

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS
of the
Municipal Council of Pictou Co.,
JANUARY SESSION, 1889

FIRST DAY

JANUARY 8TH, 1889

The Council met at 10 a.m. The Clerk opened and read the returns from the presiding officers, and the Councilors elect thereupon took the oaths prescribed by law, and signed the roll.

Robert McNeil, Esq., was unanimously elected Warden.

The Warden read the following report of unfinished business, and of transactions affecting the County since last May meeting.

GENTLEMEN, - As we are opening a new Council and many of the Councilors are here for the first time, I may now state some of the leading questions that were left in an unsettled state at the last meeting of the Council, with a few remarks on the business to come before you. At the time of our last meeting in May, the Treasurer was then confined to the house with sickness, which we thought at the time was only temporary, but it proved otherwise. The business of the office was conducted by his son the present Treasurer, under his father's guidance until late in the autumn, when it was considered advisable, (with the consent of his father and his sureties) that the present Treasurer should be appointed and new bonds taken, which was done, and I have no doubt you will find the business of the office in satisfactory state. I feel I am speaking the sentiments of the Council when I say that in all our intercourse with the late Treasurer, we had always the most kindly feelings, while he conducted the business of the office with firmness and integrity; his gentle unassuming manner made it always pleasant to do business with him.

Those of you who were here at the last meeting will recollect that we had two lawsuits pending for injuries received on the highways, and there was a committee of council appointed to assist in carrying on those cases. The case of Arbuckle's, was tried at the June term of the Supreme court before a jury and resulted in a verdict against the county for two hundred and fifty dollars and costs, which will make the whole amount some six or seven hundred. The evidence in the case was all taken down by the clerk of council (and is open for the inspection or perusal of any member of Council or any person interested) that you may thus see on what a small pretext the county is oft times put in for large costs. In the other case for Mrs. Stewart, we were sued conjointly with Mr. Hogan, Railway Contractor. The case did not come up on trial at June term and before it came up for trial in October, the parties thereto had made a settlement with Mr. Hogan, but did not settle the costs with our attorney who had some \$100 or \$150 costs. We got judgment for the same which I believe is still unsettled. Those cases are a serious matter for the county, and require some action to be taken in the matter.

At the opening of the last January meeting of Council, I recommend that we ask the legislature to amend the law relating to liabilities on highways. The Committee on Law Amendments, then brought in a good report on the subject, which was read, discussed, and passed, clause by clause, in open Council, then forwarded and brought before the Legislature, but for some reason unknown to us it did not become law. Any person who will take the trouble to read over the evidence in the cases that have gone against this county will see at once the necessity there is for some reasonable protection for the country.

Regarding the Stellarton Branch Railway damages, which now might be called "The Oxford and New Glasgow, Short Line Railway," there was no action taken since our last meeting, that was brought to my notice.

At the January meeting of Council 1888, there was a resolution passed asking the county members of the Dominion Government, asking a refund of the damages paid on Eastern Extension Railway. About the last of June I received the following letter from Ottawa viz:

Ottawa, 25th June 1888

Intercolonial Railway

Sir: -

In acknowledging a copy of a Resolution passed by the Municipal Council of Pictou, County of Pictou, Province of Nova Scotia, on the 14th January 1888, respecting payment for the right of way for the Eastern Extension Railway forwarded for the favorable consideration of the Government by Messrs. John McDougall and Charles H. Tupper, M.P.'s. I am in reply directed to inform you, that the subject matter of the resolution, has been most carefully considered, and the decision has been arrived at that the requests contained therein cannot be granted.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your obedient Servant,

A.P. BRADLEY

Secretary

R. McNeil Esq. Warden

County of Pictou

Pictou, Nova Scotia

Now I consider that was, and is, a just demand for this county to make, and it is for you to consider the proper mode or way to further press the claims of this county, and I have no doubt if we are firm and the people brought to see they are unjustly taxed (as I consider it) for a right of way for Eastern Nova Scotia, that in the end they will succeed.

