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FIRST MEETING,—1856.

HAMILTON, Monday, January 28, 1856.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, P. M.

JOHN HESLOP, Esq., Warden, in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Ancaster), Binkley (Glandford), Brown, Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, McQueen, and Soules.

On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McQueen,

Resolved,—That John Heslop, Esq., Reeve of Ancaster, be Warden of the County of Wentworth for the present year.

The Warden took the necessary oath of office before the Police Magistrate for the City of Hamilton.

The Warden laid before the Council the following Communications:—

1. Report of the Guelph and Dundas Road Company.

2. Report of the Directors of the Hamilton and Brock Road Company.

3. Report of the Directors of the Hamilton and Nelson Road Company.

4. Report of the Commissioners of the Dundas and Binkley Road.

5. Award on the claims of the Messrs. Binkley, on the Dundas and Binkley Road.

6. Report of the Commissioners appointed to superintend the building of a Bridge across the Marsh at Burlington Heights.

7.—Letter from the County Engineer, with plan and estimate, respecting a culvert and embankment over the old Desjardin Canal.

8. Letter from the Provincial Secretary respecting returns of rate payers.

9. Letter from the Provincial Secretary respecting returns under 16 Vic. Cap. 163.

10. Letter from the Bureau of Agriculture and Statistics respecting returns.

11. Letter from Dr. Craigie respecting the appointment of Grammar School Trustees.

12. Circular from Thompson & Co. respecting Assessment Rolls, Educational Manual, &c.

13. Circular from Maclear & Co. respecting Assessment Rolls.

14. Letter from the Clerk respecting returns.

15. Treasurer's Receipts and Disbursements for 1855.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Brown,

Resolved,—That Messrs. Peebles, Brown, McQueen, Hall, and the mover do form a Committee to report the Standing Committees for the present year.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Glanford), Binkley (Ancaster), Brown, Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, McQueen and Soules.

Mr. Aikman brought up the Report from the Committee appointed to report the Standing Committees for the present year, which, on motion, was adopted, viz :—

Gaol and Court House.—Messrs. Aikman, Brown, Peebles, King, Hall, Binkley (Ancaster), and the Warden.

Roads and Bridges.—Messrs. McQueen, Fraser, Hall, Soules, and Brown.

Education.—Messrs. McQueen, Dickson, Aikman, Binkley (Glanford), and Begue.

Printing.—Messrs. Hall, Peebles, and the Warden.

Finance.—Messrs. Aikman, McQueen, Brown, Binkley (Ancaster), King, Peebles, and the Warden.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

TUESDAY, January 29, 1856.
(Second Day.)

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Glanford), Binkley (Ancaster), Brown, Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, McQueen, and Soules.

On motion of Mr. Binkley (Ancaster), seconded by Mr. Begue,

Resolved,—That Richard H. Cradock, Esq., be re-appointed Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of Ancaster for the current year.

On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Ancaster),

Resolved,—That James S. Wetenhall, Esq., be appointed Auditor for the present year.

The Warden appointed T. M. Simons, Esq., the other County Auditor.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Glandford),

Resolved,—That the Report of the Commissioners appointed to superintend the building a Bridge across the Marsh at Burlington Heights, letter from the County Engineer, with plan and estimate respecting a culvert and embankment over the old Desjardin Canal, be referred to the Committee on Roads and

Bridges; letter from the Provincial Secretary respecting the returns of rate payers, ditto respecting other returns, letter from the Bureau of Agriculture and Statistics respecting returns, a letter from Thompson & Co. respecting Assessment Rolls and Educational Manual, a letter from Maclear & Co. respecting Assessment Rolls, a letter from the Clerk on Returns, and the Treasurer's Receipts and Disbursements for 1855, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance; and the letter from Dr. Craigie be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Peebles, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Resolved,—That the Report of the Commissioners of the Guelph and Dundas Road Company be referred to a Committee of this Council this afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Soules,

Resolved,—That the Rev. George Cheyne be appointed Superintendent of Common Schools for the Townships of Binbrook and Saltfleet.

On motion of Mr. Peebles, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Resolved,—That John R. Stewart be appointed Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of West Flamboro'.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Dickson,

Resolved,—That the Rev. John Porteous be appointed Superintendent of Common Schools in the Township of Beverly for the present year.

Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Begue, moved

That this Council do authorize the Warden to procure ten copies of Mr. Monk's Map of North America, for the use of the several Municipalities forming the County of Wentworth.

The question being put on said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Peebles,

Resolved,—That Mr. Andrew Hall be re-appointed Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of East Flamborough for the current year.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Dickson,

Resolved,—That Alexander Easton, William Renwick, and Donald Campbell be and are hereby appointed Pathmasters on the County Line between the Townships of Beverly and Puslinch.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Glanford),

Resolved,—That the Rev. Mr. McClure be re-appointed Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of Barton for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Peebles, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Ancaster),

Resolved,—That Hiram King, Hugh Fraser, the mover, and the Warden be Commissioners on the Guelph and Dundas Road.

On motion of Mr. Peebles, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Resolved,—That Jacob Binkley, A. F. Begue, and the Warden be Commissioners on the Dundas and Binkley Road.

On motion, the Council adjourned until half-past two o'clock, P. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Glanford), Binkley (Ancaster), Brown, Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, McQueen, and Soules.

The Warden laid before the Council a communication from Trustees in School Sections No. 4 and 5 in Glanford, respecting the transfer of School House Lot.

On motion of Mr. Binkley (Glanford), seconded by Mr. Aikman,

Resolved,—That the communication of the Trustees of School Sections 4 and 5 of the Township of Glanford, for the transfer of school property, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Begue, seconded by Mr. King,

Resolved,—That the Clerk be authorized to procure a copy of the 5th edition of the Municipal Manual, for the use of each new member of this Council who have not been supplied.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Glanford),

Resolved,—That D. K. Servos, Esq., and Jacob L. Smith be

appointed pathmasters for the year in the Township line between Barton and Glanford.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Peebles, moved,

That 24 copies of the Educational Manual and the necessary Assessment Rolls, &c., with the Jury Lists, be procured from Thompson & Co., for the use of the several Municipalities, by the Clerk of this Council.

Mr. Brown, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Ancaster), moved,

That the Clerk be instructed to procure the necessary copies of the Assessment and Collectors' Rolls and Jury Lists for the current year from Messrs. Thompson & Co., Toronto, for the use of the different Municipalities in the County.

The question being put on the amendment, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative. The question was then put on the original motion, when a division ensued, and the names being called for, were taken down as followeth:

YEAS.—Messrs. Begue, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, and McQueen—6.

NAYS.—Messrs. Aikman, Binkley (Ancaster), Binkley (Glanford), Brown, Dickson, and Soules—6.

By the Warden voting with the nays, the original motion passed also in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Aikman,

Resolved,—That the Clerk be authorized to procure the necessary Assessment and Collectors' Rolls for the several Municipalities, also one copy of the Educational Manual for each Reeve and Deputy Reeve and Superintendent of Common Schools in the County, to be handed over to their successors in office; also the necessary Jury Lists, to be procured of Thompson & Co.

On motion of Mr. Peebles, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

The Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Report of the Commissioners of the Guelph and Dundas Road Company.

Mr. Brown in the chair.

The Council resumed.

And the Chairman reported the following resolution, which was adopted by the Council:

"That whereas by a statement of the affairs of the Guelph and Dundas Road Company up to 31st March, 1854, it appears that the County of Wentworth had paid £2,224 11s. 3½d. more than the County of Wellington in expenditure, and that the latter had received £1,505 11s. 3½d. more than the former; this Council is therefore of the opinion that the Commissioners of this Road Trust should take the necessary steps at the first meeting of the Board to have the discrepancy in the affairs of the Company adjusted, in order that this County might receive the amount justly due on the expenditure of said Road, and if not adjusted by the next regular meeting of this Council, that the matter be referred to the Solicitor."

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Hall,

Resolved,—That Mr. Robertson, the contractor for building a fence around the Gaol and Court House, be allowed to transfer his contract to another party equally competent, providing he, Mr. Robertson, will bear all the expenses of the bonds and other articles necessary to complete said contract, the City Council having released him on their part.

On motion of Mr. Binkley (Ancaster), seconded by Mr. Binkley (Glanford),

Resolved,—That Messrs. John Mitchell and John Scott be appointed overseers of highways on the County Road between the Townships of Ancaster and Glanford, opposite the 6th and 7th concessions of Ancaster.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Peebles,

Resolved,—That the Warden be authorized to pay the Award of the Arbitrators in behalf of Messrs. Henry and Samuel Binkley, when they execute the release of all further claim to this Council.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, January 30, 1856.
(Third Day.)

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Glanford), Binkley (Ancaster), Brown, Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, McQueen, and Soules.

The Warden laid before the Council a letter from P. B. Spohn, Esq., enclosing a resolution of the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions, relative to alterations in the Court Room.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Ancaster),

Resolved,—That the Warden be instructed to communicate to the Clerk of the Peace, that the views of this Council, in respect to the alterations made in the Court Room, are the same as those so decidedly and unanimously expressed by the late Council.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Ancaster),

Resolved,—That the Warden be instructed and is hereby required to communicate with the Government, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount that this County will be entitled to receive from the Fund called the Clergy Reserve Fund, and when such amount will be available for municipal purposes.

On motion of Mr. Binkley (Glanford), seconded by Mr. Soules,

Resolved,—That the Rev. George Bull be appointed Superintendent of Common Schools for the Township of Glanford, for the current year.

On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Glanford),

Resolved,—That Thomas Elley, of Binbrook, be appointed overseer of highways on the line of road between the Townships of Binbrook and Glanford, from the rear of the 4th concession of Binbrook to the Seneca line, and that said Thomas Elley be authorized to open said road. Also that Francis Teneych, Charles Ptolemy, and James B. Stewart be appointed overseers of highways on the line of road between the Townships of Binbrook and Saltfleet. Also that Jesse Cook, of Binbrook, and Robert Carr, of Glanford, be appointed overseers of highways between the Townships of Glanford and Binbrook, from the centre of the 3rd concession of Binbrook to the north line of said Township.

Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved,

For leave to introduce a By-law to raise a sum of money to improve the highway, and build a bridge across the Marsh at Burlington Heights, between the City limits and the commencement of the Hamilton and Brock Road, and to repeal By-law No. 91.

The said By-law was received and read a first time.

Ordered,—That said By-law be read a second time this afternoon.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Peebles,

Resolved,—That the Treasurer be authorized and required to pay to the Warden, on his cheque, a sum sufficient to pay an additional three shillings and ninepence to each member of this Council, to meet his increased contingent expenses, per diem.

On motion, the Council adjourned until half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Glanford), Binkley (Ancaster), Brown, Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, McQueen, and Soules.

On motion of Mr. Peebles, seconded by Mr. Dickson,

Resolved,—That the following persons be appointed overseers of highways on the County Road between the Townships of West Flamboro' and Beverly, viz.: John McGregor on the 1st concession from the Governor's Road to where the Dundas and Waterloo Macadamised Road intersects said County Road; James Ramsay and John Weatherstone to be overseers from said intersection on the 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th concessions; James Gilmore to be appointed an overseer on the 6th concession, and William Johnson and Patrick Hamilton to be overseers on the 7th and 8th concessions.

Mr. Aikman brought up the report from the Standing Committee on Finance, which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Peebles, seconded by Mr. King,

Resolved,—That the report of the Commissioners of the Dundas and Binkley Road be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Peebles, seconded by Mr. King,

Resolved,—That the Warden be authorized to request the Treasurer to furnish this Council with a statement of the indebtedness of the Dundas and Binkley Road, at its next meeting, if any possibility exists of furnishing such statement.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Aikman,

The By-law to raise a sum of money to improve the highway and build a bridge across the Marsh at Burlington Heights, between the City Limits and the commencement of the Hamilton and Brock Road, and to repeal By-law No. 91, was read a second time.

Ordered,—That said By-law be engrossed, and read a third time this day.

Mr. McQueen brought up the Report from the Standing Committee on Education, which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Aikman,

Resolved,—That the receipt for the expenditure of the sum of £6 6s. 3d., by John Sidey, Esq., late Reeve of Binbrook, and received by him out of the County Treasury for County Roads, be received for the Report in accordance with the By-law of this Council in such case made and provided.

Pursuant to order, an engrossed By-law to raise a sum of money to improve the Highway and build a Bridge across the Marsh at Burlington Heights, between the City Limits and the commencement of the Hamilton and Brock Road, and to repeal By-law 91, was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Resolved,—That the Clerk advertise the above By-law for building a Bridge across the Marsh at Burlington Heights, in one of the city newspapers for three months, according to law.

