copies
of all reports and plans submitted to the
Provincial Government in connexion with
the Presque Isle Harbour and the project of
connecting the waters of Lake Ontario with
those of the Bay of Quinte.

Your Committee cannot fail to remark that
it appears to have been the intention of the
last recited act to continue the first in operation
for the purpose of obtaining all the required
information to carry out the original project
of the Canal and £1000 more were voted
to enable the Commissioners appointed
to fulfil the desired object of the Legislature.
And your Committee are therefore under
the impression that the Survey called
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for by the Act of Parliament, must have been made and the reports and estimates must now be in the hands of the Government.

Assertion of those opposed to proposed Canal, that when completed it will be useless, because they have not enough of water for first class vessels, could not have been founded on experience, as Boats of as large draught as any navigating Lake trade to head of Bay of Quinte

Your Committee further report that it has been reported by those who are opposed to the Canal, that after it is completed it will be useless, because they say the waters of the Bay of Quinte are not of sufficient depth to enable a large class vessel to navigate them. Your Committee consider that this report must have originated from persons interested in other Sections of the Country. It could not have resulted from experience or experiment for Steam Boats of as large draught of water as any that now navigate the Lake have passed up and down the waters of the Bay of Quinte from Kingston to the head of the Bay, and the great improvement, in the construction of Lake Craft both Steam and Sail has been such within a few years past, that even supposing this objection, would have held good some 12 or 15 years ago it is now of no consideration or moment.

Great improvement in construction of Lake craft within few years.

Memorial to be addressed to Governor in Council in accordance with above.

Your Committee further recommends that a Memorial, be forthwith addressed to the Governor in Council, setting forth the views of Your Hon. body upon the question and soliciting the Government, to take the necessary steps to ensure their adoption.

J. N. Benjamin.
Committee Room 27th August, Chairman.
1850.

Report of Committee on By-Laws.

Committee on By-Laws report
Adoption of By-Law for payment of
Wild Land Taxes to Townships.

Your Committee beg leave to report,
A By-Law for the payment of the Wild Land
Tax to the several Townships in this County being
under their consideration. Your Committee would
beg leave to report the adoption of the same.

By-Law to regulate management of
Financial affairs of County

A By-Law to regulate the management of the
financial affairs of the County of Hastings.

25 Copies of said By-Laws to be printed
for use of Council.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend that
Twenty-five copies of the said By-Laws be printed
for the use of the Council.

By-Law for levying Tax for Common
School purposes for 1850 & for other
purposes

A By-Law for levying a Tax for Common School
purposes in the County of Hastings, for the year
1850 under the authority 13 & 14th Victoria Chap.
9 and for other purposes being under consideration.
Your committee would beg leave to report the
adoption of the same.

By-Law to declare Smithville Road
duly completed.

A By-Law to declare the Road from Carriffs Bridge
to Smithville duly completed. - Being under
consideration your committee would beg leave
to report the adoption of the same.

(Signed) Caleb Gilbert,

Committee Provs.
Belleville August 29th 1850.

Committee on Ways and Means report

The Committee on Ways and Means beg leave
to submit the following Report.

£18.7.1 Commission on Debentures, and
£2.15.0 Postage and Stationery total
£22.2.1 to County Treasurer.

Your committee having taken into consideration
the report of the Auditors of the County have
ordered that the sums of eighteen pounds seven
shillings and one penny for commission on
debentures and that sum of three pounds
fifteen shillings for Postage and Stationery
ought to be allowed to the Treasurer. And your
committee would further recommend that
Stationery and Postage used and paid for
County purposes should always be allowed
to the Treasurer of the County.

Award to Joseph Thrasher to be paid The award of the County Council to Joseph Thrasher having come under the notice of your committee, award the payment of the same.

Claim of Mr Ashley for land for Smithville Road and trees cut down in making same. £5.0.0 and old road from Thrasher's Western line to plank road to be allowed him. The claim of Mr Ashley, against the County Council for remuneration for certain trees necessarily cut down in making the new Plank Road from Carriffs Bridge to Smithville as well as the land for the same. Ordered that the sum of five pounds. 0.0. be allowed him, as well as the old Road from Mr Thrasher's Western Line to the Plank Road.

The Petition of the Registrar of the County of Hastings, having been brought under the notice of your Committee.

£25.0.0 per annum to be allowed Registrar for rent of office from date of renting same. Ordered that the sum of Twenty-five pounds per annum be allowed the said Registrar, from the date of his paying rent for the present Registry Office and that the said sum be allowed him annually for the same purpose.

Your Committee have ordered that the following sums be paid.

£0.12.0 to R Wallis for coffin Robert Wallis for Coffin ordered by John Dougall Esq. Coroner. £0.12.0.

£1.0.0 to Registrar, registering Bond for Smithville road Registrar County of Hastings for Registering Bond for Road from Carriffs to Smithville. £1.0.0.

£0.15.0 to Jos. Wilson binding minutes and Debitures. Joseph Wilson for Binding Minutes and Debitures 0.15.0.

£0.15.0 to R Henderson binding minutes Robert Henderson for Binding Minutes 0.15.0.

£19.2.4 to Powell Moore, Printing Powell & Moores Printing account. £19.2.4.

£6.5.4 to Hastings Chronicle advertising
Hastings Chronicle for advertising.
Treasurer's account with the Auditors report £6"5"4.

£12.5.0 to J. Dafee, out of Administration
of Justice fund.
Genas Dafee's account to be paid out
of administration of Justice Fund. £12"5"0.
(Signed) G. Benjamin
Committee Room Helleville } Chairman.
August 27th. 1850.

Legal Report.

Belleville 24th August. 1850.

Mr Fitz Gibbon Solicitor reports position of
action against late Treasurer
Sir - For the information of the Council I beg to
state the position of the action instituted against
the late Treasurer on behalf of the County.

The amount agreed to be received
by the late District Council was £623"3"11.

Judgment obtained for £623"3"11
And in accordance with my
instructions I commenced
proceedings for the recovery of
this amount and on the 6th
November recovered judgment
for the same.

The estate's affairs are now almost
arranged and our claim stand thus.

Amount agreed upon £623"3"11.

Interest since judgment £31"3"0 Interest since judgment
ten months. 31"3"0.

Disbursements paid Attorney to
be refunded. 19"10"~~10~~
Interest 10 months. 19"0
£674"15"11

Total £674"15"11

Mr. Benjamin and Sol. have agreed
to accept lot of Land valued at £800
Mrs. Ham to pay £75.0.0.

On behalf of the County Council and acting
under their sanction Mr. Benjamin and myself
have agreed to accept from the purchaser of
the estate of the late Treasurer a lot of
Land valued at £800. Mrs. Ham the
executrix paying £75 which has been identified
as District or County money which after paying
costs in the cases against the surties of the
late Treasurer and charges incurred since
judgment will leave a Balance coming to Mrs.
Ham of something over £100 for which if
necessary a County debenture payable in
one year will be received to be met by the proceeds
of the sale of the Lot agreed to be taken.

Council can realize upon return of
Hon. John Ross.

The Council can without difficulty as soon as
the titles are completed upon the return of
Honourable John Ross realize by sale of
this Lot at least the amount for which
it has been taken

I remain Sir, Your obedient servant,
To the Warden (Signed) William Fitz Gibbon
of the County of Hastings.

The Committee on Ways and Means
refer to October Sessions, 1850.

Committee on Ways and Means report

They leave to Report.

Treasurer's report, showing Balance
of £15.11.10² to be published in
Newspapers.

That they have had before them the
Treasurer's account audited on the seventh
day of October instant showing a balance
of fifteen pounds, eleven shillings and ten
pence half penny which they recommend
to be published in both the newspapers
published in the County.

Recommend settlement of matter of late Treasurer's estate

Your Committee have also had under their consideration the report of the auditors and are happy to say that the suggestions made by the auditors upon a final settlement with the estate of the late Treasurer agree entirely with the opinions of the Special Committee appointed for the purpose they therefore recommend that the sum of seventy five pounds referred to be passed to the credit of the County and that the Warden issue his order payable to William Fitz Gibbon for the sum of fifty four pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence being the amount of the costs coming to him in the actibus.

Notice the improvement in property and recommend a portion of surplus to improvement of Roads and Bridges

Your Committee also desire to bring under your notice the state of the finances of the present year. They are happy to perceive the vast improvement and increase in property and feel that it becomes the duty of the County from the state of the funds to appropriate a portion of the surplus to the use of the roads and bridges in the various townships

Comparative Statement as between years 1849 and 1850

Your Committee beg leave to submit a statement in comparison between the proceeds of the for the year 1849 and those of 1850.

Thurlow including 1849	1850.
Bellerive - - - - £308" 19" 11	£448" 13" 10.
Sidney - - - - 270" 1" 4	272" 9" 7.
Gyendinaga - - - - 190" 2" 8	227" 3" 11.
Kawdor. - - - - 117" 3" 11.	129" 8" 8.
Huntingdon - - - 87" 8" 7.	102" 4" 4.
Hungbyford. - - - 94" 15" 5	125" 12" 8.
Madoc. - - - - 75" 13" 4	83" 19" 4.
Marmora - - - - 22" 4" 11.	25" 0" 0.
£ 1166 "10" "1	£. 1414 "12" "4

Shewing an increase of £248.2" 3. upon a rate of one penny in the pound equal to £42.260 of amount of property assessed more in 1850 than in 1849 and when it is taken into consideration that this is only statute value your Committee feel that they may justly estimate the real value of the amount of property added.

Statute amount of Increase. £42.260

Net value added £100,000.0.0

to the assessment roll of this County for the present year over last year is not less than £100,000 a fact which will be gratifying to the people of this County.

Revenue prospects of 1850

Your Committee would next bring under the notice of the Council the exact state of the Revenue prospects of the year 1850. No portion of the taxes is yet collected. The asset will be.

Items in detail

Proceeds of 2d on
the pound ----- £2829" 4" 8.

Refunded by Government
for Criminal Administration
of Justice 500" 0" 0.

One third proceeds
of sale of land from
the late Treasurer's
indebtedness sundries. 300" 0" 0.
£ 3629" 4" 8

Required. —
For administration
of Justice 1850. £700.

Debentures with
interest due in 1850. 900
Unpaid orders and
appropriations. 250
Losses on collection 150.

Debentures due with
interest in 1851 before
taxes can come in. 800. 2800" 0" 0.
£. 829" 4" 8

Showing a highly favourable position,
including liquidation of indebtedness
becoming due in 1851.

A more favourable position could not well be anticipated and your committee wish the fact to be borne in mind that this report contains and contemplates the liquidation of our indebtedness which will be in 1851 so that in fact our actual surplus of Revenue.

would be were this item omitted.

Council will soon be able to resume
public roads erected and in course of
rection without increasing Taxes.

From this it may be fairly deduced that this County
will be able to resume the public roads now erected and
about to be erected at no distant date without adding
any more to the burthens of the people by way of
taxes.

Your Committee can only congratulate the County
upon this happy state and are pleased to find
the results anticipated by their predecessors so fully
carried out.

Appendix refer to January Sessions 1851.
The Warden's Address.

Warden thanks Council for their con-
fidence.

Gentlemen - I thank you for the honour you have
conferred upon me by calling me to the important
station which I have filled before. It is a manifestation
of a return of confidence which cannot but be grateful
to my feelings.

Calls attention to new Assessment Law.

I feel it my duty at this early stage of our proceedings
to call your attention to the new Assessment Law. It
comes into operation under different auspices to any
other Act ever passed and therefore under many
disadvantages. The machinery is new and the officers
appointed to work it are new and unexperienced in
such matters so that it will become your duty as the
heads of the various Municipalities to give the law
your closest consideration. One most prominent
feature is that the duties heretofore discharged by the
Clerk of the Peace are now to be discharged by the
various Township Clerks in their respective localities
and I seriously recommend to this Council that for
the present year an efficient person should be
appointed to superintend the preparing of the
Collector's Rolls for unless something of this kind
be adopted. I am convinced that the want of
experience in the new officers will lead to many
serious mistakes and losses. It is not necessary for
me to call your attention to the description of
property liable to assessment because the law
very clearly designates it but I have to call your

Recommends an efficient person to be em-
ployed to prepare Collector's Rolls for
current year

Points out difference in system between
Town and County Assessments.

attention to the fact that the system differs
in the Town and Country. - County and
Township Councils must declare what
amount they wish to provide, while Cities
and Towns have only to declare the amount
on the Pound they wish to levy.

Townships can appoint any number
of Assessors

By the amended Law Townships can appoint
any number of assessors and it will be a
serious question for the Council to determine
how far they would be acting wisely to reduce
the number below three. You can appoint
sections, but the spirit of the Law contemplates
three assessors for each. Connected with this
you should consider the table of fees now
paid to Assessors. If each Assessor is to be
paid the amount then you will not
require anything but a declaratory. By Law
but if the amount is to be divided amongst
three as at present you will need to give
an expression of your opinion. The Clerk
has ordered the Assessor's Rolls and
notices. When the returns are handed in it
will be our duty to estimate what we shall
require for the various branches of our expenditure
and then direct each Township to levy the
proportion that will fall upon it to
defray.

Fees to be considered and By Laws
enacted for same

Statute labour abolished in Towns
and poll tax of ten shillings on each
male inhabitant of a certain age and
not otherwise assessed imposed in lieu
thereof.

Section 22 regulates Statute Labour. In the
town it is abolished, a poll tax of ten
shillings being imposed upon every male
inhabitant of a certain age not assessed.
There is however a valuable amendment to
the old system of Statute Labour on
absentee Lands. Formerly every two
hundred acres were subject to two
shillings and one penny road money a
year. Now the Statute Labour is charged
to the lands in the same manner as it
is charged to the resident. Another feature
in this law is that all monies collected
are to be paid to the Township Treasurers.

Amendment to old system of Statute
labour on absentee lands.

Monies collected to be paid to Township
Treasurers, and by them to County Treasurers

who are to pay the money over to the County Treasurer, and it will be for you to consider in what manner provisions shall be made to guarantee a prompt payment of such sums so collected for your purposes. Another very important feature is that the wild land account has to be managed by the Township Treasurers a provision in the law which should have been omitted. Few persons will be found competent to discharge the duties and I would suggest that a Committee of this Council should prepare forms for books and recommend the various townships to adopt the same. I urge this more particularly upon your consideration, from having been informed upon good authority, that the present plan is experimental, and should it be found not to work, by having the books of the various townships kept in an uniform manner, we shall be able to fall back upon the system of one accountant for the whole with greater felicity. This gentleman is the important year for assessment, a basis will be formed for the future valuation of properties, and great care should be taken that none but the most suitable persons are appointed. Much evil may be done by injudicious appointments, and much good may be accomplished, by a wise selection.

Wild land a/c to be managed by Township Treasurers

Committee of Council should prepare Books of forms for said a/c.

present plan experimental

This the important year for assessment and care should be taken to appoint suitable and efficient persons as assessors

Municipal Act amended by Chap. 64 last session of Parliament

Power given to Municipalities to divide Townships into Wards.

Officers to be appointed by Seal.

Chapter 64 of last session of Parliament, amended the Municipal Act in several particulars. Heretofore the Municipalities of the Townships had not the power to divide their several Townships into Wards. By the Act now referred to this power is given to them. It also provides that all officers appointed by the Council shall be appointed by the seal. There are many other amendments bearing upon the general provisions of the Law of 1849 but to which I do not find it necessary to call your special attention.

Credit of their respective localities
vested in Municipalities and power
to use said credit for improvement
of Country.

Town to and Prescott Railroad

Amount to be subscribed by Belleville

After calling Municipalities into existence in this Province the Legislature has wisely determined to enable them to become the means of increasing the wealth of the country. To have confined their powers and operations to the mere duties of the Path Masters of old would have entailed upon us an expensive machinery without any equivalent good. But having vested in the various Municipalities the credit of their respective localities they have now given them power to use that credit for the improvement of the country. And this leads me to the consideration of a subject most important which I desire to bring under your notice and which I feel will meet with your hearty concurrence as in fact every material must and will that has for its object the improvement of the country. A public meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Belleville declared that it is essential to construct a Railroad from Town to Prescott. Your concurrence is asked in this opinion. The inhabitants of the Town expecting to pay their proportion of any amount of Stock that the County may take have instructed their Municipality to subscribe in addition to any amount you may take the sum of £15,000. I know I speak the opinion of the inhabitants of the interior of this County when I say that a Railroad is required to give them the same advantages which other sections of the country possess and enjoy and I have no reason to doubt that this feeling is general in every Township. We are now as a country rising out of our infancy. We begin to feel that we are able to do much for ourselves which heretofore we had no idea of accomplishing by any other means than Government support. We as a County have tested our credit and it has not failed us and I feel that we are bound to put it still further forth to uphold an

an enterprise such as I now bring under your consideration in order that we may convince the world that we have confidence in our own energies and by venturing such a stake as will show that we are in earnest.

Resolution of Public Meeting in Belle Isle and of former Council to be submitted to present Council at an early date.

Amounts to be subscribed by Kingston and Frontenac.

The Resolution of the Town meeting and of your predecessors will be submitted to you when the question will receive your full consideration and we are further called upon by the Corporation of the Town to aid them in carrying out its project for the meeting of delegates to meet other delegates at Kingston on the first Monday of February when your delegates if you appoint any should be prepared to state what this County will do. Frontenac consents to vote £20,000. Kingston unanimously proposes to invest a similar amount and I think that we who have more to gain than any other County along the route from the fact of our being at present off the main road should subscribe very liberally. I trust however that you will come to the conclusion at this Meeting what amount you will take and I hope some member will be prepared to move for the Committee of the whole to take the subject into consideration at a very early period.

Explanation of Hurdon's views

In urging this project upon your consideration you have a right to expect from me some explanation of my views and I give you such as in my opinion will enable you to see your way clear if you are prepared to give the sanction of your vote to invest the credit of this County to aid in the construction of the Railroad. I say nothing further of our isolated position as a County I say nothing of our great and vast increase in population and wealth during the past ten years while in this position. I make no calculation of what it probably will be at the end of another ten years with this Railroad in operation and I come at once to propound the worst position of the investment that it will not do more than pay the interest being from 2½ to 5 per cent. less than

any of the roads that will feed it which I think is imagining the very worst that can befall the undertaking. Suppose then in order to redeem our Stock, surely a Stock yielding six per cent will command par. but let us drop again and suppose we sell at ten per cent discount. This on the whole amount of Stock supposing we subscribe £35,000 would amount to £3,500. distributed over a period of Twenty-one years, or equal to a fraction over £166 a year, or one penny, half penny a head on our present population for which we should receive all the advantages derivable from a Railroad and the consequent increase in the value of property, and allow me to bring under your notice the great increase in the value of property arising from Railroad enterprises. I will take a large and rich city I will take the city of Boston. The value of the real and personal property in the City of Boston in 1841 was £98,000,000. The state went to work and encouraged the construction of Railroads of which there are now no less than nine running into and through Boston so that when in 1848 the returns were made it was found that the real and personal property of the City had reached £160,000,000 or an increase of £62,000,000 of wealth in eight years.

Increase in value of property in Boston.

Probable result of an investment of £35,000.0.0

This gentlemen is the dark side of the question. Now permit me to lay before you the probable result of an investment of our credit to the amount of £35,000. I will not bring under notice the great advantages to be derived by the Agriculturist, from the ability of the merchant to send forward to a shipping port, all the produce at any season of the year, within forty eight hours of the delivery in Belleville. I will not dwell on the innumerable advantages which the merchant will receive, and hence the consumer of the,

merchants wares and commodities from his being spared the vast amount of interest consequent on the facilities of import, frequently, and according to his sales. But I will at once take into consideration the probable result of an investment.