The following resolution regarding the Glencoe School Section was passed at the last May meeting of Council; viz: "Therefore resolved that this Council appropriate out of the funds of the county towards paying the expenses incurred by the Glencoe School Section, the sum of one thousand dollars, such amount to be paid to the order of the Trustee of said School Section when they show a satisfactory evidence to the Warden that the sum of \$4031.33 with interest on \$7031.33 for one year at six per cent together with all costs of collection, has been levied on and paid by the ratepayers of Glencoe School Section No. 16, South Pictou, towards these expenses."

About the last of October the Trustees of said Section produced satisfactory evidence that they had complied with their part of the resolution, and called on one to have the money paid on behalf of the county; at first I declined to give the required certificate until after this meeting of council had provided for the money in the estimates.

Shortly after, they presented to me the following letter received from the Prov. Secy. Viz:

Halifax, Nov. 5, 1888

DEAR SIR:-

Referring to your letter of the 20th October applying for the sum of \$2000 voted by the Legislature towards the payment of the expenses in the Glencoe School case, I beg to direct your attention to the language of the grant. If you will turn to the estimates, page 21, you will find the appropriation was made in the following words:

“To pay a portion of the law expenses incurred by Glencoe School Section in the County of Pictou. On condition that the Municipality of Pictou shall pay out of its Municipal “Treasury or from its road grant a sum of not less than \$1000 for the same purpose - \$2000

The fact that the Municipal Council has agreed to pay \$1000 is hardly enough. Under the terms of the Provincial Grant the money can only be paid after the Municipality of Pictou has actually paid its share. If for any reason the Municipality wishes to defer payment of the share, I think under the terms of the grant the Government will have to defer its payment also.

Yours faithfully
W.S. FIELDING
Provincial Secretary

JAMES T. THOMPSON, Esq.
Sec’y School Trustees
Glencoe, Pictou Co.

We then made arrangements whereby they were paid \$1000 less discount six per cent. You will thus see that under the circumstances it almost became a necessity that it should be paid.

The new Assessment Law is being put into operation from the first time, and while it takes all matters in connection with assessment or appeal out of our jurisdiction, I would recommend that a committee on assessment be appointed, whose duty it would be to look over the work done, and report to this council the manner and mode of applying the law by the several assessors, and the changes made by the revisers or valuers.

By a cursory reading of the Town Incorporation Act passed at the last session of the Legislature, the county had nothing to do with any public property within an incorporated town. Therefore we will be required to look closely into the matter.

The other business that is to come before you is of an ordinary nature, and I trust that it will be promptly attended to and got through with as speedily as possible.

On motion it was resolved that no petition be received after Thursday the 10 inst.

The following Nominating Committee was appointed.

Hugh S. Fraser
A.C. Bell
R. McDougall

Clr. J.D. Fraser suggested the employment of a reporter. A.J. McKay thought such an official unnecessary.

The Warden read the Treasurer’s report for 1888. A discussion followed respecting the appointment of an Assessment Committee, and the powers of Council under the new Assessment Act. J.D. Fraser criticized the new act, pointing out what he considered imperfections in it. Clr. Dewar thought the act was an improvement on the law as it stood previously.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the Municipal Council of Pictou County, January Term, 1880

Your Committee on Nominations beg to submit the following report:

That the undermentioned committees be constituted as follows:

Committee on Finance

A.C. BELL
R. MCDOUGALL

ARCHD. MCKENZIE
COLIN FRASER
HUGH S. FRASER

Committee on Roads and Bridges

A.J. MCKAY
J.D.FRASER
JOHN F. OLIVER
JAMES CAMPBELL
JOHN CUMMING

Committee on Public Property

ROBERT DEWAR
ALEX GRANT
ALEX MCKENZIE

Committee on Assessment

JAMES KITCHIN
EVAN J. ROSS
J.D. MURRAY

Committee on Poor

GEO. H. SUTHERLAND
WM. OLDING
D. DESMOND

Committee on Highway Labor

Geo. M. McKay
Neil Matheson
John McDonald

Committee on Licenses

Alex Grant
Hugh McKenzie
John Murray

We also beg to recommend that Wm. Cameron, M.P.P., and Samuel Foster, Fisher's Grant, be auditors to set forthwith.

