by which the matter could be equitably adjusted.

NEW STREET, CHATHAM.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented a petition from a number of ratepayers of Chatham praying for a grant of $300 to pay land damages &c. in connection with opening up a proposed new street between Foundry Lane and St. John Street, through Mrs. Ann Townley's property.

Coun Lawler had thought the proposed road or lane was not of sufficient importance to justify the Council in authorizing the expense required for opening it up. He moved to refer the petition to a Committee to report to-morrow. The motion passed and Couns. Lawler, Loggie, and HughMcNaughton were appointed as such Committee.

On motion of Coun. Tozer it was ordered that an error of $30, made by the Sec. retary-Treasurer in apportioning assessment on Southesk for last year be credited to that Parish.

PAY FOR CHAIRMAN OF PARISH MEETING.

Coun. Swim moved that each Chairman of Parish Election Meetings receive, for his services in making his returns &c, the sum of $2.

Coun. Sullivan opposed the motion because he thought $2 too high a fee, especially when there were several districts in a Parish.

Coun. Bamford argued that $2 was little enough for the Chairman to receive for his services, which were responsible and onerous.

Coun. Loggie opposed the motion on the ground that it would increase the Parish charges far too much on election account.

Coun. Ryan thought there was no practical difficulty in the way of securing Chairmen willing to perform the duties without payment.

Coun. A. Adams favored leaving the matter in the hands of each district for itself.

Coun. Swim's motion was lost.

BIENNIAL ELECTIONS.

Coun. Burchill moved affirming the opinion of Council that yearly Municipal elections are unnecessary and attended with useless expenditure, and the desirability of asking the Legislature to pass an act providing for biennial elections in Northumberland County.

The resolution was adopted without dissent.

Coun. Tozer moved that the Committee appointed last year to define the duties of the County Jailor report to this meeting. adopted.

CATTLE RUNNING AT LARGE.

Coun. Underhill moved that no cattle be allowed to run at large on the shore north of Messrs. Fairley's mill stream and the lower line of Jno. Gillespie's farm, between 10th May and 15th Oct. Adopted.

Coun. Goggin moved to amend Municipal By-law, No. 4, relating to cattle running at large in Chatham so as to prevent such running at large between old Napan road and St. John's Church Burying ground road, extending back to Howard Street, leading past Wall's and thence in direct lines to said road, at any time of the year. He referred referred to the annoyance caused to citizens by the running at large of cows—in the breaking of ornamental trees, invasion of yards and robbing of farm and other waggons, which had rendered the cattle nuisance in Chatham one calling loudly for abatement.

Coun. Lawler said this matter had engaged the attention of himself and other Councillors previous years. He thought that out of some 800 ratepayers, not more than 100 would sign petitions in favor of the by-law proposed. He referred to the difficulty of obtaining pasture for cows unless they were allowed to pass to and from their owners' premises, and thought it would be a hardship on inhabitants generally to allow Coun. Goggin's motion to pass.

Coun. Goggin said there was no use in any citizen endeavoring to improve the vicinity of his residence in Chatham by planting trees or providing any but the heaviest enclosures, so long as cattle were allowed to roam at will through the town. Private enterprise and taste had attempted to improve the Public Square, but that was invaded and destroyed by roaming cattle. He believed that five hundred citizens would sign a petition to be rid of a nuisance which was a disgrace to the town and rendered Chatham absolutely a cow pasture.

Coun. Loggie said that the cattle of Chatham were a nuisance to strangers, robbing their teams, while they rendered the sidewalks not fit for ladies to pass along and he was therefore in favor of the proposed by-law.

Coun. Adams said a petition should come up from people asking for this measure before it was enacted.

Coun, Lawler argued against the idea that the cattle annoyed ladies, and said if it were so, he did not know it. He knew that it would be a great hardship upon poor persons if the motion of Coun. Goggin were adopted.

Coun. Burchill favored Coun. Goggin's proposal.

Coun. Sullivan was against it.

Coun. Bamford urged the enactment of the proposed by-law.

Coun. Lawler moved that the matter lie over until July, when, if petitions from even half a majority of the ratepayers of Chatham came in asking for the enactment of the proposed by-law he would support it.

Coun. McNaughton favored the amendment of Coun. Lawler.

Coun. Ryan thought the proposed by-law would be a hardship to poor people. It was not, he thought, much of a hardship for ornamental trees to be destroyed.

Coun. H. Cameron favored allowing the cattle to run at large.

The amendment of Coun. Lawler was finally put and carried.

The Warden, in response to enquiry said he was not just now prepared to report from the committee to define the duties of the County Jailor.

It was odered that the matter lay over until July Session, and that Coun. Burchill be added to the Committee in place of ex-Coun. Johnson.

Coun. Goggin moved for a By-Law imposing a dog-tax of one dollar, to apply to dog-owning residents of front lots in District No. 1., Chatham, and read a petition of residents of Black Brook and vicinity in favor thereof, which be supported by remarks on the subject. The motion was adopted.

