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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

COUNTY OF ONTARIO.

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TOWNSHIP.	REPRESENTATIVE.
Brock,.....	John Hall Thompson, <i>Reeve</i> .
“	George Brabazon, <i>Deputy Reeve</i> .
Mara and Rama,.....	D. G. Hewitt, <i>Reeve</i> .
Pickering,.....	John M. Lumsden, <i>Reeve</i> .
“	James V. Spears, <i>Deputy Reeve</i> .
Teach,.....	Abel W. Ewers, <i>Reeve</i> .
“	Thomas Paxton, <i>Deputy Reeve</i> .
Scott,.....	George Smith, <i>Reeve</i> .
Scugog,.....	J. W. Gamble, <i>Reeve</i> .
Thorah,.....	Neil McDougall, <i>Reeve</i> .
Uxbridge,.....	William Hamilton, <i>Reeve</i> .
Whitby,.....	James Dryden, <i>Reeve</i> .
“	Abraham Farewell, <i>Dep. Reeve</i> .
Whitby, Town of.....	James Rowe, <i>Reeve</i> .
“	John Ham Perry, <i>Deputy Reeve</i> .
Oshawa, Incorporated Village..	Silas B. Fairbanks, <i>Reeve</i> .

JOHN HALL THOMPSON, Esq., *Warden*.

WILLIAM PAXTON, JUN., *Treasurer*

H. J. MACDONELL, *Clerk*.

JOHN SHIER, *Engineer and Surveyor*.

COUNTY AUDITORS:

JAMES HODGSON, Esq.

ALEXANDER McPHERSON, Esq.

MINUTES

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF ONTARIO.

FIRST DAY.

MONDAY, 28th *January*, 1856. ..

The Council met at the Court House in the Town of Whitby, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

The Clerk having taken the Chair, the Reeves and Deputies of the several Townships, Town of Whitby, and Village of Oshawa, who had filed their Certificates with the Clerk, took their seats; that is to say :—

1.—BROCK.

John Hall Thompson, Reeve.
George Brabazon, Deputy Reeve.

2.—MARA AND RAMA.

3.—PICKERING.

John M. Lumsden, Reeve.
James V. Spears, Deputy Reeve.

4.—REACH.

Abel W. Ewers, Reeve.
Thomas Paxton, Deputy Reeve.

5.—SCOTT.

George Smith, Reeve.

6.—SCUGOG.

J. W. Gamble, Reeve.

7.—THORAH.

Neil McDougall, Reeve.

8.—UXBRIDGE.

William Hamilton, Reeve.

9.—WHITBY.

James Dryden, Reeve.

Abraham Farewell, Deputy Reeve.

10.—WHITBY, TOWN OF

James Rowe, Reeve.

John Ham Perry, Deputy Reeve.

11.—OSHAWA, INCORPORATED VILLAGE.

Silas B. Fairbanks, Reeve.

The Clerk having called upon the Council to elect from among themselves a Warden to preside over the Council the ensuing year,

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. McDougall, moves,—That the Council do now adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 A.M.

Carried.

Adjourned.

Approved.

J. H. THOMPSON,

WARDEN.

H. J. MACDONELL,

CLERK.

SECOND DAY.

TUESDAY, *January 29th*, 1856.

The Council met at 10 A.M.

The Roll called. Members all present with the exception of the Reeve for Mara and Rama.

The Clerk having called upon the Members to elect a Warden for the ensuing year,

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, moves—That John Hall Thompson, Esquire, Reeve of Brock, be Warden for the present year.

Carried.

The Warden addressed the Council; after which he was sworn into office by his Worship the Mayor, in the absence of His Honor the Judge of the County Court.

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Gamble, moves—That a Committee of “five” be now appointed by ballot, to propose to the Council the necessary Standing Committees.

Carried.

The Council proceeded to ballot, and the Warden declared that the said Committee consisted of Messrs Dryden, Farewell, Lumsden, McDougall and Paxton.

Mr. Perry gives notice that he will on to-morrow move for the appointment of an Auditor.

It was then moved and seconded that the Warden do leave the Chair until 2 o'clock, P.M.

The Council resumed.

The Warden in the Chair.

The Warden read the following documents to the Council.

1st, A communication from Thomas N. Gibbs, Esquire, late Warden of the County.

2nd, A communication from the Treasurer of this County.

3rd, Opinion from Messrs. Wilson and Hector in *re* Cumberland and Storm and this Council.

4th, Presentment of the Grand Jury attending the Fall Assizes.

5th, Presentment of the Grand Jury November Sessions.

6th, Communication of the Education Office in reference to the School Assessment of Brock.

7th, Communication accompanied with a prospectus and Act of Incorporation of the general drainage and land improvement company of Upper Canada.

8th, Resolution adopted by the Municipal Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1855.

9th, Rule absolute discharging Rule Nisi in *re* Hodgson v. Council County of Ontario.

Petitions presented

Of Samuel Byers and others of the Township of Pickering praying for the appointment of Ebenezer Birrell, Esquire, as Local Superintendent for the present year for the Township of Pickering.—[Mr. Spears.

The Special Committee appointed to nominate Standing Committees for the present year, brought in a report which was read, and on motion of Mr. Farewell, ordered to be adopted.

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. Ewers, moves—That the leading Roads running North and South through this County are in such a state as to require the County to assume and construct the following. 1st, A Road leading through Pickering, Uxbridge and Scott.—2nd, A Road from Manchester, in the Township of Reach, to Beaverton, in the Township of Thorah, and that part of Simcoe street lying between that part of the Nonquon Road already constructed by the Nonquon Road Co., and the Town Line of Mariposa.

Upon the question for the adoption of this motion

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Farewell, moves that the Council do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole upon the resolution just read.

Carried.

The Council went into committee.

Mr. Hamilton in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Report received.

Upon the question for the adoption of the Report.

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. Spears, moves that the Report be not adopted, but that it be referred to a committee to consist of Messrs Fairbanks, McDougall, Spears, Hamilton and the mover, to report to this Council hereon.

And on a division being called there appeared.

YEAS.
Messrs Brabazon,
Ewers,
Fairbanks,
Gamble,
Hamilton,
Lumsden,
McDougall,
Smith,
Spears.—9

NAYS.
Messrs Dryden,
Farewell,
Paxton,
Perry,
Rowe.—5.

Carried by a majority of "four."

Mr. Farewell gives notice that he will on to-morrow, move a Resolution pledging the County upon certain conditions to assist in the construction of a Railway from Port Whitby to Beaverton.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Smith, moves that all petitions and other documents presented to this Council be referred to the several committees, before whom the same should be laid without any special motion to that effect.

Carried.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Paxton, moves that the address of the late Warden and the papers connected therewith, be referred to a special committee to consist of Messrs Dryden, Rowe, Ewers, McDougall and the mover.

Carried.

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. Spears, moves that this Council do now adjourn

Carried.

The Council adjourned.

Approved.

J. H. THOMPSON.

WARDEN.

H. J. MACDONELL,
COUNTY CLERK,
County of Ontario.

THIRD DAY.

WEDNESDAY, January 30th, 1856.

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

Names called over; members all present with the exception of the Reeve for Mara and Rama.

The following communications were read by the Warden to the Council:—

1st. Communication from the Rev. Mr. Durrant requesting of the Council the reappointment of Local Superintendent for the Township of Pickering for the present year.

2nd. Report of the County Engineer in reference to work done by him in and about the Court House and Gaol.

The Standing Committee on County Property and Gaol management brought up their report which was read,

And on motion of Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Smith.

The Council went into Committee of the whole thereon.

Mr. Brabazon in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the report with certain amendments.

Report received.

Report adopted.

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. Rowe, moves that the Warden do leave the Chair until three o'clock.

Carried.

The Council resumed.

The Warden read a Communication from the County Surveyor relative to road around Stephen Peer's mill-pond on the Town Line between Uxbridge and Whitechurch.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the late Warden's address and papers therewith submitted, brought up their report—which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Dryden, the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Dryden in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the report with certain amendments.