On motion of Mr. Binkley (Ancaster), seconded by Mr. Begue,

Resolved,—That the Warden be authorized to pay Messrs. Henry Crysler and Charles Wright five pounds each, for the arrest of John Ryan, who is now confined in Gaol.

On motion of Mr. Peebles, seconded by Mr. Aikman,

Resolved,—That Hiram King, Alexander Brown, Hugh Fraser, and the Warden be Commissioners to superintend the building of the Bridge and Toll-House, over the Marsh, between the Hamilton and Brock Road and the City Limits.

On motion of Mr. Begue, seconded by Mr. McQueen,

Resolved,—That the Warden memorialize the Governor-General in Council to increase the proceeds for apportionment of funds of the County Grammar Schools, to be taken out of the public funds of this Province, and cause them to be placed in the Estimates for 1856,—the Warden to sign the Memorial on behalf of this Council.

On motion of Mr. Binkley (Ancaster), seconded by Mr. Begue,

Resolved,—That William A. Cooley, Esq., be appointed Trustee for the Grammar School at Ancaster.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Glanford),

Resolved,—That the several Collectors for the County of Wentworth shall be allowed until the first day of March next to make their returns for the year 1855.

On motion, the Council adjourned until noon of the 8th day of May next, then to meet for general and special purposes.

C. O, COUNSELL, *Clerk.* JOHN HESLOP, *Warden.*

COUNTY COUNCIL

OF THE

County of Wentworth.

COUNCILLORS' NAMES.	TOWNSHIPS, &c.
AIKMAN, MICHAEL,.....	For the Township of Barton.
BEGUE, A. F.,.....	For the Town of Dundas.
BINKLEY, ALEY,.....	For the Township of Glanford.
BINKLEY, JACOB,.....	For the Township of Ancaster.
BROWN, ALEXANDER,.....	For the Township of East Flamborough.
DICKSON, WILLIAM,.....	For the Township of Beverly.
FRAZER, HUGH,.....	For the Township of West Flamborough.
HALL, HENRY,.....	For the Township of Binbrook.
HESLOP, JOHN,.....	For the Township of Ancaster.
KING, HIRAM,.....	For the Town of Dundas.
PEEBLES, MATTHEW,.....	For the Township of West Flamborough.
McQUEEN, JAMES.....	For the Township of Beverly.
SOULES, BENJAMIN,.....	For the Township of Saltfleet.

County Officers appointed by the Council.

JOHN HESLOP,..... WARDEN.
JAMES KIRKPATRICK,..... TREASURER.
CHARLES O. COUNSELL,..... CLERK.
T. M. SIMONS AND JAMES S. WETENHALL,..... AUDITORS.
JOHN O. HATT,..... SOLICITOR.
F. J. RASTRICK,..... ENGINEER.

Appendix to Minutes

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

COUNTY OF WENTWORTH.

FIRST MEETING,—1856.

REPORT

Of the Select Committee appointed to report the names of Members to form the Standing Committees for the present year.

To the County Council:

The Committee appointed to name the Standing Committees for the present year, beg leave to report as follows:—

Committee on Gaol and Court House.—Messrs. Aikman, Brown, Peebles, King, Hall, Binkley (Ancaster), and the Warden.

Roads and Bridges.—Messrs. McQueen, Frazer, Hall, Soules, and Brown.

Education.—Messrs. McQueen, Dickson, Aikman, Binkley (Glanford), and Begue.

Printing.—Messrs. Hall, Peebles, and the Warden.

Finance.—Messrs. Aikman, McQueen, Brown, Binkley (Ancaster), King, Peebles and the Warden.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, *Jan.* 28, 1856.

MICHAEL AIKMAN,
Chairman.

REPORT

Of the Commissioners of the Guelph and Dundas Road.

To the County Council:

The Commissioners of the Guelph and Dundas Road Trust beg leave to lay before you their semi-annual Report, as follows:

That during their term of office they have made several repairs on said Road, laying on the mettled portion about five hundred cords of broken stone, and gravelling about five miles of the gravelled part of said Road with screened gravel, about nine feet wide, and varying from five to ten inches deep, as where most required; that they did not consider it prudent to change the tariff of tolls from that of last year, which appears to give general satisfaction; that the several gates of said Road were leased for the sum of £1661, for one year from the 22d of June last, being an increase of £32 over the amount realized for the former year; that the general debt of the Road to the County of Wentworth is £14,119 9s.; that the Board is unable to state the actual indebtedness of the Road to the County of Wellington to the present period, owing to the Treasurer of that County not furnishing the Secretary of the Road Trust with the regular quarterly statement, as is done on the part of the Treasurer of Wentworth; that they have paid accounts during their term of office amounting to the sum of £1035 14s. 10d. for repairs on said Road, including all accounts for printing, management, &c.—being £672 19s. 11d. in main section No. 1, and £362 14s. 11d. in main section No. 2; that a portion of said accounts have been contracted for by the former Board and left unpaid; that there remains about fifty cords of broken stone ready to be laid on when required; and that the general state of the Road is in good repair.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HESLOP,
Chairman.

Board Room,
Jan. 14, 1856.

REPORT

Of the Standing Committee on Finance.

To the County Council:

The Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to report—

That your Committee have examined the following accounts, and recommend the same to be paid:

Dr. O'Reilly, examining Lunatics	£2	0	0
Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, for Printing	8	6	10
George Barnes, for Municipal Manuals	7	10	0
County Board of Public Instruction	7	3	0
James Reid, furniture for Gaol and Court House, one half of his acct.	18	12	6
George Bridgewood, for blacksmith work done at Gaol and Court House, one half of his account	8	4	7½
	£51	16	11½

The remaining half of the two last-mentioned accounts to be paid by the City.

Your Committee have received an account from Messrs. Carpenter & Gurney, for castings furnished to the Gaol by order of Mr. Ruttan, which they recommend to lie over until Mr. Ruttan sends in his account.

Your Committee have received the Treasurer's account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the past year, as approved by the County Auditors, and find a balance in favor of the County deposited in the Gore Bank to the amount of £4022 5s. 3½d.

Your Committee have examined the statements set forth in a letter from C. O. Counsell, Esq., with the accompanying documents, and find that, in consequence of the increased amount of labor imposed upon the County Clerk by the late Acts of Parliament, his salary is not adequate to the duties he has to perform; your Committee would therefore recommend that the salary of the County Clerk be increased thirty pounds per annum, and that the Warden do issue his cheque for the same.

All which is respectfully submitted.

MICHAEL AIKMAN,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
Jan. 30, 1856.

REPORT

Of the Commissioners of the Dundas and Binkley Road.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Commissioners of the Dundas and Binkley Road beg leave to report—

That the tolls of this road under the new tariff were sold at public auction on the 24th of December last, and leased for the current year to the former Lessee for the sum of four hundred and forty-seven pounds; that satisfactory security has been taken for the payment of the rent monthly of the same; that this sum

is clear of all exemptions, and is an advance of sixty-two pounds on the revenue of the road over that of the previous year.

The Commissioners have further to report, that the Lessee has paid the rent for the past year, with the exception of that due for the last two months; this deficiency on the part of the Lessee is owing to his having been robbed of a considerable amount of money (just at the time he intended to have made a payment) on the morning of the 5th of September last.

The Commissioners have also to report, that the Arbitrators appointed to settle the claims of Messrs. Henry and Samuel Binkley for compensation for injury to property, have made their award.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HESLOP.
H. G. HABBIN.
DANIEL FIELDS.
JACOB BINKLEY.

24th January, 1856.

REPORT

Of the Standing Committee on Education.

To the County Council:

The Standing Committee on Education beg leave to report—

That having taken into consideration the letter of the Trustees of School Section No. 4 and 5, in the Township of Glanford, would recommend that the request contained in said letter be granted, and that the Warden be authorized to execute the necessary documents connected with the matter referred to.

Your Committee have also taken into consideration the letter from Dr. Craigie, respecting the appointment of Grammar School Trustees, and would recommend that the following individuals be appointed Trustees of the County Grammar School in the City of Hamilton, in the place of those who have retired, viz.:—Oliver Springer and Dr. Billings.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES McQUEEN,
Chairman

Committee Room,
Jan. 30, 1856.

REPORT

Of the Commissioners appointed to superintend the Building a Bridge across the Marsh at Burlington Heights.

To THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Commissioners appointed to superintend the Building of the Bridge across the Marsh at Burlington Heights beg leave to report—

That having met and inspected the location of the Bridge, considered it necessary before advertizing for tenders for building the same, to direct the County Engineer to take measurements and make an estimate of the probable cost for forming an embankment and culvert to effect the improvement, instead of rebuilding the frame bridge. The Engineer having submitted an estimate and plan of the work to the Board, the Commissioners are of opinion that this mode would be permanent and the most satisfactory way of carrying out the improvement, have therefore referred the plans and estimate for the consideration of the Council at their next meeting.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HESLOP.
JAMES MORDEN.
JAMES LAFFERTY.
ALEX. BROWN.

Dated January 16, 1856.

REPORT

Of the Directors of the Hamilton and Nelson Road Company.

To THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Directors of the Hamilton and Nelson Road Company beg leave to report—

Amount in Treasurer's hands at the date of last report		£97 19 9½
Amount received from tolls the past year		907 17 11
Interest		4 0 0
		£1009 17 8½
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Amount of Dividends paid to Stockholders	£630 0 0	
Salary to Gate-keepers	96 0 0	
Do. Secretary and Treasurer	30 0 0	
Sundry expenses, repairs, &c.	28 13 11½	—784 13 11½
Balance in Treasurer's hands		£225 3 9

Peter Carroll, Treasurer of the Hamilton and Nelson Road Company, maketh oath and saith that the above is a correct and

true report of the affairs of the said Company up to the 31st day of December last, so far as required by the 56th section of the 16 Vic., cap. 190.

PETER CARROLL,
Treasurer, H. and N. Road Company.

Sworn before me, at Hamilton, 17th day of January, 1856.

SAMUEL MILLS, J.P.

REPORT

Of the Directors of the Hamilton and Brock Road Company.

To THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Directors of the Hamilton and Brock Road Company beg leave to report—

Amount received from tolls the past year				£590	2	6
Interest				4	17	5
				£594	19	11

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount of Dividends paid and payable to the Stock-holders	£400	0	0			
Salary to Gate-keepers	65	7	6			
Sundry expenses, &c.	3	3	1½	—468	10	7½
Balance in the hands of Treasurer				£126	9	3½

Samuel Mills, Treasurer of the Hamilton and Brock Road Company, maketh oath and saith the annexed is a true and correct Report of the affairs of said Company, up to 31st day of December last, so far as required by the 56th section of 16 Vic., cap. 190.

SAMUEL MILLS.

Sworn before me, at Hamilton, the 18th January, 1856.

GEORGE H. MILLS,
A Commissioner in Q. B.

MEMORIAL

Respecting the amended Road Act, 16 Vic. Cap 190.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, in Provincial Parliament assembled:

The Memorial of the Warden and Council of the County of Wentworth humbly sheweth—

That your Memorialists are of opinion that the Amended Road

Act, 16 Vic. Cap. 190, is objectionable and defective in many respects, and that the public interests require several alterations to be made in order that the owners or occupants of roads may be compelled to keep them in efficient repair, and in case they are neglected or allowed to get out of repair, that a more effective and summary mode may be provided whereby the public may receive protection and redress; your Memorialists being aware that in several instances where proceedings have been taken to compel the owners or occupants of roads to keep them in repair, as provided for by the existing statute, has failed to give redress, and only resulting in disappointment and a bill of expense to the parties or Municipality employing the Engineer to make the necessary inspection: your Memorialists would therefore pray that whenever any Company or Municipality shall suffer any portion of their road on which tolls shall have been taken to get out of repair, it shall be the duty of the County Engineer, upon the requisition of twelve resident free-holders, stating that such road is so much out of repair as to impede or endanger persons travelling thereon, to examine such road immediately, and if, upon examination, he shall find it out of repair as complained of, he shall forthwith notify the President or the head of the Municipality that, in pursuance of such requisition, he had examined their road and found it out of repair, and requiring them to repair it within the time limited in such notice; and so soon as the time limited in such notice shall have expired, it shall be the duty of the said Engineer to inspect and examine such road a second time or oftener if required, for the purpose of ascertaining whether such road has been repaired in accordance with the directions he may have given in such notice, and the said Engineer shall also be entitled to demand and receive from the owners or occupants of the road his expenses incurred in such examinations; and further, that it shall not be lawful for the said Company or Municipality, or any other person, to demand or receive any toll from any person passing through the nearest toll gate on either side of the portion of road so reported to be out of repair, from the time such notice is given until the road is repaired in accordance with the direction of the Engineer, or other competent officer.