Estimate of percentage returns of roads feeding Railroad

I have stated to you that the various roads that will feed the road from Prescott to Toronto pay from seven and a half to eleven per cent. Now to take the medium between the two and say ours will pay nine per cent is but a moderate calculation. Six per cent of this nine will be required to keep up the payment of the interest on the debentures and the remaining three per cent must be converted into a sinking fund to take up the debentures as they become due. I will state it to you in figures.

Detailed estimate.

The yearly deposit of 3 per cent on £35,000 for 10 years.

Interest on these with the interest funded annually in the sinking fund.

Make a payment of

Leaves a balance in the sinking fund of

Then take 11 years' deposit of 3 per cent on £35,000 is.

Then take 11 years' deposit of 6 per cent upon £10,000 paid up.

Then take up 11 years' interest on these am'ts the interest being funded annually in the sinking fund.

At the end of 21 years we have

Then we pay the balance of our debentures of

And we are left with the balance of
and the full amount of £35,000
at 9 per cent yielding an income of £3,150
a year.

Benefit to be expected from operations
in construction of line.

Then gentlemen there is yet another and
vast point for consideration. A line of road
250 miles will give employment to 3500 persons
who are so many additional springs for the
accumulation of wealth in the country in
addition to the wealth they will lay aside as
surplus. - Taking five to a family we see that
17,500 souls are fed by the operation. Thus
requiring more products of the soil and more
of a merchant's commodities and wares
I have endeavoured to confine myself to
the consideration as a matter of finance which
is the first point to be cleared up not doubting
that when the subject comes before you for
discussion many other advantages will be
submitted to your consideration that will
induce you to sustain and co-operate with
the movement of our fellow townsmen who
have so handsomely taken the initiative in
the project.

Committee on Railroads.

Committee on Railroads report.

The Committee on Railroads beg leave to
report the following resolutions.

Railroads of vast benefit to inhabitants
of countries through which they pass.

Resolved - That in the opinion of this Council
Railroads are of vast benefit to the inhabitants
of any country and more especially to a country
that for a large portion of the year is separated
from all commercial marts because by the
aid of such roads countries so situated are
brought immediately and at all times into
those markets which are enjoyed by the more
favourably situated countries and that
the power now given to Municipalities should
be made available to render the country more
prosperous and wealthy.

Council concurs in resolutions passed at public meeting in Belleville and appoints Messrs Benjamin Davy, and Appleby as delegates to meeting at Kingston.

Resolved - That this Council fully concurs in the resolutions passed at a public meeting of the inhabitants of Belleville that it is essential for the amelioration of the County and to enable it to keep pace with other sections of the country that a Railroad should be constructed from Prescott to Toronto and that Messrs Benjamin Davy and Appleby be the delegates to meet the delegates at Kingston on Monday next.

County of Hastings to subscribe for £35,000 of stock in Prescott and Toronto Railroad to be paid by Debentures

Resolved - That considering the great advantages that the County of Hastings would derive from being placed on the main Provincial road at all seasons of the year by means of a Railroad that this County will subscribe for £35,000 of stock in a Road from Toronto to Prescott - said stock to be paid for by Debentures redeemable in ten and twenty one years.

No By Law to pass for issuing said Debentures till public meetings shall have been held in respective Townships respecting same.

Resolved - That no By Law shall pass for issuing debentures until the various Townships shall have been consulted upon the matter at a public meeting called in each.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
(Signed) Jephtha Bradshaw
Chairman.
Committee on Ways and Means.

Committee on Ways & Means report.

The Committee on ways and means beg leave to report.

£2.10.0 to Registrar for registering deeds and plan of Ham Estate

That having examined the account of the Registrar of the County of Hastings for Registering Deeds and plan of the Ham Estate amounting to £2.10.

Ordered - That the said account be paid. Also the account of John Nelson for work done to the jail and Court House.

John Nelsons acc for work done at Gaol and Court House to be paid

Ordered - That the said account be paid. Also the petition of John Atcheson praying to have the amount of taxes paid by him in the year 1850 refunded.

James paid by John Atcheson in 1850 to be refunded.

Ordered. - That the amount paid by him as applies to the County be refunded.

200 copies of resolutions respecting Rail road to be printed for use of members

also

300 copies of notice of public meeting on same subject.

Ordered - That two hundred copies of the resolutions respecting the Railroad passed at the present session of this Council be printed for the use of members and also three hundred copies of Notices calling a public meeting in the several Townships to discuss the Railroad question. - and that the Clerk of this Council cause the said resolutions and notices to be printed immediately and distributed to the members of this Council.

By Law No. 12 to be amended so as to increase allowance to assessors and regulate distribution of same.

Ordered - That By-Law No 12 of the County Council be so amended as to add fifty per cent to the amount of ^{the} fees to assessors of such Townships where there are only two assessors appointed and the whole amount divided equally between them, and that where there are three assessors appointed that one hundred per cent be added to the amount of the fees and this whole amount to be divided equally amongst the three, provided always that this increase shall only take place in such instances where the two or three assessors assess together and provided further that where a Township is assessed by wards or sections that the assessor's fees shall only be those according to the scale of fees of said By-Law No. 12 each assessor being paid according to the amount of his own section and not according to the amount of the whole.

Following appropriations to be received
£ 5.0.0 for 4th Con Rawdon.
£ 10.0.0 on Concession line 4 & 5 do. do.
£ 12.10.0 on East part of Rawdon.

Ordered - That the appropriations of five Pounds between Lots No 18 and 19 in the 4th concession of Rawdon. - the sum of ten Pounds on the concession line between the 4th and 5th concessions of the Township of Rawdon. and the sum of £ 12.10.0 on the east part of the Township of Rawdon.

by Hurst and Hagerman's. be revised.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
(Signed) Robt. Bird.

Council Room
Belleville, Jan 29th,
1851.

Appendix refer to January Special Sessions 1851.

Mr Hutton late Superintendent of
Education reports

Report of William. Hutton. Esq. late Superintend-
ent of Education.

To the Warden and Municipal. Council of the
County of Hastings.

The late Superintendent respectfully requests
the particular attention of the Council to the
following report.

The undersigned, your late Superintendent,
respectfully states.

On 7th day of May last appeared before
Committee of Council and presented an
account of items paid and payable to
each school section in county as
near as he could ascertain.

That on the 7th day of May last he was
sent for to appear before a Committee of your
Hon^{ble}. Council and though in extreme ill
health he did appear and took with him the
pay lists of every Township in the County,
and presented to that Committee therein a
particular account of every item paid and
payable to each School Section in the whole
County as nearly under the circumstances
he was able to ascertain that amount.

That Gentlemen named within exam-
ined same as to their respective Townships.

2nd. - That Messrs. Dennis, Pills Gilbert
McLaren and another did on that day severally
examine the amounts paid to and remaining
due to the several School Sections in their several
Townships as exhibited in the pay list there
presented to them.

And also examined balances declared due to each particular Township also charge of £99. 3. 4 for Superintendents salary.

3rd. That they did also then and there examine the balances as declared to be due to each particular Township, which they severally represented, and also the charges of £99. 3. 4 for seventeen months salary as Superintendent.

and did not object to same but required him to pay over all balances to his successors in office.

4th. That they did not then or there object to these charges or to the balances therein showed to be due, but that they required him on or before the 20th day of said month to pay over all balances due to the Council on application therefore to his successors in office legally authorised to receive them.

That he complied with this instruction except two small amounts of 10/6 and £4. 19. 11, which escaped his observation at the time, but which have since been paid to Treasurer

5th. That this instruction was complied with except with regard to two small amounts viz 10s 6d to Thurlow and £4. 19. 11 to Syerdisiraga, which escaped him at the time but which have been both paid over to the Treasurer upon balancing his books.

Several small balances to individuals were left in his hands to meet orders and have been paid upon application

6th. That there were several small amounts due to private individuals whose orders were private property left in his hands till they should apply for the balances which were paid immediately upon application by the parties.

That last of Sidney School money was not paid until after his report had been submitted to Committee

7th. That the last of the Sidney School Tax money was not paid in by the Collector till the morning of the day on which the Committee met, and not until one hour after his Report had been submitted to the Council.

That Madoc & Elzevir money was not paid in till June.

8th. That the Madoc and Elzevir money was not paid in till June, the appointed Superintendent having refused to act and not authorized thereto.

That no School tax money was paid to him for Hungerford in 1849.

9th. That there was no School Tax money for Hungerford for 1849 paid to your late Superintendent.

That he was obliged to calculate probable amount to be paid by these Townships for salary

10th. That consequently in order to make the apportionment and deduct the proportion of salary payable by each Township he was obliged even at this late period to calculate the probable amount that would be paid in from these several Townships and charge the per centage accordingly in order to close his accounts as per order of Council.

That year's salary was due 11th Oct 1849 but could not be entered to his credit till May 1850.

11th. That his year's salary was due on the 4th of October 1849 and for the above reasons he could not enter it to his credit till May 1850.

That his 5 months salary was appropriated at same time and no objection made by Committee of investigation

12th. That his five months salary ending March 1850 was naturally appropriated at the same time and no objection to this item was made by the Committee appointed to investigate his accounts.

That he accidentally heard that some resolutions had been passed concerning him and applied to clerk for copy of same.

13th. That with regard to the Resolutions &c of Tuesday the 27th August your late Superintendent having heard by accident from Mr Whiteford and from Dr Holden that there were some resolutions passed with regard to him immediately applied to your Clerk for a copy of them.

That Clerk neglected to furnish him with a copy and that he never saw or knew particulars till Warden transmitted them to him at Toronto 9th Nov 1850.

14th. That your Clerk entirely neglected to furnish them (perhaps owing to his being about to leave for England within a week or ten days) and your late Superintendent never saw them nor heard particulars of their contents until the 9th day of November 1850 in the city of Toronto where he received a copy from the Honourable the Warden sent by post. Your Superintendent left home on the 3rd of September.

That clerk on request of late Super 15th. That further - a day or two previous to the
 intendent promised to send for him August Session, your late Superintendent,
 if wanted, and neglected to do so, respectfully requested your Clerk to send a
 notwithstanding motion to that effect messenger for him if he should be required (it
 by Mr Turner & Dr Holden being harvest time), and your Clerk faith-
 fully promised that he would do so, and
 notwithstanding a considerate resolution
 for that purpose moved by Mr Turner,
 and seconded by Dr Holden, this act of
 common justice and common courtesy
 was not complied with. - certainly a
 very unusual proceeding of a public body
 wishing to arrive at justice in the case.

Remarks on preamble and Resolutions 16th. There follows the preamble and
 of Aug 27th 1850, that the sum of £20. resolutions of that date August 27th 1850.
 extra would not remunerate any man for delivering evening lectures
 in every school section offers the following remarks: That the
 sum of twenty Pounds extra would remunerate
 any man for delivering a stated evening
 lecture in every school section (say 75) years.
 an absurdity on the face of it. - and the Council
 must be perfectly aware that such is the fact.

That he did lecture frequently, but 17th. That the undersigned did lecture frequently
 was prevented from many causes and on very many occasions was prevented from
 from complying with the letter of lecturing from various causes. On some occasions
 his engagement. where notice had been given there were only
 two or three individuals and no candles in the
 school house. - the inhabitants being deterred
 from badness of roads or weather. On many
 occasions the school houses when visited in
 time to give the necessary notice through the
 children were shut up owing to want of
 firewood which the Trustees had neglected to
 supply and from various other causes. On
 some occasions the Trustees requested him to
 defer his lecture as the evening was not
 suitable and a sufficient attendance could
 not be procured. On other occasions notice
 was given to the inhabitants of adjacent
 school sections that a lecture would be delivered
 in the adjoining one. On other and many

occasions he addressed the Parents and Trustees and Teachers and others who were present at his examinations and he may with perfect truth add,

That it always gave him pleasure to lecture when he could get an audience and it was and he always felt jealous for the improvement of the Schools.

18th. That on all occasions it gave him pleasure to a source of sorrow and mortification when his audiences were small. He always felt jealous for the improvement of the Schools and he trusts that many hundred of the inhabitants of the County will be found to bear testimony to the great change for the better which has been effected in the system of teaching.

Points to increased efficiency of Schools since they came under his inspection

Throughout the length and breadth of the County the old system of teaching the mere mechanical operation of stringing words together without imparting information is almost entirely done away with and the intellectual system substituted in its place. And the undersigned cannot but sincerely hope that this great change which must be well known to the gentlemen of the Council has been effected almost entirely through his instrumentality. And your late Superintendent would humbly direct their attention to a comparison of the schools as they now are with what they were some four years since.

Denies that he was ever called upon to render account in detail of all common school moneys

19th And now gentlemen as to the second paragraph of the Preamble in which you state "that the late Superintendent has been frequently called upon to render an account in detail of all common school moneys. If such be the case he was never furnished with any such document to his knowledge. The only resolution he has any recollection of (except those received 9th of November in Toronto) was that he do furnish a detailed account showing the balance due to each Township. The late Superintendent supposing that the word "showing" being a participle agreed with and referred to the word "account" being the nearest noun,

did accordingly furnish, such account which is now in the hands of the Council, and which account showed the balance due to each Township contradistinguished from a general account showing the balance due to the County. If he was correct in his views, which he states he was, without fear of contradiction should he not be excused, for interpreting their resolution, according to its obvious meaning in accordance with the rules of the English language, even though that resolution did not express their meaning. If the Council had desired him to furnish an account in detail and shew &c. he could then have easily understood them and the account would have been furnished with pleasure. His school accounts have always been kept with the greatest accuracy, and the same are herewith respectfully submitted.

Denies having made false reports 20th. With regard to the third Preamble, "that the late Superintendent has falsely reported, &c. He does not remember having so done, and never did so to his knowledge. - He had no object in doing so. His accounts were kept with the greatest regularity, and he had nothing whatever to conceal and his accounts were ready to be submitted at any time by merely copying them. He cannot but remark that he would be very sorry to deserve the just censure of good and worthy men but feels that that whole preamble was passed without that kind consideration, to which every public officer is entitled and that due examination, which is above all things necessary to be entered into before passing condemnation upon private character.

That his year's salary was due on 21st. With regard to first resolution of same date. on 14th Oct. 1849 and could not be (August 27th) the late Superintendent respectfully. appropriated till May 1850, seven observes that his year's salary was due on the 4th. months after it became due, and 5th. October 1849, and he could not appropriate it till salary to March 1850, at same date May 1850, seven months after it was due, that. that both items were submitted to Com. his five months salary ending March 1850 could. mittee on 7th May, and no objection made not be appropriated till the same date, that they were. both submitted in the account handed in 7th May, and no objection made to the appropriation, that. he felt himself authorized, so to appropriate it because the balance on hand was sufficient to pay his salary and still afford a considerable amount, more than was necessary to form an equivalent to the Government grant, and further.

His work during the latter 5 months 22nd. His work during these 5 months was extremely arduous as he was obliged to furnish a most voluminous report to the Chief Superintendent, equal to about 24 sheets of closely written foolscap, which took him nearly a month of arduous labour to compile. In addition to nearly three months constant travelling with horse and cutter which last was to pieces in the service, so that he was obliged to procure a new one at a heavy expense.

Was obliged to pay instalments to Teachers 23rd. Your late Superintendent would further add that owing to the dilatoriness of the Collectors in paying in the School Tax money, perhaps, unavoidably on their part, he felt obliged to pay instalments to the Teachers according as the money was paid in and owing to this circumstance he had to make two hundred or more additional cheques on the bank to suffer two hundred or more additional interruptions to his other business and make four hundred more additional entries in his books.

Much of this extra work was to be done after his pay had ceased. 24th. And he would further observe that very much of this extra work was done and these extra interruptions suffered during three months after his pay had ceased, viz March April and May.

25th. Your late Superintendent hopes.
 Hopes the explanations given are a sufficient reply to resolution 2. that the explanations herein afforded. will be a sufficient reply to the second resolution. of same date.

Does not understand motive of Council in sending copies of the said resolutions to Chief Superintendent. 26th. That with regard to the third resolution. he has no observation to make, as he cannot understand the views of the Council in sending a copy of the above resolutions to the Chief Superintendent and will not attribute unkind motives to gentlemen with most of whom. he has been for many years on friendly terms - for most of whom he entertains much regard, and with all of whom he desires to live peaceably and inoffensively as much as in him lies - and your late Superintendent would respectfully remark that he remembers no act of his whole life which ought to bar ^{him} from receiving from any private individual, or public body the common courtesies of life.

That he paid to County Treasurer on the day appointed by Chief Superintendent Sunday Balances due to Townships making a total sum of £64. 9. 10 being final settlement of all claims upon him. 27th. Again your late Superintendent would remark that on September 2nd. the very day after he was informed by the Chief Superintendent, that the balances were to be paid to the County Treasurer he did pay over to him the following balances. viz for Shurlow 10s 1d for Rawdon £9. 17. 9¹/₂. for Madoc £1. 12. 10. for Elziver £12. 18. 7¹/₂. for Marmora £12. 15. 11 for Tyendinaga. £4. 19. 11. and left a cheque for him the following morning for Adney of £21. 14. 0. making in all £64. 9. 10. which settled out every shilling due by him to the Council as far as he knows.

That he informed County Treasurer 28th. That he stated to the County Treasurer. That those balances were due to that these were the balances due to each of the Townships, and wrote to Superintendent of the said Townships and wrote to the Superintendent then appointed to inform them that ^{said} balances were to be added to Government money for 1850. that he had been appointed for Rawdon for Madoc. Elziver and for Sidney stating that these balances were to be added to the Government money for 1850. and made out the appointments for Sidney and Rawdon, with the addition of these sums so paid over to the Treasurer. He would also have written to the Marmora Superintendent, if he had known who was superintendent of that Township.

It was not his fault that certain Townships were deprived of their respective balances. 29th. It certainly was not any fault of his, if these Townships were deprived of their respective balances which should have been added to the Government grant of 1850. as the Honourable the Gardner in a letter to him plainly implies your late Superintendent, therefore cannot conceive where he has so far erred as to deserve the censure of the Council.

Trusting it will appear from these explanations that said resolutions were passed under misapprehension. 30th. He trusts that upon receiving these explanations it will appear that the resolutions alluded to above, will be found to have been passed under erroneous impressions arising from outward circumstances and if there be error on his part, he hopes the Council will excuse him and extend to him that lenity and justice a claim for which he hopes he has not forfeited at their hands.

And submits that he is entitled to £20.0.0 for extra labour arising from delay of collectors. Lastly. - your late Superintendent would respectfully submit that he is entitled to at least Twenty Pounds over and above what he has received for the very great extra labour and inconvenience arising from the delay of collectors as described in Section 23 which is well known to every member of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted
(Signed) William Hutton.
Late Coy. Superintendent.

Report of Committee on late Superintendent's Report.

Committee on Reports and accounts. The Committee to whom was referred the Report of W. Hutton late Superintendent of Education, report Mr Hutton's conduct, when before them any thing but the same under consideration, and have had, commendable

Mr. Hutton before them and it is with regret, they say that his conduct before them, was anything but commendable, denying facts and statements made to your Committee on a former occasion.

Messrs Demike, Sills, Gilbert, Mc Laren and Holden did not approve of Mr Hutton's accounts, but expressed their inability to come to any satisfactory conclusion.