Coun. H. Cameron, from the Alms House Accounts Committee submitted the following report :—

To the Municipal Council of the County of Northumberland :—

Your Committee appointed to examine Alms House Accounts, beg leave to report as follows :—

The Book containing the Accounts of the Alms House with the different parishes were placed in our hands, and on examination appear correct, but as this Council has no power to deal with the actions of the Commissioners in any way, we did not deem it necessary to include in this report the propriety of questioning some of the bills.

That your Committee are of opinion that the Alms House is not conducted in a fair and impartial way, but that the Parish of Chatham has an advantage over other outstanding parishes.

That your Committee beg to call the attention of the Council to the accompanying protest of one of the Commissioners as handed to them, and recommend that some action be taken on it.

Your Committee recommend that a memorial be prepared and laid before the local Legislature at its next session, praying that some alteration be made in the present law, which will give the Council some power or right over the actions of the Alms House Commissioners.

The Commissioners ask for an assessment on the County for the ensuing year of $2,500, which your Committee, in justice to the unfortunate paupers, feel themselves bound, though reluctantly, to recommend

HUGH CAMERON, *Chairman.*
JOHN MCLAUGHLIN,
KENNETH CAMERON,
JARED TOZER.
J. P. BURCHILL.

The protest accompanying the above was as follows :—

The Petition of George Burchill, Alms House Commissioner for the Parish of Nelson—

Respectfully sheweth

That one Thomas Kingston, formerly resided in the Parish of Nelson, which he left with his family and removed to St. John N. B., and from thence came to the Parish of Chatham and resided there for some years.

That after the said Thomas Kingston had returned from St. John, and while he resided in the Parish of Chatham, he, in the year 1877, applied to your Petitioner as Alms House Commissioner, for aid to take him back to St. John, and your Petitioner advanced him, for that purpose, the sum of $5.10 expecting to be reimbursed by the Parish of Chatham, but the Alms House Commissioners, at their Annual meeting, refused to pay the amount.

That the said Thomas Kingston did not return to the Parish of Nelson, and your Petitioner heard no more of him until the last Annual meeting of the said Alms House Commissioners held in the month of December last, when it appeared that the said Thomas Kingston had been sent into the Alms House by order of the Alms House Commissioner of the Parish of Glenelg, and that the sum of $25 odd was incurred in his support, which by order of the majority of the Alms House Commissioners was ordered to be paid by the Parishes of Glenelg, Chatham, and Nelson, notwithstanding the protest of your Petitioner that Nelson was not responsible for any part of it, the said Thomas Kingston having left the Parish so many years previous, and obtained a settlement in the Parish of Chatham, if not in Glenelg.

That only one Parish could be liable at the same time, and if not able to determine what Parish was liable, it should be made a county charge.

Your Petitioner, therefore, prays that the Alms House Commissioners may be ordered to refund the amount to the Parish of Nelson.

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Coun. McNaughton said Kingston, the person referred to, was not a resident of Glenelg, but had merely visited relations on the Richibucto Road in that parish where he was taken sick.

Coun. A. Adams opposed granting money to be expended by a body not responsible to the Council. It was an outrage that Northesk had to be assessed for $300 when it had not a pauper in the Alms House. He had tried to have the Northesk Commissioner removed, for he was in the habit of giving from $80 to $100 a year to a reported pauper. who could drive his horse and waggon about and owned a good farm. The Alms House was managed under a system that was altogether wrong.

Coun. Sullivan expressed dissatisfaction with the management of the Alms House Commissioners. He thought the assessment of $2,500 asked an excessive one, and complained that the Commissioners were an irresponsible body, so far as the Council, who represented the people, was concerned.

Coun. Lawler thought that while he and others might not be satisfied with the system of management and the want of responsibility of the Alms House Commissioner to the Council, it would be very improper not to vote the assessment recommended. The idea that Chatham had an advantage in connection with the institution was erroneous, because the fact that Chatham had a comparatively small assessment was owing to her different Church charitable organizations which provided for a good many of her poor. It was absurd to believe that Mr. Commissioner Burchill was not able to take care of Nelson's interest at the Commissioners Board, and hold his own against the Chatham or any other commissioners and the same could be said of the Glenelg commissioners.

The Report was on motion received and adopted.

Coun. Burchill said there were questionable bills before the Committee on the Alms House Accounts, no less than $10 worth of liquor being charged for one man, for instance. There was little use in appointing a committee of this Council to examine and report upon these accounts when they had no control over the Commissioners' doings. He thought one pauper was a very small representation in the Alms House for Chatham. Chatham paupers, he learned, were hired out as servants to Chatham people and Chatham ratepayers were thus relieved. He next went into the matter of the Nelson Commissioner's Protest and at the last meeting of Commissioners five of them supported the Nelson Commissioner's views relating to the pauper Kingston. He thought the Alms House Commissioners had done wrong in dividing that Kingston assessment. He moved that the Alms House Commissioners be requested to charge the account of the pauper Kingston as required by law. Adopted.