And your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

JOHN HESLOP,
Warden

10th March, 1856.

AUDITORS' OFFICE,
Hamilton, 24th March, 1856.

TO JOHN HESLOP, ESQ., *Warden :*

SIR,—We have the honor to report that we have made a careful examination of the books of the Treasurer of the County of Wentworth. We have also checked over his vouchers and receipts, and we have much pleasure in certifying to the correctness of his books and the explicitness with which they are kept.

We enclose an Abstract Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending the 31st December, 1855, and we also enclose a balance-sheet of the books at that date, which exhibits the liabilities of the County in full.

In addition to the assets enumerated, we must add the following, which do not appear in the accounts :—

*Debentures assumed by County of Halton	£10703	18	5
" " " County of Brant	1000	0	0
Interest due 31st December by County of Halton	321	2	4
" " " County of Brant	30	0	0
" " " David Williamson	54	0	0
	£12109	0	9

We have the honor to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

THOMAS M. SIMONS,
JAMES S. WETENHALL,
County Auditors.

* NOTE.—The County of Wentworth being bound for the payment of these Debentures, they must appear against it until paid off by Halton and Brant. The three other items for Interest will be included in the Estimate for 1856.

ABSTRACT

OF THE

Receipts & Expenditure of the County of Wentworth,

For the Year, from 1st January to 31st December, 1855.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
From Township Treasurers	5308	3	7½			
Wild Land Taxes, called non-resident	416	6	0½			
Redemption Money on Lands	76	6	6½			
				5800	16	2¼
From Pedlar's Licenses	15	0	0			
Rent from Mr. Thomas	10	0	0			
				25	0	0
From City of Hamilton, support of Prisoners, 1854				366	3	11
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.						
From Government	2113	18	1			
High Constable	17	15	0			
				2131	13	1
Mr. Sheriff Thomas				30	0	0
From A. Stewart, fees from Jury Fund	270	0	0			
On Jury lists for 1855, not called for	3	10	0			
Fines credited the Jury Fund	75	13	6			
				349	3	6
From County Grammar Schools	309	7	11			
School Money, Government Grant for 1855, and balance for 1854	621	8	11			
				930	16	10
From Debentures, Dundas and Binkley Hills Road	100	0	0			
" Gaol and Court House, net proceeds	2175	0	0			
" Bronte and Acton Road	500	0	0			
				2775	0	0
From Interest, County of Halton	306	2	4			
" Trafalgar, Esquesing, and Erin Road	90	0	0			
" Nelson and Nassagaweya "	60	0	0			
" Paris and Ayr "	60	0	0			
" Bronte and Acton "	55	5	0			
				571	7	4
From Tolls, Dundas and Binkley Hills Road	249	14	2			
" Guelph and Dundas "	871	15	0			
				1121	9	2
From D. Williamson on payment of Hamilton and Stoney Creek Road				504	0	0
From Wentworth and Halton, for Inspector General, per 16 Vic. cap. 184, sec. 6				358	15	9
Total receipts				14964	5	9¼
Balance on hand 1st January, 1855				4178	12	1
			£	19142	17	10¼

EXPENDITURE.

FOR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gaol Expenses	1738	11	19¾			
Constables	660	16	8½			
Sheriff	242	0	7			
Clerk of the Peace	117	6	11			
Coroners	123	7	9			
Medical attendance	172	19	0			
Judge's Orders	9	2	6			
Crier, Quarter Sessions and Assizes	20	13	6			
				3084	18	10¼
Support of Lunatics				130	0	0
General Interest Account	309	0	0			
Interest on Debentures, Dundas and Binkley Hills Road	202	10	0			
" " Hamilton and Ston. Creek "	284	7	10			
" " Trafalgar, Esquesing, & Erin "	180	0	0			
" " Nelson and Nassagaweya "	120	0	0			
" " Paris and Ayr "	60	0	0			
" " Bronte and Acton "	106	15	0			
" " Bridge, Twelve Mile Creek	176	5	0			
" " Guelph and Dundas Road	446	1	11½			
				1884	19	9½
Township Officers' Fees	456	10	6½			
" Superintendents	100	0	6			
				556	10	6½
Debentures, Guelph and Dundas Road	569	0	0			
" Bronte and Acton "	500	0	0			
				1069	0	0
Inspector General, for Revenue Inspectors	358	15	9			
" " Lunatic Asylum Tax and fees	692	3	11½			
				1050	19	8½
Jury Law, Clerk of the Peace	205	10	0			
Sheriff	257	5	6			
Jury Pay Lists	623	6	3			
				1086	1	9
County Grammar Schools	309	7	11			
School Money	644	7	5			
				953	15	4
Dundas and Binkley Hills, for work done	180	6	6⅛			
" " Commissioners	35	5	0			
County Roads	137	19	7			
Guelph and Dundas Road, work, &c	654	14	8			
				1008	5	9¼
Wild Land Tax, called non-resident				262	8	3¼
Redemption Money on Land				72	13	5½
Addition to Gaol and Court House				1150	6	1
Paid County of Halton				1011	2	0
Under Council, Salaries, &c	565	12	6			
Councillors' Pay	124	12	0			
Printing and Stationery	95	5	4½			
Rents, A. Steven, Esq	100	0	0			
" Clerk County Court	20	0	0			
				905	9	10½
Thomas Racey, for copy of Records, &c	260	2	6			
R. D. Wadsworth, copying Wills, &c	25	0	0			
Clerk of Peace, a safe	38	13	0			
Patriotic Fund	250	0	0			
Registry Books for Registrar	12	10	0			
Sundries under Council	247	15	7½			
				834	1	1½
Mr. Sheriff Thomas				60	0	0
Total expenditure				15120	12	6¾
Balance 31st December, 1855				4022	5	3½
				19142	17	10¼

BALANCE-SHEET

OF

The Books of the County of Wentworth.

31ST DECEMBER, 1855.

	Dr. £	s.	d.	Cr. £	s.	d.
James Kirkpatrick, Treasurer	4022	5	3½			
Estate of the late R. R. Smiley, Esq	700	0	0			
D. Williamson, Esq., Hamilton and Stoney Creek Road	3600	0	0			
Dundas and Binkley Hills Road	4443	18	5¾			
Trafalgar, Esquesing, and Erin Road	3090	0	0			
Nelson and Nassagaweya Road	2060	0	0			
Paris and Ayr Road	1000	0	0			
Bronte and Acton Road	2379	10	0			
Guelph and Dundas Road	14119	9	0			
Bridge, Twelve Mile Creek	3061	10	0			
Mr. Sheriff Thomas	30	0	0			
Balance, County of Wentworth	2750	3	11¼			
Assessment of 1855				392	10	0
Debentures, General				5200	0	0
" Guelph and Dundas Road				7541	0	0
" Dundas and Binkley Hills Road				4000	0	0
" Hamilton and Stoney Creek "				5900	0	0
" Trafalgar, Esquesing and Erin "				3000	0	0
" Nelson and Nassagaweya "				2000	0	0
" Paris and Ayr "				1000	0	0
" Bronte and Acton "				2342	0	0
" Gaol and Court House				2450	0	0
" Bridge, Twelve Mile Creek				3000	0	0
Lunatic Asylum Tax				375	16	10
Special, under By-law 24 and 30				2246	2	9
" " 60				950	6	7
" " 61, 72, 79				643	13	0
Wild Land Tax, non-resident				211	14	5½
Redemption Money				3	13	1
	41256	16	8½	41256	16	8½

THOMAS M. SIMONS,
JAMES S. WETENHALL, } *County Auditors.*

MINUTES

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

COUNTY OF WENTWORTH.

SECOND MEETING, (ADJOURNED, &c.) 1856.

HAMILTON, Thursday, May 8, 1856.

The Council met noon, at the City Hall, in the City of Hamilton, pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Begue, Brown, Fraser, and King.

A quorum not being present, the Warden adjourned the Council until 2 o'clock, P.M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Ancaster), Binkley (Glanford), Brown, Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, and Soules.

The Warden addressed the Council as follows :—

GENTLEMEN :

In accordance with a resolution of the Council, of the 13th December last, I have memorialized His Excellency the Governor General in Council, and the Legislature, praying that they would be pleased to make such alterations

and amendments to the Joint Stock Company's Road Act, as would afford sufficient protection and redress to the travelling community, by compelling parties owning roads to keep them in proper repair; a copy of which is appended to the proceedings of last meeting. Great dissatisfaction exists, and complaints are general on the part of the public, on account of the bad condition of the roads under the control of Joint Stock Companies. The County Engineer informs me, that in pursuance of the direction of the County Judge, he has inspected the Hamilton and Brock Road, the Hamilton, Waterdown, and Carlisle Road, and the Brantford and Hamilton Road, and found them, on inspection, not only much out of repair, but in some instances dangerous, and nearly impassable. The time limited in the Engineer's notice to the Hamilton and Brock Road Company, requiring them to repair and place the road in proper condition, expired on the 24th ultimo. The notice to the Hamilton, Waterdown and Carlisle Company will expire on the 6th inst., and the time given to the Brantford and Hamilton Road Company is limited to the 19th inst.

A memorial from George Rolph, Esq., will be laid before you, offering to the Council the proprietorship of the Sydenham Mountain Road, under the provisions of statute 14th and 15th Vic., cap. 150. Mr. Rolph being desirous of selling the road, is anxious that the Trust should be secured to the public through the County Council; and on that account would dispose of it to the Council on equitable terms as may be agreed upon, and in the event of the Council declining to purchase, Mr. Rolph asks the Council to relinquish their right to purchase at any time, vested in them by the 4th section of the Act of incorporation, in order that Mr. Rolph may possess his property free from such incumbrance.

Agreeable to a resolution of Council, adopted at the last Meeting, I communicated with the Educational Department in reference to additional aid for the support of County Grammar Schools, to which I received an unfavorable reply.

Mr. Racey, the Registrar for Halton, considering it his duty, in compliance with the statute, has furnished the County Registrar with Transcript Books of Titles registered in the Halton Registry, prior to the year 1833, of lands in the Township of Ancaster, Barton, Binbrook, Glanford, and Saltfleet. The Solicitor concurring in the opinion with me, that those Books were essential for reference. I directed, in accordance with the former instructions of the Council, the payment of Mr. Racey's account, amounting to £69. A further sum may yet be required to meet the expense of furnishing copies of such records of Lands, as may have been filed with the Registrar of Lincoln, at the period that those Townships referred to formed part of the then Niagara District, should that officer comply with the requisition of the Registrar of this County; it may be questionable whether copies of records (such as these are) revised by a commission, the originals having been destroyed by fire in 1815, is really necessary for reference or required by statute.

In accordance with a resolution of the Council of the 30th of January last, I communicated with the Honorable Receiver General for information in regard to the proceeds arising from the sale of Clergy Reserve lands, forming the Upper Canada Municipalities fund; and when such proceeds may be available

for Municipal purposes, under the Act 18th Vic., Cap. 2. Mr. Tache, in answer, states that the information asked for could not be given until such time as there had been further legislative action in the matter, with a view to a more equitable distribution.

The Commissioners of the Guelph and Dundas Road Tust have, with a view to adjusting the discrepancy that exists in the amount that each County has received from the Revenue of the Road, directed that an order of the Board passed in October last, authorizing the whole of the receipts of the Gates to be paid to the Treasurer of Wentworth, shall be continued until Wentworth shall have received one-half of the Revenue, and be reimbursed of the outlay in the construction and maintenance of the Road exceeding that of Wellington. This Road is in tolerable good repair, with no additional expense by the present Board except the outlay incurred in removing the snow drifts during the past winter. The tolls under the revised Tariff are advertised to be leased at Public Auction, on the 21st instant, for one year ensuing that date.