Your Committee report that it is decidedly wrong that Messrs. Demike, Sills, Gilbert, Mc Laren and Holden did give their approval of the accounts as stated by Mr Hutton, but, having expressed their inability to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion upon the accounts submitted to them they reported to the Council, the excuses which Mr Hutton then gave them, and as he assigned bad health, for being so little prepared to meet the Committee they at once assented to grant him that delay, which he asked for. It is equally wrong that,

Did not examine any balance or give concurrence to amounts retained by him, but required him to pay over balance in his hands and lay Balance Sheet before Council, which he has not done.

they examined any balance or gave their concurrence to the amounts retained by Mr Hutton in his possession in the fourth section of the Report now before your Committee. Mr Hutton has in a very unbecoming manner, failed to set forth the whole of the facts, but in addition, to requiring him to pay over the balance in his hands, they directed him to lay a balance sheet before the County Council to enable them to judge of the correctness of the account of each separate Township. This he failed to do and has still to do.

That Mr Hutton had no right to retain his salary, as he did not perform the duties for which it was voted.

That with reference to that part of Mr Hutton's Report which speaks of his salary, your Committee are of the opinion that the truth is intentionally evaded, because a resolution was passed by the Council, declaring he had no right to retain his salary as he had not performed the services for which that salary was voted and notwithstanding the sophistry used by Mr Hutton, they insist that it was a positive agreement to which Mr Hutton consented and to perform which he said he would take great pleasure. Your Committee feel that they only express the opinion of the Council when they say that it is not with reference to the period for which Mr Hutton claims pay that any objection is urged, but because the Council insist that salary was increased under consideration that he should perform certain duties and that he did not as your Honourable body knows from the fact, having been frequently stated and proved perform those duties. That your Committee has only the assertion of Mr Hutton that he did not receive the Resolution of the 27th of August from the Clerk while they have his admission that he was told by a member of this Council of their existence. This was in itself sufficient to have induced inquiry on his part more especially as he was aware that he had failed to comply with previous orders of the County Council and that great dissatisfaction existed with reference to his non-compliance with the orders given.

Committee remember that Mr Hutton requested to be sent for if wanted, but Council came to conclusion that it was his business to wait upon them and not theirs to wait on him.

That your Committee remember that your Clerk had stated that Mr Hutton requested to be sent for if he was wanted, but the fact does not escape the recollection of your Committee that you came to the resolution that the discourteous conduct of Mr Hutton when before the Council, and his inattention to your demands left you no alternative but to proceed against him for failing to comply with your orders. It was his duty when he knew that his accounts had not

sufficiently rendered. to have attended before you and to have sought that explanation which he now admits was necessary. It was for him to have attended and not for us to have sought his attendance.

Mr Hutton forgets himself when he complains of want of courtesy on part of Council, as he agreed to lecture twice in each section.

Then your Committee are of opinion that Mr Hutton entirely forgets himself when he complains of a want of courtesy on the part of the Council. Mr Hutton agreed to Lecture twice in each School Section, whether it is an absurdity or not it is certain that he consented to do it and his conduct at present in endeavouring to throw censure on the Council exhibits a want of candour which should not be found in an individual who has filled the responsible situation of County Superintendent of Common Schools

Excuses now assigned by Mr Hutton for not lecturing differ from former excuses.

And the numerous excuses now assigned by Mr Hutton for not lecturing differ so widely from his former excuses that your Committee have some hesitation in giving the proper name to such equivocating conduct. Your Committee will now notice a paragraph in his Report - he says "And now gentlemen as to the second paragraph of the preamble in which you state that the late Superintendent has

Account in detail of all Common School moneys ordered - but never rendered by Mr Hutton.

been frequently called upon to render an account in detail of all Common School moneys - If such be the case he never was furnished with any such document." Now your Committee cannot conceive of a greater degree of assurance than is contained in this denial and it excites the wonder of your Committee how any man could affix his name to such a document. The resolution of the District as well as the County Council and the instructions given to him verbally by the Committee and the Council so flatly contradict the denial that it casts great discredit upon any individual who would resort to such an expedient even to evade censure. Your Committee are fully

aware as are the members of the Council generally, that separate statements have been rendered to each Township, but they deny distinctly that the statements have ever been rendered to them, even to this day.

Mr Hutton's assertion that improvement in Schools is owing to his exertions.

Your Committee do not desire to weary you with the numerous misrepresentations contained in the Report of the late Superintendent, but they cannot allow his assertion that the improvement in our Common Schools is to be attributed to his labours.

Committee deny this assertion - Mr Hutton's conduct has retarded education rather than advanced it.

Your Committee unhesitatingly deny this assertion, and clearly give it as their opinion backed by the opinion of the inhabitants generally throughout the County, that Mr Hutton's conduct as County Superintendent, has rather retarded than advanced the Common Schools in this County so much so, indeed that the whole population of the County has become adverse to the appointment of County Superintendents in consequence of his mismanagement.

Population of County has become adverse to County Superintendents on account of his mismanagement.

Mr Hutton's statement of accounts unsatisfactory.

With reference to the accounts your Committee have examined the same, but the whole document appears to have been submitted to weary the patience of the Council, but wanting as it is in many respects to make it such an account as would prove satisfactory to the County they do not hesitate to say had the disposition been shown at an earlier date to render even this insufficient statement, this Council would have had less cause to complain of Mr Hutton's conduct. After a careful perusal of the whole your Committee have come to the conclusion that your Honourable body has nothing to retract, and if Mr Hutton feels at all aggrieved he must find the cause in his own obstinacy and a disinclination to discharge a duty that was incumbent on him to perform without being there to be constrained by the Council.

Council have nothing to retract.

Mr. Hutton not entitled to £20.0.0 as demanded for additional salary nor to sum of £70.0.0 as agreed with Council - but is indebted to County in at least £20.0.0 which he should be called upon to refund.

Your Committee in noticing the last paragraph of Mr. Hutton's Report cannot think he is in earnest in asking for the sum of £70 as agreed upon with the Council but that he is honestly indebted to the County in at least £20. which he should be called upon to refund as having retained it without performing the due services for the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
(Signed) Anthony Devike,
Chairman.

Alex. Mc Laren,
Edward. Fidler,
Wm. St. Shovey,
Samuel Stevens,
Caleb. Gilbert,
Wellington Fizzell.

Committee Room.
January 14th 1831.

Report on Roads and Bridges.

Committee on Roads report.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report.

Plan and survey made by the County Surveyor, of road from O'Brien's Bridge to Clare's School House to be adopted with exception as to 7th Concession
Thurlow

That the plan and survey made by Thomas. Carle County Surveyor of the road leading from O'Brien's Bridge to Clare's school house, being under the consideration of your Committee

Ordered - That said plan and line of road, as there laid down be adopted with the exception of the new line traced in red ink through the seventh concession of Thurlow through which the old road as laid down in blue be adopted.

Plan and survey of Road from Belleville
to Frankford to be adopted.

The plan and survey made by Thomas Earle, County Surveyor of the road leading from Belleville to the village of Frankford, in the Township of Sidney, being under the consideration of your Committee.

Ordered - That the said plan of road as there laid down be adopted.

Mr Turner also mentioned, that having called a meeting at Frankford, for the purpose of taking into consideration the best route from the Town of Belleville to Frankford, were unanimously of the opinion, that the above mentioned route was the best.

Plan and survey of Road from Smith-
ville to Madoc to be adopted

The plan and survey made by Thomas Earle, County Surveyor of the line of road from Smithville to the village of Hastings, in the Township of Madoc being under the consideration of your Committee.

Ordered - That the said plan be adopted.

Petition of E. H. Lewis to adopt a certain
road in Tyendinaga as a county road
Granted

The petition of E. H. Lewis and others for making the line of road between Lots No 5 and 6 in the Township of Tyendinaga, a County road being under the consideration of your Committee.

Ordered - That the prayer of said petition be granted.

Petition of S. B. Shipman for grant
of £175.0.0 towards erecting Bridge
over Moira at Shipman's Mills to be
granted.

The petition of S. B. Shipman and others for a grant of £175 towards erecting a Bridge over the River Moira at Shipman's Mills being under the consideration of your Committee.

Ordered - That the prayer of said petition be granted, and that debentures be issued on the completion of the work payable the 31st of December 1852.

The state of Frankford bridge and of the contract of Mr Lee being under consideration.

Tenders to be taken for building bridge
at Frankford and debentures
issued to pay for same

Ordered - That tenders be advertized for
forthwith and that the debentures to be issued
for the building of the same shall be payable
one half at two years and the other half at
three years after the completion of the said work.

The Bridge over Salmon river at Lazier's Mills
being under consideration.

Debentures to pay for building bridge
at Lazier's Mills to be made payable
out of taxes of 1852, 1853, & 1854. con-
ditionally

Ordered - That the debentures to pay for the
construction of said bridge be made payable
out of the taxes of eighteen hundred and fifty
two eighteen hundred and fifty three and
eighteen hundred and fifty four provided
said bridge is built before the first day of
October 1851

(Signed) John R. Wetcheson.
Chairman.

Report on Railroads.

Committee on Railroad report

Committee on Railroad beg leave to report.

That they highly approve of the pro-
ject for constructing a Railroad from
Prescott to Toronto, and cordially
recommend the same to the considera-
tion of their successors.

That your Committee have had under
consideration a communication from a
Committee appointed at a public meeting on
the subject of a Railroad from Prescott to
Toronto passing through Belleville, and are
free to give it as their opinion that a more
important project for the improvement of
the Country generally and of this County
in particular could not be bro't under the
notice of the various municipalities but as
the term of office of the present members
of the Council is about to expire they can
only recommend the project to the most
favourable consideration of their successors.

(Signed) Rufus Holden.
Chairman.

Report on Assessment.

Committee on Assessment report
the following exemptions

Orrin Baldwin - frame house

Committee on Assessment beg leave to report,

That Orrin Baldwin, be exempt from paying taxes on a frame house it appearing to your Committee on the Affidavit of the said Orrin Baldwin that he has no such house.

Peter McGunyeon - frame house

Your Committee would further report that Peter McGunyeon be exempt from paying taxes on a frame house it appearing to your Committee on the certificate of Shubad Klapp the Assessor that he the said Peter McGunyeon has been incorrectly rated for the same.

John Vance - all taxes over £8.0.0

Your Committee would further recommend that James Vance of Tyenderaga be exempted from all taxes over eight pounds being the amount for which he is assessed.

R. M. Roy - 1 storehouse 1 horse & 1 cow.

Your Committee would further recommend that Robert M. Roy be exempted from taxes on one store house one horse and one cow it appearing to your Committee by the Affidavit of the said Robert M. Roy that he should not have been rated for the above property.

David Vancott - 2 oxen & 1 horse.

Your Committee would recommend that David Vancott be exempted from taxes on two oxen and one horse it appearing to your Committee on the Affidavit of the said David Vancott that he has been unjustly assessed for the above property.

Geo. Davy - merchant shop

Your Committee would recommend that George Davy be exempted from paying taxes on a merchant shop it appearing to your Committee that he should not have been assessed for the same.

- Benjamin Thalick from taxes in the Township of Thurlow. Your Committee would further recommend that Benjamin Thalick be exempted from paying any taxes in the township of Thurlow it appearing to your Committee on the affidavit of the said Benjamin Thalick that he paid taxes on all his rateable property in this County in the township of Sidney.
- Mrs Anderson of Huntingdon to have $\frac{1}{2}$'s refunded for taxes overpaid. Your Committee would recommend that Mrs Anderson of the township of Huntingdon be refunded the sum of Six Shillings and Eight Pence by the County Treasurer Mrs Anderson having paid that amount over and above what she should have paid County taxes.
- Samuel Ross - 10 acres cultivated land, 11 young cattle, 1 fire place, 1 buggy. Your Committee would further recommend that Samuel Ross be exempted from taxes on the following property viz Ten acres of cultivated land four young cattle one additional fire place one buggy wagon in accordance with an affidavit made by him before Joseph Carriff J. P. on the 19th day of November last.
- Johanna Fay from all County taxes. Your Committee would further recommend that Johanna Fay of the town of Belleville be exempt from County taxes.
- Alex McDonald and John Grier - Errors on Assessment Roll of Thurlow with regard to their property to be corrected. Your Committee would further recommend that the Clerk of the Peace be instructed to correct all errors that may appear upon the Assessment Roll of the township of Thurlow with regard to the property of Alexander McDonald and John Grier in accordance with a certificate from James Clark the Assessor.
- W B Phillips - 45 acres cultivated & 5 uncultivated land 2 horses & 2 cows. Your Committee would recommend that William B. Phillips be exempted from taxes on the following property viz Forty five acres of cultivated land five acres uncultivated land two horses and two cows he having been entered on the Assessment Roll twice for the same property.

Joseph St George - all County taxes

Your Committee would recommend that Joseph St George be released from paying County taxes.

Wm Mc Masters - Merchants Shop.

And further that William Mc Masters be exempted from taxes on a merchants shop, he not having such property.

Samuel Latta - Taxes on land.

And further that Samuel Latta be exempted from taxes on land.

All persons over taxed to be credited with amount over charged, on affidavits, and sums over paid to be refunded by Treasurer on order of Clerk of Peace.

Your Committee would further recommend that all persons over taxed upon making affidavit of the amount for which they have been ever taxed by the several Collectors for this County. And when such taxes have been paid that the Treasurer refund to the said parties the amount of County taxes paid by such parties on receiving an order from the Clerk of the Peace for any amount so paid.

Many persons having rateable property not entered upon assessment rolls - action to be taken to prevent same occurring in future.

Your Committee would further beg leave to bring under the notice of the Council the fact that a great number of persons having rateable property in the different townships of this County have not been entered upon the Assessment Rolls and recommend that some action be taken by the Council to prevent such occurrences in future.

(Signed) Wellington Grizzell. Chairman.

Committee Room
Bellerive January 15th
1851.

Treasurer reports

Treasurer's Report.
To His Honour the Warden and the Municipal Council of the County of Hastings.

Gentlemen.
The 46th clause of the 13th and 14th Victoria, Chap 67 enacts.

That it is enacted by 13 & 14 Vict. cap. 67. clause 16. That Treasurers of Counties shall make a return in terms of the Act of lands in arrear for taxes under Wild Land Assessment Act, with Acreage Names of owners &c.

"That the Treasurers of the several Counties shall on or before the first day of January 1851. make out and submit to the Municipal Council of the County a true list of the lands in their Counties respectively, on which any taxes shall then remain unpaid stating the number of acres in each lot or part of lot, the number of years for which it is in arrears for taxes and the amount of taxes due for each lot or part of lot for taxes chargeable under the wild land assessment law with the names of the owners respectively &c.

That he finds it impossible to comply with said enactment.

The Treasurer of this County respectfully represents that it is entirely out of his power with the materials at his command to comply with the said enactment.

Reasons for non-compliance with enactment as above.

The wild land account as kept by the Treasurer of the Midland District at the time of our separation therefrom was in such a confused state that the late Treasurer could not open the account correctly for this County and the Assessors. Having since we were a separate District almost invariably neglected to make a return of the unassessed lands the account shows nearly all the lands in the County in arrear for taxes.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obt. servt.

(Signed) Nelson G. Reynolds,
Treasurer's Office, Belleville. } Treasurer. C. H.
January 14th. 1851.

Committee on Ways and Means report

Report on Ways and Means.
The Committee on Ways and Means beg leave to Report.

Your Committee having had the following accounts under consideration.

£1.15.6 to Jas Glass for a/c

Ordered - That the account of James Glass for the sum of one pound fifteen shillings and six pence be paid.

£1.11.0 to James Blacklock

Ordered - That the account of James Blacklock for the sum of one pound one shilling be paid.

£7.5.0 to County Surveyor for repairs to Ashley's Bridge in Thurlow

Ordered - That the sum of seven pounds five shillings be granted to the County Surveyor to pay for repairing a Bridge across the River in the fifth concession of Thurlow known as Ashley's Bridge and that the Warden give an order on the County Treasurer for the same.

£16.2.1 to Dr Jas Lister for attendance & necessaries for sick negro.

Ordered - That the account of James Lister Surgeon for the sum of sixteen pounds two shillings and one penny for attendance and necessaries for a sick negro be paid.

£1.5.0 to R. Henderson, binding Minutes

Ordered - That the account of R. Henderson for binding Minutes of the Council amounting to one pound five shillings be paid.

£4.3.9 to S. Rowlands, advertising

Ordered - That the account of S. Rowlands for Advertising Registry of old Deeds amounting to the sum of four pounds three shillings and nine pence be paid.

£1.9.3 to J. G. Northrup summoning returning Officers of 1849

Ordered - That the account of J. G. Northrup for summoning returning officers of 1849 amount to one pound nine shillings and three pence be paid.

a/c of Mr Northrup summoning J. D. Appleby returning Officer for Tyendinaga to be paid

Ordered - That the account of Mr. Northrup for summoning J. D. Appleby as Returning officer for Tyendinaga be paid.

a/c of S. Harrison to be paid, except Balance of £7.13.8 for a/c rendered

Ordered - That the account of S. Harrison with the exception of the balance of seven pounds thirteen shillings and eight pence per account rendered be allowed.

The following orders passed in October sessions not having been printed in the Minutes, and which remain unpaid Ordered that, the same be added to this report and paid.

£4.0.0 to Pat^r Gillan for extra work at Hog Lake Bridge.

The account of Patrick Gillin for extra labour done on Hog Lake Bridge by order of the Superintendent amounting to the sum of four pounds be paid.

£5.10.0 to J. S. Haslett for survey & plan of part of Ham's Estate

The account of J. S. Haslett, D. P. Surveyor, for surveying and laying out in subdivisions part of the late Philip Ham's Estate on the south side of Dundas street in the town of Belleville, and for two plans of the same amounting to Five Pounds and Ten Shillings be paid.

£5.1.0 to Powell & Moore printing Minutes.

The account of Messrs. Powell & Moore for printing Minutes and By-Laws of the Council amounting to the sum of Five Pounds One shilling be paid.

Salary of County Surveyor for 1850 to be £50.0.0.

Ordered. That the salary of the County Surveyor for the present year (1850) commencing from the date of the appointment of the present incumbent, be Fifty Pounds.

£7.10.0 to G. Van Allen for lumber for Latta's Bridge

The account of G. Van Allen amounting to the sum of Seven Pounds and Ten Shillings for 4944 feet of pine lumber supplied by him for repairing Latta's Bridge.

All which is respectfully submitted,
(Signed) Rufus Holden,
January 16th. 1851. Chairman.

Appendix refer to May Sessions 1851.
Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Committee on Roads and Bridges report. The Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to Report the following resolutions.

County Surveyor to examine and report on Bridges over Salmon River at Smith's Mills in Tyndinaga and bridge known as Wymans Bridge. Resolved That the County Surveyor be instructed to examine the bridges across the two branches of the Salmon River at Smith's Mills and the bridge known as Wymans Bridge and report thereon to the Council at its next Sessions.

Petition of Sam. Porter for opening a certain road between Huntingdon and Hungerford to be granted. On petition of Samuel Porter, praying to have the line of road between Huntingdon and Hungerford surveyed and opened commencing near Geo. Chubbury's in the third concession thence north along the boundary allowance to Hog Lake.

Resolved That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

On petition of Henry Fanning praying for leave to take water from the Court House Hill it was

Resolved That Henry Fanning have permission to take water out of the hill but not to discommodate the public, but this Council cannot interfere with the privileges granted to another

Resolved That the repairs recommended in the Surveyor's Report to be made with reference to Hog Lake bridges be made and that tenders to do the same be advertized for.

(Signed) Solomon Johns.
Council Room Belleville
May 8th. 1851. Chairman.