Adjourned for dinner.

Friday, January 21st—Afternoon.

The Warden took the chair at two o'clock.

The Jail Committee reported that everything was in a satisfactory condition at the jail, in which there were only two prisoners and they recommended that three stoves be placed in prisoner's rooms. Adopted.

Tavern licenses were granted to
Mrs. Ann Kelly, Blissfield, 12 mos.
Mrs. T. Daley, Nelson, 6 mos.
Alex. Stewart, Newcastle, 6 mos.
Dennis Quigley, Newcastle, 6 mos.

Mr. Joseph Hays was granted wholesale licenses for his stores in Newcastle and Nelson for six months.

On motion it was resolved that the business of passing upon Parish Accounts be gone into. The Committee's report was made by Coun. Burchill in the usual way, Coun. Lawler being in the chair of the Committee of the whole.

The following accounts were submitted :—

NEWCASTLE.

Wm. A. Fish, Com. Roads, upper District, faulty returns—passed with Committee's recommendation for correction.

Alex. Atchison, Commissioner Upper District, passed.

John A. McMahon—no vouchers; ordered that they be filed as required by law.

John Murray, Dog tax Collector, passed.

Jas. Colthart, special By-road Commissioner, passed.

A. Campbell, special By-road Commissioner, passed.

Robt. McCosh, Com. roads, Middle District. Correct—passed—7c. due to him to be paid by his successor in office.

Jas. Hay, Com. Roads, Lower District, Some Surveyors reports not in returns—Accounts passed and ordered that returns be required from Surveyors. Balance of $14.62 on hand to be paid to his successor.

John Sullivan, Collector of Rates, Middle District, passed and ordered that default list be collected by magistrate.

Public Wharf and Lands, Newcastle, in account with Secretary-Treasurer, passed.

John Sullivan, Collector Rates, Lower District, passed.

Report of Newcastle Firewards was read as follows :—

It gives us great pleasure in stating that our Town, during the past year has not been visited by any serious fires. There have beeen seven alarms of fire during the year and the loss of property consisted of an old unoccupied house, owned by Thos. Mullan's, Esq., an old house also unoccupied belonging to Wm. Watt, Esq., an old barn belonging to the Niven Estate, and a barn owned by O. Willard, Esq. Our new steam engine on each occasion, coupled with the exertions of the firemen, who have always performed the arduous duties undertaken by them in a manner which has won for them the respect and confidence of the firewards and the Public, rendered invaluable assistance in the extinguishment of fires, and so far, we are happy to say has fully realized the anticipations and the representations of the maker.

Both engines are now in charge of Mr. R'd. Fairman, whose duty is to act as engineer, find his own assistant and fireman, look after and keep the engine and all the hose in good condition, keep the holes in the ice accessible for fire purposes, and to have the buildings properly heated to the satisfaction of the Firewards, who find the necessary fuel, etc. His salary is $150 per annum, commencing on the 9th December last. At the last meeting of the Board, a petition from the Fire Company for assistance was considered, when, in view of the facts that the Company had always satisfactorily performed their duties, and had, by their own exertions in a public spirited and deserving manner, maintained their efficiency without assistance from the Public fund, and their finances being at present in a low state, a resolution was unanimously passed appropriating $30 to be expended towards the Company's maintenance in a proper manner, and a Report of such expenditure to be submitted to the Firewards.

To meet the engagements for the year 1881, the Firewards will require the following sum, viz.:

For the balance on hose,	$319 79	
Note due J. D. Ronald and interest,	840 00	
Engineer's Salary,	150 00	
Contingencies,	250 00	
We have now on hand,	$477 76	$1,559 75
& will receive for Rent,	100 00	577 76
Leaving a balance to be raised of		$981 99

The above amount of $319.75, due on the 29th inst., will complete the payment for Rubber Hose. In addition to the amount of $840 due J. D. Ronald, in the month of November next, above stated. there is another note of the Firewards in his favor due in Nov. 1882, amounting with interest to $640, which will complete the payment of the purchase money of the Steam Engine. By above statement, the sum of $981 99 will be necessary to meet all engagements, and expenses for the ensuing year, and the Board of Firewards, therefore deem it advisable to recommend an assessment of one thousand dollars ($1000) on the District for the ensuing year, and a resolution to that effect was passed at our last meeting. Annexed hereto is a statement in detail of the receipts and expenditures during the past year, with the vouchers, all of which is

Respectfully submitted,
R. R. CALL.
Chairman of Firewards.

WM. A. PARK,
Sec'y of Firewards.

The detailed statement gives receipts $1,676.47. and the expenditures, $1,198.71 leaving a balance on hand of $477.76.

The accounts submitted with the above were found correct, passed and ordered to be paid.

John Niven, Police Magistrate, all correct. One voucher, however, for $1.50 for cleaning lockup was wanting. Passed.