Report received.

Upon the question for the adoption of the report,

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Paxton, moves; that the report of the Committee just received be not adopted, but that the same be amended by striking out the 5th clause and insert the following instead thereof:

That in regard to the misunderstanding between the Sheriff and this council as to the amount of fees he is entitled to for serving Jurors be referred to a Special Committee to be composed of Messrs Ewers, Fairbanks, McDougall, Lumsden and Farewell.

Carried.

Mr. Lumsden gives notice that he will on to-morrow move for leave to introduce a By-Law to repeal By-Law No 11, of this Corporation.
Adjourned.

Approved

J. H. THOMPSON,

WARDEN.

H. J. MACDONELL,

CLERK.

FOURTH DAY.

THURSDAY, *January 31st*, 1856.

The Council met at 10 a.m.

The Warden in the Chair.

Names called over, members all present with the exception of the Reeve of Mara and Rama.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Brabazon, moves for leave to introduce a By-Law to repeal By-Laws No 11 and 17 of this Council.
Granted.

The By-Law was then read a first time and on motion of Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Brabazon, to suspend Rule 34 being carried the By-Law was read the second time.

And the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Ewer's in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported the By-Law without amendment. Report received.

And on the question for reading the Bill a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Smith, moves ; that the Bill just read, be not read a third time to-morrow but that it be read a third time forthwith and that rule 34 be dispensed with for that purpose.

Carried.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed and signed by the Warden.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Smith, moves ; that the Treasurer of this County be required and he is hereby authorized to refund to Hawkers and Pedlars &c., who have already taken out license for the present year, the sums they have paid for such license.

Carried.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Farewell, moves ; that James Hodgson, Esquire, of the Town of Whitby, be appointed an Auditor on behalf of this Council for the present year.

Carried.

It was then moved and seconded that the Warden leave the chair until three o'clock P. M.

The Council resumed.

The Warden in the Chair.

Communication from Charles Robinson, Esquire, Local Superintendent of Thora, resigning the office of L. S., for the Township of Thora, was read by the Warden.

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. Farewell, moves for leave to present the petition of the Rev. Mr. Thornton, for aid to the Whitby Grammar School, and that rule 53 be suspended as far as relates to the same.

Granted.

And the petition was laid on the table.

The standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought up their report.

And on motion of Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Fairbanks the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Farewell in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported the report with some amendments, together with a certain resolution.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved : that in accordance with the Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges. The Treasurer of this County be, and he is hereby authorized to pay, forthwith, the balance due John Prince, for erecting the Talbot River Bridge.

Carried.

Report received.

And on the question for the adoption of the Report,

Mr. Ewers, seconded by Mr. Paxton, moves that the 5th clause of the Report be not adopted, but that the same be referred back to the committee of the whole with instructions to amend their report so as to obtain plans for the construction of the said work, that will meet the approval of this council and report the same to-morrow evening.

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.

Messrs Dryden,
Ewers,
Farewell,
Paxton,
Perry,—5

NAYS.

Messrs Brabazon,
Fairbanks,
Gamble,
Hamilton,
Lumsden,
McDougall,
Rowe,
Spears,
Smith.—9

And on the question for the adoption of the report again being put,

Mr. Paxton, seconded by Mr. Ewers, moves that the report be not adopted, but that the same be referred back to a committee of the whole, with instructions to so amend the Report as to allow the Township of Scugog to erect and control said Bridge, and that this Council

authorize the Treasurer to pay over the sum of £250, 0s. 0d., together with the amount of non-resident mories levied on Scugog and not collected for the purpose of erecting the Bridge across the River Scugog to competent parties who may be appointed for that purpose.

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.

Messrs Ewers,
Paxton,—2

NAYS.

Messrs Brabazon,
Fairbank*,
Gamble,
Lumsden,
Perry,
Smith,
Dryden,
Farewell,
Hamilton,
McDougall,
Rowe,
Spears,—12

The Report was then adopted.
Adjourned.

Approved,

JOHN HALL THOMPSON,

WARDEN.

H. J. MACDONELL,

COUNTY CLERK,

County of Ontario.

FIFTH DAY.

FRIDAY, February, 1st, 1856.

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

Members present. Reeve of Mara and Rama absent.

The Standing Committee on Education brought up their Report which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Hamilton,
The Council went into committee thereon.

Mr. Gamble in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported the report with some amendments together with two resolutions.

Report received.

Report adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Brabazon, moves that the following Gentlemen be appointed Local Superintendents for the respective Superintendencies of this County.

No. 1. Whitby, Rev. R. H. Thornton.

" 2. Pickering, Ebenezer Birrell, Esq.

" 3. Reach and Scugog, Jno. N. Agnew, Esq.

" 4. Scott and Uxbridge, Abraham Bagshaw, Esqr.

" 5. Brock, Alfred Wyatt, Esqr.

" 6. Thora, Rev. D. Watson.

" 7. Mara and Rama, D. G. Hewett, Esq.

Carried.

Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Brabazon, moves; that the annual vacancy in the senior County Grammar School Trustees, be filled by the appointment of James Hodgson, Esq., of Whitby, and Dr. Robt. Checkley of Whitby, and Dr. R. W. Clarke of Whitby to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Mitchell of Pickering, and the Rev. Mr. Kennedy of Pickering, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Mitchell of Reach. And that the annual vacancy in the Trusteeship of the Uxbridge Grammar School be filled by the re-appointment of Thomas Bolster and Joseph Gould, Esquires.

Carried.

Mr. Lumsden, for leave to present the petition of Wm. Paxton County Treasurer, and to dispense with rule 53 for that purpose.

Granted.

And the Petition was then read to the Council and ordered to be referred to the Committee on contingent accounts.

Mr. Dryden, for leave to present the petition of George Flint and others, ratepayers of the County of Ontario, praying that no action should be taken with regard to the proposed measure before the Council for the construction of Gravel Roads throughout the County.

Granted.

And the petition was then ordered to be read.

Petition was then read by the Clerk and laid upon the table.

The report of the Special Committee to whom was referred the resolution passed by this Council respecting the construction of Gravel Roads throughout this County, brought up their Report, which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Fairbanks the Council went into Committee of the whole thereon.

Mr. Hamilton in the Chair.

The Committee rose and asked leave to sit again in an hour.

Granted.

It was then moved and seconded that the Warden leave the chair for an hour.

Carried.

The Council resumed.

The Warden in the Chair.

Committee on County Property and Gaol management brought up their Report which was read and on motion of Mr. Lumsden,

The Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Perry in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the report without amendment.

Report received.

Report adopted.

Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. McDougall, that the Council do now resolve itself into Committee of the whole to resume the consideration of the Special Committee for the construction of Gravel Roads throughout this County.

Carried.

And the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Hamilton in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported the report without amendment.

Report received.

And on the question for the adoption of the report.

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Rowe, moves; that the report be not adopted, but that it be referred back to the Special Committee with instructions to amend the same by striking out all after the second clause and inserting the following.

That this Council adopt one uniform system of improving the leading roads of the County, which in the opinion of this Council should be strictly adhered to except in Special cases, and that system should be as follows :

First, that a Joint Stock Company be formed by persons and localities most interested in the proposed improvements, who shall raise a portion of the funds necessary for the construction of the proposed work, after which in the opinion of this Council the County ought to grant a loan for the completion of such work upon taking security upon such work to indemnify the County.

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.

Messrs Dryden,
Farewell,
Paxton,
Rowe.—4

NAYS.

Messrs Brabazon,
Ewers,
Fairbanks,
Gamble,
Hamilton,
Lumsden,
McDougall,
Perry,
Smith,
Spears.—10.

And on the question for adopting the report,

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Ewers, moves—

That the report be not adopted, but that it be referred back to the Committee of the whole, with instructions to amend the same by can-

selling the whole thereof, except the first two clauses and insert the following.