Henry Fanning to be allowed to take water from Court House Hill, but not so as to discommodate public.

Repairs to be made on Hog Lake Bridge as recommended by County Surveyor.

Report of Select Committee on School Accounts

Select Committee on School a/c report

The Committee to whom was referred the late Treasurer's School Accounts for the County of Hastings having had the same under consideration beg leave to make the following Report.

Balance in hands of late Treasurer £614. 3. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$. to be immediately paid over to County Treasurer

That your Committee find said Accounts to be correct showing a balance still in the late Treasurer's hands of £614. 3. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ which sum your Committee would recommend to be immediately paid over ~~to~~ him to the County Treasurer.

Treasurer to pay to Townships their proportions of the said fund respectively

Your Committee further recommend that out of such surplus funds the several Townships in the County receive from the County Treasurer on the Order of the Treasurers of such Townships the following sums viz: - Sidney £90. Thurlow £87. 15. Tyendinaga £57. Rawdon £34. 9. s. Huntingdon £34. 10. s. Hungerford £55. Madoc & Elziver £35. Marmora £20. 5. s. being their just proportions thereto.

Leave consideration of additional salary to late Treasurer to Council.

Your Committee would say with regards to any additional salary to the late Treasurer for keeping the before mentioned accounts that they leave the matter entirely with the Council.

Several sums paid by late Superintendent to late Treasurer to be paid over to County Treasurer subject to orders of Township Superintendents.

Your Committee would further recommend that the several sums paid by the late Superintendent to the late Treasurer on account of the different Townships be paid over to the County Treasurer subject to the Order of the several Superintendents of the Townships.

In recommending disposal of said sums
Committee do not compromise claims of
County against W. Hutton Esq.

Your Committee are of opinion that in recommen-
ding the disposal of those funds lately paid over
by the late Superintendent, that they in no
wise compromise the claims the County has
against the said late Superintendent William
Hutton Esquire

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) N. S. Appleby,
Chairman.
Robert Bird.
Alexr. McLaren.
George Graham.
Caleb Gilbert.

Committee Given }
Belleville May 9th 1852 }

Report of the Select Committee on Registry
Office.

Select Committee report on Registry Office

The select Committee appointed to examine
the Court House and report on the expediency
of keeping the County Registry Office therein
beg leave to report.

Safe in Court House unfit for purpose

That having examined the safe in the Court
House they find that it is ^{altogether} unfit for the
purpose and also that it is not practicable
to build a safe upstairs in the Court House
without incurring a greater amount of
expense than would be required to build a
Registry Office on some part of the Court
House Lot.

Impacticable to build safe on account
of expense.

Recommend Registry Office to be built on
Court House Lot.

Under these circumstances your Committee
would recommend a resolution to be passed
authorizing His Honour the Warden cause
specifications to be made out and receive tenders
for building a Registry Office on the most
convenient and appropriate part of the Court
House Lot. The building to be twenty by thirty
feet one story high and built with bricks
and to be done as soon as possible having
respect however to the leveling of the ground
in front of the Court House.

All of which your committee would respectfully submit.

(Signed) Robert Bird
 Septa Bradshaw
 Edward Fidler.

Committee Room }
 Belleville May 9th 1837 }

Report of Committee on Ways and Means.

Committee on Ways & Means report

The Committee on Ways and Means beg leave to report the following Resolutions and Orders.

Your committee having had before them the accounts of the late Treasurer of this County audited by the proper Officers up to the 16th day of April last.

Late Treasurer not to be allowed any salary from 1st March and to refund amount retained by him as such.

Ordered - That the late Treasurer be not allowed any salary from the 1st day of March last at which time his service of office ceased, and that he be called upon to refund the amount retained by him for salary from the said 1st day of March up to the 16th day of April.

£240. to be set apart for proportion of survey of Toronto and Kingston Railroad.

Resolved - That the sum of Two Hundred and Forty Pounds be set apart as the proportion of the expenses of this County towards defraying the expenses of surveying the Railroad route from Kingston to Toronto and that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay the same on the warrant of the Warden out of any moneys in his hands at the disposal of the Council.

£0.16.8 to Peter Sharpe, Constable

Ordered - That the account of Peter Sharpe for services as a constable, distraining for taxes where no distress was found amounting to the sum of £0.16.8d. be paid.

£4.13.3 to B. F. Dary for articles for
Gaol and Court House.

Ordered - That the account of B. F. Dary for
articles furnished the Gaol and Court House,
amounting to the sum of £4.13s. 3d. be paid.

£3.2.10 to J. W. D. Moodie, Sheriff.

Ordered - That the account of J. W. Dunbar,
Moodie, Sheriff amounting to the sum of
£3.2s. 10d. be paid.

£8.16.3 to H. Scobie for Assessors' Rolls
and Municipal Manuals.

Ordered - That the account of Hugh. Scobie,
for furnishing assessors' rolls for the County
of Hastings and for 18 copies of the Municipal
Manual amounting to the sum of £8.16s. 3d.
be paid.

£48.13.7 to Powell & Moore for printing

Ordered - That the account of Messrs Powell,
& Moore for printing amounting to the
sum of £48.13s. 7d. be paid.

£3.0.0 to Fuller & Barnes maintaining prapier

Ordered - That the account of Messrs.
Fuller & Barnes for furnishing Ellen
Tottenham for twelve weeks at 5s per
week amounting in all to £3 be paid.

£5.11.7 to Phippen for candles

Ordered - That the sum of £5.11s. 7d. be
paid to Mr. Phippen for candles &c.
furnished for the Court House.

£5.19.6 to Harrison & Miles for printing

Ordered - That the account of Messrs.
Harrison & Miles for printing amounting
to the sum of £5.19s. 6d. be paid.

£2.8.11 to Jas Harrison for stationery

Ordered - That the account of Mr James
Harrison for stationery amounting to
the sum of £2.8s. 11d. be paid.

£5.8.6 to R. J. Willis Bailiff

Ordered - That the account of R. J. Willis
Bailiff for serving notices upon the councillors
to attend at sessions amounting to the
sum of £5.8s. 6d. be paid.

County Clerk to procure collector's rolls

Ordered - That the Clerk of the County Council be authorized to procure a sufficient number of collector's rolls for the various Townships.

Council cannot entertain application of W. Smart Esq for grant of money to print Division Court Rules

Upon the communication received from William Smart. Enquire relative to certain rules and forms of practice for the Division Courts prepared by him and applying to the Council for a grant of money to defray the expense of printing the same.

Ordered - That the Council cannot entertain the application.

Grants for cutting down hill and laying down crossway on line road between Hungerford and Huntingdon to be rescinded, and £25.0.0 to be granted in lieu thereof.

Ordered - That the grants made to cut down a hill in the 5th concession near James Coulters and the grant made to assist in laying out a cross-way over a swamp in the fourth concession both on the line between Hungerford and Huntingdon be rescinded, and the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted in lieu thereof.

On Petition of Joseph. Partland and others.

Grant already made on road between Hungerford and Sheffield to be placed at disposal of Township Council of Hungerford.

It is Ordered - That the grant heretofore made to be expended between Hungerford and Sheffield be placed at the disposal of the Township Council of Hungerford, to be laid out by them to suit the inhabitants of the Township in that neighbourhood settled on said Road.

£100.0.0 Granted for construction of Bridge over Nova in 4th Con. of Hungerford, conditionally.

Resolved - That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted for aiding in the construction of a Bridge across the River Nova in front of the 4th Concession of the Township of Hungerford upon condition that the inhabitants in the neighbourhood furnish the rest of the means.

Said Bridge to be built by tender, after plan of County Surveyor. when finished, Warden to issue debenture for same.

Resolved - That the said Bridge shall be built according to a plan and specification to be furnished by the County Surveyor and that when the Bridge is finished the Warden be and he is hereby authorized to issue a Debenture payable at one year from the completion of said Bridge for the sum of one hundred pounds - the said work to be given out by tender.

Tenders to be taken for building bridge over Scot. to be paid by Debentures in 1853.

Ordered - That Tenders be advertised for for the construction of the Bridge across the Scot according to the plan and specification of the County Surveyor to be paid by Debentures in 1853.

£2.10.0 to R. Henderson for binding Minutes

Ordered - That the account of Robert Henderson for binding Minutes amounting to the sum of £2.10s. be paid.

£25.0.0 Granted for building bridge over Black Creek in Elziver.

Ordered - That the sum of Twenty five pounds be granted to aid in building a Bridge across Black Creek near DeLong's Mills on lot number Two in the second Concession of Elziver.

Petition of M. Horbeson for aid to repair road in 3^d Con Elziver not granted

On Petition of Matthew Horbeson and others praying for a grant to aid in repairing the Road from the Town Line between Madoc and Elziver to the front of the third Concession of Elziver between lots No. 13 & 14.

Resolved - That the prayer of the said petition be not granted.

No action to be taken on application of H. Ponton Esq for aid to repair upper bridge in Belleville

On application of William Ponton Esquire Mayor of the Town of Belleville for a grant to aid in repairing the upper Bridge across the River Mivra in Belleville.

Petition of R. Perry to have certain taxes refunded, not granted

Resolved - That no action be taken at present respecting the said application.

On Petition of Robert Perry praying to have certain taxes refunded to him.

Resolved - That the prayer of the said petition be not granted.

On Petition of Robert R. Perry for remuneration for looking after and repairing Hog Lake Bridge in the year 1850.

£ 1.10.0 to R.R. Perry for repairing Hog Lake Bridge 1850.

Ordered - That the sum of one pound ten shillings be paid to him.

£ 3.0.0 to same for same 1851

Ordered - That the sum of three pounds be granted to Robert R. Perry for taking charge of the Bridges at Hog Lake for the year 1851.

£ 50.0.0 granted at October session for Madoc and Marmora road to be handed to Marmora Council to build bridge over Moira

Ordered - That the sum of fifty pounds granted at the October Session to be expended on the Road leading from Madoc to Marmora be placed at the disposal of the Marmora Township Council for the construction of a Bridge over the River Moira.

£ 25.0.0 to Chas Fitz Gibbon for copies of plans and descriptions of roads in County of Hastings

Ordered - That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted to Charles Fitz Gibbon for making copies of plans and descriptions of the various roads in the County of Hastings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
(Signed) Robert Bird.

Council Room.
Bellerive 8th May 1851.

Chairman.

Report of County Surveyor.

Report of the County Surveyor.

To the Warden and Municipal Council of the County of Hastings.

Agreeable to instructions received from you I beg to submit the following.

Hoag Lake Bridge.

The Hoag Lake Bridge, north channel has been repaired. The centre bridge, on the same lake, requires replanking. The south channel bridge requires some repairs the planks and stringers being loose.

Scott Creek, Bridge for.

I have prepared a plan for a bridge over Scott Creek which is herewith submitted for your inspection.

Proposed change of road in Rawdon

I have also examined a line of road from Rawdon village to the Township of Seymour. The accompanying map shows the old and proposed, new route as well as the different hills and length of swamps, &c &c.

Fire proof safe in Court House.

I have inspected the Court House with a view of ascertaining the practicability of erecting a fire proof safe or vault wherein to deposit the Deeds &c of the County and am of opinion that the same cannot be effected without a considerable expenditure, and should even then be dubious, as to its utility in case of fire owing to the quantity of heavy timbers, &c which would be above it and would be apt to break into the same when falling.

All of which is respectfully submitted by,
Your obedient servant,
Thomas Earle,
County Surveyor for Hastings

Shurlow May 5th. 1851.

Petition on Collecting Rates.

Petition Relative to Collecting Rates.
To the Honourable the Commons House of
Assembly in Provincial Parliament. Assembled,
&c &c &c.

The Memorial of the Warden and Municipal
Council of the County of Hastings.
Humbly Sheweth.

Preamble Section 1

That by the one hundred and seventy-
second section of the Municipal Council
Act as amended, Collectors of Rates for
County purposes are required to pay the mon-
eys so collected into the hands of Town or
Township Treasurers as the case may be, and
that such Township Treasurers are
authorized to retain in their hands two and
a half per cent of all such moneys.

Preamble Section 2

Your Memorialists most respectfully beg leave
to state that under this system many serious
inconveniences besides losses will arise. -
the prompt payment of debts due by the
County will be retarded - the loss of two
and a half per cent an additional
charge upon the Rate payer and the
County Treasurer will be frequently
placed in difficult circumstances to meet
even current expenses by being kept out of
such funds as appertain to the County.

Preamble Section 3

That under the system adopted last year
there arose no difficulties - County funds
were paid over to the County Treasurer and
the Rates ordered by the Townships were
paid over to the Township Treasurers.

Preamble Section 4

Another fact which your Memorialists would
represent is that in Towns where County Treasurers
reside the funds are kept in the Bank so that
they are safe and secure from many risks
which they will not be if the Treasurers
in the sundry rural districts are to have
the custody of them and that there will be

an additional risk there can be no doubt.

For the foregoing reasons your Memorialists pray that your Honourable Body will so amend the before recited section of the Municipal Council Act. to direct all moneys levied for County purposes to be paid to the County Treasurer by the Collector. And your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

County Council Room.

May 1851.

Petition Relative to Tolls on Plank and Macadamized Roads.

To the Honourable the Commons House of Assembly in Provincial Parliament Assembled.

The Memorial of the Warden and County Council of the County of Hastings.

Humblly Sheweth.

That by Act of Parliament twelfth Victoria chapter eighty-one it is enacted that the grant of Tolls on Plank or Macadamized Roads shall in no case exceed the term of ten years where persons contract for and construct any road under the authority of the County Council.

That in most cases the roads required and which would be built under the provisions of this statute are from the interior and more thinly populated portions of a County and the tolls for ten years would not be sufficient compensation for the construction of said roads.

That in addition to this fact there is yet another and more startling fact that a long line of Dundas road during the seasons where carriages are employed the navigation of the lake being open much of the travel naturally travels up and down by water so that the traffic on such toll roads would be but small and the compensation most trifling.

Prayer.

Petition on Tolls.

Preamble Section 1

Preamble Section 2

Preamble Section 3

and insignificant so that in fact it would be a still greater drawback than in the case of thinly settled Townships.

That in many instances the grant of the tolls for twenty years and even thirty years would not be more than a bare compensation and they humbly represent that a continuation of this restriction of ten years will and must have the effect of preventing many improvements from being undertaken.

Prayer

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to take the matter into your favourable consideration and amend the said law so as to remove the evils complained of herein.

And your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

County Council. Town.

May 1851.

Petition Relative to the Assessment Act.
To the Honourable the Commons House of
Assembly in Provincial Parliament Assembled.
&c &c &c.

The Memorial of the Warden and Municipal
Council of the County of Hastings.
Humbly Sheweth.

That by the forty-sixth section of the Assessment
Law passed at the last session of Parliament
it is enacted. That the Treasurers of the several
Counties in Upper Canada shall on or
before the first day of January One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Fifty One make out
and submit to the Municipal Council of the
County a true list of the lands in their Counties
respectively or in any cities or the liberties
thereof lying within the limits or on the
borders of such County on which any taxes
shall then remain unpaid stating the
number of acres in each lot or part lot.

Preamble Section 1.

Petition respecting Assessment Act

Preamble section 1.

County Treasurers to make returns to
County Councils of Wild Lands taxes
in arrears and acreage of lots so in ar-
rears, and collectors to collect same by

46th Section of Assessment Act.

describing the same, as hereinbefore prescribed with regard to such lands, the number of years for which it is in arrears for taxes and the amount of taxes due on each lot respectively, both for taxes chargeable under the wild land assessment law, or for assessment lawfully imposed under by-laws of the Municipal Councils together with the names of the owners respectively as far as such Treasurers may be enabled to ascertain the same, and the said arrears shall be certified to the Clerk of the proper locality by the County Clerk, and shall be added to the Assessment Roll for the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-one and collected in like manner, and the proper proportions of the moneys so collected shall be accounted for and paid over to the Treasurers of the several municipalities for the purpose for which they were originally imposed.

Preamble Section 2

Provisions of 46th Section cannot be carried out.

Your Memorialists humbly represent, That the provisions of this section cannot be carried out, and if this be the case unless Parliament will come to their relief the County must suffer great loss.

Preamble Section 3. Reasons why 46th Sec. is impracticable

Your Memorialists would respectfully state That the wild lands contemplated by this section, are in ninety nine cases out of a hundred owned by absentees that this being the case it is utterly impossible for the Collectors in their respective localities to collect the taxes due upon said lands, where the parties who own the lands not only reside out of the Townships, but out of this section of the Province.

Preamble Section 4. Further reasons.

Your Memorialists would further represent that by the above recited section, the arrearages due on such lands to the first day of January One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-one must be collected this year by the Collectors, and it is evident this cannot be done. Your Memorialists are apprehensive, that unless the said

section be amended they will be deprived of the power of collecting the said arrearages.

Prayer.

Your Memorialists most respectfully recommend, and pray that your Honourable House will, grant the prayer of their petition, and be pleased to afford such relief in the premises as you may judge most expedient.

And Your Memorialists as in duty bound, will ever pray.

County Council. From May 1851.

Warden's Address.

Warden congratulates Council on spirit of improvement in County

Companies organizing to construct roads.

Council should aid such movements

Road from Carriffs Mills to Rawdon

Means of securing trade of Seymour.

Gentlemen of the Council — It is with some degree of satisfaction that I congratulate you and the County upon the energetic measures of the inhabitants generally, to carry out the internal improvements of the County. Companies are organizing in every direction for the construction of Plank and Macadamized Roads such being the case, it becomes the duty of this Council to aid such praiseworthy movements. You are aware, Gentlemen that two companies have united their Stock and energies to construct a Road from Carriffs Mills to Rawdon, a few months will see the Road completed, and it is now in contemplation, to carry the Road from thence to Seymour by which the entire traffic and trade of that valuable Township will be secured to this County. There are rival interests which are at work to direct the trade of Seymour, from our channel, and I think we should, as far as possible assist the individual enterprise which seeks to accomplish so much for the County generally under this view I have directed a survey of the Road, to be made which shall be laid before you, and it will be for you to consider in what manner you can most effectually aid in constructing a Road to connect Seymour, with this County.

Dundas road West of Belleville.

I also desire to bring under your notice the condition of the Dundas Road West of Belleville decidedly the worst in the County. I recommend that a By Law should be passed for the construction of a Road by the grant of Tolls for a certain number of years or under some general system which I now desire to bring under the notice of the Council.

Parliament did not intend powers conferred on Municipalities to assist Companies to remain a dead letter but to be active and operative.

I believe that when Parliament authorized the various Municipalities to assist Joint Stock Companies in constructing Roads that they did not intend such authority to remain a ^{dead letter} ~~dead letter~~ but that the power was conferred under the conviction that the various Municipalities would carry it out to suit their own peculiar wants. I suggest that this Council should adopt various lines of Roads to suit the requirements of the County. That Companies such as are contemplated by the Joint Stock Companies Act should be organized to construct them and that they shall be aided in this manner by the Council.

Council to assist to amount of one half amount of stock upon certain conditions

Suppose a Company formed to construct one of these Roads which will cost £2000 Stock for the full amount shall be subscribed and fifty per cent of the same called to be expended upon the construction of the Road. That upon the production of proof that the Company is not indebted for any of the work done or materials furnished the Warden shall issue Debentures for £1000 payable in ten instalments.

Conditions specified.

The conditions which I propose to attach to this aid are.
1st - That the first charge upon the receipt of the Roads shall be the Interest due on the Debentures which shall be paid into the hands of the County Treasurer annually to meet the demand.