Sgd. H.S. Fraser	} Committee on
A.C. Bell	}
R. McDougall	} Nominations

The Warden read the endorsements on papers on file for consideration, and handed them to the proper committees. The committees then proceeded to work and the Council adjourned until 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session

Council met at 2 p.m. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Warden stated that this year the fines specified in the by laws will be imposed on Councilors for non attendance.

Clr, Bell read the petition of John McGillivray, Solicitor for the New York and Nova Scotia Iron and Railway Company, asking for a free right of way or other aid.

Clr. Kitchin moved, seconded by Clr. J.D. Fraser that a general Railway Committee of five be appointed to which all matters relating to railways be referred. This motion was carried and Mr. McGillivray's petition was referred to the Railway Committee.

The Committee then resumed their work and the Council adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Second Day

The Council met at 10 a.m. All the Councilors were present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Clr. Bell read a memorial from the Pictou division Grange asking the Council to pass a by-law to provide for the destruction of weeds.

The Warden read the endorsements of papers filed since last meeting and handed them to the proper committees.

Clr. H.S. Fraser gave notice of motion to change the date of the Half yearly meeting of Council.

The Committees then proceeded to work and at 12 the Council adjourned until 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to Committee work, and the Council adjourned until 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Third Day

The Council met at 10 a.m. All the Councilors were present. The minutes were read and approved. The Warden distributed to the committees the papers filed since last meeting.

Clr. Bell read a petition from the Eastern Ferry Company asking for a subsidy or other assistance, and moved that it be referred to the railway committee. Carried.

Clr. H.S. Fraser moved, seconded by Clr. Bell, "That in accordance with Section 32, Chapter 56, Revised Statutes, the Council pass a by-law to fix the date of the half-yearly meeting as follows: The half-yearly meeting of the Council shall take place on the third Tuesday of April in each year."

Consideration of this motion was deferred till to-morrow.

Mr. Dewar objected to the granting of permission to perform statute labor on private roads. The Warden said the fault was not so much with the law as with the manner in which it is carried out. Clr. Arch McKenzie thought the present system worked well. Clr. J.D. Fraser agreed, but said the matter of the statute labor should be under the control of the road supervisors. Clr. E.J. Ross agrees with Clr. Dewar that serious abuses existed. Clr. J.D. Murray thought such cases were exceptional, and that a man's neighbors were sure to find fault if he shirked his fair share of work on the roads. Clr. Olding said the present system worked well in Sec. 21. The subject then dropped.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Committee on Nominations beg leave to report as members of the Railway Committee:

Clrs. JAS. KITCHIN

“ JOHN D. FRASER

“ JOHN CUMMING

“ JOHN D. MURRAY

“ R. MCDOUGALL

All of which is respectfully submitted

Sgd, H.S. FRASER } Committee on

A.C. BELL }

R. MCDOUGALL } Nominations

On motion the report was received and adopted.

The Committee then proceeded to work and the Council adjourned at 12 to meet at 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session

Council met at 2 p.m. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The Warden distributed to the committee the papers filed since last meeting.

Some discussion took place respecting accounts sent in after the time limited by the by-laws.

The afternoon was divided to committee work, and the Council adjourned to meet at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Fourth Day

The Council met at 10 a.m. All the members were present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Warden distributed the papers filed since last meeting. He also read a letter from the chairman of the Pictou Town Railway Committee asking the Council to take action in the matter of the right of way of the Pictou Town Branch Railway. The letter was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Poor brought in their report. Clr. J.D. Fraser objected to the reception of the report, and moved that it be deferred for further consideration. Carried.

