

The Council. Examining the Almshouse accounts might indeed be called useless, for last year, when complaints were made they were laughed at without any good result.

Coun. Cameron thought a Committee should be appointed every session, and as all the money came from the Council, if necessary it should be stopped.

Coun. Bamford said he had heard the Commissioners say they liked the Councilors to visit the Almshouse. He thought the appointment of such a Committee was generally satisfactory, and that one ought to be sent.

Coun. McLaughlin (Blackville), thought the Almshouse should be visited and if the Commissioners were doing wrong they should be brought to book.

The motion was carried and a Committee appointed, viz.—Coun. McLaughlin (Blackville), Bamford and Somers.

BY-LAW RELATIVE TO BOOMAGE. Coun. Bamford moved that Section I. of the By-law relating to Booms and Boomage, be rescinded.

Coun. R. Adams asked what Coun. Bamford intended to put in its place.

Coun. Bamford said the Barnaby River Boom was built and owned by the operators and now having accumulated some means they thought that 5c. per ton should be paid for the use of the boom on timber sawed on the boom. He had been handed two petitions on the subject, asking for the 5c. to be reduced to 3c. He, therefore, moved that the Boom Master of Barnaby River Boom hereafter receive 3c. for each thousand super. ft. logs and 2c. on each ton of timber sawed on the boom, and that the Sec. Treas. be instructed to provide a by-law to that effect. Carried.

PETITION FROM PROTECTIONVILLE. Coun. Ryan said the residents of Protectionville, Northesk, had forwarded the following petition.

PROTECTIONVILLE, DEC. 6TH, 1881. We, the undersigned residents of this settlement request our names to be attached to the By-law for voting, assessment and road purposes.

(Signed by the 12 residents of the settlement.) Coun. Bamford said it was a strange thing, as he ought to be in the district below, and that it would be best to alter the boundary line in connection with the polling booth.

Coun. Ryan said there was a resolution last year to include them in No. 3. The Sec. Treas. said there would be a difficulty if other settlers came in. He thought the boundary line had better be altered.

Coun. Ryan finally consented to withdraw his motion for the present.

On motion, the Council adjourned till 5 o'clock for Committee work.

At 5 o'clock the Council re-assembled, when Coun. R. Adams called attention to the coldness of the Council Room, and the way the green wood was singing in the stove.

The Warden promised that he would give instructions for some dry wood to be provided.

The Council adjourned. Thursday, 10th—Forenoon Session. The Warden took the chair at 10 o'clock. The minutes were read and confirmed.

On motion of Coun. Tozer, E. P. Williston, Esq., was appointed Auditor.

COUNTY VALUATORS. Coun. Cameron moved that the resolution passed 19th Jan., 1876, giving the County Valuers 2 per cent. be rescinded.

He believed the Valuers received too much pay, while the Assessors were only paid reasonably. The Sec. Treas. of York County informed him they paid the Valuers \$1.50 per day. Three years ago they were appointed in Northumberland County who had cost between \$1,000 and \$1,100 and had done nothing for the money.

The motion was carried. On motion of Coun. Cameron the resolution of 10th January, 1876, allowing the Valuers two per cent. on the taxable property of the County was rescinded—and it was ordered that they each be allowed two dollars per day and expenses, while actually attending to the duties of their office. Carried.

MIRAMICHI VALLEY RAILWAY. Coun. Scofield moved—Whereas the building of a line of railway from the I. C. R. to Fredericton would settle the fertile lands along the said river and its tributaries, and develop our latent natural resources which is a matter of vital interest to the inhabitants of the County of Northumberland.

Therefore Resolved, that this Council request our local government to take immediate steps to get said road constructed, and that a copy of the petition be given to each of our local members.

Coun. Scofield urged that this County, saying large amounts to lumber and other revenues, had contributed heavily towards railways elsewhere, and was itself isolated. Two years ago, a Mr. Agnew, from the Province of Quebec, who wished to locate a colony of settlers from Lake Megantic, made enquiries about farm lands in Northumberland, and afterwards visited the County himself, but when he found that the County was deficient in proper railroad communication, though he admitted the superiority of the land, he could not advise settlers to come.