2nd - That no less an amount than what will be equal to one-tenth of the amount of Debentures shall be called in annually upon the unpaid Stock which shall also be specifically applied to this object.

Details to be regulated by By Law.

This scheme will enable the inhabitants of many sections of the County to construct Roads who cannot at present do so and you will observe if the road pays 11 per cent. 6 of the 11 will go towards paying the interest and the other 5 per cent upon the whole paid to the Stockholders will be equal to 10 per cent upon the half which has to be paid to meet the Debentures which will be thus redeemed for the Stockholders by the dividend. The details of the measure will be considered in the By Law when it comes under your notice for consideration

Directed Surveyor to prepare plans for Bridge across branches of the Scot.

The inhabitants of the interior of the County having represented to me that it was necessary that a new Bridge should be constructed across the branches of the Scot, I directed the Surveyor to furnish plans and specifications I now lay them on the table for your approval and action.

Attention has been called to loss of life on Moira where ferries are in use instead of Bridges, especially ferry at 4th Con of Hungerford.

In consequence of the loss of life on the Moira River resulting from the use of Ferries where Bridges should be constructed I have had my attention called to one spot in particular. I mean at the ferry on the front of the fourth concession of Hungerford.

Inhabitants willing to contribute a large proportion of the expense of Council will aid them. Suggests Council may grant one half.

The inhabitants very liberally offer to bear a large proportion of the expenses of the County will aid them by a grant. It is supposed that a bridge such as we are now constructing across all the large streams will cost at least £200 and I suggest the propriety of

making a grant of half the sum in order to meet the liberal offer of the inhabitants.

Result of delegation on Prescott and Toronto Railroad

I have to report to you the result of the visit of your delegation appointed to meet other delegates at Kingston to devise means for the construction of a Railroad from Prescott to Toronto owing to the information received after your delegates were appointed that a line of Road had been applied for by a large body of our fellow subjects in the Lower Province to connect Montreal with Kingston. The Convention determined to confine its operations to procure a road from Kingston to Toronto. Subsequent meetings have been held by a Provisional Committee and a survey of the Road has been ordered under the superintendence of Thomas C. Keefer Esquire a civil Engineer of experience and high standing a step in itself I am happy to say that gives a national colouring to the noble enterprise.

Townships have supported Council in their views on the above mentioned Railroad with two exceptions.

When at your last meeting you passed sundry resolutions for the construction of this Road it was agreed that no By Law should be passed until the several Townships had been consulted. I am most happy to say that in seeking the concurrence of the inhabitants of this County to the great and national project of this Railroad the County Council has been fully sustained in the views they have taken in their resolutions - two townships only dissenting and I am sure that I only do the members of those Townships justice when I say that they regret the course which a want of information has induced their respective constituencies to take and that we may still entertain the hope that at a future day they may be induced to retract and to join the rest of the inhabitants of the County in their endeavours to obtain the great advantages resulting from a Railroad. For we hope to be able to shew that this national undertaking will if properly managed amply remunerate

the agriculturalists and others for any system of protective Tariff that heretofore was in existence and upon which agriculturalists and others relied for their best remuneration. I shall not however call upon you to embody in a By-Law during the present session the resolutions adopted at your last. I shall leave this for your special action at some future meeting to be held after the passage of our Railroad charter. It will however be essential

£240.0.0 to be set aside to pay proportion of
expense of survey

for you to set aside a sum of £240 towards paying our proportion of the survey of the Road to which your delegates consented.

I may indeed congratulate you upon the favourable prospects which surround this great undertaking.

Her Majesty's Government ready to guarantee all funds to build Railroad from Halifax to Montreal.

Within a few days the inhabitants of British America have learned that it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government to advance or guarantee all the funds that may be required to construct a Railroad from Halifax to Montreal with a line branching off to Maine. So that the dream which a few short months since hung about us by the magnanimity of the parent state is about to be turned into a stern reality and we shall enjoy a main trunk Road from Halifax to our west, uninterrupted and undisputed by any foreign control. It is however to be hoped that there are no conditions attached to this act of magnanimity of the British Government that will detract from its value.

Trusts that this will influence Provincial Government to extend aid to the project.

I confidently trust that this step taken by the British Government may be the means of inducing our Provincial Government to extend its aid and influence to the project of the Road that we have in hand. For we must not forget that if our efforts are to be employed in constructing the Railroad from Halifax to Montreal, that we the

the inhabitants of Canada West by whose enterprise the Colony is placed in its present favourable position in the European Markets will not be benefitted if the great exertions of this Colony are to be entirely directed to that line and if our Provincial authorities are to be consulted upon this important and essential project then it becomes a duty incumbent on us to see that our energies are not all wasted upon the least productive portion of our Province. but we must insist upon a full and just share of support for our proportion of the Road.

Remarks on Policy of Imperial and Provincial Governments in this matter

That it may be a wise policy for the Imperial Government to construct a Road from its own territory to the borders of that of a Foreign power as is proposed to be done by the line branching off to Maine. I will not stop to discuss but I will distinctly aver that it is more essential for us to have this Midland Road from Montreal to Toronto constructed by which we shall be enabled to take the choice of several roads on the opposite shores of the St. Lawrence than it is for us to aid in the construction of the road to Maine. And if we are to be called upon to pledge our Provincial Revenue to the Imperial Government for the funds required then I say this pledge so to be given must benefit this ^{western} section of the Province by receiving similar aid or that pledge must not be given at all. I am ready to admit the great value of the Imperial guarantee by which we shall obtain money at 3 or 4 per cent. provided that guarantee is given to aid us also in constructing our Road. But if it is only to be given for the purpose of the construction of a Road that is to reach to our threshold and we are to depend upon our own credit for our own undertaking and are to encumber all our guarantees before we proceed with our own work then gentlemen of the Council you will agree with me this guarantee can never obtain our consent.

With Provincial Security Contract can
be made at once for constructing whole
line from Montreal to Toronto.

I speak more confidently on this matter because
I do know that with the Provincial Security
a contract can be entered into at once for
the construction of the whole line of Road
from Montreal to Toronto may I know
an offer has been made, and I know
the value of our own securities because I
know the vast capabilities of all the
Municipalities along the line. I will now
bring under your notice an approximate
estimate of the cost of the Road so that you
may be able to judge of our prospects. And
you may depend upon it when your public
functionaries are engaged in this work it
is with the best of patriotic feelings and not
with a speculative opinion or spirit in the
undertaking the absence of which will ever
ensure the construction of any Road at
a much reduced price.

Proportion of Stock equal to grant.

You are aware that when I called upon you
to vote £35,000 I did so under the impression
that such a grant on our part would be
equal to one fourth part of the stock. From
the facts which have been submitted to us we
are led to believe it will amount to one half
as you will perceive by the figures which I
shall give you. The cost of a mile will be as
follows:

Cost per mile by Items.

Iron per mile	£750.
Timber for the superstructure	125.
Masonry and Bridging	100.
Excavating Roadbeds & cuts	750.
Clearing and Grubbing	75.
Engineering.	62.
Laying Rail.	45.
Incidental expenses.	50.
For Damages Buildings &c.	1043
& sufficient to commence operations	£. 3000

From Kingston to the Western extremity of the New-Castle District is 120 miles. This at £3000 per mile is equal to £360,000 the one half of which is £180,000 I have only calculated as far as the Western extremity of Durham because as yet we are not informed as to the amount that will be taken by the County of York. The Municipalities which have declared in this matter are.

Amounts declared by Municipalities.

Kingston	£25,000.
Frontenac Lennox & Addington	50,000
Hastings.	35,000
Kelleville	15,000
Northumberland & Durham	50,000.
Cobourg.	10,000.
Port Hope.	<u>10,000.</u>
	£195,000.

making the sum of £195,000 being equal to one half and a balance of £15,000 which together with the individual subscriptions will more than equal all contingent demands.

Report on Salaries of County Officers.

Gentlemen I now lay before you the salaries paid to various officers of the County. You will perceive that they are divided into classes, those paid by salary and those paid by fees. It will be for you to make such disposition of the report as you may think fit. There is a provision in the amended Municipal Act by which all County Rates levied in any Town or Township are required to be paid to the Town or Township Treasurers as the case may be and these various Treasurers are authorized to retain two and a half per cent of the moneys so paid in to them for receiving the same before they pay the amounts over to the County Treasurer this on a sum of £3000 will amount to £75 annually. I regard this as unnecessary and recommend the Council to petition Parliament to repeal this section of the Law.

Working of Law as to Wild Lands in
 arrears for Taxes.

There is yet another section of a law that requires your attention and which is completely inoperative. It is the 46th section of the Assessment Law. By this section it was made the duty of the County Treasurer to lay before you on or before the first day of January last a statement of all taxes remaining due upon wild lands and it is made the duty of the Clerk to notify such arrears to the Clerk of the several Townships which arrears are to be added to the Assessment Roll for the year 1851. and collected in the same manner as all other taxes. You are aware that the wild lands are generally absentee lands and you will at once see the utter impracticability of these arrears being collected in the Townships. Then if this is not done in 1851. and it is clear it cannot be even though the list were ready then from the tenor of the section just quoted it is very doubtful whether these arrears can be collected at all. The only way this can be remedied is to repeal the latter part of this 46th section and to authorize the County Treasurer to advertise all lands for sale that are in arrears for any period after the year 1st January 1852. I recommend that this subject should be embodied in a memorial to Parliament and asking for such amendment as you shall think will meet the exigency of the case.

Announces that some Townships are to
 be opened up for settlement

About two years since the District Council applied to have the lands in the rear of this County leading to the Madawaska surveyed and laid out in Townships. It now affords me much pleasure to announce to you that on the 17th December last an order passed the Executive Council to have this work done and instructions have been sent to Provincial Land Surveyor P. W. Elmore to survey a tier of lots on both sides.

of his road line from the Township of Madoc towards the River Ottawa. I lay before you a copy of those instructions and from the contents you will gather that the previous surveys in which the Inhabitants of this County took such a lively interest have not been unproductive of beneficial results. I think that ^{it} is right that the fact should be generally known because many of the inhabitants not only of this but of Prince Edward County may desire to procure lands in these new Townships more especially the latter who find the lands within their County so fully occupied and taken up that unless an outlet such as now offers itself is furnished to them their farms must be cut up into small tracts quite unsuitable for an enterprising people and that wealth which their industry has procured for them must disappear in the maintenance of future generations.

Refer to June Sessions 1851.

Committee on Roads &c report

Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report the following Resolutions.

On the petition of Nelson Figgell and others.

Petition of N Figgell for grant for road in Tyendinaga referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered - That the said petition praying for a grant of Thirty-five pounds to be expended on the line of road between lots numbers five and six in the Township of Tyendinaga be referred to the committee on ways and means.

On the petition of Richard B. Cook and others.

Petition of R B Cook for grant for Road in Tyendinaga referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered - That the said petition praying for a grant of fifteen pounds to be expended on the line of road between lots numbers five and six in the Township of Tyendinaga.

Leading directly from Shannonville to the Township of Hungerford. be referred to the committee on ways and means.

On the petition of William Downing and others.

Grant made on Petition of Wm Downing Ordered - That the grant made at the last session remain but that this Council will to remain, but no further grant to be made, Road not to be assumed, and County Surveyor to report by plan the most suitable road and do not establish it as a County road and that the County Surveyor proceed to examine the roads and report to this Council (by plan) the most suitable line of road.

Plans and estimates to be adopted and acted upon viz.

Bridge over Beaver Creek in Marmora.

Bridge over Salmon River in Tyendinaga at Wymans.

Bridge over Salmon River in Tyendinaga at Smiths Mills.

Ordered - That the plan and estimate of the County Surveyor for the construction of a bridge over Beaver Creek in the Township of Marmora also the plan and estimate for the construction of a bridge over Salmon River at Wymans in the Township of Tyendinaga and also the plan and estimate of the County Surveyor for the construction of a wooden bridge over Salmon River at Smiths Mills in Tyendinaga be adopted and that they be acted upon.

On Petition of Joseph Carriff

On the petition of Joseph Carriff and others.

Road Company requires no authority from Council.

Resolved - That in the opinion of this Committee the road Company requires no authority from this Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Jonathan McCurdy,
Chairman.

Adopted in Council 10th June 1851.

(Signed) J. Benjamin
Warden, C. Y.

Report of Committee on Ways and Means.

June 10th. 1851.

Committee on Ways and Means report.

The Committee on Ways and Means beg leave to Report.

Mr. Fidler in the Chair.

- Mr Benjamin moved seconded by Mr Johns and.

Resolved- That there be raised and levied for all purposes of County Assessment to meet the indebtedness and requirements of the County in 1851 the following sums from the Town of Belleville and the various Townships that is to say

Amounts to be levied in several Municipalities.

Belleville £416"13"4	Hungerford £139"11"8.
Sidney 485" 8"4	Huntingdon 135" 8"4.
Thurlow. 479" 3"4	Marmora. 43"15"0.
Lyndinaga 360" 15"10.	Madox & Edzivero. 125" 0"0.
Kawdon 192" 8"4.	

Clerk to notify Township Clerks of respective sums to be levied

and that the Clerk of the Council notify the Clerks of the various Townships and the Town of the sum each is required to raise and pay over according to the By Laws of this Council to the County Treasurer.

Sums to be levied for Common School purposes

Resolved- That the various Townships be required to raise the following sums for Common School purposes for the year 1851 that is to say:

Amounts in various Municipalities

Sidney £102"18"11	Hungerford £73"6"8.
Thurlow 108"12"11	Huntingdon 56" 6"9.
Lyndinaga 151"12"9.	Marmora. 17" 1"5.
Kawdon 72" 18"11	Madox & Edzivero 41" 1" 0.

Clerk to notify Townships of same.

and that the Clerk notify the various Township Clerks of this requirement.

Warden and Treasurer to raise £1200.00 to meet indebtedness if necessary.

Resolved- That should it be necessary to meet the indebtedness of the County which will be in 1852 that the Warden and Treasurer for the time to being be and they are hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of the County any sum not.

exceeding twelve hundred pounds to meet such indebtedness to be paid by the Taxes of 1852.

Moved by Mr Benjamin and seconded by Mr Bird and.

Sums allotted to townships from School Fund to be retained by Treasurers till required to pay Teachers' 2nd years Salary.

Resolved - That the sums allotted to the various Townships from the School fund be retained by the County Treasurer until the same shall be required to pay the School Teachers out of the Taxes for the second half year of their salary.

Moved by Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr Bird.

£30.0.0 out of reserved fund to Board of Education.

Resolved - That the Treasurer pay the Board of Public Education the sum of Thirty Pounds out of the reserved fund and not out of the fund allotted to the various Townships.

Moved by Mr Appleby seconded by Mr Bradshaw and. Resolved.

Treasurer to call on Late Treasurer N. S. Reynolds to pay over balance of School moneys and in default Warden to prosecute Bonds.

That the Treasurer call on the late Treasurer Nelson. S. Reynolds. Esq. to pay over forth with the balance of all School moneys now in his hands and in default that the Warden prosecute the Bonds for the recovery of the same.

Moved by Mr Dary and seconded by Mr Mc Curdy.

Application of Mayor of Belleville read and to build Bridge in Belleville.

That the application of the Mayor of the Town of Belleville made to the Council at its last session for aid to build a Bridge over the River Moira in Belleville be read.

£100.0.0 granted to repair upper Bridge in Belleville.

Moved by Mr Dary seconded by Mr Mc Curdy. That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted payable by Debentures out of the Taxes of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three for the repair of the Upper Bridge in the Town of Belleville and that the Warden do issue Debentures for the said sum. - Carried.

£2.10.0 to Mrs Widdow for clothing for
Pauper

Ordered - That the account of Mrs. Widdow for clothing Grace Ann Hartman a pauper amounting to the sum of Two pounds and ten shillings be paid.

Motion by Mr McCurdy £15.0.0 to be granted to move Toll Gate - lost.

Moved by Mr McCurdy seconded by Mr Dargy That the sum of Fifteen pounds be granted to move the Toll gate out of the limits of the Corporation. - Lost.

On petition of Nelson Frizzell and others.

£35.0.0 out of Taxes of 1853 to improve a certain road in Tyendinaga, on Petition of Nelson Frizzell.

Moved by Mr Appleby seconded by Mr Mc Laren That the sum of Thirty-five pounds payable out of the Taxes of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three be granted by this Council for the improvement of the County road between lots numbers five and six in Township of Tyendinaga between the Village of Shannonville and the fifth concession and that Adam Gould Richard Lazier and Richard B. Cook be Commissioners to expend the same. - Carried

On petition of Richard B. Cook and others.

£15.0.0 out of Taxes of 1853 for opening a certain road in Tyendinaga, on Petition of R. B. Cook.

Moved by Mr Appleby seconded by Mr Mc Laren That the sum of Fifteen pounds payable out of the Taxes of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three be granted by this Council to be laid out in opening and clearing the road between lots five and six in the Township of Tyendinaga between the fourth concession and Shipman's Mills and that Samuel Holstead Hugh Keys and Henry P. Kuttan be the Commissioners to ~~expend~~ the same. Carried.

£4.0.0 to A Barton for two coffins.

Moved by Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr Farley That the account of Allan Barton for furnishing two coffins be paid amounting to £4.0.0. - Carried.

Moved by Mr Gilbert seconded by Mr Bird.
That the Committee Rise and Report.
- Carried.

Edward Fidler
Chairman.
J. Benjamin.
Wardens.

Adopted 10th June 1851.

Appendix refer to October Sessions 1851.

The Report of the County Surveyor.

To the Warden and Municipal Council of
the County of Hastings: -
Agreeable to the instructions received
from you I beg to submit the following.

County Surveyor Reports

That he has prepared certain plans

That I have prepared the following plans &c.

Plan of Court House Grounds and
Register Office

A plan of the Court House Grounds and
Register Office.

Plan of Bridge over Moira 3rd and
4th Cons. Hungerford

A plan and Specifications for a Bridge
over the River Moira near the concessio
line between the third and fourth concessions
of the Township of Hungerford.

Plan for Bridge over Lucker Creek
in Tyendinaga.

And a Plan and Specifications for a
Bridge over Lucker on the Dundas Road
in the Township of Tyendinaga.

State of certain works

The Works on the following bridges are in
an advanced state.

New Bridge at Ross's Island, Huron

The New Bridge at Ross's Island is nearly
finished.

Bridge at Shipman's Mill, Tyendinaga

The Bridge at Shipman's Mill has about
half the stringers on.

Frankford Bridge.

The Frankford Bridge is nearly in readiness to receive the stringers.

Bridges at Lazier's Mills and Smith's Mill

The Bridges over the Main Channel at Lazier's Mill, over the Foot Creek and over the north channel at Smith's Mills are progressing satisfactorily and the contractors of the above mentioned Bridges intend to have them completed this fall.

Bridges or in need of repair

The following Bridges &c want repairs:—

Bridge at Downings Mills.

The Bridge at the out let of Hog Lake near Downings' Mill and the approaches thereto.

Centre Bridge at Hog Lake

The centre Bridge at Hog Lake wants new Planking.

North Bridge at Hog Lake

The north Bridge at the same place has one of the abutments out of repair so that the Bridge has settled.

Plank road from Reeds Mill to O'Brien's Bridge in progress of building. Respecting certain alterations.

The Plank Road from Reeds Mill to O'Brien's Bridge is building. There is a part of the line which the company has altered because they wished to shun a piece of wood but the land owners object because it makes the road more crooked and longer and it also cuts their farms into more angles. The people gave the land to the company on condition that the Road should be as nearly straight as practicable. There is a map of the line of Road and the owners will not give up the land unless it agrees with the Map and Survey.