The nominating Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the Municipal Council of Pictou County, January Term 1880

Your Committee on nominations beg to recommend as follows: That

Clrs. JAMES KITCHIN

“ JOHN D. FRASER

“ A.C. BELL

“ R. MCDOUGALL

And “ A.J. MCKAY,

be a committee of the Council to meet with the Town Councils of Pictou and New Glasgow to adjust the proportion of rates to be borne by said towns for 1889. That said Town Councils be notified to meet with said Committee at the Court House, Pictou, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. at 2 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgd. H.S. FRASER } Committee on

A.C. BELL }

R. MCDOUGALL } Nominations

Court House, Pictou, 11th Jan 1889

On motion the report was received and adopted. The committees then proceeded to work and the Council adjourned at 1 until 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session

The Council met at 2 p.m. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Warden stated that members of the bar wished to be heard by the Council in reference to the matter of jail limits. By permission the Sheriff addressed the Council, explaining the difficulties of working the present law. Clr. Bell thought the present jail limits were suitable, but the difficulties mentioned by the Sheriff should be considered. After some remarks by Clrs. J.D. Fraser, R. McDougall, John D. Murray, and the Warden, the subject dropped.

The motion introduced yesterday by Clr. H.S. Fraser, to change the date of the half yearly meeting of Council, was then taken up for consideration. It was moved in amendment by

Clr. J.D. Fraser, seconded by Clr. Dewar that the date by the 4th Tuesday of June. The matter was discussed by Clrs. Olding, J.D. Fraser, H.S. Fraser, McDougall, Bell, J.D. Murray, A.J. McKay, Colin Fraser, Neil Matheson, R. Dewar and the Warden. The amendment was defeated. Clr. A.J. McKay moved, seconded by Clr. Alex. Grant that the date remain as it is. The amendment was defeated, 12 to 10. The original motion was then put and carried.

On motion the Council adjourned until 10 a.m. to-morrow, the afternoon being devoted to committee work.

Fifth Day

The Council met at 10 a.m. The minutes of last meeting was read, and after being amended by substituting the words, "The original motion was then put and carried," for the words "The original motion was then put and 13 members voted for it," was confirmed.

Mr. Bell brought up for consideration the memorial of the Pictou Division Grange asking the Council to pass a by-law to provide for the destruction of weeds. He urged the importance of the subject, and pointed out that from the nature of some of the most injurious weeds it should be quite possible to destroy the weeds without imposing on the people a greater amount of work than would be justifiable. Clr. H.S. Fraser said that cutting "stinking willie" did not destroy the weed; that its seeds were carried down the river, and a fresh new crop grew up every year. Clr. Grant stated that cutting had kept down the weeds in the vicinity of Stellarton, and thought something should be done. Clr. J.D. Fraser said that many believed "stinking willie" caused the Pictou cattle disease, and if that were so it had already caused the loss to the county of an amount which would more than pay for the thorough cleaning and ploughing of the whole county. He thought the owners of waste lands should be taxed to provide funds for the work. Clr. Colin Fraser said that in many cases such a tax would bear too heavily upon the owners. Government assistance would seem to be necessary. Clr. Olding said that in some cases the unoccupied lands would not sell for enough to pay for the destruction of the weeds growing on them. Clr. Cumming was of the opinion that the Canadian thistle was becoming more common, and was most injurious. He thought a by-law were passed it could not be enforced without imposing fines, and this would lead to endless difficulty. Clr. Hugh McKenzie thought the work proposed to be done was too large to be accomplished by adopting a by-law. Clr. Campbell said the opinion that "stinking willie" was the cause of cattle disease could not be entertained in view of the experiments made by Dr. McEachern. The Warden said the subject had been before the Sessions 25 years ago. A by-law might be enforced in thickly settled districts where all the lands were arable, but in other actions it would be extremely difficult to do so if not impossible. He thought the Grange should frame a suitable by-law and then come to the Council. Clr. Bell said if a by-law was to be passed the Council was the proper body to frame it. Clr. Grant again urged the adoption of a by-law. Clr. Matheson said in his district fires ran over much woodland, destroying its value, and then weeds sprang up, and to require the owners of such lands to destroy the weeds would be to ruin them. Clr. Cumming thought a by-law would do good by compelling some farmers to do what others had already done without compulsion. Clr. Arch McKenzie said the discussion showed that great difficulties attended the subject and hasty action was to be depreciated. Clr. J.D. Fraser again urged the duty of the Council to do something, saying that the amount of labor required might be limited. Clr. A.J. McKay thought it useless to discuss the subject further until a by-law was framed and brought before the Council. Clr. Bell said the reason why a by-law was necessary was that many farmers neglected to destroy weeds, and it was useless for one man