There were coal fields on the Upper Miramichi, and their fish would be in Boston 24 hours earlier by the line he advocated in his resolution. He referred to the advantages of settling going into and removing the "primeval forest," making homes for themselves, and contributing to the wealth, population, and greatness of the country.

The resolution was adopted. NEW BY-LAW RELATIVE TO BOOMS AND BOOMAGE. On motion of Coun. Bamford, and in accordance with resolution passed yesterday, the following by-law, as prepared by the Sec. Treas. in relation to Booms and Boomage, was passed—

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the County of Northumberland, 1. That the Boom Master in charge of the Barnaby River Boom, be entitled to receive three cents on each thousand superficial feet of logs, and two cents on each ton of timber sawed on the boom.

2d. Any By-Law heretofore established inconsistent with or repugnant to the foregoing section is hereby repealed.

The By-Law was passed. The Council adjourned for Committee work till one o'clock.

PETITION FROM Wm. KERR. The Sec. Treas. said he had a petition from Wm. Kerr, Auctioneer, stating that on the 20th Sept. last, he paid \$20, the charge for auctioneer's license for twelve months, and that according to by-law he was required to pay \$20 this year, but having only acted under the license three months last year, he asked that this year he be only required to pay \$5.00.

On motion the petition was received.

Coun. Bamford moved that the prayer of the petition be granted. The motion was finally carried.

APPOINTMENT OF TAXES, PARISH OF NEWCASTLE. Coun. R. B. Adams called attention to the apportionment of taxes in the three

different districts of Newcastle. In the Middle District the inequality might not be the fault of the assessors. In the Upper District the value of the property was \$646,450, and the Middle District \$229,300. For County Contingencies the Middle District was taxed \$305.90, and the Upper District \$307.80, but if the taxation was equitable the Upper District should pay \$625, and the Middle District \$230. He asked that hereafter this matter might be rectified, as it was not fair that ratepayers in the Middle District should pay \$100 more than they were entitled to pay. The Assessors had been negligent, or something worse.

The Council adjourned for dinner. Thursday—Afternoon Session. NELSON AND ROGERSVILLE. Coun. Bamford, from the special committee, reported, recommending that in apportioning all assessments between Nelson and Rogersville, the latter pay 7 and the former 93 per cent., and that the balance to the credit of Nelson on Alms House account be divided on the same basis—Adopted.

NEWCASTLE ASSESSMENT. Coun. R. B. Adams referred again to the assessment inequalities in the three districts of Newcastle and moved for a committee of five to report upon the matter. The motion was adopted and Couns. Bamford, Adams, Tozer, Fish and Leggie were appointed such committee.

TIMBER-DRIVERS' FEES. On motion of Coun. Bamford a committee, consisting of the Secretary-Treasurer, Coun. McLaughlin (Chatham) and Saun ders, was appointed to decide upon a fair rate for Timber Drivers' fees.

DOG TAX REPEAL, LOWER CHATHAM. Coun. Leggie read a petition from a large number of the inhabitants of the Lower District, Chatham, setting forth that under the advice of thirteen persons—the former Councilors for the Parish had been induced to secure the enactment of a by-law imposing a tax on dogs; that such action had been secured by falsehood and deception, by which the petitioners had been aggrieved, because residents of the districts north and south of them were allowed to keep one dog each without being taxed therefor. The petitioners prayed that the by-law referred to, imposing a dog-tax within the district between the west line of the late R. Johnston's land and the extremity of Marjock's land, be repealed.

The prayer of the petition was granted and an order passed accordingly. BIENNIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. Coun. Bamford moved a resolution affirming that the present system of electing Municipal Councilors involved unnecessary trouble and expense and ordering that the Legislature be petitioned for an Act providing for biennial Municipal elections. He said this was an annual affair of his, which would be repeated until successful as long as he remained a Councilor. Adopted.

JAIL MANAGEMENT. Coun. Sullivan, from the Committee appointed to examine the jail, reported that three prisoners were confined therein at present, that the bedding is in bad condition, stoves out of order and the wood used unfit for the winter season, recommending that new bedding be procured and a stove in one of the cells repaired.

Coun. Cameron thought the report indicated that the standing jail committee had failed in their duty. The report was adopted.

PARISH ACCOUNTS. On motion the Council proceeded to consider the Report of the Committee on Parish accounts, which was presented by Coun. Swim.