All of which is respectfully submitted

By
Your Obedient Servant.

(Signed) Thomas Carle.
County Surveyor. C. G.

Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges

Committee on Roads report

The Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to Report.

Petition of A Sherman and Counter
petition of N Phillips, to Township
of Tyendinaga.

That your committee having had the petition of Andrew Sherman and others for the opening of the allowance for a road in front of lot number two in the third concession of Tyendinaga and also the petition of Nicholas Phillips praying that the same may not be granted under their consideration are of opinion that said petitions cannot be entertained as they appertain properly to the Township Council.

On Petition of H. Leavens for repairs
to Bridges to Clarkes, Bells, and
Mud Creeks in Dundas Road.

The petition of Hector Leavens and others praying for repairs to be made on the Bridges across Clarkes, Bells and Mud Creeks on the Dundas Road being under consideration it was.

County Surveyor to report cost of
building or repairing said Bridges

Ordered - That the County Surveyor report the cost for building or repairing said bridges and that a sufficient sum be granted to be paid for in debentures payable out of the Taxes of 1854.

On considering Motion of Mr Graham
for opening a certain road in Thurlow
Referred to Township Council

Your committee having had under their consideration the motion of Mr Graham "That for the better convenience and benefit of the public there should be a road opened from the front of the House now occupied by one Lyman Moor in the Township of Thurlow to the plank road a little in front of said house on the road now travelled between Belleville and Hungerford.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Township Council of Thurlow.

Certain portions of Sidney and Rawdon Plank road being reported dangerous,

Ordered - That whereas in the opinion of your committee that it is a duty we owe to the public to watch most attentively against the existence or creation of nuisances that may be created by private corporations and it is the opinion of this council that in many respects portions of the Sidney and Rawdon Plank Road are dangerous to travel and will become still more so when the winter sets in.

County Surveyor to notify Company to make railings along such dangerous portions, and enforce same.

Be it therefore Resolved - That the County Surveyor do forthwith give written notice to the Company that they shall make the road safe for travellers by constructing rails along the side of such portions of the road as are dangerous from the present exposed state and that unless this order contained in this Resolution be forthwith complied with that the County Surveyor with the assistance of Clerk of the Council take immediate and active steps to remove the danger apprehended and to abate the nuisance.

Companies to have levels of their roads within Statutory compass.

Be it further Resolved - That in the opinion of this committee all companies are bound to have the level of their Roads within the compass provided by the statute to enable them to collect tolls.

The Surveyor's Report being under consideration of your Committee.

Surveyor to furnish plans &c for putting Hoop Lake Bridges in repair including Bridge at Downings Mills

Resolved - That the surveyor do furnish plans and specifications for putting Hoop Lake Bridge in repair and that the Warden advertize for tenders to do the work upon said plans and specifications to be paid for by Debentures at one and two years and the bridge at Downings Mills be included in said plans specifications and tenders.

Time for completing Bridge at Lazier's Mills to be extended.

Ordered - That the time for completing the bridge at Lazier's Mills be extended to the first day of September A. D. 1852.

Committee Room } (Signed) Jephtha Bradshaw
Belleville October 16th. } Chairman.
1851.

Report of the Committee on By-Laws.

Committee on By-Laws report.

The Committee on By-Laws beg leave to report the following orders.

Address to Governor General adopted on Jury Law.

Ordered - That an Address be sent to His Excellency the Governor General in Council, praying for the amendment of the Jury Law as far as the same relate to jurors, and that the Address now before them be adopted.

Address to Governor General on Toronto and Kingston Railroad adopted.

Ordered - That an Address be sent to His Excellency the Governor General in Council, asking him to issue a Proclamation to call the Kingston and Toronto Railroad Company into existence and that the Address now before your Committee be adopted.

By Law for protection of Victoria Plank Road Company Withdrawn

On the second reading of a By-Law for the better security and protection of the Victoria Plank Road Company.

Mr Bird withdrew said By-Law with the consent of your Committee.

2nd Reading of By-Law to issue Debentures for building Bridges on Dundas Street

On the second reading of By-Law No. 40 to authorize the issuing of debentures for the construction of certain Bridges therein mentioned on Dundas Street in the County of Hastings.

Ordered. That the same be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) George Graham
Chairman.
Committee Room.
Bellville October 16th 1857

Report of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Committee on Ways and Means report.

The Committee on Ways and Means beg leave to Report.

Treasurer's report shows Balance of £551.7.5 viz £149.8.10 for ordinary and £201.18.7 for School purposes.

That the Treasurer's abstract of Receipts and Expenditure for the present year was read which shows a balance on hand of £351.7.5 that is £149.8.10 for ordinary purposes and £201.18.7 for School purposes.

£30.0.0 on Petitions of Olmstead & Baker on Road from Francis's to Madoc.

On the joint petitions of Olmstead and Baker.

1st Ordered, That the sum of thirty pounds be to be expended by the County Surveyor on the Road from Robert Francis's to Madoc mills.

£48.0 to Queen's Printer, Registry Book for Thurlow.

2nd Ordered, That the sum of four pounds eight shillings be paid to the Queen's printer for Registry Book for the Township of Thurlow.

£3.12.6 to John S. Hazlett taking levels.

3rd Ordered, That the sum of three pounds twelve shillings and six pence be paid John S. Hazlett for taking the level of the Court House hill.

£4.13.0 to M. Northrup for summoning Councillors to special sessions.

4th Ordered, That the sum of four pounds thirteen shillings be paid Manuel Northrup for summoning Councillors for special sessions of March 1851.

£8.0.0 to R. R. Perry repairing Hoag Lake Bridge.

5th Ordered, That the sum of eight pounds be granted Robert R. Perry for repairing Hoag Lake Bridge.

£0.16.3 to G. McAdie for receipt book.

6th Ordered, That the sum of sixteen shillings and three pence be paid Mr. G. McAdie for receipt book.

£9.2.0 to Hastings Chronicle for advertising Treasurer's a/c for 1850.

7th Ordered, That the sum of nine pounds two shillings be paid the Hastings Chronicle for advertising Treasurer's account for A.D. 1850.

£7.10.0 to Clerk for compilation of
By-Laws.

8th. Ordered, That the sum of seven pounds
ten shillings be paid to the Clerk of the
Council for the compilation of our By-Laws.

£0.5.0 to O'Connell repairs to Gas
pumps.

9th. Ordered, That the sum of five
shillings be paid Nicholas O'Connell for
repairs to the Gas pumps.

£3.0.0 to John S. Northrup serving
notices concerning Jury Law

10th. Ordered, That the sum of three pounds
be paid John S. Northrup for serving
notices on Town Reeves concerning the
Jury Law.

£10.3.1 to James Harrison for
Stationery.

11th. Ordered, That the sum of ten pounds
three shillings and one penny be paid to
James Harrison for stationery for the
various public offices.

£5.0.0 to County Clerk, 2 years
Postage.

12th. Ordered, That the sum of five pounds
be granted to the County Clerk for two
years postage up to November 1st. 1851.

On the Matter of Rev. Mr Miles Soc
Sup. for Madoc. Committee desires
within specified information before
altering disposal of Funds already
made.

13th. Ordered, That with reference to the
communication from the Rev. Mr Miles
Superintendent of Education for the
Township of Madoc. your Committee
desires to be informed whether the Schools
in Madoc. were open during the whole of
the year 1850 or for such period as would
entitle the various sections to the tax left
in the Treasurer's hands. And if they were
open why the Trustees did not apply
for the money to pay to the teachers
according to Law. Before they can make
any alteration in the disposal already
made of the funds by the Council.

County Council of Frontenac Lennox
and Addington having made a grant of
money to build bridge on line of Road
between Counties, former grant to be sustained
Spain by Treasurer on report of Surveyor
that Bridge worth £80.0.0 has been built

14th. Ordered, For that whereas the County Council
of the United Counties of Frontenac. and
Lennox & Addington have granted a certain
sum of money to assist in erecting a bridge
over Salmon River on the line of Road between
the said United Counties of Frontenac.

and Lennox & Addington and the County of Hastings. Be it resolved that the former grant of the Council made in the May Session A. D. 1850 of forty pounds be sustained and that the said amount of grant be paid by the Treasurer on the order of the Wardens upon the Report of the County Surveyor of the completion of a bridge worth at least eighty pounds.

(Signed) James I. Farley,
Chairman.

Council Chamber
Belleville October 16th. 1851

Report of the Committee on Mr Johnsons Resolutions.

Committee on Mr Johnsons resolutions report

The Committee to whom was referred the following resolution moved by Mr Johnson and seconded by Mr Graham.

Independence of Council to be maintained and members exempt from attacks from other Municipalities.

Whereas it is essential that the independence of the council should be maintained and that its members should not be subject either directly or indirectly to attacks from other Municipalities.

Different course would lead to sectional antagonism

And whereas this is the more necessary as a different course would lead to sectional antagonism and therefore to a state of feeling much to be deprecated by every member of this Council.

Township Council of Thurlow guaranteed costs of an action intended to deprive Hungerford of one of its members and actually paid same out of Township Funds.

And whereas this Council has learnt with much regret that the Township Council of Thurlow did on a late occasion guarantee the costs of an action the object of which was to deprive the Township of Hungerford of one of its members and that said Township Council has actually paid the defendants cost in said action out of the funds of the said Township of Thurlow.

In opinion of this Council, Township Council of Thurlow has unlawfully applied said Funds, and their conduct therein is highly reprehensible.

Be it therefore resolved, that in the opinion of this Council, the Township Council of the Township of Thurlow has unlawfully applied the funds of the said Township to the liquidation of a debt not lawfully incurred whereby a disposition has been evinced to interfere with rights not only of the members of this Council but of other independent Municipalities and that such conduct is highly reprehensible and deserves to be stigmatized as wrong, mischievous and unwarrantable.

Above Resolution adopted.

Beq leave to report: That having given the said resolution full investigation have therefore ordered that the same be adopted.

(Signed) Jonathan McBurdy
Chairman.
Committee Room
Belleville October 14th.
1851.

Address to the Governor General for the calling into Existence the Toronto and Kingston Railroad Company.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of Elgin and Lincolnshire G. G. Governor General of British North America &c &c in Council.

Memorial.

The memorial of the County Council of the County of Hastings in Council assembled humbly sheweth.

Preamble. Section 1

That the growing wants of the County appear to require some speedy mode of communication with the sea board - that being convinced that the only method of accomplishing this desired object is by Rail - Road - your memorialists with other Municipalities took active steps in the matter to obtain an Act of Incorporation for a company to build a

road from Toronto to Kingston that the Legislature regarding their desire in a favourable light granted them a charter to construct the road from Kingston to Toronto but under the supposition that means could be obtained to build the road by a loan to be guaranteed by the Imperial Government a clause was passed keeping said charter in obedience until your Excellency shall call the same into existence by your proclamation.

Preamble Section 2

Your memorialists are under the impression that the work should not be delayed and that as many things have to be done before the contract can be given out by the company such as securing the right of way and many other preliminaries no time should be lost if we desire to reap the benefits anticipated from the undertaking wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Excellency will be pleased to issue your proclamation to call said company into existence according to the provisions of the law and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Prayer

Belleville. October 13th, 1851.

Abstract statement under the several heads of Service of the Receipts and Expenditure. At the Treasurer's Office. from the 25th, of April to 11th, October 1851.

Receipts viz.	
From late Treasurer - - - - -	£1288 ⁶ / ₆
" Government Tavern Licenses.	293 ⁴ / ₁
" Government Administration Justice	233 ⁶ / ₂
" Hungerford Taxes of 1850.	58 ¹⁴ / ₁
" Wild Land Taxes.	49 ⁵ / ₀
" Magistrates Fines. - - -	7 ⁸ / ₀
" Belleville on Taxes 1851.	53 ⁰ / ₀
	£ 1983 ³ / ₁₀

Expenditure viz.

Administration of Justice other than Constables	£199.16.8.
than Constables.	
Constables.	74. 7. 7.
Coroners.	22. 6. 6.
Salaries of County Officers.	103. 7. 6.
Roads and Bridges.	167. 7. 6.
Members of Council.	50. 17. 6.
Stationers accounts.	32. 0. 1.
Printing and advertizing.	23. 1. 5.
Hans. Estate.	11. 10. 0.
Court House expenses.	33. 11. 2.
Registry Office. Rent.	12. 10. 0.
Railroad. Survey.	220. 0. 0.
Wild Land Taxes to Townships	116. 3. 9.
Paupers.	9. 17. 6.
Tavern License to Townships	292. 8. 8.
Debentures redeemed.	292. 10. 0.
Interest on Debentures.	40. 16. 1.
Selectors of Jurors.	55. 19. 0.
Superintendents of Schools on acct.	6. 0. 0.
Assessor of Marmora for 1850.	1. 19. 10.
Assessor of Hungerford for 1850	8. 8. 0.
Collector of Hungerford for 1850.	14. 18. 4.
Acherill. Fees for Clerk & Treasurer	15. 0. 0.
S. Latta refunded taxes.	0. 6. 1.
Clerk of Council. Road Plans for	---
----- Townships.	25. 0. 0.
Town of Belleville for Census of 1850.	3. 11. 10.
	<u>£ 1833. 15. 0</u>

Total Receipts	£1983. 3. 10.
Total Disbursements.	<u>1833. 15. 0</u>
	£ 149. 8. 10

School. Fund.

By amount from late Treasurer £250. 0. 0.

Disbursed viz.

Board of Public Instruction	£3. 0. 0.
Superintendents orders for 1850.	45. 1. 5.
	<u>48. 1. 5</u>
	£. 201. 18. 7

Recapitulation.

Balance for ordinary purposes £149-8-10.
 Balance for School purposes. 201-18-7.
 Balance to Credit of County Treasurer £351-7-5
 at Bank of Montreal £351-7-5.
 (Signed) J. McAnnamay.
 Treasurer's Office October 11th. 1851. Treasurer.

Minutes Of the Municipal Council of the County of Hastings.

1st Meeting for 1852 by Statute.

At the first meeting of the County Council
 of the County of Hastings held at the Court
 House in the Town of Belleville the Twenty
 sixth day of January 1852.

Members elected to serve for the Current Year.

Reeves and Deputy Reeves.

- 1 Belleville - C. O'Benison Esq. . . . Reeve.
- 1 " - James Whiteford. . . . Deputy Reeve.
- 1 Shurlow - Joseph Canniff. . . . Reeve.
- 1 " - George Philips. . . . Deputy Reeve.
- 1 " Sidney Caleb Gilbert. . . . Reeve.
- 1 " " - Robert Bird. . . . Deputy Reeve.
- 1 Tyendinaga - N. S. Appleby. . . . Reeve.
- 1 " " - Alexander McLaren - Deputy Reeve.
- 1 Hungerford - George Benjamin - Reeve.
- 1 " " - Felix Faburix - Deputy Reeve.
- 1 Huntingdon - George Graham. . . . Reeve.
- 1 Rawdon - Edward Fiddler. - Reeve.
- 1 " " - Robert Kerr. Deputy Reeve.
- 1 Marmora - Solomon Johns. - Reeve.
- 1 Madoc - Septha Bradshaw - Reeve.

The Council was called to order by the Clerk.

Moved by N. S. Appleby and seconded by Solomon Johns Esq.

That George Benjamin Esquire be re-elected
 Warden for the Current Year - Carried unan-
 imously.

George Benjamin Esq. elected Warden.

Mr Benjamin takes oath of office

George Benjamin Esquire being duly elected, deposited the necessary oath of Office and took his seat.

Warden addresses Council

The Warden delivered his address and returned thanks to the Council for their confidence expressed in him by their selection.

Nominates Thomas Mills Esq Auditor

His Honour the Warden nominated Thomas Mills Esquire as first County Auditor.

James Ross Esq elected Auditor

Moved by Mr. Bird seconded by Mr Gilbert. That James Ross Esquire be second County Auditor - Carried.

(Adjourned to following day.)

Tuesday 27th January 1852.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present:

Present - His Honour the Warden.
Messrs. McLaren. Bird John. Benson.
Whiteford. Bradshaw. Carriff. Kerr.
Galowix. Phillips. Graham Gilbert.
Appleby.

Warden lays on table

His Honour the Warden laid upon the table the following documents.

Report of County Treasurer

Report of the County Treasurer. F. McSturmy Esquire.

Communication from J. G. Anderson Esquire Superintendent of Indian Affairs on grant for construction of certain bridges.

Also a communication from J. G. Anderson Esquire Superintendent of Indian Affairs relating to a grant for the construction of certain Bridges in the County of Hastings on the road leading through the Mohawk Tract.

Also Communication from H. V. Hind Esq. soliciting subscription to published lectures.

Also a communication from H. V. Hind Esq. soliciting a subscription for certain Lectures. Published at Toronto.

Also Presentment of Grand Jury respecting Court House steps.

Also a Presentment of the Grand Jury at the last sittings of the Quarter Sessions. respecting the Court House steps.

Also communication from J. S. Hazlett. soliciting Office of County Surveyor.

Also a communication from John S. Hazlett. soliciting the Office of County Surveyor.

Also from Geo. Nelson for same.

Also a communication from George. Nelson. soliciting the Office of County Surveyor.

Thanks to the Warden for his address and order that same be published in Belleville Newspapers.

Moved by Mr Benson. seconded by Mr Whiteford. that the thanks of the Council are given to His Honour the Warden for his comprehensive and able address to this Corporation. and that it be published in the Belleville News Papers. Carried.

Petition of Alex Wilson

Mr Carniff presented the following Petitions. The Petition of Alex^r Wilson and others.

Petition of John Coulter.

The Petition of John Coulter and others.

Petition of David Gordnier.

Mr Johns presented the Petition of David Gordnier and others.

Notice of By Law to declare certain roads County Roads.

Mr Gabourie gives notice that he will on to tomorrow or some future day thereafter. present a By-Law to declare the following roads. County roads.

Roads specified.

1st. From Deans Tavern in the Township of Hungerford. along the Road now travelled. to George Town thence to Tweed.

2nd. From Anthony Samples on the East side of the River Moha to Doaks Mills.

3rd Continuing the road from Deans to William Downings Mills. by the road now travelled thence through to the Marmora Iron Works.

The roads to be straightened, as much as possible.

Motion by Mr Benson that John Hazlett be County Surveyor

Moved by Mr Benson seconded by Mr Bird that John J Hazlett be County Surveyor.

Amendment by Mr Bradshaw that George Neilson be County Surveyor.

Moved in amendment by Mr Bradshaw seconded by Mr Johns that George Neilson be County Surveyor.

Motion and amendment laid over till Salary is determined.

Moved by Mr Benson seconded by Mr Bird that the two previous motions before the Council be laid over until the Council determine the Salary to be paid to the Surveyor. - Carried.

Petition of Alex^r Wilson not to be granted till both parties are heard. Superintendent to attend next meeting.

Moved by Mr Graham seconded by Mr Gabourie.

That the Petition of Alexander Wilson and others be not granted until both parties are heard and that the superintendent be notified to attend the next meeting of the Council. - Carried.

Petition of John Coulter examined

Moved by Mr Canniff seconded by Mr Phillips.

That the Petition of John Coulter and others be now taken up and considered. - Carried.

Petition ~~last~~ referred to Committee of 5.

Moved by Mr Bird seconded by Mr Johns that the Petition of John Coulter and others be referred to a committee of five to be appointed by the Warden. - Carried.

Said Committee named by Warden

His Honour the Warden named as the said Committee Messrs. Bird Johns Canniff McLaren and Bradshaw.