to keep clean while his neighbor allowed the weeds to flourish and scatter their seeds in all directions. Every weed is a robber, and the man who allows them to grow on his land is committing a nuisance. Clr. Collin Fraser said there were 10,000 acres of waste lands covered with “stinking willie” about the headwaters of West River. Something should be done; but the questions were How? and By whom? Clr. Bell moved, seconded by Clr. H.S. Fraser “That a by-law be introduced to compel the cutting of foul and noxious weeds, and particularly “stinking willie,” thistles and wild mustard.” The motion was carried.

Clr. A.J. McKay moved; seconded by Clr. Bell, “That a committee be appointed to prepare a by-law on the subject.” Carried.

The committees then proceeded to work.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee beg leave to report as members of a Committee to draft a by-law in reference to the cutting of noxious weeds.

Clrs	A.C. BELL
	A.J. MCKAY
	JOHN CUMMING
	COLIN FRASER
	JOHN D. FRASER

All of which is respectfully submitted Jan’y, 12th 1889

Sgd HUGH FRASER	}Committee on
A.C. BELL	}
RODK MCDOUGALL	}Nominations

On motion the report was received and adopted.

At 1 the Council adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday

**Sixth Day
Afternoon Session**

Council met at 2 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Warden read a memorial from the assessors of Sec. 25 asking for increased remunerations: - Also one from D. Gray Esq, collector of county rates for Sec. 25, asking for a larger percentage for collecting taxes. They were referred to the Finance Committee.

Some discussion followed respecting poll taxes. Clr. J.D. Murray thought a law should be passed requiring employers to retain the poll tax from the wages of their employees.

The Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges was read by the Chairman, Clr. A.J. McKay.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES

Your committee beg leave to submit the following Report for confirmation, viz:

I Confirmations

1. Widening of private road leading from John W. Blackie’s to main road at Lyon’s Brook. Not confirmed.
2. Pent road leading from residence of Francis Fraser of McLellan’s Brook, rear of Seiveright’s farm to main road. Confirmed.
3. Road or street in Westville from Dufferin Street, eastwardly. Confirmed.
4. Public road from Middle Settlement Road to the Shore Road, Central Carriboo. Confirmed.

5. Public Road to Green Hill from the existing highway at John McDonald's to the Middle River. Report of Committee adopted.
6. Public Road from Milford Bridge, Durham, to the Railway Station at Middle River. Not Confirmed.
7. Pent road from Little Harbor Road on the east side of Wright's Brook to the waters of Little Harbor. Report of Committee adopted.
8. Public road from Alex Ross', Lansdowne, to the Wilkin's grant road. Confirmed.
9. Public Road from the end of new road opposite McDonald's Bridge, Saltsprings, to the Main road at John Short's east line. Confirmed.
10. Public road from Cross Roads at Daniel McQuarrie's, Lorne to Peter McDonald's. Confirmed.
11. Pent road from the residence of Philip Gordon through his lands and lands of Neil Gordon to the Main Road from Lansdowne to West River Station. Confirmed.
12. Public road from Cross Roads at Daniel McQuarrie's, Lorne to Peter McDonald's. Confirmed.
13. Public road from the end of new road at Andrew Barton's to connect with William Rae's road at Pine Tree, and for widening the road from Wm. Rae's to main road near Weir's Mills. Not confirmed.
14. Public road from at or about Smelt Brook Bridge to Little Harbor Road. Not confirmed.
15. Pent road for Wm. D. Sutherland from the highway at or near George Milne's to the Stone bridge at Quarry Island, and to fix the number of gates placed thereon.
Report of committee adopted.
16. Pent road from the Cemetery on the west side of the West River near Saltsprings to the Main road at or near the Manse. Confirmed.