Geo. Nelson, Commissioner Roads, passed. Aaron H. Price, do., no vouchers for Christ-pher Whelan, do.—imperfect returns.—Ordered that he report to July session in person and explain. Coun. Cameron explained that Mr. Whelan had not transacted his business properly, having given papers to the wrong Surveyor. John Murray, Collector Rates, passed. Maurice O'Donnell, Collecting Justice, —defaulter to extent of \$17.65. Ordered he make proper return to July session.

Walter R. Tozer, Collector Rates, passed. Overed that he pay over Sec'y Treasurer, \$17.90 in his hands, to Sec'y Treasurer. BLISSVILLE. Geo. Sutherland, By-Road Commissioner, passed. Roland Crocker, do., passed. Mich'l Hannan, do., do. John Wallace, Comr. Roads, do. John A. McDonald, Collector Rates, ordered that he report to him to be paid by successor in office. John Moran, Comr. By-Roads—no vouchers ordered that he be required to submit vouchers.

David V. Bamford—no default list with returns—accepted, though mistake made in accounts as all work done is not credited. A Blank return not signed or sworn to, ordered it be returned to Mich'l McLaughlin Comr. Roads for Blissville, with directions to collect \$11.00 due from James McCaffrey, defaulter, and make proper returns next July. BLACKVILLE. A return of expenses for laying out a road in Blackville—no names or vouchers. The Secretary-Treas. and Coun. McLaughlin said the return was made with the object of having an overcharge of \$8.35, expenses, assessed on the District. Recommended that the report lie over for further information.

This Coun. McLaughlin said would be wrong to Commissioner Kehoe, who had advanced the money to open the road. Coun. Scofield said the ordering of the Assessment would be a bad precedent in the absence of vouchers, which should be here. Ordered—that the assessment be made less the \$8.35 overcharge.

Morgan Hays, By-Road Commissioner, no vouchers. Coun. Bamford asked why Coun. Scofield had this account pass without vouchers, when he said such proceeding was a dangerous precedent in the case of Mr. Kehoe's?

Coun. Scofield said there were vouchers, but they were sent to Fredericton, and besides, the account was sworn to. John Doonan, Collector Rates, ordered that overcharge of \$1.40 for postage, etc., be paid over to Sec. Treas. Chas. Donald, Commissioner By-Roads, no vouchers, passed. Matthew Kehoe, Collector Rates, passed. Geo. Dunphy, upper district, recommended the account for the use of steam Engine pumping ship, 40 00.

And we have expended for new hose, new tanks and current expenses, as per account annexed, the sum of 1457 35. Leaving a balance in our Treas. hands of 884 76.

That we had only two fires this year, one on the "Tag Relief," and one in S. Bernard's dwelling. The upper works of the tug boat were destroyed, and but little damage was done to Bernard's dwelling, and the Steam and Hand engines were on hand.

That the Steam Fire Engine, and two hand engines, hose carts, and hose are in good order. That the Firewards will require for the

only 3 out of 7 returns sworn to, ordered to be over until July session for proper return. NORTHESK. David Darnett, Collector Rates, No. 3, passed. Patrick Hurley, Collector Rates, No. 3, passed. Michael Oldfield, Commissioner By-Roads, No. 2, over-expenditure of \$2.93, passed.

Patrick O'Shaughnessy, By-Road Commissioner, no vouchers.—Passed. John McMezies, Collector Rates.—Passed. John Meuzies, By-Road Commissioner, over charge of \$5.25, ordered to be paid to successor. Jas. Urquhart, Commissioner Roads, no returns from 2 surveyors and \$1 not accounted for—ordered that proper returns be made at July session.

Michael Oldfield, Com. Roads, No. 2, \$8.25 in his hands, ordered to be paid to successor. Patrick Hogan, Collector Rates, No. 2, passed. E. R. Whitney, Town Clerk, building for holding election, 2nd order to be paid. John Shaddock, District Clerk, No. 3, services and rent of building and ballot box, \$8.—ordered to be paid. Thos. McKenzie, do., District No. 2, \$3 ordered to be paid. E. R. Whitney, Town Clerk, account of \$3 for holding election—ordered to be paid.