Committee of 3 appointed to consider part of Warden's address relating to Regu'le Canal.

Moved by Mr Benson seconded by Mr Appleby that a Committee of Three be appointed to report upon that portion of His Honour the Warden's Address which relates to.

to the contemplated Presque Isle Canal, and that Messrs Benson, Whiteford and Carriff be the committee - Carried.

Committee on Ways and Means

Moved by Mr Bird seconded by Mr Johns. That the Council go into a committee of the whole on Ways and means - Carried.

Mr Gilbert in the Chair.

On motion of Mr Bradshaw seconded by Mr Bird.

Committee report progress.

That the committee on Ways and Means do now rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again - Carried.

The Council resumed.

Adjourned for one hour

On motion of Mr Bird seconded by Mr. Bradshaw the Council adjourned for one hour.

2 O'clock. P.M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met again.

Members present.

Present His Honour the Warden. Messrs. Bradshaw. Mc Laren Benson. Johns. Galowie. Bird Appleby. Graham. Phillips. Whiteford. Kerr Carriff.

Motion by Mr Bradshaw

Moved by Mr Bradshaw seconded by Mr. Benson.

Payment of Warden's services

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Whereas the growing importance and business of the County requires much attention and time of the Warden, whose private affairs must consequently be materially intruded upon and whereas the services of that Public Officer if rendered efficiently are of great benefit to the County and are worthy of reward. Be it therefore enacted that the Warden for the last year in consideration of his services be paid the sum of seventy five pounds, and that the Treasurer, be and he is hereby authorized.

to pay the same out of any funds there may be in his hands, applicable to that purpose. - Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Committee of Whole on petitioning
Government to repeal present system
of granting Timber Licenses.

Moved by Mr Appleby seconded by Mr Bird,
That the Council go into a committee of the
whole to take into consideration the
propriety of Petitioning the Government
to repeal the present system of granting
Timber Licenses - Carried.

Committee reports.

Mr Phillips in the chair.
The committee rose and reported the
following resolutions.

Within written Resolution

That the system ~~at~~ present in use for issuing
timber license to cut timber on the Govern-
ment Lands is injurious, unjust and improper.
It leads to a waste of timber, that will hereaf-
ter be felt most seriously by the Country
generally, it places in the hands of a few the
monopoly of the whole wood land belonging
to the Government in which all are equally
interested and creates a revenue for a few
individuals, at the expense of the industrious
and hard working back Woodsman that
this Country cannot support a system
which creates a class of middlemen whereby
the poor ^{portion of the} population have to work for the
advantage of those who from their position
are unable to obtain the possession by license
of large tracts of Land, that in the opinion
of this Committee a memorial should be
drafted and presented to the Government
asking for the repeal of the order in Council
of the 8th of August 1851, and of all previous
and subsequent orders by which the present
system of granting licenses to cut timber on
the vacant Lands of the Crown upon which
the yeas and Nays were taken as follows.

Yeas and Nays on adoption

Yeas	Nays
Messrs Benson.	Messrs Phillips.
McLaren.	Bird - 2.
Hoerr.	
Whiteford.	
Graham.	
Appleby.	
Gabourie.	
Johns.	
Canniff.	
Bradshaw - 10	

Adopted by 10 to 2.

Carried in the affirmative by a majority of 8.

Committee on Ways and Means resume.

Moved by Mr Bird seconded by Mr Whiteford. That the Committee on Ways and Means resume - Carried.

Committee report.

Moved by Mr Bird seconded by Mr Bradshaw. That the Committee do rise and report.

Ordered, That the report be received.

Yeas and Nays on Section 7

The report being under consideration the yeas and nays being demanded on section number seven of the report were as follows.

Yeas	Nays
Messrs Bradshaw	Messrs Phillips.
Bird.	Canniff - 2.
Hoerr.	
Benson.	
Whiteford.	
Graham.	
Gabourie.	
McLaren.	
Johns.	
Appleby - 10.	

7th Section Carried by 10 to 2.

Carried in the affirmative by a majority of 8.

Yeas and Nays on Section 9.

The Yeas and Nays being demanded on section No 9 were as follows.

Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs Bradshaw	Messrs Phillips.
Keen.	Bird
Benson.	McLaren.
Whiteford.	Canniff.
Graham.	Appleby.
Gabourie	Gilbert - 6.
Johns - 7.	

Section 9 carried by 7 to 6.

Carried in the affirmative by a majority of one.

Yeas and Nays on Section 11

The Yeas and Nays being demanded on Section No 11 were as follows.

Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Bradshaw.	Messrs Phillips.
Keen.	Bird.
Benson.	McLaren.
Whiteford.	Canniff.
Graham	Appleby.
Gabourie.	Gilbert - 6.
Johns - 7	

11th Section carried by 7 to 6.

Carried in the affirmative by a majority of one.

Report adopted in full.

The report was then adopted in full.

For report see appendix.

Petition of Alex. Wilson, reconsidered, both parties present.

Moved by Mr Bird, seconded by Mr Phillips, that the Petition of Alexander Wilson and others regarding the superintendent of Thurlow be re-considered the parties being all present. - Carried.

Notice of By Law to assume certain Roads as County Roads and to construct others.

Mr Bradshaw gives notice that he will on some future day introduce a Bye-Law to assume certain Parish Roads in the County and to construct others.

Petition of Alex Wilson laid over to last session of current year.

Moved by Mr Bradshaw seconded by Mr Bird. That as regards the Petition of Alexander Wilson and others it be laid over until the last sessions of the current Year. - Carried.

Warden to appoint Provincial Land Surveyor to lay out concession line between 4th & 5th Conds. of Hungerford as soon as parties interested are prepared to pay expense of same

Moved by Mr Gabourie seconded by Mr Benson. That the concession line between the fourth and fifth concessions in the Township of Hungerford be ascertained and laid out by a Provincial land surveyor as soon as provision is made by the Inhabitants interested to defray the expenses and that upon the Warden obtaining proof that this has been done that he appoint a Provincial Land Surveyor to discharge the duties required by this resolution. Carried.

Motion by Mr Benson that John J. Hazlett be appointed County Surveyor. lost.

Moved by Mr Benson seconded by Mr Bird. That John J. Hazlett be appointed County Surveyor which motion on a Division was lost.

Geo Nilson appointed County Surveyor.

Moved by Mr Bradshaw seconded by Mr Gabourie. That George Nilson be appointed County Surveyor which motion on a division was carried.

Adjourned to following day

On motion of Mr Bradshaw seconded by Mr McLaren. The Council adjourned until ten O'clock tomorrow. - Carried

Wednesday 28th January 1852.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present.

- Present.
- His Honour the Warden.
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| Messrs. Bradshaw. | Messrs Appleby. |
| McLaren. | Graham. |
| Hew | Whiteford. |
| Bird | Phillips. |
| Canniff. | Johns. |
| - | Gilbert. |

Report of Committee on Petition
of John Coulter.

Mr Bird from the Committee to report upon
the Petition of John Coulter and others
presented their report.

Ordered. That the report be received.

Report adopted.

Ordered. That the report be adopted.

For report see appendix.

By Law for sale of Property from
estate of Philip Ham 1st reading

Mr Appleby introduced a By-Law for the
sale of the Property acquired from the Estate
of the late Philip Ham which was read
a first time.

Introduction of Address to Governor
General on Lumber Licenses

Mr Graham introduced an address to His
Excellency the Governor General on Lumber
Licenses.

Notice of By Law to make certain
roads below specified, County Roads

Mr Keen gives notice that he will at the
next Session of the Council introduce a By-
Law to make the following roads in the
Township of Rawdon County roads.

1st. From the third to the Twelfth Concession
between lots 18 and 19 and partly between
19 and 12.

2nd. The road leading from Weese's corner to
the Marmora Saw Works between lots 12 and
13.

Warden to prepare Memorial to Legislature
and to Governor General for amend-
ments to New Jury Law.

Mr Bird moves seconded by Mr Appleby
That with reference to that part of the Warden's
address which calls the attention of this Council
to the effect which the Jury Law has upon
the finances of the County. It be resolved
that His Honour the Warden be requested to
prepare a memorial to the Two Branches
of the Legislature, and to the Governor
General asking to have the Law so amended
as to have the expenses now thrown back
upon the County, refunded by the Government.

to be paid for out of the consolidated revenue of the Province To be presented to this Council at its next sittings.

Warden to have Court House Grounds improved at an expense of not more than £500.0.0 to be paid for in Debiture at two years

Moved by Mr Whiteford seconded by Mr Carriff. That with reference to that part of the Warden's address which calls the attention of this Council to the condition of the Court House grounds. It be Resolved. That the County Surveyor prepare a plan and specifications for putting the same in order forthwith and provided the cost to the County shall not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds. That upon such report of the Surveyor the Warden be and he is hereby authorized to advertize for tenders to be paid for by debiture at Two years from completion - Carried.

Surveyor to render plan &c for Bridge over Moira in Madoc.

Moved by Mr Bradshaw seconded by Mr Appleby. That the Surveyor render plan and specifications of the Bridge across the River Moira in the Township of Madoc on the line between the fifth and sixth concessions at the next sittings of the Council. - Carried.

County Surveyor to examine Bridge on Sugar Island and report thereon

Moved by Mr Cabourie seconded by Mr Graham. That the County Surveyor be directed to proceed and examine the condition of Maines Bridge on Sugar Island and to report by plans and specifications for the construction of a new Bridge and that the Warden advertize for Tenders for the construction of Huffmans Bridge according to the plans and specifications reported to this Council last session to be paid for by debiture payable in two years from the completion of the Job. - Carried.

Warden to take Tenders for building of Huffmans bridge.

Warden to receive Tenders for certain necessary works at Court House.

Moved by Mr Bradshaw seconded by Mr Appleby. That with reference to that part of the Warden's address which calls the attention of this Council to the repairs required about the Court House. That it be Resolved. That the Warden be and he is hereby authorized to advertize for Tenders.

to paint the outside wood work of the Jail and Court House, also for Scaffolds for the construction of suitable steps in front of the Portico of the Court House according to plan and specification to be furnished by the County Surveyor and that he be further authorized to have such other repairs done in and about the buildings that are required - Carried.

Moved by Mr Appleby seconded by Mr Gilbert

That the Council go into committee on Bye-Laws - Carried.

Mr Carriff in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported.

Ordered, That the report be received.

The Chairman reported Bye-Law Number 42 which was read a second time.

Moved by Mr Bird seconded by Mr Whiteford. That the Council go into a committee of the whole on Ways and Means - Carried.

The committee rose and made their second Report.

Ordered that the report be received.

Ordered that the report be adopted.

For report see appendix.

The Bye Law Number 42 for the sale of the property acquired from the Estate of the late Philip Ham was read a third time and passed. For Bye-Law see Appendix.

Committee on Bye-Laws.

Committee report.

2^d reading of Bye Law 42.

Committee on Ways and Means.

Committee make 2^d Report.

2^d Report adopted.

Bye Law for sale of Ham Property passed

42.

The Address to His Excellency the Governor General on Timber Licenses was read a third time and passed. - For address see Appendix.

The Address to His Excellency the Governor General relating to the contemplated Presque Isle Canal was read a third time and passed.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Appendix.
His Honour the Warden's Address.

Gentlemen

I thank you for the honour conferred upon me by appointing me your Warden. It is usual at the commencement of the year for the Warden to lay before the Council a statement of the past years financial operations. The details are always submitted by the Treasurer who prepares his account for the Auditors. It will be for your direct order by special Resolution in what manner the accounts are to be published. Unless you do so the Auditors are only authorized to publish an abstract for as has the legislature directed by the last amendment to the Municipal Act.

Warden addresses Council

Council to determine in what manner Treasurer's financial statements shall be published.

Accounts closed on 31st Dec and ready for Auditors.

The accounts for the past year and which will be submitted to the Auditors and of which I now give you a statement, were closed on the 31st of December, as the Law directs, and since that day have been ready for the Auditors.

Receipts Items.

The Receipts are.

From the Government. Crim Adm of Justice	£233 ⁶ 2.
" Harms. Estate.	20 ⁰ 0.
" Taxes of 1850.	58 ⁴ 1.
" Taxes of 1851.	1481 ¹⁹ 9.
" Fines from Magistrates.	14 ¹⁵ 9.
" Late Treasurer.	1288 ⁶ 6.
	<u>£3097¹² 3.</u>

The Disbursements are.

Disbursements Items

Administration of Justice (in part)	£ 405 ³ 6
Stationary Blanks &c.	42 ¹⁹ 4
Roads & Bridges.	463 ⁴ 9
Do. Do. Debentures redeemed.	1054 ¹⁵ 0
Do. Do. Interest on Do.	72 ⁶ 1
Court House expenses.	41 ¹⁸ 5
Rent of Registry Office.	25 ⁰ 0
Printing & Advertising (in part)	39 ⁸ 3
Home Estate.	15 ⁵ 0
Paupers (old liabilities)	9 ¹⁰ 0
Selectors of Jurors.	55 ¹⁹ 0
Rail Road.	220 ⁰ 0
Council Expenses.	86 ² 6
Salaries.	261 ¹⁸ 4
Assessors & Collectors. (in part)	74 ⁵ 3
Promiscuous.	75 ⁵ 10
	<u>£ 2943¹ 3</u>

Error by former Treasurer, and correction of same

Owing to an error in the returns made to the County Council by your former Treasurer and predecessors had only provided for £812 of Debentures but upon looking over the orders carefully the present incumbent found that he would have to prepare to meet a much larger amount during the past year. he has retired £1054¹⁵ 0. which if it together with the interest up a sum of £1127¹ 0 or a surplus beyond the estimate of £315. In addition to this your predecessors after raising the ways and means for the past year, passed a Bye-Law for the payment of Petit Jurors by which an additional amount was drawn from the County funds, and will compel your Wardens and Treasurer to avail themselves of the authority given to them to borrow money to meet the indebtedness of the County until the taxes can be gathered in December next. Of last years taxes about remain unpaid. Having contracted for the construction of three Bridges in the Township of Thurlow according to a Bye-Law. I felt that as one of them would

Warden and Treasurer will have to borrow money.

Contracts for Bridges in Thurlow

£50.0.0 granted by Indian department
to aid in building bridge, on letter
from Warden.

would prove particularly advantageous to the
Indians, that it would only be right that the
Department should contribute something
towards its construction. Accordingly I
addressed a letter to Captain Alderson and
in reply I was informed that £50 would be
paid into the County for the purpose. The letters
are laid before you.

Recommends an attempt to obtain construction
of Presque Isle Canal.

Allow me to urge upon your attention the
necessity of making a strong effort to obtain
the Presque Isle Canal. It is a question of most
vital importance to us, most strangely evaded
by sundry orders in Council, and by Acts of
Parliament.

Comments on new Jury Law.

Formerly the expenses of summoning
Jury were included in the account, to be
paid for out of the Provincial funds. Now however,
by the new Jury Law, the Sheriff has to make out
his accounts and present them for payment to
the County Treasurer. The last two accounts
presented by the Sheriff make up an aggregate
of £100 that the County has to pay. This amount
may be doubled for the year so that by the operation
of this new Law, the law of 1845 is superseded,
without being repealed, certainly a most dangerous
enemy to legislate. I do not wish to be
understood to say that the Sheriff does not earn
the money, but I mean distinctly to say that

Injustice done to Upper Canada by partial
operation of Jury Law.

it is a gross act of injustice with the law of 1845
still in existence, and in full force in Lower
Canada, to call upon the Counties in Upper
Canada to pay these expenses. More especially,
it is taken into consideration, that the Grand
Jurors are entirely for the criminal administration
of Justice and that at least half the duties
to be performed by the Petit Jurors are of the
character and for the same service. In the same
manner have the fees of the Clerk of the Peace,
with but small exceptions been thrown upon
the County funds. His office like that of the
Sheriff involves duties both for the civil and
criminal administration of Justice and
I can see no good reason why the County

funds exclusively should be made chargeable with these expenses more especially when the amended Jury Law for Lower Canada also passed in 1851. does not make the expenses chargeable on the locality. but from its entire silence leaves the payments to be made as heretofore for Lower Canada. out of the Consolidated Revenue of the Province. I am quite convinced that the alterations in the Law which I have just brought under your notice will increase our cost for the administration of justice in this County by at least £500 a year. Did there exist any necessity for this strange change. was it called for the purpose. and no efforts should be lost to make the Provincial Government sensible of the extent of your claims.

Repairs necessary on Roof of Court House. Wood work requires to be painted and improvements needed for the Grounds

It is necessary for the preservation of this building that the Roof should be examined and repaired. and it is equally necessary that the outer wood work should be painted. And I hope you will take some steps before you break up to give orders for the necessary work. I also suggest that something definite should be done with the Court House Grounds. Their condition as well as the dangerous position of the steps and Portico have been the subject of presentation by two separate Grand Juries.

Council ought to apply to Legislature for amendments to Assessment Law.

Gentlemen.
The Legislature has at all times paid great attention to the Memorials from this Council in almost every instance the suggestions contained in our Memorials have been adopted. I now suggest that we should petition for an amendment to the present assessment Law. The period for assessing is the very worst in the year. The grounds and nature of the soil cannot be ascertained in the Winter and therefore much of assessing is and must be done by guess work. There no longer exist any necessity for an assessment being

made in the early part of the year because we are called upon to make the preceding year's assessment the basis of our tax. So that the Assessment of last year for 1852. and the assessment which shall be made this year will only be brought into use in 1853.

And petition for amendments to be made in the Law respecting the Administration of Justice in Criminal cases.

I also feel it to be my duty to bring under your notice the effect which the passage of certain Laws will have upon your finances. In 1845 a Law was passed by which it was provided that the Provincial Government in 1848 should pay the full amount of the Criminal Administration of Justice in Upper Canada. The Provincial Government has at all times paid it in Lower Canada. This Law still remains on our Statute but is of enabling the Government to reduce the amount of its duties upon the necessaries of life. it would be different. but in addition to the facts already stated you will bear in mind that no such proposition is made and that we have a well filled Provincial Chest. If under these considerations you agree with me in thinking that the present system of defraying the expenses of the Criminal Administration of Justice is unjust and oppressive you will at an early date petition the Legislature to amend the Law.

Notes subject of Equalization of assessments.

By the 5th Section of the amended assessment Law we are required to meet on the first Monday of the Month of May to examine the different assessment Rolls of the different Townships for the purpose of ascertaining whether the valuations made by the assessors bears a just proportion in all such Townships and we are authorized to increase and decrease the aggregate valuations of the property. But I find no provisions made how we are to get possession of said Rolls and the powers thus given appear to me to conflict the provisions of the Law appointing Courts of Revisions for the Rolls as passed by them cannot be altered and

any ordered passed by this Council can only
be based upon the aggregate value of the
Property.

Address on Lumber License.

Memorial to Governor General on the
subject of Timber Licenses.

To His Excellency the Earl of Elgin & Kintcardine
Governor General. &c &c &c.

Represent injustice of present system
of granting Licenses.
Revenue not benefited by same

Waste in making timber.

Wrong done to poor settlers.

Profit goes to Middleman.