II Opening Roads

1. Petition for opening and extension of Street leading from Cowan Street to Isaiah Boutilier's Westville. Granted, A.W. McBean, Com.
2. Petition to lay out public road at Hopewell between the Intercolonial Station and the main road leading from Hopewell to Lorne, Granted, A.W. McBean
3. Petition for Public road between Stellarton and Westville, asking the adoption of a deed of dedication of said road. Granted.
4. Petition for road by Wm. McMillan and others, Toney River. Not granted.
5. Petition asking for removal of gates and granting statute labor on road leading from Three Brooks to Carriboo River, Sec. 2. Not granted.
6. Petition ratepayers Trenton against confirmation of a new line of road recently laid out in that vicinity, and also for a committee to lay out and mark out a new road. Granted. James Rov. Com.
7. Petition for committee to lay out a road from junction of new and old roads at John A. McIntosh's Mill Brook, to Pleasant Valley Road, near McLeod's. Granted. A.W. McBean, com.
8. Petition for a public road from main road at or near Daniel McLean's, Marshdale, to the southern terminus of the road from Pickten's Street, Westville to Nathaniel Urquart's Middle River. Granted. A.W. McBean, Com.
9. Petition to mark, lay out, alter and extend a public road at Glengarry Station, Granted. Jas. S. Fraser, Com

10. Petition for committee to widen pent road at Munro's, Westville. Granted. A.W. McBean, Com.
11. Petition for committee to lay out a new road from Springville to Hopewell. Granted. D.W. Crockett, Com
12. Petition for Committee to lay out public road from McLellan's Mountain to Thorburn. Granted. A.W. McBean, Com.
13. Petition for committee to lay and mark out pent road from premises of James Cummings, Blue Mountain, to Sherbrooke Post Road, Granted. Alex McDougall, com.
14. Petition to lay out a pent road from residence of James W. Foote, French River, to main road. Granted. John Forbes, Miller, com.
15. Petition of James D. Grant, French River, for pent road. Granted. F.W. McKenzie, Com.
16. Petition of D.S. Meikle and Adam McInnis, asking for permission to erect swinging gates on old road passing through their property. Recommended that each be allowed 2 gates, such gates to be subject to the approval of the Supervisor of Road Board No. 4.
17. Petition of John Fraser, Fox Brook, for committee to lay out pent road. Not granted.
18. Petition of John Cahoon and others, Polling Section 14, asking that Gilbert Fraser be appointed to oversee petitioners perform voluntary labour on the road known as Graham's road, and that for every day's labor performed – that is 23 days – they receive \$23 from the County. Recommended to the favorable consideration of Road Board No. 3.
19. Petition for public road from George McKenzie's Carriage Shop to a point at or near Smith's Mills, West River Road. Granted. James S. Fraser, Com.
20. Petition of Ratepayers, Sec. 8 against confirmations of road from Milford Bridge to Railway Station at Middle River, and to appoint a new committee to lay out a better line. Granted. James S. Fraser, Com
21. Petition to define and to lay out the bonds of Main Street, Stellarton. Recommend petitioners to report of Supervisors of Public Grounds, now on file.
22. Petition for alteration of a public road from Pine Tree Gut to Thorburn. Granted. A.W. McBean, Com.
23. Petition James Fraser, Fish Pools for Committee to lay out pent road, Granted. A.W. McBean, Com
24. Petition to relocate a road at North end of Piedmont Valley. Granted. F.W. McKenzie, Com.