The Treasurer informs me that of the accounts for the administration of criminal Justice, audited for the recent November and January Quarter Sessions, amounting to the sum of £1,578 15s. 7d., the Government have disallowed the sum of £532 19s 4d., being a greater deduction than was made previous to the date (6th of March, 1855) of the memorial of the Council to the Legislature, praying—"That with regard to the payments of the expenses of the Administration of Criminal Justice from the Consolidated Revenue fund, all charges that are defrayed in Lower Canada from this fund, all similar ones in Upper Canada should also be paid therefrom." On the 15th ultimo I addressed the Hon. Mr. Spence, who had charge of your memorial, stating that the evil complained of by the Council was on the increase; and to be informed what action the Legislature had taken or intended to take in regard to the matter, to which I have not yet received a reply. Some steps ought to be taken to secure the co-operation of other County Municipalities, who are alike interested with ourselves in being relieved from the payment of those charges which probably will amount in the aggregate for the forty-two counties comprising Western Canada, at a moderate calculation to £20,000 or £25,000 annually, which may be effected by the Legislature amending or repealing the Act 9th Vic. cap. 58, the statute which regulates the present mode of auditing those accounts, and placing Upper Canada on an equal footing with Lower Canada in this respect, and for other charges which we have not preferred.

Agreeable to the instructions of the Council, I communicated with the Clerk of the Peace, enclosing a copy of a resolution expressing the views of the Council in respect to the alterations made in the Court Room by order of the Magistrates.

The Policy of Insurance in the Gore District Mutual, on the Court House, has expired, and has not been renewed.

A communication from Peter Carroll, Esq., President of the Hamilton and Brock Road Company will be laid before you, submitting a proposal to have the tolls intended to be levied at the Burlington Bridge collected at the Company's

gate, and to be paid over monthly to the Council, deducting a small proportionate charge to cover the cost of collection. The Company are of opinion that if an arrangement of this kind can be effected, it will be less expensive and more satisfactory to the public than paying two tolls within a short distance.

The special order of the day, at three o'clock, P.M., is the consideration of the By-law (published as required by the statute) to raise a sum of money to improve the highway and build a bridge across the marsh at Burlington Heights, between the city limits and the commencement of the Hamilton and Brock Road. The Commissioners appointed to superintend the erection of the Bridge have contracted with Mr. John Cook for the building of the Bridge, and the construction of the approaches, in accordance with the specifications (and under the direction) of the County Engineer. The Contractor has proceeded rapidly with the work, the whole being in a measure completed, with the exception of the toll house and gate. The amount of the contract has exceeded the estimates submitted to the Council, and, on that account, there will be required an additional grant to meet the deficiency.

JOHN HESLOP,
Warden.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
May 8, 1856.

The Warden laid before the Council the following communications :—

1. Resolutions to amend the Constitution of the Province, by Mr. Merritt.

2. Report of the Committee to investigate the amount of Fines inflicted by John Patterson, Esq.

3. Memorial of George Rolph, Esq., respecting the Sydenham Road.

4. Report of the Standing Committee on Printing.

5. Letter from the Warden of York and Peel, respecting Separate Schools.

6. Letter from the Provincial Secretary, respecting the Memorial to the Governor General on the Act of 16 Vic. cap. 190.

7. Report of the Directors of the Paris and Dundas Road Company.

8. Letter from the Education Office, respecting the Grammar School Grant.

9. Auditors' Report of School Moneys for 1855.

10. Six documents from the County Engineer, respecting Roads.

11. Letter from Peter Carroll, Esq., respecting tolls, &c., near the bridge over the marsh at Burlington Heights.

12. Letter from the Receiver General respecting the Clergy Reserve Fund.

13. Letter from the Treasurer, respecting accounts connected with Criminal Justice.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. King,

Resolved,—That the By-law duly advertised, to raise a sum of money to improve the highway and build a bridge across the marsh at Burlington Heights, between the City limits and the commencement of the Hamilton and Brock Road, and to repeal By-law 91, be now read, and that the same do pass, and be sealed, and signed by the Warden.

The aforesaid By-law was duly passed, sealed, and signed by the Warden.

The Warden laid before the Council a communication from Mr. Hopkins, respecting lightning rods for the Court House; a petition from Joseph Rolstone, respecting the scales belonging to the County; and a memorial from the Reeve of Glanford, respecting the road between Glanford and Ancaster.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Soules,

Resolved,—That the memorial of George Rolph, Esq., respecting the Sydenham Road, and the communication from Peter Carroll, Esq., be referred to the Committee on Finance; and that the documents from the County Engineer be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Resolved,—That this Council concur in the views entertained by the United Counties of York and Peel, in reference to Separate Schools, and that the Warden of this Council be hereby instructed to draw up a memorial to the different branches of the Legislature, on behalf of this Council, embracing similar views.

On motion of Mr. Begue, seconded by Mr. King,

Resolved,—That the following gentlemen, whose term of office is expired, be re-appointed Trustees of the County Grammar School in Dundas, viz.:—Rev. Mr. Stark and the Rev. Dr. McMurray.

On motion of Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Begue,

Resolved,—That James Coleman, Esq., be appointed Trustee for the County Grammar School in Dundas, in place of Dr. Rosebrugh, resigned.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Glanford),

Resolved,—That the letter of S. Hopkins, with the accompanying printed documents, be referred to the Standing Committee on Gaol and Court House.

On motion of Mr. Binkley (Ancaster), seconded by Mr. Brown,

Resolved,—That Messrs. James Morden and Thomas Bate be heard before the bar of this Council, in consequence of the latter gentleman claiming damages of this Municipality for having fallen through the old Burlington Bridge.

The aforesaid gentlemen addressed the Council.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Soules,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. Binkley (Ancaster), Brown, and Hall, to confer with Mr. Bate, in reference to the injury he received by his horse falling through the Burlington Bridge, and to report to this Council the result of such conference at the June Session of said Council.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Hall,

Resolved,—That the memorial of Mr. Rolstone, Inspector of Weights and Measures, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock, A.M., tomorrow.

FRIDAY, May 9, 1856.
(Second Day.)

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Binkley (Ancaster), Binkley (Glanford), Brown, Dickson, Fraser, King, Peebles, and Soules.

On motion of Mr. Binkley (Glanford), seconded by Mr. Soules,

Resolved,—That the Warden be authorized to instruct a licensed Provincial Surveyor to mark out the boundary line between the Townships of Ancaster and Glanford, in conformity with the prayer of the Municipality of Glanford.

Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Peebles, moved,

For leave to introduce a By-law to establish and levy a rate of tolls, to be taken at the bridge across the marsh at Burlington Heights, between the City limits and the commencement of the road in the possession of the Hamilton and Brock Road Company.

The said By-law was received and read a first time.

On motion, the Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on second reading of said By-law.

Mr. Aikman in the chair.

The Council resumed,

And the Chairman reported the By-law without amendment.

Ordered,—That said By-law be engrossed, and read a third time this afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Binkley (Glanford), seconded by Mr. Aikman,

Resolved,—That the Committee on Roads and Bridges be, and are hereby required to ascertain the amount of moneys received for County roads by each Township in this County under By-law 65 of this Council, since said By-law came into effect, and also an account where such moneys have been expended, and report to this Council at its next meeting.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 3 o'clock, P.M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Ancaster), Binkley (Glanford), Brown, Dickson, Fraser, King, Peebles, and Soules.

Pursuant to order, By-law to establish and levy a rate of tolls to be taken at the bridge across the marsh at Burlington Heights,

between the City limits and the commencement of the road in the possession of the Hamilton and Brock Road Company, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Brown brought up the Report of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, which, on motion, was adopted.

Mr. Aikman brought up the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Begue, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Resolved,—That a Committee be formed of Messrs. Aikman, Binkley (Ancaster), King, Fraser, and the mover, to inquire into the ways and means to create an Industrial Farm, or a place of refuge for indigent persons in this County, and to report thereon at the next meeting of this Council in June next.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Soules,

Resolved,—That the Warden be requested to memorialize the Government to release the several County Municipalities from levying a rate for the Lunatic Asylum, inasmuch as the Reeves have been notified some time since, that no more Lunatics would be received at said Institution.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

C. O. COUNSELL, *Clerk.* JOHN HESLOP, *Warden.*

Appendix to Minutes

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

COUNTY OF WENTWORTH.

SECOND MEETING (ADJOURNED, &c.), 1856.

REPORT

Of the Directors of the Paris and Dundas Road Company.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Directors of the Paris and Dundas Road Company beg leave to report—

Cost of Work	£17786	0	0
Amount of money expended	19129	0	0
The amount of capital stock	10205	0	0
Amount paid in	9401	15	6
The amount of tolls expended	5666	0	0
Tolls received during the year	1360	0	0
The amount of dividends paid (none)	0	0	0
Amounts of repairs and gatekeepers' wages	500	0	0
Amount of debts due for making and repairing the Road	5551	0	0

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES BLAIR,
Secretary P. & D. R. Company.

PARIS, March 12, 1856.

REPORT

Of the Standing Committee on Printing.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Standing Committee on Printing beg leave to report—

That your Committee have received two tenders for printing

the Minutes, &c., for the current year, which they have carefully examined, and find the one from Gideon Shepard to be the most favorable for the County.

The tender is as follows :—

Imperial paper, per ream of 34 lbs	£1	1	3
Composition, per 1000 ems	0	1	4
Press Work, per token	0	2	3
Stitching, per 100 sheets	0	0	6

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY HALL,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 24, 1856

REPORT

Of the Auditors on School Accounts for the year 1855.

To C. O. COUNSELL, Esq., Clerk.

SIR,—We have the honor to enclose a general statement of the School Accounts of the County of Wentworth, and we have to report, after a careful examination of the different vouchers, that each account is correct, with the exception of that from the Sub-Treasurer at Ancaster—the true balance at his debit is £223 17s. 10½d.; he makes it £98 4s. 6d. only.

We would again beg to call attention to the extremely loose manner in which many of the orders on the Sub-Treasurers are drawn out, frequently made payable to the school teacher "or bearer;" they are not receipted by the school teacher, and in many instances when made payable "to order" a like omission is observable. We would again suggest printed forms for orders and Sub-Treasurers' receipts.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

THOMAS M. SIMONS,
JAMES S. WETENHALL,
Auditors of School Moneys.

AUDITORS' OFFICE, HAMILTON,
March 28, 1856.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Of the County of Wentworth for the Year 1855.

Townships.	Amount of Legislative Grant.	Amount received from Assessment.	Balance of School Fund from preceding years.	Total amount available for Teachers' Salaries	Total amount paid to Teachers.	Balance unpaid.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ancaster	116 4 0	116 4 0	125 13 4½	358 1 4½	134 3 6	223 17 10½
Barton	29 2 9	29 2 9	37 12 8½	95 18 2½	76 1 10	19 16 4½
Beverly	146 14 6	146 14 6	46 9 11½	339 18 11½	299 16 2½	40 2 9
Binbrook	42 8 9	42 8 9	*1 6 4	86 18 2	73 10 10	13 7 4
Flamborough East	66 6 6	66 6 6	0 0 0	132 13 0	132 13 0	0 0 0
Flamborough West	89 15 6	89 15 6	39 2 5	218 13 5	121 8 4½	97 5 0½
Glanford	46 5 9	46 5 9	5 10 2	98 1 8	95 3 10½	2 17 9½
Saltfleet	61 17 3	61 17 3	– 69 10 6	193 5 0	105 15 7	87 9 5
	£598 15 0	£598 15 0	£325 19 9½	£1523 9 9½	£1038 13 2½	£484 16 7

* Other sources, 14s. 4d.—to be added to Binbrook.

THOMAS M. SIMONS,
JAMES S. WETENHALL,
Auditors of School Moneys.

AUDITORS' OFFICE, HAMILTON,
March, 28, 1856.

REPORT

Of the Select Committee appointed to investigate the amount of Fines inflicted by John Patterson, Esq.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Committee appointed to investigate the amount of Fines inflicted by John Patterson, Esq., beg leave to report—

That having entered into the investigation, find, in reference to the Books of the County Treasurer, that the only return of fines by Mr. Patterson to the County Treasurer previous to the passing of the amended Jury Law was £5 5s., which appears was credited to the Township of West Flamborough; since that period Mr. Patterson has made two returns of fines, viz.: on the 1st of April, 1852, of £14 10s., and on the 12th of November, 1853, of £54 11s. 11d., being the last fines paid to the County Treasurer. By returns from the Treasurer of the Town of Dundas, your Committee find that Mr. Patterson has paid to that Municipality since the 15th February, 1851, to the 8th November, 1853, fines amounting to £54 10s., but none since that date.

Your Committee have also examined the return of convictions made by Magistrates to the Clerk of the Peace, and find that Mr. Patterson has made no returns of convictions since the 4th of November, 1853.