May it please your Excellency,
The Warden and Municipality of the County
of Hastings most respectfully represent,
that having had their attention called to
the present system of granting Licenses to
cut Timber on the Crown Lands they have
after fully looking into the matter come to
the conclusion that it is a wrong and an
unjust system. Your Memorialists do not
believe that the revenue is benefited by it,
and they are convinced that a great waste
occurs in making the timber even to the extent
of one third of all that is cut down which in
the opinion of your Memorialists will prove
a great and serious damage and loss to the
Country generally. That instead of this waste
the lumber being scarce it should be taken
care of and every foot that is felled should be
brought to market. Your Memorialists further
represent that by this system much wrong is
done to the poor man who has settled upon
the borders of these tracts of land that hitherto
he has relied upon the privilege of cutting timber
on Crown Lands while he paid the dues to
enable him to get through the severity of the
Winter but now he finds himself deprived of
this very means of subsistence by the system
of leasing or licensing now in use. The very
proportion of the sale of their loss or timber
which he was in the habit of making his
profit for his labour must now be paid to
the Middleman or party holding the License
as his profit. Your Memorialists cannot
but regard it as an undue preference that
for the small sum of 2/6 for every superficial

a person should be constituted as it were a Lord of the Soil to the detriment and injury of those who may not be in a position to take advantage of the Scheme. It is wrong in the opinion of your Memorialists that for the benefit and profit of one man twenty men and their families should be deprived of their living for your Memorialists contend that the dues were as well paid as formerly as now. and that in fact there are greater chances for defrauding the revenue under the new than under the old System. Wherefore your Memorialists humbly pray that you will be pleased to repeal the Orders in Council of the 8th of August 1851 and all other orders upon which are based the present Regulations for granting License to cut Timber on Crown Lands in this province and that such other equitable and just Regulations may be established as will give more general satisfaction and tend less to injure the Backwoodsman of the Country whom your Memorialists believe it is your Excellency's desire and intention to assist in the arduous life they lead. And as in duty bound your Memorialists will ever pray
 Council Room.
 Belleville 28th January 1852.

To His Excellency the Governor General. G. Y. Esq. &c.

The Petition of the Warden & Municipal Council of the County of Hastings. humbly sheweth That it would be a great advantage to the Centre Section of the Province that a Canal should be cut at Presque Isle to connect the waters of the Bay of Quinte and Lake Ontario. That the Country bordering on the shores of the Bay and the lands in the interior are equal to any of the best lands in the Province that the products of this part of the Country particularly sawed lumber of which a large

Greater chances for defrauding revenue under new system.

Pray for repeal of orders in Council of 8th August 1851 and all other orders in which present regulations are based

and other more equitable regulations established in lieu thereof

Petition for construction of Presque Isle Canal

Preamble Section 1 sets forth advantages to be derived from proposed Canal

quantity is annually made on and exported from the Bay to New York and the Western Section of the Province with which a large trade has lately grown up, requires this improvement. - That during the season of the year when the navigation of the lake becomes dangerous, or from hidden storms this Canal would afford a great shelter to their navigating the lake and would make them by passing down the Bay of Quinte to avoid the most dangerous parts of the navigation.

Preamble Section 2. Represents that a survey and Report have been made and that Report was highly favourable

Your Memorialists further beg leave to report that in 1824, an act was passed, whereby large appropriations were made to obtain a survey of the Canal, with the necessary Reports and that your Memorialists have understood that the report then made was most favourable to the undertaking.

Preamble Section 3. States that a tract of land was reserved for construction of Canal, that said land has been sold and that amount, with interest, is in hands of Government and estimated at £40,000.0.0.

Your Memorialists have further to represent that when the Township of Murray was originally surveyed a large tract of land was reserved for the purpose of meeting the expenses of constructing this Canal, and that these lands which proved to be most valuable were sold by the Government who still hold the funds. That the amount of proceeds of the sales so made, with the interest upon the same is now estimated at nearly £40,000 and

and that amount required, will not exceed £35,000.0.0

that it will not require over a ~~sum~~ ^{sum} of £35,000. to construct the Canal, from which vast benefits not only upon this Section of the Province but to the Province generally, will be derived. Wherefore your Memorialists pray that your Excellency will be pleased to recommend to the Parliament, at the next Session an appropriation for the working question And as in duty bound your Memorialists will ever pray.

Prayer.

(Signed) E. Gerald FitzGibbon (Signed) J. Whiteford.
Clerk of the County Council. C. Y.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Second Report of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Committee on Ways and Means make second report.

Warden to take tenders for painting outside wood work of Court house, and making suitable steps to portico and to have other necessary repairs made.

The Committee beg leave to make a second Report.

That with reference to that part of the Wardens address which calls the attention of this Council to the repairs required about the Court House. That it be resolved that the Warden be and he is hereby authorized to advertize for tenders to paint the outside wood work of the Gavel and Court House. also for tenders for the construction of suitable steps in front of the Portico of the Court House according to plan and specifications to be furnished by the County Surveyor and that he be further authorized to have such other repairs done in and about the building that are required.

County Surveyor to examine Maines Bridge on Sugar Island and report on construction of new Bridge

Warden to receive tenders for building Hoffman's Bridge as reported to Council last session.

Court House Grounds to be put in order at an expense not exceeding £500.0.0

2. That the County Surveyor be directed to proceed and examine the condition of Maines Bridge on Sugar Island and to report by plan and specifications for the construction of a new Bridge and that the Warden advertize for tenders for the construction of Hoffman's Bridge according to the plans and specifications reported to this Council last session to be paid for by Debentures payable in Two years from the completion of the job.

3. That with reference to that part of the Wardens address which calls the attention of this Council to the condition of the Court House grounds it be resolved. That the County Surveyor prepare a plan and specifications for putting the same in order forthwith and provided the costs to the County Surveyor shall not exceed five hundred pounds. that upon such report of the Surveyor the Warden be and he is hereby authorized to advertize for.

tenders and have the work done the work to be paid for by debentures at two years from completion!

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room. (Signed) J. Whiteford.
28th January 1852.

(Signed) F. Benjamin
Adopted 28th January 1852. Warden.

Mistake This is the first Report.

Committee Room 27th January
1852.

Committee on Ways & Means report

The Committee on Ways and Means beg leave to report the following resolutions ^{as} passed in Committee.

£20.11.3½ to Jas Harrison for Stationery

1st. That the account of James Harrison for Printing and Stationery for the sum of Twenty pounds 11/3½ be paid - Ordered.

£26.9.3 to Powell & Moore for printing

2nd. That the account of Messrs Powell and Moore for the sum of Twenty six pounds 9/3 be paid. Ordered.

£4.12.6 to Powell & Moore printing
Minutes

3. That the sum of Four pounds 12/6 be paid to Messrs Powell and Moore for printing the minutes of the previous sessions Ordered.

£0.14.0 to E. Miles for printing

4. That the account of E. Miles for printing for the sum of fourteen shillings be paid Ordered.

£2.0.0 to John W. Murphy return
of cash paid by him for Mild
land sold by mistake.

5. That the sum of Two pounds be paid to John W. Murphy being the amount paid by him at a land sale for the West half of Lot number one in the first concession of Marmora sold by error - Ordered.

Property acquired from Ham's Estate to be sold.

6- That the property which this Council took from the Ham Estate be advertized for sale for three months and sold to the highest bidder. Terms of sale one sixth down and the remainder in five equal annual instalments with interest and that a Bye Law be prepared for the same.

Section 4 of report on Ways and Means of 9th July 1852. amended.

7- That section four of the Committee on ways and means of the session of 9th January 1852. be so amended as to add at the close of the said section the words only "one way" in amendment.

Salary of County Surveyor to be £50.

8- That the salary for the County Surveyor for the present year be fifty pounds. Carried

Resignation of Thos. Earle as Surveyor received and £12.10.0 to be paid him as additional compensation for services.

9- That the resignation of Thomas Earle as County Surveyor be received and that the sum of Twelve pounds 10/- be paid to him as an additional compensation for his services as County Surveyor.

Warden to procure additional assistance to complete Wild land returns

10. That the Warden be and he is hereby authorized to procure any additional assistance that he may require to complete the Wild Land returns for each Township in time to be placed in the hands of the Collectors for the present year and that the Warden be requested to give as much of his attention as possible to the correct preparation of the same before they are placed in the hands of the Collectors. Carried.

Warden's remuneration to be £75.0.0

11- That Whereas the growing importance and business of the County requires much attention and time of the Warden whose private affairs must consequently be materially intruded upon and Whereas the services of that Public Officer if rendered efficiently are of great benefit to the County and are worthy of reward. 7- to 6. Be it therefore resolved That the Warden of the last year in consideration of his services be paid the sum of Seventy five pounds

and that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay the same out of any funds that may be in his hands applicable to that purpose. Carried.

Petition of D. Gordonier laid over 19. That the Petition of David Gordonier be laid over until next session of the Council Carried.

Moved by Mr Bird seconded by Mr Bradshaw. That the Committee rise and report. Carried.

(Signed) Caleb Gilbert
Chairman.

Approved in Council
27th January 1852 (Signed) G. Benjamin
Wardens.

Committee on By-Laws.

Committee on By-Laws report 2nd reading of By-Law for Sale of Property from estate of late Philip Ham.

Also of address to Governor General on Lumber Licenses.

Also Petition to His Excellency on the proposed Presque Isle Canal.

The Committee of the whole on By-Laws have had under consideration and read a second time a Bye-Law for the sale of the property acquired from the estate of the late Philip Ham. Also an address to His Excellency the Governor General relating to Lumber Licenses. Also a Petition to His Excellency the Governor General relating to the contemplated Presque Isle Canal.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Joseph Carriff
C. H.

Committee Room.

28th. January. 1852.

Report of Committee on the Petition of John Coulter and others.

Committee on Petition of John Coulter report.

That Nelson Reynolds had no right as Treasurer to any percentage on School Monies.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Coulter and others beg leave to report as follows.

Your Committee has to come to the conclusion that in as much as the late Treasurer Nelson Reynolds Esq. was paid a Salary for his services as Treasurer he had no right to.

That he is accountable to Trustees of Section No. 4 in Thurlow for money paid him by collector from said Section.

percentage on School Moneys paid over to him Collectors and that he is therefore accountable to the Trustees of School Section No. 4 in the Township of Thurlow for any Moneys the Collector for Thurlow may have paid said Nelson G. Reynolds from said School Section No. 4 for School purposes.

Balance of School Fund in County Treasury should be paid over to Local Sub-treasurers in due proportions

Your Committee would further suggest that in as much as the various local Sub-Treasurers has to pay the Common School demands in other various Townships that it is but right and just that all the Balance of the School fund in the County Treasury should be paid over to the various Sub-Treasurers in proportion to the amount each Township paid and that if any portion of said Moneys still remains in the hands of the late Treasurer such steps be taken as will make it available forthwith. all of which your Committee respectfully submits.

Any portion of money which may remain in hands of late Treasurer to be made available forthwith.

Committee From January (Signed) Robert Bird. 28th. 1852. Chairman.

Minutes of the Municipal Council
of the County of Hastings

Tuesday 16th December 1857

Met by adjournment

Members present.

Mr Fitz Gibbon Esq County Clerk
having deceased.

James G. Fitz Gibbon was elected to
the vacant office.

Warden lays on Table

Letter from Nelson G Reynolds.
also Presentment of Grand Jury at
last Quarter Sessions.

Also Copy of Resolutions from Com-
mittee of Thurlow - ruled out of order

Abstract of Statement by Treasurer.

Petition of E. B. Sweetman for repairs
on road in 9th Con. of Thurlow.

Petition of Thos. Rutledge for Bridge
over Moira in 8th Con. of Hungerford.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment
Present. His Honour the Warden Es Benjamin Esq
Messrs Bradshaw. McFarren. Bird. Graham Farley
Gilbert, Young, John McQuady. Appleby Johnson
Davy

In consequence of the decease of William
Fitz Gibbon Esquire, late Clerk of the Council, His
Honour the Warden, informed the Council that
their first duty was to elect a successor

Mr Bradshaw moved, seconded by Mr McFarren
that James Gerald Fitz Gibbon be County Clerk
Carried

His Honour the Warden laid before the Council
the following Communications:-

Letter from Nelson G Reynolds late Treasurer
Presentment of Grand Jury at last Quar-
ter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Hastings

Also Copy of Resolutions from a Committee
of the Township of Thurlow, which his Honour
the Warden declared to be out of form, as the
Communication was not from the Council, but
only a committee; in this opinion the Council concurred

Abstract Statement of Receipts and
Disbursements at the Treasurer's Office since
last statement rendered, 11th October to 16th
December 1857

Mr Bradshaw presented the Petition of
Edward B Sweetman and others, for a repair
in the road between lots No 19 and 20, 9th Concession
of Thurlow.

Mr Johnson presented the Petition of Edward
B. Sweetman and others, for a repair in the Road
between lots No Thomas Rutledge and others
for a Bridge across the River Moira, on lot Num-
ber 14 in the eighth Concession of the Township
of Hungerford.

Petition of Mr Latta respecting roads
in 8th Con. of Thurlow.

Mr George Graham presented the Petitions of
William Latta and others in respect of roads
made across lots 23 + 24. & Concession of Thurlow

Petition of Mr Cook respecting Farmers
Union Road Company, ruled out of order.

Mr Harley presented the Petition of William
Cook and others, respecting the "Farmers Union
Plank Road Company;" the Council decided
that being out of order, the Council could not
entertain the prayer of the Petition

Committee on Roads

Mr Bird moved, seconded by Mr Duvey
that the Council go into Committee on Roads. *Carried*
Mr Bird in the Chair

Committee report progress.

Committee Rose, reported progress and asked
leave to sit again *Leave granted*

Adjourned to following day.

On Motion of Mr Davy, seconded by Mr
Gilbert, the Council adjourned until to-morrow
at 1 o'clock

Wednesday December 17th 1857

The Council met pursuant to adjournment

Members present.

Present His Honor the Warden, G. Benjamin Esq.
Mr John Bradshaw, Appleby, Harley, Bird
Davy, Johnson, Graham, McLaren, McCurdy
Gilbert Young.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of yesterday were read
His Honour the Warden introduced and laid
on the table, a By Law for the payment of Petit
jurors, which was read a first time

Introduction and 1st Reading of By Law
for payment of Petit Jurors.

Tribute of respectful regret for the death
of Mr Fitz Gibbon Esq late County Clerk

Mr Bradshaw moved seconded by Mr McLaren
that the members of this Council regret that death
has deprived them of the services and friendly as-
sistance of their late much esteemed, and much
lamented Clerk, William Fitz Gibbon, Esquire, in
every respect an honorable and high minded
man, a sincere friend and a faithful public
servant, and desire to record this, their opinion
of his worth as a friend, a man, and a citizen

Committee on Roads resume.

Carried
Moved by Mr Gilbert and seconded by Mr Bradshaw
that the Committee on Roads resume *ordered*

Committee report.

on Reading report for adoption.
Yeas and nays demanded on Section 1

1st Section carried by 9 to 2

Yeas and nays on Section 3.

3rd Section carried by 10 to 1

Yeas and Nays on Section 4

4th Section carried by 10 to 1

Report adopted in full.

Ordering for £25,000 to issue on Petition of O.P. Ketcheson when Bridge is completed on Certificate of County Surveyor

On Petition of Thos Rutledge, Surveyor to examine site and prepare plans &c for Bridge.

Petition of W^m Latta granted conditionally

On Petition of Sidney Road Company, on Company giving proof of their having conformed to provisions of By Law: Hurdner to

Mr Bird in the Chair

The Committee rose and reported

Ordered that the report be received
The Report being under Consideration, the Yeas and nays were called for on Section No 1

Yeas Messrs Davy, Bird, Appleby, McLaren, Bradshaw, McCurdy, Johnson, Graham and Johns 9

Nays Messrs Gilbert and Farley 2
Carried in the affirmative

Upon the third Section the yeas and nays were called for

Yeas Messrs Davy, Bird, Appleby, McLaren, Bradshaw, McCurdy, Farley, Johnson, Graham and Johns 10
Nays Mr Gilbert 1

Carried in the Affirmative

Upon Section Number four the yeas and nays were called for

Yeas. Mr Bird, Davy, Appleby, McLaren, Gilbert, Bradshaw, McCurdy, Johnson, Graham and Johns 11
Nays Mr Farley 1

The Report was then adopted as follows in full

1st Upon Petition of Owen P. Ketcheson and others, that the Warden be and he is hereby authorized to issue a debenture for £25 payable in December 1852, when the Bridge across the Creek is built and the Road repaired where most required, that upon the production of the Certificate of the County Surveyor, that the Debenture issue accordingly Ordered

2nd That upon the Petition of Thomas Rutledge and others, that the County Surveyor be instructed to examine the spot and prepare plans and specifications for a Bridge, and submit the same to the next meeting of the County Council. ordered

3rd That the prayer of William Latta and others, be granted upon the condition that the Township Council alter the Road

4th The Petition of the Sidney Road Company being under Consideration, that upon the Petition of Sidney Road Company giving proof according

issue Debentures accordingly.

to the provisions of the By-law, that they have con-
formed to all its provisions, that the Warden be
and he is hereby authorized to issue the Debentures
of the County, payable according to the terms of
the By law, and at such period between two and
ten years as the Company require. ordered

Adopted.

Adopted 17th December 1851 J Bird
G Benjamin Warden Chairman

Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr Bird moved seconded by Mr Appleby
that the Council go into committee of the whole on
Ways and Means Carried

Committee report.

Mr Davy in the Chair

The Committee rose and reported

Ordered that the report be received

The Report being under consideration, the yeas and nays
were called for on Section number five

Yeas and nays on section 5

5th Section carried by 11 to 1

Yeas Messrs Davy, Bird, Appleby, McFarren, Gilbert
Youngs, McFurdy, Graham, Johnston, Johns and Broadhead
Nays Mr Harley 1

The Report was then adopted in full:

Report adopted in full.

£7.18.0 To Thos Mills Sum for services

1st That the account of Thomas Mills for the
sum of £7. 18s for services be paid

£0.11.3 to James Blacklock

2nd Ordered, that the account of James Blacklock
for the sum of 11/3 and be paid

£1.19.6 to James Daffer.

3rd Ordered. That the account of James Daffer
for the sum of £1. 19s and 6^d be paid

£14.5.7 to Powell and Moore.

4th Ordered. That the account of Powell & Moore
for the sum of £14. 5s and 7^d be paid.

£50.0.0 granted on Marmorora Road

5th Ordered that the sum of £50 be granted, to
be expended on the Marmorora Road between Mr.
Connells and Marmorora Town line, and a further
sum of £10, to be expended at Leggets Creek, on the road
leading from Madoc to Marmorora Works, to be
paid out of the Taxes of 1852, and that the Warden
give his order for the amount upon the Certificate
of the County Surveyor

£10.0.0 at Leggets Creek, on road
from Madoc to Marmorora Works.

Adopted 17th December 1851 by J Davy
G Benjamin Warden Chairman

Committee on By Laws.

Mr Bird moved seconded by Mr Appleby
that this Council go into committee of the whole
on By laws Carried

Committee report 2nd reading of
By Law for payment of Petit
Jurors.

Yeas and Nays on 3rd Reading

3rd Reading of By Law for payment
of Petit Jurors carried by 11 to 1.

Warden to sign By Law

Adjourned to 2nd Tuesday in Jan'y

Mr Young in the Chair

The Committee rose and reported a By Law to
provide for the payment of Petit Jurors, as having
been read a second time

Ordered that the report be received

Upon the third reading of the By Law for the
payment of Petit Jurors, the yeas and nays were
called for

Yeas. Messrs Davy Graham Young Gilbert Appleby
Bird McFarren Bradshaw McQuady Johnson and Johns
Nays Mr Harley

Ordered that the said By Law be read
a third time, and that the Warden do sign the same

Upon Motion the Council adjourned and
stands adjourned until the second Tuesday
in January next

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