SOUTHESK. Wm. Tozer, Com. Roads, No. 1, passed. Jas. Sheagreen, District Clerk, \$3 passed. Robert Johnson, Commissioner By-Roads, passed. Stephen Peabody, do., do. Jas. Taylor, collector Rates, No. 2, do. Jas. Lawlor, do., No. 1, do. Joseph Chaplin, collecting Justice, passed.

DEBRY. Hugh Parker, By-Road Commissioner, passed. Francis Parks, do., do. Wm. Carruthers, Com. Roads, no surveyor's return not sworn to—otherwise correct. Passed. Park Clancy, do., correct. Passed. James Brantford, do., do. Passed. Edward Robinson, Collector Rates, do., do. NELSON. Thos. McDonald, By-Road Commissioner, passed. Wm. Hughes, do., do. Peter Gorman, Com. Roads—Auditor reports only a return from Chas. Vye, surveyor, no return from the Commissioner. Committee recommended that the balance in hand be paid over to successor.

Coun. Bamford said three By-Road Commissioners were appointed last year, and one refused to act. Therefore nothing was done as it would be illegal to appoint Mr. Vye's return was for some money in his hands. It was ordered that the account of Mr. Vye pass and the balance in hand be paid to his successor. Michael Savoy, Commissioner Roads, passed. Wm. Masson, Collecting Justice, No. 2, passed. Jas. Savoy, Com. By-Roads—no vouchers and over-expenditure of \$104.90, which, as Coun. Bamford explained, was authorized by Mr. Gillespie, M.P.P.—passed as correct.

Thomas Andrews, Collecting Justice. Due him \$1.63—passed, and amount ordered to be paid by his successor. Stephen Duttie, Col. Rates, No. 2, passed. Thos. Doonan, do., No. 1, do. Jas. Harnett, do., No. 3, do. THE SCOTT ACT. Coun. R. B. Adams moved that the consideration of Parish accounts be over to enable the Council to hear Mr. Lawlor, counsel for applicants for Tavern licenses, to be heard in reference to the Scott Act. Coun. Bamford opposed the motion, on the ground that it was against precedent to interrupt the passage of the Parish accounts.

Coun. Sullivan supported Coun. Adams' motion, as he desired that the question of the granting or not granting of licenses might be decided, so that applicants—some of whom had come considerable distances—could return home. Coun. Cameron moved the advice already given by the Secretary-Treasurer settled the matter, and the hearing of Mr. Lawlor was not necessary.

Coun. R. B. Adams said, as a matter of courtesy, Mr. Lawlor, representing a large body of ratepayers, ought to be heard. These gentlemen had come here yesterday, and again to-day, and they had right to have counsel heard. The motion of Coun. Adams was lost. John Moran then spoke, asking the Council to name a time when he would be heard.

Coun. Somers moved, seconded by Coun. Leggie, that Mr. Lawlor be heard at 3 p. m. to-morrow. The Secretary-Treasurer said there were no petitions for license before the Council. The motion of Coun. Somers passed.

PARISH ACCOUNTS. The consideration of Parish accounts was proceeded with. CHATHAM. Robert Murray, Commissioner Roads, middle District. Auditor reports \$123.05 expended, for which there are no vouchers. It seemed—the auditor reported—that the work done by the Commissioner himself—a practice to be condemned.—The account passed. David Savoy, Collector Dog Tax, Lower District, passed. Alfred Peterson, Commissioner Roads, Upper District, no vouchers. Wm. Kerr, do., Lower District, do. Thos. Keating, By-Road Commissioner, correct, passed. John Riley, do.—\$1.15 on hand—correct, passed, and balance ordered to be paid to his successor in office.

Wm. Kerr, do., auditor reports \$15.55 in his hands of Commissioner—ordered to pay it over to successor in office. Wm. McRae, Collector Rates, Lower District.—\$50.80 due parish—ordered to be paid over until Mr. McKee is heard in explanation. Thos. Gaynor, do., Upper District—passed; also account for assessment for use of road, Chatham—correct, passed. Daniel Finn, do., account for damages for road, Mrs. Towley, passed. Daniel Finn, Collector Dog Tax, Auditor thinks he should pay his printing bill out of his 25 1/2 commission—passed as correct.