That from the reserve of the County, there be appropriated this year upon the road, from Manchester to the village of Uxbridge, the sum of.....£150 0 0

North from Uxbridge into Scott.....	150 0 0
North from Manchester to the Brock line on the Centre Road....	750 0 0
From boundary line of Brock on the Centre Road northward to Thora.....	125 0 0
From South Thora Line on the Centre Road to Beaverton.....	150 0 0
From Thora to the Narrows Bridge.....	200 0 0
Scugog, from and upon the leading road from the terminous of their Bridge, through the Township towards Port Hoover, or on the Bridge across the Lake as the Council of Scugog may desire.....	125 0 0
In the Township of Scott.....	100 0 0
On Simcoe Street, at the Non Quon.....	250 0 0

Decided in the affirmative.

YEAS.

Messrs Brabazon,
Dryden,
Ewers,
Farewell,
Gamble,
Paxton,
Perry,
Rowe.—8.

NAYS.

Messrs Fairbanks,
Hamilton,
Lumsden,
McDougall,
Smith,
Spears,—6

The Council then went into committee of the whole to amend the report.

Mr. Hamilton in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report as amended.

Report received.

And on the question for the adoption of the Report,

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Dryden, moves that the Report be not adopted, but that it be referred back to the Committee of the whole, so to amend as to enable the Council to appropriate the County share of the Clergy Reserve fund to Educational purposes.

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.

Messrs Dryden,
Farewell,
Paxton,—3.

NAYS.

Messrs Brabazon,
Ewers,
Fairbanks,
Gamble,
Hamilton,
Lumsden,
McDougall,
Perry,
Rowe,
Smith,
Spears,—11.

On the question for adoption,

Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves ; that the report be not adopted but that it be referred back to the Committee of the whole for the purpose of being re-amended by striking out the amendment introduced by Mr. Farewell, and restoring the original report.

Lost.

And on the question for the adoption of the report again being put,

Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Brabazon, moves ; that the report be not adopted but be referred back to the Committee of the whole, to be amended for the purpose of inserting a grant of two hundred pounds to be expended on the Brock road in the Township of Pickering, also, one hundred and fifty pounds to be expended in the Township of Uxbridge on the 4th or 5th Concession.

Carried.

And the Report was then adopted in conformity with the last resolution.

Mr. Paxton, seconded by Mr. Spears, moves that a Committee of three be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the safety of certain offices of this Court House, being allowed the use of stoves therein, said Committee to consist of Messrs Lumsden, Dryden, and Farewell, and that they report to this Council the best means of heating said offices, having particular reference to the health of incumbents.

Carried.

The Committee on Printing brought up their Report which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Perry, the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Lumsden in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow morning.

Report received.

Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves that the Committee on Finance and Assessment be, and is hereby instructed to provide for the several amounts recommended to be paid by the Report of the Committee on County property, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

Carried.

Mr. Paxton, seconded by Mr. Dryden, moves that a Committee of four be appointed, consisting of Messrs Rowe, Perry, Spears and Brabazon, for the purpose of examining the Auditors' accounts, and reporting to this Council thereon.

Carried.

Mr. Paxton, seconded by Mr. Dryden, moves for leave to introduce a petition of R. E. Campbell, Esquire, praying to be appointed County Inspector of Weights and Measures, and that 53rd rule be dispensed with for that purpose so far as it relates to the same.

Granted.

The petition was then read by the Clerk and laid on the table.

Mr. Lumsden gives notice that he will on to-morrow, move for

leave to introduce a By-Law, to appoint an Inspector of Weights and Measures for this County.

Adjourned.

Approved,

J. H. THOMPSON,

WARDEN.

H. J. MACDONELL,

COUNTY CLERK,

County of Ontario.

SIXTH DAY.

SATURDAY, *February 2nd*, 1856.

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

Names called over. Members present, except the Reeve of Mura and Rama.

Minutes read and approved.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. McDougall, moves for leave to introduce a By-Law, to appoint an Inspector of Weights and Measures for the County of Ontario, and repeal By-Law No. 20.

Granted.

By-Law read a first time.

The 34th rule being suspended for that purpose, the By-Law was read a second time.

And the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. McDougall in the Chair.

Report received and adopted.

And the Bill was read a third time and passed, and signed by the Warden.

Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, and resolved, that the Inspector of Weights and Measures be required to furnish suitable Weights and Measures at his own expense.

Carried.

Mr. Fairbanks, seconded by Mr. McDougall, moves that leave be

granted to bring in a By-Law to open and establish a certain road in the Township of Uxbridge.

Granted.

And the By-Law was read a first time.

The 34th rule being dispensed with, the By-Law was read a second time.

And the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr Paxton in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported the By-Law as amended.

Report received and adopted.

And the Bill was read a third time, and passed and signed by the Warden.

Mr Ewers, seconded by Mr. McDougall, moves that the Treasurer be instructed, and he is hereby authorized to pay a further sum of "five" shillings per diem to each member of this Council for their services, in attending at the Session of this Council during the present year.

Lost.

Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Ewers, moves that in the opinion of this Council, the construction of a Rail Road from Port Whitby to Beaverton, would so manifestly tend to promote and consolidate the material interests of the County of Ontario, as to render it desirable that said Road should be undertaken without unnecessary delay.

That in the opinion of this Council the County should manifest a willingness to assist in the construction of said Road, provided the same can be accomplished in such a manner, that the risk and responsibility connected therewith shall fall upon such individuals and localities as are most deeply interested in the completion of the work, and provided, also, that the following conditions shall be complied with.

1st, That one half the cost of constructing the whole Road and

properly equipping the same, be first subscribed and taken in Stock as follows.

Private Stock shall be taken in Whitby,
amounting to £25,000 0s. 0d.

The Town of Whitby shall take Stock,
amounting to £ 50,000 0s. 0d.

Other Original Stock shall be taken,
amounting to, £50,000 0s. 0d.

Making a total of Stock amounting to
one half the cost of the Road.....£125,000 0s. 0d.

2nd, That responsible parties, satisfactory to the County, become sureties for the completion of the whole Road, and proper equipments thereof.

3rd, That the Rail Road Charter be so amended as to give the County an equal representation in the Directorship, during the continuance of the County Loan.

4th, That the Rail Road Company pay the interest and sinking fund upon any debentures which may be issued by the County, until the completion of the Road.

5th, That all the Private and Municipal Stock to be subscribed and paid as aforesaid, and the Road and everything thereunto, belonging, or connected therewith, and all income to be derived from the same shall be placed as security, in the hands of the County, for payment of the principal sum to be loaned, and the interest thereof.

Resolved: that in the opinion of this Council, the foregoing terms and conditions first being complied with, in every particular, the County shall grant a loan towards the construction of the said Rail Road, from Port Whitby to Beaverton, to the amount of £125,000.

Division being called, the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

YEAS.
Messrs Evers,
McDougall,
Farewell,
Paxton,
Rowe,
Dryden,
Perry.—7.

NAYS.
Messrs Brabazon,
Gamble,
Spears,
Lumsden,
Hamilton,
Smith,
Fairbanks.—7.

The yeas and nays being equal, the Warden gave the casting vote in favor of the yeas, and the motion was pronounced by him carried.

It was then moved and seconded that the Warden leave the Chair for one hour.

The Council resumed.

The Warden in the Chair.

The Warden informed the Council that he had appointed Alexander McPherson, Esquire, of the Town of Whitby, County Auditor.

The Council, in Committee of the whole, resumed the consideration of the Report of the standing Committee on Printing.

Mr. Lumsden in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported the Report with some amendments.

Report received.

Report adopted.

Mr. Ewers, seconded by Mr. Paxton, moves that James Gordon Brown, the Messenger in attendance, be allowed three pounds for his services during this Session, and that the Treasurer of the County be, and he is hereby authorized to pay the same upon the Warden's Warrant.

Carried.

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. Paxton, moves for leave to introduce a By-Law to appoint certain Commissioners to expend certain monies in this County.

Granted.

By-Law read a first time.

The thirty-fourth Rule being suspended, the By-Law was read a second time,

And the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Paxton in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the By-Law without amendment.

Report received.

Report adopted.