Wm. Mason, Collecting Justice—recommended that overcharge of $8.08 be paid to Sec.-Treas. Passed.

W. & J. Anslow, $1 for police committee printing—ordered that the Police Magistrate be requested to pay this bill.

Wm. Park—against Public Wharf, $6.40 ordered to be paid out of Public Lands fund.

John Buckley, Town Clerk, $4 for posting notices for Municipal Election. A motion by Coun. Brown to pay $3 in full for this account was lost and the matter was referred to the By-Law Committee.

Charles Marshall, Collector rates, upper District, passed.

Secy. Treasurer in account with the Newcastle Police Committee, showing balance on hand of $308,90—passed.

R. R. Call, repairs of Public Wharf, $47,19—ordered to be paid.

NELSON.

Thos. Gill, By-road Commissioner. mistake in addition. $13.73 in hands of Commissioner. Passed and ordered that balance be paid to his successor. Ordered that Thos. Gill By-road Commissioner and Samuel Burk By-road and Highway Commissioner have their returns before the July session of Council.

Peter Gorman, By-road Commissioner, $1.75 unaccounted for. Account passed and ordered that a balance of $6.15 due. be handed over to his successor in office.

Wm. Hughes, By-road Commissioner, 30c. on hand to be paid over as above.

Peter Gorman. By-road Commissioner, Ordered that $26.23 be handed to his successor to be expended in districts where collected.

Coun. Saunders said these Commissioners should not be allowed to hold such large balances as they appeared to have.

A. A. Richard, collecting justice, ordered that he hand over 20c. balance in hand to the Sec.-Treas.

Stephen Duthie, Collector of Rates, District No. 2, has a large default list—passed.

Jas. Harnett, do. Dist. No. 3, correct. Passed.

Thos. Doolan, do., Dist. No. 1, correct Passed.

Geo. Harper, Clerk, No. 3 district, account of $4 for services in connection with the Municipal election.

Coun. Saunders objected to this account and thought the Clerk was not entitled to $4 a day. It was, therefore, held over until July Session.

T. C. Miller, Dist. 3, $4 for rent of building for Municipal Election, to lie over until July.

The Warden here resumed the chair.

CHATHAM.

Account of Chatham Fire Wards; showing balance of $497.29 on hand was passed.

P. Connor By-Road Commissioner; $18.07 in hands of Com.; to be handed to successor in office.

Fenlay McDiarmed Commissioner Roads Lower District, correct—passed.

Thos. Gaynor, Collector Rates, Upper District, correct—passed.

Report of Firewards of Chatham was submitted as follows:—

To the Warden and Municipal Councillors of the County of Northumberland.

Gentlemen :—The Chatham Firewards beg to submit Annual Report and Accounts for 1880.

The Balance in hands of our Treasurer at close of last year was	$ 362 00
Cash received from Collector of Rates	1,000 64
Cash for old No. 1 Engine sold Guy, Bevan & Co.	150 00
	$1,512, 64
We have expended for current expenses, new ladders, repairs of No 1 Engine House and repairs of Tanks as per Vouchers	$1,015 41
Leaving balance on hand of	$ 497 23

We have had only one fire during the year, viz., Hon. Wm. Muirhead's Mill and a slight fire on board the steam tug *Gladiator*, at which both engines worked; also three alarms of fire.

The steam fire Engine and the two hand Engines are in good order as well as the hose and hose carts.

The firewards will require for the year 1881 the following amounts:—

Current expenses, steam fire engine &c.	$500 00
500 feet rubber hose ordered	650 00
New tank 30x10, 9 feet deep on Queen Street	250 00
New tank 30x10, 9 feet deep on Church Street	250 00
Repairs of old tank	100 00
	$1,750 00
Less cash on hand	497 29
	$1,252 71

And the Firewards respectfully request the Municipal Council to grant an assessment on the Fire District of Chatham for the sum of at least twelve hundred Dollars ($1200) for 1881 to meet the expenses of the Board as above stated.

Respectfully submitted.
GEORGE I. WILSON, Chairman.
THOS. F. GILLESPIE, Secretary.

Chatham, January 10th, 1881.

The report was on motion of Coun Lawler received. Coun. Lawler also moved that the report be adopted with the amendment of an assessment for $800, instead of $1,200.

Coun. Goggin seconded the motion and the report was adopted with the assessment reduced to $800.

Alfred Peterson, Com. Roads for Chatham Upper Dist. passed. Balance of $4.50 to be paid over to successor in office.

Wm. McRae, Collector Rates, Lower District, $1.25 charged for printing to be paid over to Sec.-Treasurer. Passed as correct.

John Riley, By-road Commissioner, Upper District. Balance of $2 to be paid over to successor.

Jas. T. Griffin, Collecting Justice, overcharge of $13, or 10c. each on 130 executions ordered to be paid over to Sec.-Treas,

Wm. Kerr. By-road Commissioner, overexpenditure $5.45. Recommended that there be no excess of exenditure in future.