As T. Griffin, Collecting Justice. Auditor reports this Justice charges, every year, a large amount for executions, of which there are no returns. Committee report full as with assessors, and not with Justice, passed. Account of Chatham Parish with Sec. Treas., \$219.18 paid for land damage from assessment, passed. Police fund account, passed. The Firewards' report was read as follows—

The Chatham Firewards beg to submit their annual Report and accounts for 1881. That the balance on hand as at 31st Dec. 1881 was \$497 25. Rec'd from Collector of Rates, 1000 00 For Rent of No. 1 Engine House from R. F. Anagan, 5 00 From Wm. Murray for the use of Steam Engine pumping ship, 40 00. And we have expended for new hose, new tanks and current expenses, as per account annexed, the sum of 1457 35. Leaving a balance in our Treas. hands of 884 76.

That we had only two fires this year, one on the "Tag Relief," and one in S. Bernard's dwelling. The upper works of the tug boat were destroyed, and but little damage was done to Bernard's dwelling, and the Steam and Hand engines were on hand.

That the Steam Fire Engine, and two hand engines, hose carts, and hose are in good order. That the Firewards will require for the

year 1882, the sum of eleven hundred dollars as per the following statement. Annual Exp'diture Steam Fire Engine including engine, coal, etc., \$ 550 00. Repeating Tanks and building out of Districts, 400 00. Balance due on Tanks now on hand, 96 00. To bring water from Hon. J. H. Blair's spring to Church Street Tank, 100 00. Incidental Expenses, 45 00. By cash on hand, \$115 00. \$1104 24.

And the Firewards would respectfully request the Municipal Council to grant them an assessment on the district of the Parish of Chatham for the year 1882, to meet the expenses of the board as per the above stated estimate. Geo. I. Wilson, Chairman. Dated at Chatham, the 11th day of January, 1882.

G. A. Blair, in account balance on hand, Police fund, \$37.85. Auditor reports no returns from the Police Committee for expenditures—correct, passed. In discussion over this matter the Sec. Treasurer said there was no reason why the accounts should be certified by the Police Committee.

John Sullivan, Collector Rates, Lower District, passed. Charles Marshall, do., Upper District, do. John Sullivan, do., Middle District, do. Jas. Hay, Com. Roads, Lower District, no returns from the surveyor—passed. Cornelius Connolly, do., Middle District—some returns wanted—passed. J. H. Phinney, do., Upper District, No. 1, Collector Rates, \$14.24—ordered to be paid by his successor. Passed. Alex. Aicheon, By-Road Commissioner, passed. Jas. Connell, do., Lower District, correct. \$5.50 due him ordered to be paid by his successor. John Woods, do., Middle District—passed. John Murray, Dog Tax Collector, Upper District. Committee complimented collector for his efficiency and the satisfactory manner in which he conducted his duties. Mr. Murray's report was then read as follows—

To the Municipal Council of the County of Northumberland.—In submitting this, I sincerely hope will be my last return as an officer in the Parish of Newcastle, I, the undersigned, John Murray beg leave to state,—That owing to the severity of my illness, notwithstanding my best efforts, I was unable to attend on my part, or some other cause, I have been somewhat later than usual in handing in my return, although, as I read the law, there is no time stated for doing so. In excuse I may say that I was unable to collect from many of the parties until the eleventh hour and had I handed in my return at an earlier date, the Parish would have suffered to a great extent.

My reason for making this statement is owing to the fact that the agent busy of settlement men for the purpose of collecting dog tax was collected in the Parish Commissioners, has seen it to ensure us for what they imagine is a neglect of duty on my part. I take this opportunity of placing myself right in the eyes of the public, and hope for the bottom of my heart, that your honorable body will appoint an officer who will perform the duty more satisfactorily than your humble servant. Mr. Murray's report was received with applause and unanimously adopted.

The account of the Firewards, showing \$155.01 on hand was passed. The Firewards report was then read as follows—

There were only two alarms of fire during the past year, both of which were extinguished without the use of either of the engines. In the month of December the Board of Firewards renewed the agreement with Mr. Michael Farman for another year. His salary and duties are the same as formerly. During the year we have completed payment of the purchase of the Gatta Percha Rubber Manufacturing Co. and have also paid an instalment of \$840 to G. P. Ronald on account of purchase of Steam Fire Engine.