The thirty-fourth Rule being suspended, the By-Law was read a third time and passed, and signed by the Warden.

Committee on contingent accounts brought up their Report which was read on motion of Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dryden.

The Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Rowe in the Chair.

Committee rose and reported the Report without amendment.

Report received.

Report adopted.

Moved by Mr. Paxton, seconded by Mr. Brabazon, and resolved, that the Warden of this County be requested to communicate to the Warden of the United Counties of York and Peel, for the purpose of obtaining information as to the state of the non-resident Land Fund, so far as the Municipalities of this County are interested. Showing the amount due by the owners of Non-resident Lands, to the said fund, and the amount in the hands of the Treasurer of the said United Counties of York and Peel, on the thirty-first day of December last.

Carried.

The Special-Committee, to whom was referred the Auditors' accounts for 1855, brought up their Report which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Farewell, ordered to be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Brabazon, and resolved that the Warden on behalf of this Council memorialize the Legislature upon the subject of the manufacture and sale of Alcoholic Liquors in Canada, praying for the enactment of a Law prohibiting such manufacture and sale in Canada, except for Chemical, Medicinal, and Mechanical purposes, and that the Member for South Ontario, be requested to present said petition.

Carried in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being called for, there appeared.

YEAS.
Messrs Brabazon,
Farewell,
Dryden,
Ewers,
Gamble,
Perry,—6.

NAYS.
Messrs Fairbanks,
Lumsden,
McDougall,
Paxton,
Rowe,
Spears,—6.

The Warden gave the casting vote in favor of the yeas, and pronounced the resolution carried.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the misunderstanding between this Council and the Sheriff, brought up their Report which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Fairbanks, was ordered to be adopted.

Report adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up their Report, which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Farewell, seconded by Mr. Dryden, it was moved that the said Report be adopted.

Carried.

Report adopted.

Moved by Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. Gamble, and resolved: that the thanks of this Council are due to the Committee of Management, of the Whitby News Room, for the liberal manner in which they tendered the use of their Room, to the Warden and Members of this Council during its Session this year.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Paxton, and resolved: that a vote of thanks be, and is hereby tendered to the Editor of the Ontario Reporter, for the attention he has manifested in reporting the proceedings of this Council during its present Session.

Carried.

Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Paxton, moves that the County Engineer be, and he is hereby instructed to prepare a large Map of the County of Ontario, for the use of this Council, also, that the Clerk procure a large Map of Canada for the same purpose.

Carried.

Mr. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Paxton, moves that the Council

do now adjourn, and stand adjourned until the second Tuesday in June next.

Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

Approved.

J. H. THOMPSON,

WARDEN.

H. J. MACDONELL,

COUNTY CLERK,

County of Ontario.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

JANUARY SESSION, 1856.

No 1.

To the Council of the County of Ontario in Council assembled.

Your Committee appointed by ballot to propose the several necessary Standing Committees, most respectfully report as follows :

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ASSESSMENT.

Messrs Farewell, Dryden, and Lumsden.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Messrs Hamilton, Hewett, and Brabazon.

COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PROPERTY.

Messrs Lumsden, Ewers, and McDougall.

COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Messrs Fairbanks, Paxton, and McDougall.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Messrs Gamble, Perry, and Smith.

COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

Messrs Rowe, Spears, and Dryden.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL McDOUGALL,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room,

Jan. 29th, 1856.

No. 2.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PROPERTY AND
GAOL MANAGEMENT.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario:—

The Standing Committee on County Property and Gaol Management beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee have examined the Gaol, and feel gratified in being able to state that it is well conducted,—

Your Committee have taken into consideration the County Engineer's Report, and approve of the changes he has caused to be made on the County Buildings; but as the alterations on the Court House may possibly affect the present Insurance on the same, would recommend that the Warden communicate with the Agents of the several Insurance Companies in which this building is insured, notifying them of the alterations effected; and would further advise that the amount of Insurance on County Property be increased to the additional extent of £2500, and that the Warden be required to cause said Insurance to be made, so that the Court House be insured, say to the extent of £4000,—Gaol, £2000,—Furniture belonging to the County, £500—making the whole insurance on County Property £6,500.

Your Committee, taking into consideration that the Court House was constructed with the view of being heated with hot air, disapprove of the use of stoves, in the rooms set apart for Public Offices, as their use, in the opinion of your Committee, would endanger the safety of the County Court House.

Your Committee having also considered the Presentment of Grand Juries, would call the attention of the County Engineer to the same, so that he may, at the next meeting of the Council, report on the propriety of making any additional alterations in the Gaol.

Your Committee having examined the undermentioned accounts, all

of which are certified to be correct, would recommend that authority be issued for the payment thereof.

John Bengough, for Joiner Work, &c.....	£72	8	2
James Rowe & Co., for Freight and charges.....	3	6	3
William Till, for Writing Desk.....	2	10	0
William Caldwell, for Sundries.....	16	16	9
Thomas Deverell, for Extra Wall, Gaol Yard, &c... 48	12	6	
William Laing, for Sundries.....	23	10	10
John Shier, for Sundries.....	1	1	3
	£168	5	9

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. LUMSDEN,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
1st Feb., 1856.

REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

The County Engineer begs leave to report,—

That since the last meeting of the Council, the following work has been done under his direction ; that is to say,—in and about the Gaol: One dozen Iron Bedsteads have been procured for the use of the Prisoners ; the Prisoners day rooms in the north end, lined with two inch white oak plank, well secured with iron dowels and spikes ; the outer walls of two bed rooms, in the basement, furred, lathed and plastered ; a pantry fitted up in the basement ; and some other slight repairs made.

The Gaol Yard Wall has been completed around division No. 3. Your Engineer at the suggestion of the Sheriff, extended the Wall of this division twenty-one feet beyond what was originally intended, so that it might embrace the windows of two more cells ; making an ad-

ditional expense of £46. It will, however, be no additional expense on the whole plan, as division No. 2, when erected, will be so much less.

Your Engineer also gave the coping an additional coat of paint, which will add greatly to its durability.

IN AND ABOUT THE COURT HOUSE.

The windows at each end of the hall have been hung with hinges, so that they may be opened to admit of free ventilation. The felt covering has been removed from the roofs of the wings, and tin put on in the most approved manner which appears to have the desired effect. The joists and plank have all been removed from the vaulted offices, and arches of brick masonry covered with hydraulic cement, substituted, so as to render them fire proof.

Your Engineer would here most respectfully call your attention to the use of stoves in the said rooms ; how far it is compatible with safety, he leaves for you to determine.

The offices for the Clerk of the Peace and County Treasurer, are now completely fitted up and furnished. In the Court Room, an opening with steps has been made at one end of the Judge's Bench, so as to allow the associates to take their seats and retire without passing through the Judge's Private Room. It would be rendered still more convenient, were the other end opened in like manner. Window Blinds have been provided for the windows on the south side of the Court Room, and shutters for the lower part of the windows in the Petit Jury Rooms, to prevent communication with the Juries from without. Constable's staves, and some other requisites for the Court Room have been provided.

THE TALBOT RIVER BRIDGE,

Your Engineer was prevented, by sickness, from attending to this work for some time after the Council adjourned in June last ; but on the 13th of September he entered into a contract with John Prince for the erection of a floating bridge (agreeable to a resolution of the Council) for the sum of £125. The bridge is now completed.

THE NARROWS BRIDGE.

Your Engineer being unable to proceed to the Narrows, the sum of £5, appropriated by the Council for temporary repairs, was paid by the Treasurer to Mr. Hewett, to be expended by him; and early in September Your Engineer addressed the County Engineer of Simcoe, requesting him to name a day for meeting at the Narrows, and received a reply that he would lay the letter before the Council of Simcoe, which was to meet in October; and that, should it decide on his meeting your Engineer, he would be happy to do so; not having heard from him since, nothing more has been done in the matter.