Geo. I. Wilson, Town Clerk, over-charge of $1 for printing. Passed accordingly. $16 ordered to be paid, instead of $17, as charged.

The Public Square Committee reported expenditure of $2 for year 1880. There are 90c. due them. They recommended that the Square be placed in hands of Road Commissioner of Chatham. Report adopted.

Dan'l Finn, Collector Rates; correct. Passed.

Return of D. Finn, Dog Tax Collector, $3.40 expenditure, approved of.

G. A. Blair, Chatham Police Account; correct, passed.

Chatham Police Fund in account of the Sec-Treas., balance to credit of fund $47.51 correct, passed.

Hugh Marquis, stove for Lock-up, Chatham, $13 correct, passed to be paid out of Police Fund Chatham.

Thos. McLaughlin, Road Commissioner, Account of $245 with voucher only from himself; also $42.68 over-expended.

Coun. R. B. Adams condemned this over-expenditure and thought it might lead to abuses. The report passed.

DERBY.

Wm. T. Crocker, Commissioner of Roads, passed.

Geo. Bryanten, Com. Roads, not sworn to, otherwise correct, passed.

Thos Vye, Com. Roads, no vouchers. $3.50 in hands of Overseer Clancy to be paid over to his successor in office.

Hugh Parker, Com. By-Roads; correct, passed.

Francis Parks, do. do. do.

David Barron, Col. Rates do. do.

Thos. C. Newman. return of convictions. Fifty cents in hand to be paid over to Secy-Treas. passed.

Secy. Treas. in a/c. with Derby parish; correct, passed.

BLACKVILLE.

Jacob Layton, Commissioner of Roads Blackville; unadequate returns. Ordered that Commissioner be brought before July Session to make explanations.

Edwd. Colford, Commissioner of Roads, no returns from 5 surveyors; ordered these returns be made to July Session, passed.

D. McLaughlin, Commissioner of Roads, correct, passed.

B. N. T. Underhill, Commissioner of Roads, passed.

John Doolan, Collector of Rates. Auditor cannot say whether correct or not—Ordered to lie over until July for list to be furnished.

Matthew Kehoe, Collector of Rates, $3 discrepency in account—ordered that he account for it at July session.

John Cooney, Collector of Rates ordered a balance of 95c. be paid to Sec.-Treasurer.

Morgan Hays, Com. By-roads, balance of 83c. to be paid over to him by successor in office.

John L. Scofield, By-Road Commissioner; correct. passed.

Thos. Vickery, By-road Commissioner; Balance of $2.39 to be paid to him by successor.

Lemuel Coffin, By-road Com. ordered that a balance of $8.40 be paid to him by successor in office and that he file vouchers.

John L. Scofield, Collecting Justice, correct. Passed.

BLISSFIELD.

Mich'l Hannan, By-road Com. Correct. Passed.

John L. Murray, Com. Highways. Passed.

David Y. Bamford, Com. Roads—ordered that Chas. Weaver's return be returned to him to be sworn to. Passed.

Geo. Mersereau, Com. By-roads, correct. Passed.

Rob't. Arbo, By-road Com. $1.42 to be paid to him by successor in office.

John A. McDonald, Col. Rates, correct. Passed.

LUDLOW.

John Campbell collecting Justice; passed. Ordered that he pay over-charge $1, 80 to Secy-Treas.

Secy-Treas. in a/c. with Ludlow—correct passed.

John McNamee, Com. Roads, passed—balance in hand $1,50 to be paid to successor.

Justies Fairley, Com. Roads—passed.

Aaron Hovey, Com. Roads, passed.

John Murphy, By-Road Com. passed.

In reply to Coun. K. Cameron the Secy. Treas. said By-Road Commissioners were accountable only to the Provincial Government for expenditures.

N. P. Wilson, Collector of Rates, passed.

ALNWICK.

Jas. Burchill, By, Road Commissioner, passed.

S. P. Robichaud, Collecting Justice, passed.

R. Savoy, do., do.

Prudent Robichaud. Commissioner of Roads, passed.

Wm. Hierlihy, Commissioner of By-Roads, passed.

John L. Robichaud, Commissioner of By-Roads, passed.

John U. Loggie, Collector of Rates, passed.

Amateur Savoy, Commissioner of By-Roads, do. do

Vital Allan, do., do.

Wm. Murray, do., do.

D. Petrie, do. no account—only vouchers—and over expenditure $9.22, passed.

A. J. W. McKenzie, collector default list, passed though the account was unsatisfactory.

Jas. Bowie, Com. Roads, passed.

Ebullus McCallum, Com. Roads; ordered that $13.50 be assessed on parish for laying out new road.

Jule Savoy, Col. Rates, ordered that $3.40 be refunded to him.

Isaiah P. Savoy, Town Clerk, similar account to that of Newcastle Town Clerk. Referred to By-law Committee.