The total expenditure during the year was \$1433 54. Receipts, 1588 55. Leaving a bal. on hand, \$155 01. To meet our engagements for the ensuing year, we will require as follows— To pay the note of J. P. Ronald in full for Steam Fire Engine, \$640 00. Engineer's Salary, 150 00. Sundry Expenses, 250 00. We have now on hand, \$155 00 and will receive for rent, 100 00 255 00. leaving a balance of \$785 00 to be raised by assessment.

As the Board of Firewards deem it advisable to procure a further quantity of hose as soon as possible, it was considered at the last meeting that in order to make provision for such purchase, it would be expedient to procure a further assessment, and a resolution was, therefore, adopted, recommending the Municipal Council, assess the sum of one thousand dollars on the district for the year 1882.

Another item of account in detail of the receipts and expenditure during the year, all of which is respectfully submitted to the Council, is as follows— R. P. CALL, Chairman. A. PARK, Secretary. Police fund in account with Sec. Treas. Passed. Wm. Mason, Collecting Justice, Upper District, passed. Coun. R. B. Adams said only some \$60 had been collected. The Middle and Lower Districts' collectors did much better than there must be something wrong. It was hard for those who paid, while these defaulters were as able as others to pay. Some of the best men of Newcastle had not paid their road taxes yet. Some \$400, collected this year, was all that was paid in. The day was coming when the Council would be obliged to have an investigating committee to see whether these men did their duty. He would not move for such a committee now, but if here next year he would ask one on this offi-

Coun. Fish said the fault lay principally with the constables and the Magistrate's fault with them. More than was collected this year was spent. The remedy was the appointment of responsible constables. Account of R. R. Call, for coal for Police Department, \$31.51, passed. Chas. Marshall, Col. of Exhibition fees, \$5 60. Wm. Mason, return of collection of road assessment, 1880, passed. David Johnson, District Clerk, Newcastle, \$5, passed. Return of Wm. Mason, Collecting Justice—Defaulter's list, 1880, passed. Account, Stipendiary Magistrate, John Nive, for last report was \$497 25. Rec'd from Collector of Rates, 1000 00 For Rent of No. 1 Engine House from R. F. Anagan, 5 00 From Wm. Murray for the use of Steam Engine pumping ship, 40 00. And we have expended for new hose, new tanks and current expenses, as per account annexed, the sum of 1457 35. Leaving a balance in our Treas. hands of 884 76.

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commended no payment to be made until the matter of over-charge for executions be arranged. GLENELG. Wm. Dickens, Com. Roads—no vouchers from our surveyor, passed. Duren McNaughton, do. Auditor reports the surveyor refuses to swear to his returns. Coun. Cameron, Com. Roads, McNaughton said the only remedy was to put another surveyor in place of the one who failed to make proper returns.

John McDiarmid, Com. Roads, passed. Duncan McNaughton, Com. By-Roads, passed. Wm. Dickens, By-Road Comr., 1880, passed. Wm. Wilson, Collector Rates, ordered that successor in office pay him 30c. due. Bernard Cook, do., passed. HARDWICK. Jas. Grogan, Com. Roads, passed. Jas. McLean, do., do. Alex. Cameron, do., no returns from surveyor—ordered they make returns to July session. Jas. McLellan, By-Road Comr., over-expended 18c, ordered he be paid that amount by successor in office. Jas. Grogan, do., passed. Jonathan Noble, do., do. Alex. Cameron, do., do. Alex. McDonald, Collector Rates, passed. Alex. Hill, Collecting Justice, \$12.46 on his list to be collected, passed, and balance recommended to be collected. Adjourned.

Friday, 20th—Forenoon Session. The Warden took the Chair at 10.30 a. m. FOUND ASSESSMENT, NORTHESK. After reading of the minutes, Coun. Ryan read petition with 33 names attached, asking for an assessment of \$47 on District No. 2, Northesk, for the erection of a pond, also, a petition with 25 names attached opposing the petition first read. Coun. Ryan said it was only last year that the parish had been divided into districts and as the people, themselves, had not built a pond, authority for the assessment could not be compelled to use his barn or other buildings for pond purposes. The petitioners were, on motion of Coun. Bamford, referred to a Committee consisting of Couns. Ryan, Tozer and Leggie.