Your Committee beg further to report, that from several circumstances which have come to their knowledge, there is little doubt in their minds but that Mr. Patterson has levied fines to a large amount since he made his last return; and in the event of those fines not being paid over forthwith, which have been imposed since the 12th November, 1853, up to the present time, recommend that steps be taken to enforce the payment of the same.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HESLOP,
WASH. BOULTBEE,
MATTHEW PEEBLES.

DUNDAS, May 3, 1856.

REPORT

Of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report—

That, having taken into consideration the statements of the County Engineer, in reference to the different Road Companies, would recommend that so soon as the time limited by the notice of the County Engineer, which shall or may have been served upon the President of any Road Company, as required by the latter clause of the 34th section of the Joint Stock Road Companies Act, shall have expired, it shall be the duty of said Engineer to inspect or examine the said road or roads a second time, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the said road or roads have been repaired in accordance with the directions he may have given in such notice; and if, upon such subsequent examinations, he shall find that his directions have not been complied with by the said Road Companies, he shall forthwith notify the said Road Companies that, in consequence of their neglect or refusal to make the necessary repairs, they are liable to the penalties of the statute which makes it illegal for such companies to collect tolls until his orders are complied with; and your Committee also recommend that the County Engineer do cause copies of such notices to be published in such County Newspapers as are in general circulation in the locality of such roads.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HUGH FRASER,
BENJAMIN SOULES,
ALEXANDER BROWN.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
May 9, 1856.

REPORT

Of the Standing Committee on Finance.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to report—

That they have examined the following accounts, and would recommend the same to be paid, viz.:—

Thompson & Co., for Assessment Rolls, &c.	£23	2	3
John Blachford, burial of a man unknown	1	5	0
W. M. Nicholson, for advertising	0	19	0
Hamilton *Gazette* office, do., &c.	5	14	9
Hamilton Gas-light Company, for coke	0	13	9
L. Nicols, deepening well, &c., at public buildings	7	7	6
County Board of Public Instruction	10	3	0
George Robertson, for fence round the Gaol	99	19	3
Thomas Lalor, wrought iron work, &c., at do	53	5	3
Making in all the sum of	£202	9	9

Your Committee would recommend that the account of Hugh Lennon be laid over until the June Session of this Council, and that the Warden advise with the County Solicitor, in reference thereto, and that the account of William Milne be laid before the Joint Committee on Gaol and Court House.

Your Committee have examined the proposition of Peter Carroll, Esq., in reference to collecting the tolls at Burlington Bridge, and recommend the matter to be laid over for the present. Your Committee would also recommend that the prayer of Joseph Rolstone be granted, and that a new set of scales be purchased for the use of the County.

Your Committee have taken into consideration the petition of George Rolph, Esq., and came to the conclusion not to purchase the Sydenham Road, but would recommend this Council to relinquish all claims they may possess, either by law or equity, to said Road.

All which is respectfully submitted.

MICHAEL AIKMAN,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
May 9, 1856.

BY-LAWS.

(No. 93.) A BY-LAW

To raise a sum of money to improve the Highway, and build a bridge across the Marsh at Burlington Heights, between the City Limits and the commencement of the Hamilton and Brock Road, and to repeal By-Law No. Ninety-one.

Whereas it is desirable and expedient to raise and contract for a Loan of Five Hundred Pounds currency, for the purpose of improving the Highway and building a Bridge across the Marsh at Burlington Heights between the limits of the City of Hamilton and the commencement of the Road in the possession of the Hamilton and Brock Road Company; and whereas, for the payment of such debt or Loans, and the interest thereon within the times hereby limited for the satisfaction and discharge thereof, on the days and times when the same shall become payable according to this By-law, it will be necessary to raise annually as a Special Rate over and above and in addition to all other rates whatsoever, the sums of money respectively mentioned in the Schedule to this By-law annexed and forming part hereof; and whereas the amount of the whole rateable property of the County of Wentworth according to the Assessment Returns for the same for the year 1855, being the financial year next preceding the passing of this By-law, was £1,681,219 5s. currency; and whereas for the payment of said interest and for the creation of a Sinking Fund for the payment of the principal of such debt, or Loan according to the requirements of the 177th section of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts of 1849, the Special Rates mentioned in the Schedule appended hereunto and forming part of this By-law, upon such rateable property, will be required to be levied and raised in each year irrespective of any future increase of such rateable property, and also irrespective of any increase whatever in the nature of tolls, interest or dividends to accrue or be derived from any Corporation work, or any stock, shares or interest, in any such work in or upon such Loan or any part thereof shall be invested or applied, and also irrespective of

any income to be derived from the temporary investment of such Sinking Fund or any part thereof. Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Wentworth under authority of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts, that it shall and may be lawful for the Warden of the said County, and he is hereby authorized to issue Debentures for the said sum of Five Hundred Pounds (in sums of not less than Twenty-five Pounds each), payable in ten years from the day that this By-law shall come into operation, to be issued and granted as hereinafter is provided for the purpose aforesaid.

2. And be it enacted, That the said Debentures so to be issued shall be payable as aforesaid, and shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the date thereof, payable semi-annually, on the thirtieth day of June and the thirty-first day of December in each year, and shall be signed by the Warden and Treasurer for the time being; and the said Warden and Treasurer are hereby authorized and required to sign the same, which said Debentures shall have Coupons attached to them for the payment of the interest, which shall in like manner be signed or initialed by the said Warden and Treasurer.

3. And be it further enacted, That for the payment of the said Debentures and the interest thereof, there shall be assessed, levied, and raised upon the whole rateable property within the said County the rates and sums mentioned in the Schedule to this By-law, and forming part of the same, as a special rate in each year mentioned on the said Schedule, during which the said Debentures or any of them shall remain outstanding, or the sums of money thereby secured or any part thereof shall remain unpaid, over and above, and in addition to all other rates whatsoever.

4. And be it enacted, That the money so to be raised shall be expended by Commissioners, to be appointed by the said Municipal Council, who shall have power to remove them and appoint others in their place, from time to time, as occasion may require, and give such directions and instructions, and make such regulations concerning the same as they may deem expedient.

5. And be it also enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That this By-law shall take effect and come into operation on the eighth day of May, 1856.

6. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for this Council, by any By-law to be hereafter passed, to establish a rate of tolls on said work, and provide for the collection of the same.

7. And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that By-law No. 91 be, and is hereby repealed from and after the eighth day of May, 1856.

SCHEDULE

Of Special Rates referred to in this By-Law, and forming part of the same.

£800.

One-eighty-seventh of	1d. in the Pound	in 1856,	to provide for.....	£80	0	0
Do.	"	"	1857,	"	.....	80	0	0
Do.	"	"	1858,	"	.....	80	0	0
Do	"	"	1859,	"	.....	80	0	0
Do.	"	"	1860,	"	.....	80	0	0
Do.	"	"	1861,	"	.....	80	0	0
Do.	"	"	1862,	"	.....	80	0	0
Do.	"	"	1863,	"	.....	80	0	0
Do.	"	"	1864,	"	.....	80	0	0
Do.	"	"	1865,	"	.....	80	0	0
						£800	0	0

[Passed 8th May, 1856.]

JOHN HESLOP,
Warden.

C. O. COUNSELL,
Clerk.

(No. 94.) A BY-LAW

To establish and levy a rate of Tolls to be taken at the Bridge across the Marsh at Burlington Heights, between the City Limits, and the commencement of the Road in possession of the Hamilton and Brock Road Company.

Whereas it is necessary to establish a rate of Tolls to be levied and collected at the Bridge across the Marsh at Burlington Heights, between the City Limits and the commencement of the Road in possesion of the Hamilton and Brock Road Company; be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Wentworth, under and by virtue of the "Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts," and also under 16 Vic. Cap. 190, that the following rates of tolls shall be levied and collected, for each time of passing the Bridge, viz.,

	s.	d.
For every wagon, cart, carriage, sleigh, or other vehicle, drawn by two horses, oxen, or mules, for each time of passing	0	4
For every additional horse, ox, or mule	0	1
For every wagon, cart, carriage, sleigh, or other vehicle, drawn by one horse, ox, or mule	0	2½
Saddle horse and rider, or led horse	0	1½
Bull, oxen, or cows, each	0	0½
Sheep, goats, or pigs, each	0	0¼

[Passed 9th May, 1856.]

JOHN HESLOP,
Warden.

C. O. COUNSELL,
Clerk.

MINUTES

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

COUNTY OF WENTWORTH.

THIRD MEETING.—1856.

HAMILTON, Monday, 16th June, 1856.

The Council met at two o'clock, P.M., at the Court House, in the City of Hamilton, pursuant to By-law No. 74.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Glanford), Binkley (Ancaster), Brown, Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, and McQueen.

The Warden laid before the Council the following communications :—

1. Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors.

2. Legislative Common School Grant for 1856.

3. Letter from Mr. Simons, respecting the County Auditors' remuneration.

4. Estimates for 1856.

5. Presentment of Grand Jury.

6. Three documents from County Engineer, respecting the Desjardine Canal Bridge.

7. Letter from Alexander Stewart, Esq., respecting Safe, &c., at the Registrar's Office.

8. Petition of W. J. Lovejoy, Esq., respecting the Hamilton and Brantford Road.

9. Letter from County Engineer, respecting taking tolls on the Desjardine Canal Bridge.

10. Letter and copies of two notices by the County Engineer, respecting the Hamilton and Brantford Road.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Glanford),

Resolved,—That the Estimates for the year 1856, the Legislative Grant for Common Schools, the letter from Mr. Simons, and the letter from Alexander Stewart, Esq., respecting a safe for the Registrar's Office, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance; the Report of the Grand Jury be referred to the Standing Committee on Gaol and Court House; that the letter of the County Engineer respecting taking tolls on the Desjardine Canal Bridge be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges; and the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council, respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors, be referred to a Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Peebles,

Resolved,—That the Reeves of the various Municipalities in this County be appointed a Committee to revise and equalize the Assessment Rolls of their respective Municipalities for the year 1855.

On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Ancaster),

Resolved,—That Mr. George Hughson, of Binbrook, be appointed overseer of highways on the line of road between Binbrook and Seneca.

On motion of Mr. Binkley (Ancaster), seconded by Mr. Brown,

Resolved,—That this Council go into Committee of the Whole on the petition of W. J. Lovejoy, Esq., President of the Hamilton and Brantford Road Company; also, on a letter and two copies of notices by the County Engineer respecting the Hamilton and Brantford Road, and that the County Engineer be heard before this Council in reference to the same.

The Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Peebles in the chair.

Mr. Rastrick, the County Engineer, addressed the Committee of the Whole, and also Mr. Lovejoy.

The Council resumed,

And the Chairman reported the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted by the Council :—

"That, in reference to the petition of W. J. Lovejoy, Esq., this Council consider that they have no authority in the matter, and that the County Engineer will give Mr. Lovejoy his authority for collecting tolls so soon as the requirements of the Provincial Statute 16 Vic. cap. 190 are complied with."

On motion of Mr. Peebles, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Resolved,—That William Reid be appointed overseer on the County Road from the 9th to the 10th concession line, between the Townships of West Flamborough and Beverly.

Mr. Peebles presented the petition of Wm. Reid and others, praying for examination of a line of road between West Flamborough and Beverly, which, on motion, was received and duly read.

On motion of Mr. Peebles, seconded by Mr. Dickson,

Resolved,—That the petition now read be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Dickson,

Resolved,—That the receipt of James Patterson, for the sum of £10, and also the receipt of Robert Mullen, for the further sum of £5, pathmaster on the County Road between Beverly and West Flamborough, be received as sufficient vouchers for the expenditure of the County Road Money arising from the assessment of the year 1854.

Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Ancaster), moved,

For leave to introduce a By-law to remove and make sale of the materials of the old upper Burlington Bridge.

The said By-law was received and read a first time.

On motion, the said By-law was read a second time.

Ordered,—That said By-law be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Begue, seconded by Mr. Aikman.

Resolved,—That power be granted to the Committee on the Ways and Means to create an Industrial Farm, to extend the time for making their report to the next regular meeting of this Council; and also power to communicate with the Committee of the City Council of Hamilton on the same matter, and also to report to this Council.

On motion, the Council adjourned until ten o'clock, A.M., tomorrow.

TUESDAY, June 17, 1856.
(Second Day.)

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Glanford), Binkley (Ancaster), Brown, Dickson, Fraser, King, Peebles, McQueen, and Soules.

The Warden laid before the Council the petition of James Miller, praying remuneration for damages sustained by him on the Dundas and Binkley Road; also a letter from the Secretary of the Board of Grammar School Trustees, Ancaster, respecting the Senior County Grammar School.