GLENELG.

Bernard Cook. Collector of Rates; ordered that bal, $3.10 be paid over to Sec-Treas.

Duncan McNaughton, Commissioner of By-Roads, passed.

John McDiarmed, Commissioner of By-Roads, passed.

Hugh Cameron, Commissioner of By-Roads. Over expenditure of $96 by authority of T. F. Gillespie M. P. P., passed.

John McNaughton, Collecting Justice; Ordered that this account lie over until July Session to enable Justice to deal with Constables.

John McDiarmed. Commissioner of By-Roads, passed.

Duncan McNaughton, do. do.

Wm. Dickens, do. do; Ordered that Mr. D. being also a By-Road Commissioner and not having made returns as such, he be instructed to do so to July Session.

Wm. Wilson, Col. Rates, passed.

HARDWICK.

Alex. McDonald, Col. Rates passed.

James McLean, Com. By-Roads, do.

Michael Bransfield, do. do. do.

Jas. Gregan, do. do.

Jas. Gregan, Com. Roads, do.

Jas. McLean, Com. Roads, do.

Alex. Cameron, By-Road Com. $3,56 to be paid to him by his successor.

Alex. Cameron, Com. Roads, ordered that Surveyor McDonald make returns to him forthwith.

Alex. Mills, Collecting Justice, shows $15,12 yet due on defaulters' list—ordered that he continue efforts to collect.

SOUTHESK.

John Tozer, Commissioner of By-Roads, no vouchers—ordered that he file them. Passed.

Joseph Chaplin, Collecting Justice. Passed.

Stephen Peabody, Commissioner of Roads, passed.

Stephen Peabody. Commissioner of By-Roads, passed. Bal. $3,25 to be paid to successor.

Jas. Lawler, Collector of Rates; passed.

John Tozer, Commissioner of Roads, passed.

Wm. Taylor, Collector of Rates, passed.

NORTHESK.

Jas. Urquhart, By-Road Commissioner, over-expenditure $10, passed.

Mich. Ryan, By-Road Commissioner; correct, passed.

John Menzies, Com. By-Roads, over-expended $45.15, passed.

Patrick Hogan, Col. Rates, passed.

Patrick Hurley, do. do. do.

David Dunn, Col. Rates, mistake of 40c. in favor of Collector, passed.

Neil Gordon, Collecting Justice, passed.

James Urquhart Com. Roads, passed.

Michael Ryan, Com. Roads, $7 in hand, to be paid to successor, passed.

John Menzies, Com. Roads, passed.

P. O'Shaughnessy, Com. By-Roads, passed.

Coun. Burchill remarked on the insufficiency of Collecting Justices' Returns on Default lists placed in their hands. He thought full returns, showing just what Magistrates were doing in such matters should be placed before the Council.

THE DAVIDSON LAND MATTER AGAIN

Coun Burchill from select Committee reported that having waited on Mr. Davidson, that gentleman said he did not wish to pay the price set by Council on the land, but to be dealt with as others had been.

Adjorned.

Saturday Jan. 22nd—Forenoon.

The Warden took the chair at 10.30 and minutes of yesterday's Session were read and confirmed.

E. P. Williston, Esq., was reappointed Auditor.

M. M. SARGEANT, ESQ'S CLAIM.

Coun. Goggin, from the Committee on Accounts referred to a bill of M. M. Sargent, Esq., Newcastle, for certain articles furnished to the jail during the time Deputy Sheriff Campbell was in office. He said the original amount was $42.13, but the previous Council had reduced it to $27,88, which sum Mr. Sargent refused to accept as payment in full. The matter was, therefore, submitted to the Council for their action.

Coun. R. B. Adams said Mr. Sargent had acted in good faith when he sold and delivered the articles charged in the bill. The public had received the benefit of them and the Council ought to order them to be paid for in full.

Ordered that Mr. Sargent be paid the full amount claimed.

CONTEST OVER NEWCASTLE OFFICERS.

The appointment of Parish Officers was now gone into [lists will be found at end of this report, on 4th page.]

When the time for appointing the Newcastle Parish and County Officers arrived Coun. Burchill, was moved to the chair and Coun. R. B. Adams moved a list as he had arranged it. He had not read many of the names when Warden Brown proposed to substitute names, other than those on Coun. Adams' list, for certain offices. It was ruled, however, that Coun. Adams' list should be first read. That having been done, Coun. Brown proposed several changes. He desired to continue John Ferguson as Assessor for Newcastle, instead of Wm. Mason proposed by Coun. Adams. He also desired to associate W. A. Park with Coun. Adams and himself, a revisor of votes, instead of A. A. Davidson, jr. proposed by Coun. Adams. Wm. Russell, was his choice for assessor in Douglastown, against Wm. Porter, who was supported by Coun. Adams. He would have J. H. Phinny for Commissioner in place of Coun Adams' nominee, Mr. Morrissay. He would have Alex. Jessamine for Commissioner of By.Roads in Douglastown, instead of John Woods proposed by Coun. Adams. John Burr of Douglastown was his choice in Douglastown for Collector of Rates against John Sullivan proposed by Mr. Adams. Jas. Russell was, in his opinion, the best man for Assessor in the Lower District, instead of Wm. Innis.