REFUND OF EXPENSES—ALMS HOUSE. Coun. Leggie read the reversal of a decision in a liquor case against Mr. M. Brennan of Chatham, involving \$19.50, which sum was ordered to be paid out of the Police fund of Chatham. Coun. McLaughlin, from the Alms House Committee, submitted a report of their visit to the Alms House where they found 21 paupers, and everything in most comfortable order. LOCK-UP, CHATHAM. Coun. Leggie read a petition from inhabitants of Chatham, requesting that additional accommodation and ventilation be provided in connection with the court, lock-up and jailor's rooms of the Police building, Chatham, the County to pay the expenses therefor.

Coun. Saunders objected to the improvements referred to being borne by the County. Coun. Leggie said the Chatham Police office was used for County, as well as town, purposes. The Secretary-Treasurer said the property was owned by private parties, but the County paid some \$82 a year for it for police purposes.

Coun. Cameron moved the rejection of the petition. Coun. Bamford thought the matter ought not to be decided hastily, as if the accommodation asked for was provided, County business, it ought to be provided. Coun. Scofield said the granting of the petition would establish a bad precedent—the Chatham people come to Newcastle and transact their business, just the same as others had to do, or else provide for themselves. Coun. Leggie referred to length to the small improvements asked and the claims of Chatham in the matter, urging the prayer of the petition.

Coun. Saunders argued that Chatham Parish pay the bill, if it wanted the accommodation. Coun. Sullivan said as the Canada Temperance Act was coming into force the Court at Chatham would not be needed, in any case, the expense should not be borne by the County for private property.

Coun. Cameron agreed with the latter part of Coun. Sullivan's remarks. Coun. R. B. Adams expressed himself rather in favor of the petition on the ground that as the County leased the building it ought to make it properly habitable for the purposes for which it is used. The petition was rejected. DRAINAGE, NEWCASTLE. Coun. Fish presented petition of ratepayers residing on Water Street, Newcastle, praying for improvements in drainage to prevent water from the higher ground from flowing into their properties. He explained the situation, showing that an old surface drain had been closed up, causing the street and backyards to be inundated to the depth, at times, of one and a half feet. Some three residents of the district had built a drain for their cellars, at private expense, but the choking of the surface drain had caused surface water to flow in upon them. They had asked him to present claims for damages to the Council, but in view of this petition he had induced them to hold back. After some discussion the petition was received and a Committee of three, consisting of Couns. Fish, R. B. Adams and S-mers appointed to look into the matter and report.

NO. 1 AND 3 DISTRICTS, NORTHESK. Coun. Ryan moved a resolution altering the boundaries between Districts No. 1 and 3, Northesk, to change No. 3 District, so that it begin at Wm. Copp's upper line, and extend up to and include all upper Northwest and Chapin Island Road, except the settlement known as Protectionville, which shall be included in District No. 1 for road and assessment purposes. The resolution was adopted.

CLAIR OF ISA P. SAVOY. Coun. Savoy read petition of Isa P. Savoy, Town Clerk, Almsrick, praying that his account submitted in July last for \$6.50 paid by Parish election expenses, Nov. 26, 1880, be allowed to him. The Warden explained that Mr. Savoy had incurred the expenses referred to, although they were not all provided for by law. Coun. Savoy also explained the matter, claiming that the expenses incurred were really necessary. The matter was further discussed by Couns. Sullivan, Saunders, Ryan and Bamford.

Coun. Bamford thought it would establish a bad precedent to allow such establishments as this. He had no objection to the Councilors of any parish even running their parish in debt if they pleased, but he objected to their establishing a dangerous precedent, which might give trouble hereafter. Coun. Sullivan said a similar case came up from Newcastle last year and the claim was allowed. It was not right to be so harsh in this case. Coun. Martin urged that the claim be paid. The petition was finally ordered to be complied with.

CHATHAM ROAD COMMISSIONERS' ARREARS. Coun. R. B. Adams moved that where as the road commissioner of the Middle District, Chatham, had been ordered in 1880 to pay over to his predecessor the sum of \$42.73 to him, and had not complied with such order, and that there was still \$30.20 due and not paid—the successor of the present commissioner of 1879 said sum. Coun. Adams, in speaking to the motion, said it ought to be a rule of the Council not to pass the accounts of any officer who neglected to comply with such orders as that referred to, for, by their conduct, they practically expressed contempt for the Council. The resolution was adopted, and the Council adjourned until 12.30, for committee work.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS. At 12.30 o'clock, Bamford presented the following report:— COUNTY ACCOUNTS. The Committee on County Accounts had called the attention of the Council to the fact that three or four of the bills are sworn to, or certified by the Jail Committee; that the money was supplied by private contractors to the public tender, as it should be. They respectfully call the attention of the Council to these very important matters, as they feel it is not desirable to have the management of public affairs to be referred into the loose condition of some years ago. With this exception the County Accounts appear to be in a satisfactory condition.