Pursuant to order, an engrossed By-law to remove and make sale of the materials of the old upper Burlington Bridge, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Begue, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Ancaster),

Resolved,—That the letter of G. B. Rousseaux, Esq., Secretary of the Board of Grammar School Trustees, Ancaster, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Binkley (Ancaster), seconded by Mr. Brown,

Resolved,—That the petition of James Miller, respecting damages sustained by him on account of the cutting of the Dundas and Binkley Road, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion, the Council adjourned until half-past two o'clock, P.M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Glanford), Binkley (Ancaster), Brown, Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, McQueen, and Soules.

Mr. Hall brought up the report of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, which, on motion, was adopted.

Mr. Aikman brought up the report from the Standing Committee on Finance, which, on motion, was adopted.

Mr. Brown brought up the report of the Committee on the claim of Mr. Bate, which, on motion, was adopted.

Mr. McQueen brought up the report from the Special Committee appointed to equalize the assessment of 1855, which, on motion, was adopted.

Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Glanford) moved,

For leave to introduce a By-law to levy an assessment for the support of Common Schools equivalent to the Government Grant.

The said By-law was received and read a first time.

On motion, the said By-law was read a second time.

Ordered,—That said By-law be engrossed and read a third time forthwith.

Pursuant to order, an engrossed By-law to levy an assessment for the support of Common Schools was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Peebles, moved,

For leave to introduce a By-law to provide, by assessment, for the expenses of the current year.

The said By-law was received and read a first time.

On motion, the said By-law was read a second time.

Ordered,—That said By-law be engrossed and read a third time forthwith.

Pursuant to order, an engrossed By-law to levy an assessment for the expenses of the current year was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Peebles,

Resolved,—That William Reid, the pathmaster upon the Township line between the Townships of West Flamborough and Beverly, be instructed to open that part of the line between the the said Townships, in accordance with a survey of James Kirkpatrick, Esq.

Mr. King brought up the report of the Commissioners appointed to superintend the building of the Bridge across the marsh at Burlington Heights, between the City limits and the commencement of the Hamilton and Brock Road, which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

C. O. COUNSELL,
Clerk.

JOHN HESLOP,
Warden.

Appendix to Minutes

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

COUNTY OF WENTWORTH.

THIRD MEETING,—1856.

REPORT

Of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

To THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report—

That having taken into consideration the letter of the County Engineer, respecting his having given permission to Mr. Cook, the contractor for the Desjardine Canal Bridge, to collect tolls, would recommend the Council to sanction such permission. Having also considered the petition of William Reid and seven others, praying for a survey between West Flamborough and Beverly, your Committee consider that this Council has no authority in the matter, but would refer such petitioners to the 31st section of 12 Vic. cap. 35.

Your Committee have also considered the petition of James Miller, but cannot recommend the prayer of said petition.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY HALL,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
June 17, 1856.

REPORT

Of the Standing Committee on Finance.

To the County Council:

The Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to report—

That they have examined the several accounts herewith annexed, and would recommend them to be paid, as follows:—

The account of John Burgess, for Stationery	£3 0 8½
The account of the Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, for printing Minutes and Advertising	25 1 11

That the sum of £20 be paid to Hugh Lennon, for the keeping of William Taylor, an idiot, for one year and a half, ending on the first day of April, 1856, and that the Clerk of this Council be instructed to address a note to him to say that any further support from this Council cannot be admitted.

That the account of Joseph Faulknor be referred to the Joint Committee on Gaol and Court House, also the accounts of James Jolly, John Logan, and J. B. Morrison, and the letter of Mr. A. Stewart, respecting a safe, be referred to the same Committee, and that the Warden see Mr. Steven as to enlarging the vault.

That the request of Mr. Simons, in reference to the payment of the County Auditors be granted, they having performed their labors for the year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

MICHAEL AIKMAN,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
June 17, 1856.

ESTIMATES FOR 1856.

EXPENDITURE.

Interest on Debentures, £36,433, for one year	£2185	19	7
Six per cent on Debentures, £25,228, under By-law No. 40	1513	12	7
Debentures due in 1856	1000	0	0
Debts due to the 31st December, 1855	850	7	8
	5850	0	10
Deduct Interest, per By-law No. 40	1513	13	7
	4336	7	3
Deduct Interest on £10,903 18s. 5d. to be paid by Halton	654	4	8
	3682	2	7
Salaries,—Treasurer, Clerk, Warden, and Auditors	610	0	0
Idiots, £130; Wolf Scalps, £10; Jury Law, £400	540	0	0
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	150	0	0
Administration of Justice, £700; Repairing Roads, £900	1600	0	0
Payment of Jurors, £275; Councillors' pay, £125	400	0	0
Salaries of Superintendents of Common Schools	100	0	0
Rent of County Offices	100	0	0
County Roads, £175; Township Officers' Fees, £450	625	0	0
Expenses of County Board of Public Instruction	75	0	0
Award paid Samuel and Henry Binkley	500	0	0
Medical attendance, £175; Contingencies. £525	700	0	0
Thomas Racey, for copy of records County of Wentworth	69	3	9
Bridge across Desjardine's Canal, in part	200	0	0
	£9351	6	4

REVENUE.

Cash in Gore Bank	£4022	5	3¼			
Due from Government	718	17	7			
Due from County of Halton to 31st December, 1855	321	2	4			
	5062	5	2½			
Less special Lunatic Asylum and Wild Land Taxes	4465	5	7½			
				596	19	7
Tolls—5 months, to 31st December, 1855, D. and B. Hills Road				160	8	4
Do. 1 month, Guelph and Dundas Road				42	8	4
Interest to 31st December, Paris and Ayr Road, £30, and for 1856, £60				90	0	0
Advance to the Sheriff				30	0	0
D. Williamson, for sale of road				531	0	0
Guelph and Dundas Road (say)				800	0	0
Tolls—Dundas and Binkley Hills Road for 1856				447	0	0
City of Hamilton, for support of Prisoners (say)				400	0	0
Estate of R. R. Smiley, on Building, &c				481	0	0
				3578	16	3
Balance to be raised in 1856				5772	10	1
Net proceeds of Debentures under By-law No. 40				2000	0	0
To be raised by County Rates				3772	10	1
				£5772	10	1

The above, for County Rates, is exclusive of the Lunatic Asylum Tax and other special rates.

June 16, 1856.

REPORT

Of the Special Committee appointed to equalize the Assessment of 1855.

To the County Council:

The Special Committee appointed to equalize the Assessment of 1855, to form the basis of the County Tax for the year 1856, beg leave to report:—

That having taken into consideration the care and attention bestowed upon this matter by the Committee last year, and having also re-examined the report of said Committee, would recommend that the Schedule annexed to said report, and hereunto attached, be adopted as the basis for the County Tax, for the present year 1856.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES McQUEEN,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
June 17, 1856.

SCHEDULE.

Amount revised by the Special Committee, as follows:

Municipalities.	No. of Acres.	Rate per Acre.	Real Property.	Personal Property.	Total Value of Real and Personal.
		£ s. d.	£	£	£
Ancaster	44000	5 10 0	242000	26626	268626
Beverly	70200	3 10 0	245700	35228	280928
Barton	14000	10 0 0	140000	9925	149925
Binbrook	28000	3 10 0	98000	8710½	106710½
Flamboro' East	33800	5 0 0	169000	22075	191075
Flamboro' West	31200	5 10 0	171600	32935	204535
Glanford	23000	5 10 0	126500	15100	141600
Saltfleet	28000	6 0 0	168000	9820	177820
Town of Dundas	Real and	Personal.	160000	Real & Personal	160000
	272200		1520800	160419½	1681219½

REPORT

Of the Select Committee appointed to examine the claims of Mr. Bate.

To the County Council:

The Committe appointed to examine the claims of Mr. Bate, for injury sustained by him in crossing the Upper Burlington Bridge, beg leave to report—

That they would recommend that James Morden, of West

Flamborough, be appointed by this Council to try and settle the matter with Mr. Bate, and whatever damages Mr. Morden may deem him entitled to (if any) that the Warden do issue his cheque for the same.

All which is respecfully submitted.

ALEXANDER BROWN,
JACOB BINKLEY,
HENRY HALL.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
June 17, 1856.

REPORT

Of the Commissioners appointed to superintend the Building of the Bridge across the Marsh at Burlington Heights, &c.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Commissioners appointed to superintend the building of the Bridge across the Marsh at Burlington Heights, between the City limits and the commencement of the Hamilton and Brock Road, beg leave to report—

That they have contracted with Mr. John Cook for the building of the bridge and the filling in of the embankments necessary to form the approaches thereto, in accordance with the plans and specifications of the County Engineer, for the sum of £1004 17s., including extras. This amount has exceeded the estimates submitted to the Council, in consequence of the sinking of the embankments requiring an additional quantity of earth for the filling in between the piers of the bridge, laying brush fencing, with other extras not estimated for.

The Commissioners have further to report, that the Contractor has completed the work within the time limited in the contract, to the satisfaction of the Engineer, and the approval of the Commissioners.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HESLOP,
HIRAM KING,
ALEXANDER BROWN,
HUGH FRASER.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
June 17, 1856.

BY-LAWS.

(No. 95.) A BY-LAW

To remove and make sale of the Materials of the Old Upper Burlington Bridge.

Whereas the County has assumed the highway across the Marsh at Burlington Heights, between the City limits and the commencement of the Road in the possession of the Hamilton and Brock Road Company, by building a bridge and forming embankments necessary to form such highway for the public travel; and whereas the old bridge commonly called the Upper Burlington Bridge, across the Marsh as aforesaid, is now in a dilapidated state, which renders it unfit and dangerous for her Majesty's subjects to travel thereon: be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Wentworth, under and by virtue of "the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts," that from and after the passing of this By-law, the Commissioners appointed to superintend the building of the Bridge aforesaid, are hereby authorized and directed to take down the old bridge aforesaid, and to remove or dispose of the materials of the same to the best advantage.

[Passed 17th June, 1856.]

JOHN HESLOP,
Warden.

C. O. COUNSELL,
Clerk.

(No. 96.) A BY-LAW

To levy an Assessment for the support of Common Schools, equivalent to the Government Grant.

Whereas it is necessary to provide for the support of Common Schools; be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Wentworth, under and by authority of "the Upper

Canada Municipal Corporations Acts," that the following sums be, and are hereby levied on the several Municipalities, being equivalent to the Government Grant, in pursuance of the Statute of 13 and 14 Vic. cap. 48, sec. 27, namely :—

Ancaster	£98	4	8
Barton	27	15	0
Binbrook	42	11	0
Glanford	46	16	1
Beverly	156	19	6
Saltfleet	65	13	6
East Flamborough	85	2	0
West Flamborough	92	6	4

The said several amounts to be collected by the Township Collectors, and paid over to the several Township Treasurers on or before the first day of December in the present year.

2. And be it enacted, that when either of the Municipalities above mentioned shall have passed a By-law imposing a rate equivalent to the amount levied by this By-law, and apply the same for the support of Common Schools, this By-law shall, as far as regards such Municipality, have no further force or effect.

[Passed 17th June, 1856.]

JOHN HESLOP,
Warden.

C. O. COUNSELL,
Clerk.

(No. 97.) A BY-LAW

To provide by Assessment for the expenses of the current year.

Whereas it is necessary to provide by assessment for the expenses of the Municipality of the County of Wentworth for the current year; and whereas the sum of three thousand seven hundred and seventy-two pounds, ten shillings, and one penny is required for such purposes; be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Wentworth, that the sum of three thousand seven hundred and seventy-two pounds, ten shillings, and one penny be assessed and levied upon the rateable property of the County of Wentworth in the year 1856, and the sum be apportioned and charged against the several Municipalities within the said County of Wentworth, as contained in column No. 1.

2. And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the special rates levied by By-laws Nos. 24 and 30 be, and is hereby apportioned and charged against the several Municipalities within

the said County of Wentworth, as contained in column No. 2, amounting to the sum of seven hundred and twenty-seven pounds, three shillings, and sevenpence.

Municipalities.	1 Apportionment of General Rate.	2 Apportionment of Special Rate, By-laws 24 & 30.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ancaster	602 15 6	110 15 8	713 11 2
Beverly	630 7 5	112 15 11	743 3 4
Barton	336 9 1	52 17 10	389 6 11
Binbrook	239 8 10	44 10 11	283 19 9
East Flamborough	428 14 9	85 7 3	514 2 0
West Flamborough	458 19 2	97 3 6	556 2 8
Glanford	317 14 8	50 19 6	368 14 2
Saltfleet	399 6 2	89 6 6	488 6 8
Town of Dundas	359 0 6	83 6 6	442 7 0
	£3772 10 1	£727 3 7	£4499 13 8

[Passed 17th June, 1856.]