On Coun. Brown moving to substitute the names chosen by him for Coun. Adams' nominees, the latter gentleman addressed the Council at considerable length. Among other things, he objected to Mr. Ferguson as Assessor, because he had shown favoritism in lowering certain assesments and gave general dissatisfaction, while Mr. Mason, when Assessor, had always given general satisfaction. He objected to Mr. Russell as Assessor in Douglastown, because he was the clerk of Richard Hutchison, who could dictate to him and oblige him to do as he was told. The people did not want any man for Assessor who was under the finger of so large a property-owner as Mr. Hutchison. If Coun. Brown would withdraw the name of Wm. Russell in Douglastown he would strike the name of Wm. Innis off his list for the Lower District.

Coun. Brown said the custom had been for the Douglastown member of Council to control the appointments for that locality, leaving the Newcastle member to do the same in that town. If Coun. Adams insisted on breaking in upon this practice, he would stand or fall by all his nominees.

Coun. Adams continued and referred to Commissioner Fish as having had a long default list. He brought in the names of the Rev. Mr. Barber, Mr. Morrissay, John Maltby and others well able to pay their assessments, and yet they were not required to do so. Now, Coun. Brown desired a man as bad as Fish to be appointed. Mr. Morrissay, who was proposed by himself as Commissioner, owned horses which he was constantly driving over the roads. He was, therefore, the best man to keep them in order. He favored Mr. Woods of Douglastown—the gentleman who ran against both himself and Coun. Brown there in the October Election——because he lived where the By-Road money was expended and not in the town, as Mr. Jessamine did. Mr. Woods had such a large vote in Douglastown as to prove that he had the people's confidence. He objected to Mr. Burr as Collector of Rates in Douglastown, simply because he believed he was unfit for the office, and every man in the place, from Mr. Hutchison downward would say the same thing. He had nominated the best Collector the District ever had, and the proof of this was that he had but $9 of a default list last year. He was willing to leave the names he had submitted to the judgment of the Council and while he would accept their decision with the best possible grace, he had no doubt Coun. Brown would do likewise.

Coun. Brown said some of Coun. Adams' assertions were not worth much. The people of Newcastle to whom he had appealed had again returned him, and while he had Scotch in him he would resent being entirely taken charge of by his colleague.

Coun. Adams here protested against appeal being made to the prejudices of members.

Coun. Brown disclaimed any such intention. Coun. Adams had carried his petty spite so far as to expunge the name of Mr. S. Loggie from the list of Constables an illustration of the lengths to which he would go in such matters. He was proud of Mr. Ferguson as an assessor—a gentleman in every way qualified for the office and who had instructed one of Coun. Adams' nominees in his duties. He believed Mr. Russell of Douglastown to be in every way fitted to be an assessor, and notwithstanding the aspersions cast upon him by Coun. Adams, he was known by everyone as a conscientious man who would do right in spite of anyone. Fifty ratepayers had applied to him to appoint Jas. Russell in the Lower District, while only Mr. Innis himself had asked for that gentleman's appointment. Mr. Adams also attacked W. A. Park who was so capable a man in everyway. He would stand by Mr. Jessamine, who had proved himself a capable man in every way, while Mr. Burr was well qualified to perform the duties for which he was selected.

Coun Adams said he had been informed that Constable Loggie had used force last year in taking a prisoner out of the hands of another Constable, and he, therefore, struck his name off the list. He favored Mr. Davidson for Revisor because he had no office, while Mr Park was Secretary of Firewards. Five-sixths of the people of Newcastle were opposed to Mr. Ferguson as Assessor, and the fact that Coun. Brown appointed him caused his weakness as candidate. The vote in Newcastle stood, Brown, 119; Adams, 146; Woods, 117. It was Ferguson's cutting down Messrs. Ritchie's assessment that injured Brown, and he (Adams) could beat him two-thirds any time now.

Coun. Brown:—Yes he's conceit enough for anything.

Coun. Adams said Coun. Brown's only other appointment was Commissioner, Fish, and the people would know how bad it was when they saw his Default List. He believed the people would indorse him for turning these two men out.

Constable Loggie was voted a hearing and showed that he was acquitted by the Police Magistrate of any blame in the matter brought against him by Coun. Adams, his accusers being reprimanded.

Coun. Adams said it was one of the ablest Counsel in the County, and not the merits of his defence that cleared him.