With regard to the Scugog Bridge your Engineer was officially informed, on fifth of November last, of the passage of a By-Law, by the Council of the United Townships of Reach and Scugog, assessing the Township of Scugog in the sum of £500, toward the expense of erecting the said bridge, and in December certain individuals proposed giving security for the remaining £250. Your Engineer did not, however, feel himself authorized to accept or receive any security, however unexceptionable it might be. There has, therefore, been no action taken in the matter.

The following is a detailed statement incurred for the above described improvements, viz:—

FOR THE GAOL.

Twelve Iron Bedsteads.....	£36	0	0
Freight of do from Toronto.....	3	6	3
Lining Prisoners' Day Rooms.....	23	0	0
Oiling the Oak in do do.....	1	5	0
Furring, Lathing, & Plastering Bed rooms,	4	18	0
Fitting up Pantry.....	2	1	8½
Sundry repairs.....	0	17	6
Wall per Contract.....	664	0	0
Wall 21 feet Extra.....	46	0	0
Extra cost of Paint on Coping.....	5	0	0

£786 8 5½

FOR THE COURT HOUSE.

Hanging Windows at each end of the hall.	£1	4	7
Removing felt covering from roofs.....	2	3	9
Carpenter work & lumber, preparing for tin,	4	3	10½
Tinning Roof per agreement.....	122	10	0
Painting do do do.....	10	0	0
Repairing Eaves-troughs.....	4	9	6
Do. Parapets around tin roofs, &c....	2	12	6
Fire-proof floors per agreement.....	98	5	0
Painting baseboards, & Whitewashing Sheriff's Office.....	1	15	0
Repairing hot air Pipes, &c.....	2	15	0
Alteration of Judges Bench, Shutter and Door Springs.....	5	12	3
Window Blinds.....	2	15	0
Constables' Staves.....	3	7	6
Repairing Windows.....	1	19	3
Fitting up and furnishing for Clerk of Peace, and Treasurer.....	74	17	3
			£338 10 5½
The Talbot River Bridge,.....	125	0	0
The Narrows do.....	5	0	0
Total.....			£1254 18 11

The following accounts have been certified by Your Engineer and paid on the Warden's Order, viz:—

John Bengough, for lining rooms in Gaol.	£23	0	0
George Bodie, for removing felt from roofs	2	3	9
Messrs. Losie, for tinning roof	122	10	0
Charles Vale, for 12 Iron Bedsteads.....	36	0	0
Thomas Deverell, for Wall per contract,.....	£664	0	0
" " Fire-proof floors,.....	98	5	0
" " Lathing and Plastering in Gaol.....	4	18	0
Alexander Wilson, for Painting,.....	19	19	3
Messrs. Losie, for repairing Eaves-trough, hot air pipes, &c.,.....	7	2	0
John Prince, on account of Talbot River Bridge.....	25	0	0

£1002 18 0

The following accounts, yet unpaid, have been duly examined and certified, and are herewith submitted, viz:—

J. Rowe & Co., for freight of Bedsteads,	3	6	3
Wm. Till, for desk for Treasurer's office,.	2	10	0
J. Bengough, for Joiner Work & Lumber,	72	8	2½
T. Deverell, for extra work on Wall, &c.,	48	12	6
Wm. Caldwell, for Sundries,.....	16	16	9
Wm. Laing, for Hardware used in work named in this Report,.....	3	2	2½

£146 15 11

The following are not certified.

John Shier, for Spring for front door,....	0	5	0
John Prince, for balance on Talbot Bridge,	100	0	0
D. G. Hewett, for repairs on Narrows do,	5	0	0

£105 5 0

Total amount paid and unpaid for work attended
to in this Report,.....1254 18 11

In addition to the above, Mr. Laing's account contains the sum of 8s. 8d., for articles used in fitting up the Grand Jury and Court Rooms last spring, and 17s. 10d. for pulleys and cords for lowering the upper sash of windows for ventilation, not yet completed. There will also be a charge of about £10 for painting and whitewashing the offices of the Clerk of the Peace and County Treasurer, not completed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SHIER,
County Engineer.

County Engineer's Office,
Whitby, 29th January, 1856.

No. 4.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE LATE WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the address of the late Warden, and the papers connected therewith, beg to report,

1st, Your Committee are glad to learn that the sale, under By-Law No. 22, of the wild lands belonging to this County, amounted to the handsome sum of £1240, a portion of which has been paid into the County Treasury, and the balance secured by a mortgage on the property sold.

2nd, The Warden, by accepting the offer of George Smith, to pay the mortgage of £250, on the north half of Lot No. 3, 2nd Concession of Scott, by being allowed 5 per cent off for cash in the opinion of your Committee, acted judiciously, and to the interest of the County.

3rd, The suit *Hodgson v. County of Ontario*, to quash By-Law No. 83, authorizing the opening of a road in the 8th Concession of Whitby, was finally decided in favor of the By-Law, each party paying their own costs. The costs incurred in defending the by-law amounts to £6 17s 10d, which is hereby recommended to be paid. The By-Law in question, in point of form, is unquestionably illegal, and the Court only sustained it on the ground that the complainant by acquiescing in the road for so long a time, may be considered as having dedicated it to the public. Your Committee regret to state, that nearly the whole, if not all, of the By-Laws passed for the opening of roads in this County, have the same objections as By-Law 83, and are in fact bad in point of form. Now, as your Committee are of opinion that if the Surveyor's Reports on the various roads could be attached to the By-Laws effecting the same and by Statute Law be made part and parcel therein, the fatal objections would then be removed, therefore, recommend that application should be made to the Provincial Legislature at its next session, on behalf of this Council, to pass an act making the Surveyor's Reports on the different roads in this County, opened by the Quarter Sessions, or under District, County, or Township By-Laws, an effectual part and parcel of said By-Laws, as if the same had been so originally stated therein, thereby saving an endless amount of trouble and costs to the County and the Township Municipalities comprising the same.

4th, The opinion of Adam Wilson, Esq., being favorable to the County, as to the liability of Messrs. Cumberland and Storm, your Committee recommends that the Warden be instructed to proceed in accordance with the resolution passed by this Council on the 23rd of June, 1855.

5th, In regard to the misunderstanding between the Sheriff and this Council, as to the amount of fees he is entitled to, for serving Jurors, your Committee submits that if a special case can be agreed to by the Council and the Sheriff, the same should be decided by the Judges. Failing in this, the opinion of Adam Wilson should be obtained on the point at issue.

6th, The presentment of the Grand Juries properly belong to the standing committee on County Property.

7th, The communication of the Deputy Superintendent of Education relating to the deficiency of the school assessment of Brock for 1855. Your Committee recommends to be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

8th, Your Committee recommends that the sale of the £6000 Debentures issued last year, should be investigated by the Committee on Finance, and report to this Council whether or not those Debentures were sold in accordance with the resolution of the 21st June, 1855.

9th, The Auditor's Report, your Committee submits, should be sent to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

10th, By-Law No. 11, to impose a duty on Hawkers and Pedlars &c., being in direct contravention to a late act your Committee recommends, that the same should be repealed as well as all other By-Laws effecting the same subject.

11th, Your Committee learns, with great pleasure, that in all probability a large amount from the Clergy Reserve Fund will shortly be placed to the credit of this County, and when the time arrives, to dispose of the same ; no doubt the Council will dispose of those funds to the satisfaction of the County.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room,
30th January. 1856.

J. HAM PERRY,
CHAIRMAN.

No. 4.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.
To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

The Standing Committee on Education beg to report,

That having taken into consideration the letter from the Education Office, respecting the deficiency in the amount raised by assessment for Common School purposes in the Township of Brock for last year, submits that at the last June Session of this Council, a circular from that department was laid before the then Committee on Education, shewing the several amounts appropriated to the Municipalities in the County, and also the whole amount appropriated to the County, and in the report of that Committee, the attention of the Finance Committee was drawn to the necessity of providing by assessment an amount at least equal to such apportionment, and it appears that upon this recommendation an amount exceeding such apportionment was assessed and collected.