JOHN HESLOP,
Warden.

C. O. COUNSELL,
Clerk.

MINUTES

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

COUNTY OF WENTWORTH.

FOURTH MEETING.—1856.

HAMILTON, Monday, 8th December, 1856.

The Council met at two o'clock, P.M., at the Court House, in the City of Hamilton, pursuant to By-Law No. 74.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Glanford), Binkley (Ancaster), Brown, Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, McQueen, and Soules.

The Warden addressed the Council as follows :—

GENTLEMEN,—

The Solicitor advises me that the Court has given judgment in favor of the County in the suit brought by Mr. Woods against the Council for alleged damages he received at the time himself and horse were thrown over the old bridge across the marsh at Burlington Heights.

The County Engineer informs me that, upon the application of the Directors of the Hamilton, Waterdown, and Carlisle Road Company, he inspected their road, then being constructed, and has given his sanction, on behalf of the county, to a grade of one foot in sixteen feet; to the construction of that portion of the company's road which ascends the ridges of land running alongside the marshes and creek, commencing about half a mile from the limits of the City of Hamilton.

Mr. Rastrick also informs me that he gave permission to the Brantford Road Company to resume the collection of tolls on their road on and after the first of August last, providing the Company completed the repairs on the sides of the road.

beg to lay before you a communication from the Warden of the County of Carleton

enclosing a copy of a Resolution passed at the late June session of the Municipal Council of that county, setting forth the necessity of having the appointment of Sheriffs, Clerks of the Peace and Gaolers, vested in the County Councils, and requesting your co-operation, and that of other County Municipalities, in attaining this object.

Also, from the Warden of the county of Grey, enclosing a copy of a Petition to the Legislature, praying for an alteration in the law autherising Municipalities to take stock in Railway Companies as will enable Municipalities that may take stock in Railway Companies to vote at the election of Directors according to the amount of stock subscribed, and asking for your concurrent action.

Also from the Clerk of Assize, enclosing (at the request of the Hon. Mr. Justice McLean) a Presentment of the Grand Jury at the recent Fall Assizes, in reference (as is usual) to the state of the Gaol. The Report is favorable as regards the cleanliness of the gaol apartments and the condition of the prisoners, and the treatment they receive at the hands of the officers in charge. The Grand Jury also offer some good suggestions in regard to having more light admitted into those cells which are defective in this respect, so as to enable prisoners to read, and that they be supplied with good books, the reading of which may impress their minds with moral and religious sentiments. The Grand Jury have also referred to the unsuitableness of the cells used for Debtors' Wards. This defect in the plan of the new Prison, and the evils that result from this arrangement, have received the attention of the Council on several occasions, but the difficulties attending the non-completion of the Eastern Wing of the new prison, and a delicacy on the part of the Gaol Committee in being brought in collision with the officers of the gaol, have delayed action in the premises. I think these difficulties may be obviated without much further delay, by making alterations in the basement story of the Court House, so as to increase the accommodation of the gaol officials. The intentions of the Council might be then carried out in regard to fitting up the rooms on the first floor (occupied as the Gaoler's offices,) for debtors wards, which apartments are the most suitable of any that could be selected for that purpose. These alterations may be carried into effect at a comparatively small outlay, considering the amelioration it will afford in the condition of those unfortu. ate prisoners, whose imprisonment, in some instances, is caused more from misfortune than through dishonesty.

A communication from the City Clerk will be laid before you, stating that the City Council are dissatisfied with the present arrangement, in regard to the payment of the expenses connected with the support of their prisoners in the county Gaol, and notifying the council at the same time, that they will not hold themselves liable, in future, for such expenses; unless the amount to be paid be referred to arbitration, as provided for by the 200th section of the Act 12th Vict., cap. 81.

The present arrangement was entered into mutually by the City and the United Counties, in the year 1853, for making additions and improvements to the Court House and Gaol, with the distinct understanding that each Corporation should pay one-half of the cost of imprisonment, and each be liable for the expenses connected with the support and safe keeping of their prisoners, not assumed by the Government, and under the authority of that portion of the statute to which the City Council refers this agreement would be binding on both Corporations for the period of five years, or until January, 1859.

This arrangement for the joint occupancy of the Gaol, is as favorable a settlement as could be effected under the circumstances; at least so far as the city is concerned, the city being only charged with one-half the amount disallowed by the Government whilst, in equity, they would be liable to at least three-fourths, as will appear by

eference to the number of prisoners, and the nature of the charges for which they vere committed by the city authorities; the city having also been in receipt of whatver benefit has been derived from the labor of the prisoners in breaking stone during he period of their sentence. If this matter is referred to the arbitration of intelligent nd unbiased men, furnished with the necessary information, I think their decision annot be less favorable to the interests of the county, than under the present arrangenent. I am of the opinion that any new arrangement which may be entered into for he joint occupancy of the gaol can only be temporary, and of short duration, from the nadequacy of the present gaol accommodations to meet the increasing prison wants f the City and County, unless a very large amount is expended in making further dditions to the gaol; a plan that can only be favorably entertained as a matter of expediency in view of the continuance of an unjust system authorized by arbitrary nactments of the Legislature which compel Counties to throw open their gaols to be onverted by cities into Lockup Houses; to be filled with pickpockets and prostitutes; system producing evils of the greatest magnitude; entirely precluding the classifiation of prisoners, by confining those hardened in vice and crime with juvenile ffenders, confined for a trivial (and may be their first) offence, who, perhaps, when rraigned for trial, are found innocent, or are acquitted.

These evils in regard to the gaol are accompanied with others of a complicated nature, hich increase the difficulties attending their removal, the action of the Council being estricted by divided and undefined powers exercised (by parties over whom the Council an exercise no control,) in administering the affairs pertaining to the internal managenent and expenses of the gaol, which ultimately will require Legislative action in the natter of their final removal, when it is to be hoped that our criminal Administration rill undergo a thorough revision.

JOHN HESLOP,
Warden.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Hamilton, 8th Dec., 1856.

The Warden laid before the Council the following communications:—

1. Letter from City Clerk, respecting expenses at the County Gaol.

2. Account of moneys expended on the Road between Glanford and Barton, by D. K. Servos, Esq.

3. Copy of a Petition from the County of Lambton, respecting Statute Labor.

4. Circular from Thompson & Company, respecting Assessment Rolls.

5. Memorial from the Treasurer and Clerk, respecting the cleaning of their Offices.

6. Letter from Treasurer, respecting accounts connected with the Administration of Criminal Justice.

7. Do. do. support of Prisoners by the City of Hamilton.

8. Letter from County Solicitor, respecting Judgment in the case of Mr. Wood, in favor of the County.

9. Copy of a Petition from the County of Grey, respecting Municipalities taking stock in Railway Companies.

10. Two documents from the County Engineer, respecting Roads.

11. Presentment of the Grand Jury, Fall Assizes, 1856.

12. Letter from Alexander Stewart, Esq., respecting Registry Office.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Brown,

Resolved,—That the letter from the City Clerk, respecting the expenses at Gaol for the support of prisoners, and the Presentment of the Grand Jury, be referred to the Standing Committee on Gaol and Court House; that the account of moneys expended on the Road between Barton and Glanford, by D. K. Servos, Esq.; the Petition from the County of Lambton, respecting Statute Labor; the Petition from the County of Grey, respecting taking stock in Railway Companies; and two documents from the County Engineer, respecting Roads, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges. That the circular from Thompson and Company, respecting Assessment Rolls; the Memorial from the County Treasurer and Clerk; the letter from the County Treasurer, respecting accounts for the Administration of Justice; the letter from the County Solicitor, respecting the case of Mr. Woods; and the letter from Alexander Stewart, Esq., respecting Registry Office, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

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

TUESDAY, 9th December, 1856.
(Second Day.)

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Glanford,) Binkley (Ancas-

ter,) Brown, Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, McQueen, and Soules.

The Warden laid before the Council a statement from the County Treasurer, respecting Fines received by him from 1st January, 1856, to the 8th December, 1856.

Mr. Peebles presented the Petition of James J. Morden and others, respecting the side line between lots 6 and 7, in the Township of West Flamborough.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Resolved,—That the Petition of James J. Morden and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion, the Council adjourned until half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Glanford,) Binkley (Ancaster,) Brown, Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, McQueen, and Soules.

Mr. Binkley, (Ancaster,) presented the Petitions of Edward Lyons, Robert Holt, and others, praying for Indemnification for expenditure on the south end of West Street, caused by making the Binkley and Dundas Road.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Resolved,—That the petition of Edward Lyons, claiming damages in consequence of the construction of the Dundas and Binkley Road, be referred to a Special Committee, composed of the following individuals, viz.:—Messrs. Begue, Brown, Binkley (Glanford,) Aikman, and the Warden, and that said Committee report to this Council at the next meeting.

The Warden laid before the Council a letter from the County Engineer, enclosing an account; also a letter from Mr. Sheriff Thomas, respecting improvements in the Court Room.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. King,

Resolved,—That the communication and account of Mr. Rastrick, the County Engineer, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Glanford,) Binkley (Ancaster,) Brown, Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, McQueen, and Soules.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Peebles,

Resolved,—That the Clerk of this Council do transmit the following Address to the Clerk of the Municipal Council of the City of Hamilton, to be laid before that body.

The Municipal Council of the County of Wentworth, would beg leave to call the attention of the City Council to the Suspension Bridge at Burlington Heights, it being insufficient for the purposes of Public Travel, and a subject of general complaint by persons who have to pass over it.

The Bridge being within the jurisdiction of the City Corporation, this Council would, therefore, hope that, with as little delay as possible, measures will be adopted by them to compel the parties having a right, to put the Bridge in such a state of repair as will enable the public to travel over it with safety.

On motion of Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Peebles,

Resolved,—That the County Council pay one half of the expense of the account of Mr. Edgar, for the alterations already made in the Court Room, provided the City Council pay the other half; and that the Warden issue his order upon the Treasurer for the payment of said amount.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Brown,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. King, Binkley (Ancaster,) and the Warden, be appointed to proceed through the several rooms occupied by the Gaol Keepers, with the Sheriff, in order to ascertain what part thereof can be best spared for Debtors' Rooms, if any.

Mr. Hall brought up the Report from the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned until ten o'clock, A.M., tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, 10th December, 1856, }
(Third Day.) }

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Glanford), Binkley (Ancaster), Brown, Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, McQueen, and Soules.

Mr. Aikman brought up the Report from the Standing Committee on Finance, which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Dickson,

Resolved,—That the united receipt of Donald Campbell, Wm. Renwick, and Alexander Easton, Pathmasters on the County Road between the Townships of Beverly and Puslinch, be received as a sufficient voucher for the proper expenditure of the County Road Money received by the Township of Beverly for the rate of 1855, amounting to the sum of £17 10s.

Mr. Binkley (Ancaster), brought up the Report of the Commissioners of the Dundas and Binkley Road, which, on motion, was adopted.

Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. King, moved,

For leave to introduce a By-law to amend By-Law No. 94.

The said By-law was received and read a first time.

Ordered,—That said By-law be read a second time this day

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. King,

Resolved,—That the Clerk of this Council be instructed to furnish the County Judge with a copy of the accounts ordered to be paid for constable services and for the interment of paupers, to be laid before the Quarter Sessions when auditing the accounts, for their information at their next session.

On motion, the Council adjourned until two o'clock, P.M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Messrs. Aikman, Begue, Binkley (Glanford), Binkley (Ancaster), Brown Dickson, Fraser, Hall, King, Peebles, McQueen and Soules.

The Warden laid before the Council a letter from the Hon. Samuel Mills, relating to the purchase of the Upper Burlington Bridge and Toll House.

Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Peebles, moved,

That the County Council of the County of Wentworth agrees to sell the Bridge and Toll House at the Marsh, between the city limits and the commencement of the Road in possession of the Hamilton and Brock Road Company, to the said Hamilton and Brock Road Company; provided they pay to the said County the cost of building the Bridge and Toll House, and all other expenses connected with the said Bridge, also for keeping the old one in repair, and assuming all liabilities which the County may be, or is, held for on account of said Bridge, the Road Company giving a written guarantee that they will not collect or charge any toll at the Bridge, nor charge a higher rate of toll at any of their gates, in consequence of their buying the Bridge.

Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McQueen, in amendment, moved,

That as said Bridge and Toll House are a good investment, they be not sold.

The question being put on said amendment, a division ensued, and it passed in the affirmative, and the motion of Mr. Brown was lost.

Pursuant to order, By-law to amend By-law 94, was read a second time.

Ordered,—That said By-law be engrossed, and read a third time this day.

Mr. King brought up the Report of the Commissioners of the Bridge at Burlington Heights, which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Dickson,

Resolved,—That the Warden be required to correspond with the different Wardens in Upper Canada, representing that each County petition the Legislature at its next Session, to repeal the 9th Vic., cap. 58, which regulates the various charges recognised by the Government for the expenses of Criminal Justice in Upper Canada, and to pass another in its stead; providing that whatever sums are paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the Administration of Justice in Lower Canada, all similar charges incurred in Upper Canada shall be paid from the same fund.

Mr. Begue, seconded by Mr. Fraser, moved,

That the Warden memorialize the Legislature on behalf of this Council, to pass an Act for creating a Registry Office in each Riding of a County in Canada which sends a member to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada.

Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Binkley (Glanford,) in amendment, moved,

That it is inexpedient to divide the Registration Office of this County into two separate offices.

The question being put on said amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, were taken down as followeth :—

YEAS,—Messrs. Aikman, Binkley (Glanford,) Binkley (Ancaster,) Brown, Hall, King, Peebles, McQueen, and Soules—9.

NAYS,—Messrs. Begue, Dickson, and Fraser—3.

So the amendment was confirmed by the Council by a majority of six.

On motion of Mr. Binkley (Ancaster,) seconded by Mr. Dickson,

Resolved,—That the Warden do memoralize the Legislature on behalf of this Council, to amend the laws relative to the union of Cities and Counties for judicial purposes, and for the joint occupancy of Gaols, in order that such Municipalities may be enabled and required to provide their own gaol occommodations; the present system being attended with evils of a very serious nature, the confined state of the gaols being caused by the large number of prisoners committed by City Authorities for offences committed against Municipal By-laws and the Statute,

for summary punishment, thereby converting the County Gaols into Lock-up-houses for the confinement of the idle and dissolute, which entirely precludes the possibility of classifying prisoners, and consequently draws very heavily and unproportionably upon the resources of the Counties, and also operating very oppressively on persons necessarily required to attend as Jurors at the various Courts in the discharge of the business, three-fourths of which belongs to the City, and not to the Country.

Mr. Binkley (Ancaster.) brought up the Report from the Select Committee appointed to examine the rooms in the Gaol, which, on motion, was adopted.

Mr. Aikman brought up the Report from the Standing Committee on Gaol and Court House, which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Binkley(Ancaster,)

Resolved,—That there be granted out of the General Funds of this County, the sum of twelve pounds and ten shillings to James Wiley, for keeping James Bailey, an insane person, from the first of January, 1856, to the first of January, 1857, and that the Warden do issue his cheque for the same.

On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Soules,

Resolved,—That the Mortgage on the Saltworks Farm be released, on condition that other security be taken for the punctual payment of Instalments and Interest on the sale of the Hamilton and Stoney Creek Road.

Pursuant to order, an engrossed By-law to amend By-law number ninety-four, was read a third time and passed.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

C. O. COUNSELL,
Clerk.

JOHN HESLOP,
Warden.

Appendix to Minutes

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

COUNTY OF WENTWORTH.

FOURTH MEETING, 1856.

REPORT

Of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

To THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to Report,—

That they recommend the report of the expenditure of County money, by D. K. Servos, Esq., for the years 1854, '55, and '56, on the line of road between Barton and Glanford, be received.

Your Committee would also recommend that the report of the County Engineer be adopted.

Your Committee have also considered the petition of the Municipality of the County of Lambton, in reference to commutation for Statute Labor, and fully concur in the suggestions therein contained, and would recommend that this Council send a similar petition to the different branches of the Legislature.

Your Committee have considered the petition of James Morden and others, respecting a side line in the Township of West Flamborough, and would recommend the parties interested, to apply to the Council of that Township who have full power to authorize the opening of the original allowance for road.

Your Committee having considered the petition of the Council of the County of Grey, respecting Municipalities taking stock in

Railroads, would recommend that a similar petition be sent, signed by the Warden, on behalf of this Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY HALL,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, 9th Dec., 1856.

REPORT

Of the Standing Committee on Finance.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to Report,—

That they have examined the following accounts, and recommend the same to be paid:

	£	s.	d.
Henry Crysler, services as Constable,	4	10	4
John Tidy ditto (two accounts)	2	0	6
Thomas Russel, ditto	1	4	10
Steed Springstead, ditto	1	4	10
John [illegible]ford, two coffins and intering two paupers,	2	10	0
W. [illegible], digging grave, conveying and intering one pauper	0	15	0
Doctor Royal, examining lunatics,	1	10	0
Registrar of the County of Lincoln, furnishing copies of Record for the County of Wentworth,	15	2	6
Registrar of the County of York, ditto	19	6	6
County Board of Public Instruction,	10	3	0
David [illegible], coffin and interring a pauper,	1	5	0
James [illegible], [illegible],	1	10	0
David [illegible], [illegible] of pauper,	1	5	0
Thompson and Co., Assessors' Rolls, &c., for 1856,	4	16	4½
Christian A[illegible], printing Minutes, &c.,	5	12	0
E. Weaver, conveying lunatic to Toronto, &c.	3	0	11½
G. Sirell, interment of Thomas Wright,	1	0	0
Dundas Warder, advertising	4	9	0
Hamilton Gazette, ditto	2	1	4
Hamilton Banner, ditto	0	6	0
John Burgess, stationery,	2	10	10½
Hamilton Gazette, advertising convictions	20	14	0
Hamilton Spectator, advertising,	6	15	4
James Kirkpatrick, expenses incurred for cleaning office, &c., during the years 1851, '52, '53, '54, '55, and '56	18	0	0
C. O. Counsell, ditto	18	0	0
Mr. Rastrick, Co. Engineer, for services,	15	7	6
McKay and Smith, one-half of their account for whitewashing Gaol,	6	5	0
	£171	5	10½

The account of Henry Woods is laid over in consequence of its not being certified by the Judge.

Your Committee have considered the communication from Messrs. Thompson and Co., in reference to the Assessment Rolls, &c., for the year 1857, and would recommend that it be laid

over until the January meeting of the incoming Council; a letter from the County Treasurer, respecting the accounts for the administration of Criminal Justice, which they recommend to be handed over to the Committee on Gaol and Court House; also a letter from Alexander Stewart, Esq., County Registrar, in reference to enlarging the vaults for keeping the County documents of record. Your Committee are of opinion that the present season of the year is not suitable for making the necessary alterations, but would recommend that the incoming Council take the matter up at its first Session in January next.

All which is respectfully submitted.

MICHAEL AIKMAN,

COMMITTEE ROOM, Dec. 10th, 1856. *Chairman.*

REPORT

Of the Commissioners of the Dundas and Binkley Road.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Commissioners of the Dundas and Binkley Road beg leave to report—

That this Road is now in good repair, and still maintains its high character as one of the best metal roads in this section of the County. The outlay in making the ordinary repairs with other expenditures necessary for the maintenance of the road for the present year, has been done with a strict regard to economy. The Commissioners have further to report, that they have passed accounts during their term of office amounting to the sum of £148 2s. 9d.—expended as follows, viz:

	£	s.	D.
Paid John Boyle, for work,	36	17	6
" Wm. Martlin, fencing,	25	7	3
" John Gahagan, for stone,	20	3	0
" For printing and materials,	4	0	0
" Edward Lyons, for fence posts,	2	10	0
" John Boyle, for work,	47	5	0
" Superintendence of Commissioners,	12	0	0
	£148	2	9

In addition to the accounts, payments were made amounting to the sum of £113 1s. 2½d., by the late Board, since the date of their report, the 10th of December, 1855, making the total expenditure since the date of previous report to the Council, £261 3s. 11½d.

The Commissioners have further to report, that the rent of

tolls for the current year, have been punctually paid by the Lessee to the present month, and that the tolls of said road have been advertised to be re-let to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Tuesday, the 23rd instant.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HESLOP,
JACOB BINKLEY,
A. F. BEGUE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, 10th Dec., 1856.

REPORT

Of the Commissioners appointed to Superintend the Building of the Bridge Across the Marsh at Burlington Heights.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Commissioners appointed to superintend the building of the Bridge across the Marsh, at Burlington Heights, beg leave to report,—

That in accordance with the instruction of the Council, under By-law 95, the Board have had the old bridge removed, and the materials of the same disposed of, and that the tolls levied and authorized by By-law No. 94, have been collected since the 26th June last, and since that date to the first of the present month, December. The receipts from the tolls amount to £133 1s. 8d., averaging about £26 per month. The receipts from the tolls being somewhat more than was anticipated by the Board, they would recommend the Council to lower the rate of tolls now established, as the revenue accruing from the bridge will, in a few years, reimburse the County in the outlay expended in its construction.

The Commissioners have further to report, that they have employed a person to collect the tolls for one year, at a salary of £50 per annum, and that the tolls are paid over monthly to the County Treasurer.

The Commissioners have also to report, that they consider it necessary to lay plank drains along the sides of the approaches to the Bridge, and also to raise the grade in the centre of the road near the ends of the bridge, and to make some improvements to the Toll House necessary for the convenience of the Toll-keeper, which, together with expenses of superintendence

of the work since its commencement, including an account of the Engineer, amount to the sum of seventy-six pounds three shillings and six pence.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HESLOP,
HIRAM KING,
ALEXANDER BROWN,
HUGH FRASER.

COMMITTEE ROOM, 10th Dec., 1856.

REPORT

Of the Select Committee appointed to Examine the Rooms in the Gaol.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Select Committee appointed to examine the rooms in the Gaol, beg leave to report,—

That they have, with the Sheriff, examined the Gaol, and find two rooms on the first floor, which, in the opinion of your Committee, with a trifling expense, would make very suitable and comfortable apartments for debtors, and which we would recommend should be fitted up at once for that purpose.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB BINKLEY,
HIRAM KING,
JOHN HESLOP.

COMMITTEE ROOM, 10th Dec., 1856.

REPORT

Of the Standing Committee on Gaol and Court House.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Standing Committee on the Gaol and Court House, beg leave to report,—

That they have considered the communication from the Clerk of the City Council, and in reference thereto, your Committee are of opinion, that in accordance with the Act 12 Vic., Cap. 81, Sec. 200, it specifies that whereby any agreement entered into between the Town or City, and County Corporations, is binding at least for a term of five years.

Your Committee find that it will be actually necessary that a new set of steps be erected at as early a period as possible, but that the present season of the year is unfavorable for erecting them, as they would be required to be built of stone, and would, therefore, recommend the next Council to take the matter up at a proper season of the year.

Your Committee examined the Presentment of the Grand Jury at the last Assizes, and are happy to learn that they found the prison in a cleanly state, and that the inmates were as comfortable as circumstances would admit.

Your Committee have examined the report of the Select Committee appointed by this Council to examine, with the Sheriff, what rooms can be spared for debtors' apartments, and find that there are two rooms in the basement story suitable for that purpose, and would recommend that the Warden confer with the City Authorities in reference to making the necessary alterations with as little delay as possible.

All which is respectfully submitted.

MICHAEL AIKMAN,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, 10th Dec., 1856.

BY-LAWS.

(No. 98.) A BY-LAW

To Amend By-law number Ninety-four.

Whereas it is necessary to amend By-law 94, and reduce the rate of Tolls to be levied and collected at the Bridge across the marsh at Burlington Heights, between the City limits and the commencement of the road in possession of the Hamilton and Brock Road Company.

Be it therefore enacted, by the Municipal Council of the County of Wentworth, in Council assembled, by virtue of "the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts," that on and after the passing of this By-law, the following rates of Toll shall be levied and collected for each time of passing the Bridge, viz.:—

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For every waggon, cart, carriage, sleigh, or other vehicle, drawn by two horses, oxen, or mules, for each time of passing,.....	0	3
For every additional horse, ox, or mule,.....	0	1
For every waggon, cart, carriage, sleigh, or other vehicle, drawn by one horse, or mule,.....	0	2
Saddle horse and rider, or led horse,.....	0	1½
Bulls, oxen, or cows, each,.....	0	0½
Sheep, goats, or pigs, each,.....	0	0¼

Passed 10th December, 1856.

C. O. COUNSELL,
Clerk.

JOHN HESLOP,
Warden.