Coun. Brown said Messrs. Ritchie and others went before a Magistrate and stated the value of their property on oath. Messrs. Ritchie had shipped a large quantity of deals purchased from Mr. Hamilton on account of Ritchie & Brothers on the other side, and hence the reduction of their valuation. Mr. Ferguson took the only course in these matters permitted by law. Coun. Adams' boasting of his popularity went for very little, as many a candidate had gone to the polls as conceited and confident and yet being defeated. The trouble with Adams was that he thought himself fit to be even Governor-General.

The names submitted by each Coun. were now put to vote, and those in dispute who were appointed will be found in the Newcastle list at the end of this report. There was a division on the name of Wm. Russell Esq., as follows:—

For Mr. Russell:—K. Cameron, Somers, Robinson, Jardine, McNaughton, H. Cameron, Fowlie, Loggie, Brown, 9.

Against Mr. Russell:—Pond, Ryan, Tozer, Saunders, Underhill, McLaughlin, Goggin, Lawler, Sullivan, Savoy, Adams, 11.

ASSESSMENTS, ETC.

On motion of Coun. Lawler it was ordered that $800 be assessed on Chatham for Fire purposes; also $1,200 on the Police District of said Parish.

On motion of Coun. A. Adams it was ordered that the Sugary Settlement be made a seperate Road District with W. B. Baker as Surveyor, and under the control of Commissioner of No. 3 District.

On motion it was ordered that Patrick Carroll's lower line be the boundary for Front Road District, Northesk, and John McLean's lower line for the Back Road District; also that District No. 2 extend up to the Chaplin Island Road.

NEWCASTLE POLICE.

On motion of Coun. R. B. Adams it was ordered that $400 be assessed on Newcastle for Police purposes. Coun. Adams also urged that the Newcastle Police officer be placed on night duty, between 7 p. m. and 7. a. m. He referred to robberies that had been committed at night in the town in support of his motion. Ordered that a by-law in accordance with Mr. Adam's suggestion be drawn up.

AN ACT OF DISCOURTESY

Coun. Lawler presented and read a Petition from a large number of lumber merchants, lumber operators and other leading citizens of the county praying for the appointment of Mr. W. D. Shaw, as a Surveyor of Lumber. He said Mr. Shaw had made all reasonable efforts to be assessed in the County, but his name was persistently left off the assessment roll, so that it could be claimed he was not a ratepayer. It, therefore, seemed he had not been fairly treated.

A motion to *receive* the petition was lost—a rather discourteous proceeding considering who the petitioners were.

On motion of Coun. R. B. Adams, it was ordered that $1,000 be assessed on the Fire District, Newcastle.

Adjourned for dinner.

Saturday, January 22nd—Afternoon.

Tavern Licenses were granted as follows :—

Thos. Wasson, Blissfield,	12 mos.
Jas. Doyle, Newcastle,	12 "
C. J. Maltby, "	6 "

The Mileage accounts for this Session amounting to $69,60 were then passed.

VOTE OF THANKS.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Auditor for cigars presented to the Council.

A vote of thanks was also tendered to the Press reporters for their attendance and labors in reporting proceedings, which the Warden conveyed in appropriate terms to the representatives of the ADVANCE and *Advocate*.

NELSON ROAD COMMISSIONERSHIP.

Coun. Saunders moved to amend the Parish of Nelson list of officers by putting the name of Geo. Burchill, Esq. for Road Commissioner in place of that of Mr. Peter Gorman.

Coun. Burchill said he was satisfied the gentleman named by Coun. Saunders would not act. There had been some complaints against Mr. Gorman, but it was difficult to find a man who would suit everybody, and he had thought it well not to disturb him.

Coun. Saunders said he was anxious to get an honest and competent man as Commissioner of Roads, and he believed his nominee to be one.

The nomination of Mr. Gorman was confirmed.

The Nelson list, which had been held over, was then passed.

ORDERS FOR PAYMENT.

Coun. Goggin, from Committee recommended that $1.60 be paid to Wm. Cottier for cleaning Court House for Council session, etc.

Angus Campbell, for attendance on session of Council was voted $6.

Similar account in favor of Wm. Cottier was passed.

COUN. SWIM IMITATES, EX-COUNS. J. L. SCHOFIELD AND W. S. BROWN.

Coun. Swim moved as follows :—

Whereas the terms of the contract made between the Dominion Government and the Syndicate respecting the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, meets with the views of the people of this Dominion.

Therefore Resolved that this Council approve of the immediate ratification of the terms of the contract.

Coun. R. B. Adams said he had just received a telegram from Gloucester showing that the Council of that County had unanimously passed a similar resolution.

Couns. Somers and Saunders moved together that the resolution be thrown under the table.

Coun. Lawler said he thought the good sense of the mover would lead him to withdraw the resolution, which dealt with a matter not within the Province of this Council to pass upon.

Coun. Burchill said if Gloucester Council so far misunderstood public sentiment and its own functions as to pass such a resolution, it was no reason why Northumberland Council should imitate it.

Coun. R. B. Adams thought it was the duty of the Council to decide upon this matter, and for each Councillor to express his opinion upon it