The division of the Government grant to the several Municipalities (as shown in the circular above referred to) gave to the Township of Brock \$815,85, and to the Township of Whitby \$427,35. Had the Finance Committee assessed the amount as shown in these Municipalities, from the Township of Whitby, the amount would have been altogether inadequate to meet the sum to be received from the general grant; and in the Township of Brock, an amount altogether exceeding the sum required for that purpose. Under these circumstances, the Finance Committee appear to have assessed it equally upon the whole property of the County. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the Warden be instructed to communicate with the Chief Superintendent on the subject, that no loss may be sustained on the part of any of the Municipalities of this County. Your Committee recommend that the annual vacancy in the senior County Grammar School Trustees, be filled by the appointment of James Hodgson, of Whitby, and Dr. Robert Checkley, of Whitby. Two other vacancies having occurred in the Trusteeship of that Grammar School, by the resignation of Mr. Mitchell, of Pickering, and the removal of the Reverend Mr. Mitchell, of Reach, recommend that those vacancies should be filled; the first by the appointment of Dr. R. W. Clark, of Whitby,

and the last named by the Rev. Mr. Kenedy, of Pickering. And that the annual vacancy in the Trusteeship of the Uxbridge Grammar School be filled by the reappointment of Thomas Bolster and Joseph Gould.

Your Committee recommend that the following gentlemen be appointed Local Superintendents in the respective Superintendencies of this County.

No. 1, Whitby,.....	Rev. R. H. Thornton.
" 2, Pickering,.....	Ebenezer Birrell, Esq.
" 3, Reach,.....	John A. Agnew, Esq.
" 4, Scott & Uxbridge,.....	Abraham Bagshaw, Esq.
" 5, Brock,.....	Alfred Wyatt, Esq.
" 6, Thora,.....	Rev. David Watson.
" 7, Mara & Rama,.....	D. G. Hewett. Esq.

Your Committee have had under their consideration the application of the Rev. Mr. Thornton, asking aid to place the Senior Grammar School in a more efficient state of repair. Your Committee regret that the Trustees of that establishment should be placed in so embarrassing a position as to make it necessary to apply to this Council for assistance, and cannot avoid referring to the alacrity evinced by several localities in this County, much less wealthy and populous, to erect and sustain their own buildings. Under these circumstances, your Committee are persuaded that it would be a bad precedent to give aid to the Grammar Schools from the County funds, except under very special circumstances.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM HAMILTON,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room,
February 1st, 1856.

No. 5.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges beg to report,—

That the County Engineer has, agreeably to a resolution of the Council, passed 22nd June, 1855, examined and surveyed a proposed road around Stephen Pier's Mill Pond, on the Town Line, between Uxbridge and Whitechurch, particularly described and mentioned in his report, and that he has posted the notices thereof agreeably to law. Your Committee would therefore recommend that a By-Law be introduced, declaring the same to be a public highway.

Your Committee find, that the Floating Bridge at the mouth of the Talbot River, built under the directions of the County Engineer, at a cost of £125, has been completed, and would therefore recommend that the sum of £100, being the balance due John Prince the contractor therefor, be paid to him.

Your Committee find that the sum of £5, voted by this Council for temporary repairs upon the Bridge at the Narrows, has been expended. Your Committee find that your County Engineer has as yet been unable to meet and confer with the County Engineer of the County of Simcoe, and would therefore, recommend that Your County Engineer should follow up the instructions given him by this Council, on the 21st day of June last, in reference to the Bridge in question.

With reference to the Scugog Bridge Your Committee find that no action has been taken thereon, on account of the sum of £250 of private subscription not having been paid into the hands of the County Treasurer.

Your Committee having been informed that Messrs. Richard Lund, J. W. Gamble, Joseph Reeder, Isaac Rodman, and Solomon Fralick are willing to give security that the said sum of £250 shall be paid into the hands of the County Treasurer when thereunto required, would therefore recommend that the County Engineer shall forthwith proceed to prepare suitable plans and specifications, and proceed, as soon as the said security is given, to let the work by tender, provided

that the sum for which the said work shall be let, shall not exceed the sum of £1000, and that the said County Engineer shall see that a proper contract be entered into and sufficient security be given by the Contractor getting the work, for the due fulfillment of the Contract.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. FAIRBANKS,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
31st January., 1856.

No. 6.

REPORT OF SELECT ROAD COMMITTEE.

To the County Council of the County of Ontario.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the resolution introduced into this Council, in reference to the County assuming and constructing certain Roads therein, running North and South, beg to report:—

1st.—That Your Committee find that, although this County is of the assessed value of £1,600,000, and contains a population of over 30000 inhabitants,—that it possesses but about 27 miles of gravelled or planked Roads within its limits,—and that the want of proper means of communication, is severely felt by a very large proportion of the inhabitants of this County.

2nd.—That Your Committee are of opinion that if proper measures were adopted for opening up the means of communication with the front and rear parts of the County by Gravelled Roads, immediate and beneficial results would be felt by the entire County, and would draw closer the bonds that now unite us, and would tend to lessen the

disproportion that now exists between the assessed value of the front and rear Townships.

3rd.—Your Committee would recommend that from the Reserve of the County there be appropriated, this year, upon the road from Manchester to the Village of Uxbridge, the sum of..£150 0 0

North from Uxbridge into Scott,..... 150 0 0

North from Manchester to the Brock line on the Centre Road,..... 750 0 0

From the boundary line of Brock on the Centre Road, Northward to Thora,..... 125 0 0

From South Thora Line on the Centre Road to Beaverton,..... 150 0 0

From Thora to the Narrow's Bridge,..... 200 0 0

Scugog—from and upon the leading road from the terminus of their Bridge, through the Township, towards Port Hoover, or on the Bridge across the Lake, as the Council of Scugog may desire,.... 125 0 0

In the Township of Scott,..... 100 0 0

On Simcoe Street, at the Nonquon,..... 250 0 0

4th.—Your Committee would further recommend the propriety of granting £200 to be expended on the Brock Road, in the Township of Pickering. Also, the sum of £150 to be expended in the Township of Uxbridge, on the fourth or fifth concession.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. FAIRBANKS,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
February 1st, 1856.

No. 7.

THE SECOND REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COUNTY
PROPERTY AND GAOL MANAGEMENT.*To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario,—*

Your Committee would recommend that the County Inspector of Weights and Measures be required to procure at his own expense the necessary weights and measures to enable him to perform the duties of his Office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. LUMSDEN,

Committee Room,

Chairman.

30th January, 1856.

No. 8.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario:—

The Standing Committee on Printing beg to report:—

That, having carefully examined the following accounts, recommend the payment of the same, viz:—

J. A. H. Gerrie, Book for Register Office,.....	£3	5	0
“ “ “ County Advertising and Stationery,	4	4	4
J. R. Hoag, Advertising and Blanks,.....	2	15	5
Wm. Hillam, “ Beaverton Packet,.....	1	0	0
J. O. Dornan, “ North Star,.....	0	3	4

£11 8 1

In regard to the account of J. O. Dornan, amounting to the sum of £55 4s. 8d., your Committee has disallowed the following items, viz:

Printing By-Laws, 56 running folios	£1	8	0
1000 covers,	1	18	9
Extra Work,	1	0	0

£4 6 9

The first item of £4 6s. 9d., your Committee submit is an overcharge above the tender for printing the County By-Laws, Minutes, &c.

The item of £25 4s Currency, in Mr. Dornan's account for advertising the County Auditor's Report, your Committee considers extravagant, inasmuch as your Committee are of opinion that much more space was occupied in printing said report than was necessary.

Your Committee therefore recommend the payment of £50 17s. 11d. to Mr. Dornan, being the amount allowed for his account in full to date.

Your Committee further recommend that the Clerk do advertise for tenders for the printing of the By-Laws, Reports, Minutes, Advertising, &c., required the present year, and employ the party tendering the lowest, and being in other respects satisfactory.

That the Clerk be instructed to have printed 1000 copies of the Minutes, By-Laws, &c., of the present session and all future Sessions of this Council the present year, and that the Clerk distribute the same as follows:

1 copy to each qualified Magistrate, 25 copies to each member of this Council, 150 copies to the Township Clerks in proportion to the respective population of each Township. That the Clerk be instructed to get printed 500 copies of the standing Rules and Regulations of this Council.