J. P. BURCHILL, R. B. ADAMS, J. JARED TOZER, JOHN McLAUGHLIN, HENRY SWIM. Signed, The Council proceeded to the consideration of the County accounts, which were read by Coun. Bamford. The Jail accounts were submitted with a report of the Auditor of the same tenor as that of the Committee, as given above. Coun. Bamford also spoke in condemnation of the wood etc., being procured for the Jail without tender.

Bill of Jas. Brown, for \$17.44 was read. Coun. Scofield said the price, 50c. a gallon for kerosene oil, furnished to the Jail, was too high. The Jailor, being called upon by Coun. Bamford, said the oil furnished was not good as it had an offensive odor and he was in constant fear of it exploding. Coun. Scofield said he sold good American oil in Blackville for 40 cts. a gallon. Coun. Sullivan condemned the high charge for oil, and some other adverse criticisms were made on the charges for stoves in this account.

Coun. Fish said the price of the oil—if it was American oil was not very high, at 30 cts. Coun. Cameron said American oil was sold at Boston for 40 cts. In reply to Coun. Scofield— The Secretary-Treasurer said there was no law against members of the Jail Committee furnishing Jail supplies, but it would be better to have them furnished by public tender. The account was ordered to be paid, less \$1.40, alleged over-charge on oil.

Bill of Jas. H. Phinney, \$21.15, for dippers, trying pans, stove repairs, etc., for Jail, was passed. Bill of Robert Anderson, \$2, for repairs to Jail, was passed. John Brandler, axe and handle for Jail, \$1.30, referred back to be sworn to. R. R. Call, gas for Jail, \$23.40, passed. Wm. Stewart, \$2.50 paid per order from Chairman Jail Committee, passed. Wm. Park, stove account against Jail, \$3.03, passed. Jas. Irving, \$5.40, for wood for Jail, passed. D. J. Ritchie, \$43.60 for 109 loads wood for Jail, was objected to by Coun. Sullivan, who condemned mill wood very energetically. He was replied to by Coun. Fish, justifying the charge which he said, after deducting the cartage, left little or nothing for the wood.

Coun. R. B. Adams thought there was too much wrangling over the County Accounts, and it would soon become a question as to whether any licenses people would desire to deal with the County, their accounts being so wrangled over. Coun. Saunders moved that the bill be passed 30 c. a load. Coun. Robinson said it would be absurd to pass such a motion as that, as the wood was worth more.

In reply to Coun. Cameron, it was said that Mr. Ritchie was a member of the Jail Committee. Several members defended the charge, on the ground that it was entirely regular, and the price the same as charged to everybody else. The amendment was lost, and the bill ordered to be paid in full. Adjourned until 2 P.M.

Friday—Afternoon. COUNTY ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED.) JAIL ACCOUNTS. The Warden took the Chair at 2.15 p.m. John Brandler's bill having been sworn to by the Jailor, the Jail Committee, on John Morrisey's account for prisoner's board at \$1.139. Auditor reported an overcharge of 40c. a day on board of one Perry, a prisoner, Mr. Morrisey, by permission, exp'diture that he was ordered by the doctor to give this prisoner better food than that usually allowed to prisoners. The bill was ordered to be paid in full. MISCELLANEOUS. County Contingent Account was passed as correct. Account of Assessors of Ludlow was rejected. Dr. H. A. Fink for attending Amos Perry and another prisoner at jail, \$2.—passed. Dr. John Thomson, certificate of lunacy, \$4 60. Dr. John Pallen, Coroner, \$33.80, ordered that \$33.20 be paid. John Morrisey, conveying 2 lunatics to Provincial Asylum and jailing wood, \$55. Auditor reports but one trip was made to the Asylum and \$40 charge for the service seemed to