That one advertisement in the several county papers and *Toronto Globe* shall be sufficient notice for tenders.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. PERRY.

Chairman.

Committee Room,
February 1st, 1856.

No. 9.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AUDITORS' ACCOUNTS.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Auditor's accounts for 1855 beg to report,—

That having carefully examined the Auditor's accounts as partially completed for 1855, and finding that a great amount of labour and time has been expended in preparing the same, and in view of the near completion of the accounts by the Auditors, your Committee are of opinion that the sum of £12 10s. should be allowed to each, viz.:—William Powson and Robert Darlington; with the understanding that they hand over their successors in office all the books and papers connected with the above accounts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. HAM PERRY.

Committee Room,
February 2d, 1856.

Chairman.

No. 10.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

Your Committee on contingent accounts beg most respectfully to report,—

That having minutely examined the same find them duly certified to and believing them to be correct, recommend the payment of the following sums, upon the Warden's Order.

That is to say,

Campbell & Sterling, selling County Land,	£ 2 10 0
Thomas Beall, Stationery,	8 15 5
Joel Bigelow, Sundries,	2 14 10
Stephen Fuller,	32 6 9

J. J. Otto,.....	£ 8 6 10½
Brewer McPhail & Co.,.....	22 0 0
James H. Gerrie,	0 17 6
J. V. Ham,	10 10 0
L. H. Schofield,	0 15 7½
H. J. Macdonell, disbursements,	5 11 0

Your Committee would also recommend that the County Clerk be authorized to advertise in the different papers published in this Town; two insertions previous to the meetings of County Council.

That all accounts must be classified under the different heads, to whom they should be charged so as to facilitate the duties of the different County officers.

Your Committee would further request that the Warden do suggest to the Government Auditory the necessity of adopting the same plan of classifying the account, instead of allowing them in bulk, as it would be a great relief to the County Auditors as well as the Treasurer.

Your Committee would further recommend that the Treasurer be instructed to procure the Statutes, since the commencement of Municipal Institutions, so as to enable him more promptly to discharge the duties of his office.

Your Committee have also taken into consideration the Petition of the County Treasurer would recommend that he may be allowed to place at his own credit the sum of Twenty-Five Pounds in consideration for his incidental expenses.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES V. SPEARS,

Committee Room.

Chairman.

February 2nd, 1856.

No. 11.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ASSESSMENT.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario.

Your Committee on Finance and Assessment most respectfully report as follows,—

Your Committee learning that the agency of the Bank of Montreal, in the Town of Whitby, allows no interest upon deposits made at the Bank by the County Treasurer, are of opinion the Treasurer should ascertain whether he cannot keep his account at some other Bank upon conditions more favourable to the interests of this County.

Your Committee would recommend that the suggestions of the Treasurer, that all Assessors in each Municipality, should be instructed to commence with Lot No. 1 in the first concession, and enter the full Lot with resident or non-resident, and thus continue throughout the Township, giving such description of each separate parcel, as would be required to fully designate the same; and never enter two Lots together. And in Villages the Assessor should have the plot before him, and should commence with No. 1, Block A, or such other intelligible description as he may be able to give, and continue the same in such manner as would ensure the assessment of every Lot.

Your Committee would recommend that the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of each Municipality should see that the several Township and Town Treasurers furnish the County Treasurer with a copy of the Collector's Roll on the 1st of January of each year, agreeably to the provisions of the Act, 16 Vic., ch. 182, sec. 49.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. FAREWELL,

Chairman.

Committee Room,
February 2nd, 1856.

No. 12.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the County Council of the County of Ontario, in Council Assembled:—

The Special Committee to whom was referred the misunderstanding between this Council and the Sheriff, beg leave to report:

That they have examined the parties and documents, and had the explanations from the Sheriff, his Bailiff, and the Auditors.

Your Committee find that much difficulty between the Sheriff and the Auditors has been occasioned by the mistake made by the Sheriff, in charging for summoning extra Jurors for Fall Sessions instead of Fall Assize.

The Sheriff having been ordered by the Judge to empanel a new Jury on two occasions, was entitled to make the charge of 2s 6d. for serving each Juror.

From the explanation given by the Sheriff and his Bailiff, Your Committee have no doubt that instructions were given by the Sheriff to his Bailiff to charge mileage according to the statute.

Your Committee find that the mileage charged by the Sheriff, for serving of Jurors, exceeds the mileage allowed the Jurors, after making due allowance for those absent.

Your Committee find that by the Statute the Sheriff is entitled to six-pence for every mile that he, his deputy, or Bailiff may necessary and actually have had to travel from the County Town, for the purpose of serving summonses on Jurors. Your Committee find by the admission of the Bailiff, Mr. Sprowl, that mileage has been charged to, as well as from, the County Town in serving summonses on Jurors; and Your Committee believe that, had the mileage been charged as the Statute in their opinion points out, the charge for mileage would have been considerably less.

Your Committee are of opinion that the mileage charged by the Sheriff, for summoning Jurors, should have been less than the mileage allowed to Jurors had all attended.

Your Committee find that in Statute 16, Vic.; chap. 180; Sec.

9, this mileage with other charges shall be paid by the Treasurer of such County out of any money in his hands not otherwise appropriated upon proof by affidavit, made before some Commissioner, for taking affidavits in some one of Her Majesty's Superior Courts of Common Law, at Toronto, for such County, of such several services, having been executed, and of such travel having been so necessarily performed in the service of summons.

Your Committee, however, finding that the Treasurer of the County has paid the Sheriff his account for 1854, upon a mere certificate without having the proof by affidavit as required by the Statute—and would draw the attention of the Treasurer to the circumstance, so that in future no monies are paid out of his hands without proper authority. And Your Committee find that the Auditors were quite justified in refusing to audit those accounts.

Your Committee find that there is attached to each of the Sheriff's accounts for 1854, a certificate from Mr. Sprowl, certifying that in serving Jurors, he, and his under Bailiffs, travelled the number of miles therein mentioned; and at the bottom of each account is written a certificate from the Sheriff, certifying that the account is just and correct, according to the annexed certificate of J. S. Sprowl.

These certificates purport to have been sworn before a Commissioner in most instances, in the following form.

COUNTY OF ONTARIO, } I, John Snider Sprowl, Sheriff's Bailiff, do
To Wit: } hereby certify, that in serving the Grand
 and Petit Jurors for the Fall Quarter Sessions for the year 1854, and
 my under Bailiff's, travelled ——— miles.

[Signed]

J. S. SPROWL.

Sworn before me at the Town of Whitby,
 in the County of Ontario, this day of
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[Signed] W. H. BILLINGS,
A Com.,

COUNTY OF ONTARIO, } I, Nelson G. Reynolds, do certify the above
To Wit: } account to be just and correct, according to
 the annexed certificate of J. S. Sprowle.

NELSON G. REYNOLDS,

Sheriff C. O.

Sworn before me at Whitby, this
 day of 185

S. FAIRBANKS,

A Com., &c.

The Sheriff appears to have made whatever charge per mile was rendered to him by his Bailiff, and your Committee must exonerate the Sheriff from any imputation at having attempted knowingly to make any unjust charge against the County; whilst doing so, your Committee must state that they are of opinion that the Sheriff should have obliged his Bailiff, and under Bailiffs, to have made proper affidavits of the number of miles actually and necessarily travelled by each Bailiff in serving Jurors, and should have himself made affidavit to the other charges made in his accounts, as required by the Statute.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL McDOUGALL,

Chairman.

S. B. FAIRBANKS,

J. HAM PERRY,

ABEL W. EWERS,

A. FAREWELL,

JNO. M. LUMSDEN.

Committee Room,

February 2nd, 1856.

BYE-LAWS.

BYE-LAW No. XXVII.,

To repeal Bye-Laws Nos. 11 and 17, entitled "Bye-Laws to impose a duty on Hawkers, Pedlars, &c., trading within the County of Ontario.

[Passed, February 2nd, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Council of the County of Ontario and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that Bye-Laws Nos. 11 and 17 of this Corporation be, and the same is hereby repealed.

J. H. THOMPSON,
WARDEN.

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H. J. MACDONELL,
County Clerk.

BYE-LAW No. XXVIII.

To appoint Commissioners to expend certain Monies in this County.

[Passed, February 2nd, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario,
—That JOHN TRUAX, JOHN PHENIX, and EDWARD VERNON, be appointed Commissioners to expend £750 on the Centre Road, in the Township of Reach, between Manchester and the Town Line of Brock: That CHARLES S. JEWETT, CHARLES BLACK, and ABRAHAM J. BROWN, be appointed Commissioners to expend £250 in the Township of Reach, on the Simcoe Street Road, on the Hill and Bridge at the Nonquon River: That PETER STOUTENBURGH, JOSEPH GOULD, and DAVID MITCHELL, be appointed Commissioners to expend £150 in the Townships of Reach and Uxbridge, on the line of Road leading between Manchester and Uxbridge Village:— That THOS. GLASSFORD, GEORGE SMITH, and ANGUS MCKAY, be appointed Commissioners to expend £150 in the Township of Thora, on the Centre Road, between the Town Line of Brock and Beaverton: That D. G. HEWETT, JAS. RITCHIE, and PATRICK O'DON-

NELL, be appointed Commissioners to expend £200 in the Townships of Mara and Rama, on the Centre Road leading between Beaverton and the Narrow's Bridge: That ANDREW HILL, EDWARD EDWARDS, and WILLIAM PARLIAMENT, be appointed Commissioners to expend £125 in the Township of Brock on the Centre Road leading between Reach and Thora.

That the Municipal Council of the Township of Pickering be authorized to expend the sum of £200 on the Brock Road in the Township of Pickering: That SAMUEL WIDDIFIELD, WM. KIDD, and JAMES FORSYTH, Senior, be appointed Commissioners to expend the sum of £150 North of the Village of Uxbridge into Scott; and also, to expend the sum of £150 on the 5th Concession of Uxbridge.

That the Municipal Council of the Township of Scugog be appointed Commissioners to expend the sum of £125 on Scugog Bridge or the Road leading from said Bridge to Port Hoover, as they may determine.

That the Municipal Council of the Township of Scott be authorized to expend the sum of £100 in the Township of Scott.

And the Treasurer of this Municipality is hereby authorized and required to pay the said several sums on the order of a majority of said respective Commissioners, and the amounts appropriated to the Townships of Pickering and Scott, on the order of the Councils of those Municipalities.

J. H. THOMPSON,
WARDEN.



H. J. MACDONELL,
County Clerk.

BYE-LAW No XXIX.

To repeal Bye-Law No. 20, and to appoint a County Inspector of Weights and Measures for the County of Ontario.

[Passed February 2nd, 1856.]

1st. Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Ontario, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that Bye-Law No. 20, of this Municipality, be, and the same is, hereby repealed

2nd. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Bye-Law, Allan Lockhart, of Oslawa, be the Inspector of Weights and Measures for the County of Ontario.

J. H. THOMPSON,
WARDEN.



H. J. MACDONELL,
County Clerk.

BYE-LAW No. XXX.

To establish and confirm a certain Road, laid out on the west parts of Lots Number 11 and 12, in the first Concession of the Township of Uzbridge, where the same diverts from the original Road allowance between the Town Line of Whitechurch and Uzbridge.

[Passed February 2nd, 1856.]

Be it enacted by the County Council of the County of Ontario, that the Road, surveyed by John Shier, Esquire, County Surveyor, and described as follows, that is to say, commencing where a post has been planted on the Western limits of the said Lot No. Eleven, at a distance of three chains, fifty four and a half links from the North West angle of the said Lot, and running thence north thirty degrees, fifty minutes east, five chains and sixteen links, then north sixteen degrees west, six chains and seventeen links: then north forty-one degrees, six minutes west, nine chains, twenty-five links and a half to the eastern limit of the allowance for Road between the Township of Uzbridge and Whitechurch. The said Road to be one chain wide and the above described line to be the Eastern limit thereof—be and the same is hereby declared to be a Public Highway.

And be it further enacted that this Bye-Law shall have no force or effect until the County Council of the United Counties of York and Peel shall pass a Bye-Law declaring their concurrence therein.

J. H. THOMPSON,
WARDEN



H. J. MACDONELL,
County Clerk.

RETURN

Made by the County Clerk of the County of Ontario to the Provincial Secretary, shewing the number of Rate-payers for the year 1855, as they appear on the Assessment Rolls of the different Municipalities of the County of Ontario.

Townships.	Number of Ratepayers.
Brock,.....	535
Mara & Rama, (United).....	252
Pickering,.....	960
Reach & Scugog, (United).....	809
Scott,.....	219
Thora,.....	209
Uxbridge,.....	455
Whitby, (Township).....	1060
Whitby, (Town of),.....	644
Oshawa, (Village of),.....	351

Total,.....5494

I do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct return of the number of Ratepayers in the County of Ontario, as they appear on the Assessment Rolls of that County for the year 1855.

H. J. MACDONELL,
County Clerk, Co. of Ontario.

Made by the Clerk of the County Council of the County of Ontario, to the Provincial

Name of Municipality.	Number of Persons assessed.	Number of Acres Assessed.	Total of rentals of Real Property.	Total of yearly value other than rentals of Real Property.	Total actual value of Real Property.	Total of Taxable incomes.	Total value of Personal Property.	Total yearly value of Personal Property.	Total amount of Assessed value of Real Personal Property.	Total amount of Taxes imposed by By-Laws of the Municipality.	Total amount of Taxes imposed by By-Laws of the County Council.	Total amount of Lunatic Asylum, or other Provincial Tax.	Total amount of all Taxes as aforesaid.	Total amount of income collected, or be collected from assessed Taxes, for the use of the Municipality.
Brock,.....	547	66752				225 0 0	17925 0 0		112406 0 0					
Mara & Rama,....	266	62490			39713 10 0		3696 10 0		43410 0 0	80 12 7	137 10 10½	10 16 0	328 19 5½	565 10 9½
Oshawa, (Village of)	238	2400	2978 9 0	2412 18 0	5391 7 0	11622 0 0	19224 5 0	1430 0 0	6723 18 0	16 10 11½	195 19 6	27 19 5½	669 10 1	295 10 11½
Pickering,.....	963	68897½			413042 0 0		59325 0 0		473267 0 0	25 18 1		118 4 5		
Reach & Scugog, ..	809	70823			238590 0 0	2450 0 0	30915 0 0		271955 0 0	24 9 2½	490 0 10	67 19 6½	682 9 7	233 6 7½
Scott,.....	219	47216			41651 0 0		5250 0 0		46901 0 0	31 0 0½	131 2 0	10 9 5	202 11 5½	287 19 1½
Thora,.....	210	20550 1-10			30791 0 0		7225 0 0		38016 0 0	77 10 0	128 3 0	9 9 1	315 2 1	141 13 0
Uxbridge,.....	455	52325			104251 0 0		12575 0 0		116826 0 0	48 5 0	343 11 1½	29 4 1	501 0 2½	68 5 0
Whitby, (Town of)	510	3677½		8252 6 0	79107 16 0	2300 0 0	19221 0 0	1169 17 0	9422 3 0	140 0 0	292 4 11½	39 0 1	1471 5 0½	1511 3 10
Whitby,.....	1043	65280			394156 0 0		43409 0 0		666341 0 0	50 0 0	1341 0 0	167 4 3	1913 1 10½	
County of Ontario,	5260	460411 3-5	2978 9 0	10665 4 0	1346693 13 0	16597 0 0	218765 15 0	2572 17 0	1784368 1 0	53 5 10½	3059 12 3½	507 14 5½	6715 1 6½	3053 9 4

County Clerk's Office, }
Whitby, Feb'y 1st, 1856. }