III Transfers, Alterations, & c.

1. Transfer of land by James A. Meikle for alteration of road leading from John McEachern to Moose River Road, by consent of Donald McIntosh Surveyor of said highway and R. McDougall and D.J. Meikle, Justices of the Peace, Confirmed.
2. Transfer of land passing through the lands of George McDonald and Angus McArthur of Glengarry. Recommended that papers be sent to the Clerk in order to be executed by the parties interested.
3. Transfer of land passing through the lands of Duncan McDonald and William Weir of Whitburn, Road Limit No. 372. Confirmed.
4. Deed of Dedication of pent road by Margaret Fraser, Fox Brook, to the Queen. Accepted.
5. Deed of Dedication of land belonging to Acadia Coal Company, from Acadia Avenue to Albion Street to the Queen. Accepted.

6. Dedication of pent road leading from Old Gairloch road to New Highfield road through the land of George Crawford. Deferred.

IV Memorials Closing roads & c.

1. Petition of George Crawford for closing road at Westville. Not granted.
2. Petition of A.W. McBean, committee for an extension of time to lay out a road from Brookville to Blanchard, Granted.
3. Memorial of Chas McKinnon, Pictou Landing, respecting explanation of several legal points in relation to obstructions & c. Not within our jurisdiction.
4. Petition from inhabitants at or near 10 Mile House for the construction of an iron bridge across the West River. Recommended to the consideration of Road Board No. 2.
5. Petition against ratifying boundaries of contemplated Police Division at Thorburn and also plans and specifications submitted. Deferred to May Term.
6. Petition of Hugh McPhie and others in connection with pent road at Barney's River under dispute.

Your Committee consider the matter as it stands beyond the jurisdiction of Council.

7. Petition of Samuel Cameron, Elgin, respecting the locality of gates. Deferred to May Term.
8. Resolution of inhabitants of Polling Section No. 12, passed at the annual Town Meeting held at Granton. Recommended to the consideration of road Board No. 3.
9. Report of Supervisors of Public Grounds, Township of Egerton. Recommended that the report be received and filed, with plans attached.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Sgd	Alex J. McKay
	John D. Fraser
	James Campbell
	J.F. Oliver
	John Cumming

On motion the report was received, to be considered clause by clause. The report was then read clause by clause and the several roads and petitions recommended therein were respectively confirmed and granted as marked thereon by the Warden; with the following exceptions.

1. That on motion of Clr. Cumming the name of D.W. Crockett was substituted for the of D.W. McDonald as committee on the road from Springville to Hopewell
2. On the matter of the petition of D.J. Meikle and A. McInnis some discussion occurred as to the placing of gates on pent roads, and it was decided that in this case the location of the gates should be under the direction of the Supervisor for Road Board No. 4.
3. The clause relating to defining and laying out the Main Street at Stellarton was deferred for further consideration.
4. The recommendations respecting the matters in dispute between Hugh McPhie and Wm. McDonald, Barney's River, was deferred for further discussion.

Clr. A.J. McKay proposed that in the last name matter a committee be appointed to examine into the circumstances and try and bring the parties to an amicable settlement. Clrs. J.D. Murray agreed with this view. Clr. Oliver thought it would be unsafe to take further steps. Clr. J.D. Fraser as a committee for the purpose proposed. Clr. J.D. Murray made a statement of the facts, and considered that it was necessary for the Council to do something. The recommendation of the Committee was carried.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved, that the report be received and adopted as marked within. (The report as printed above is in the form in which it finally passed.)

At 5 p.m. the Council adjourned to meet at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Seventh Day

Council met at 10 a.m. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Some discussion took place with reference to the appointment of County officials in the incorporated towns. The Warden suggested that the Committee appointed to meet with the Town Councils in the matter of assessments discuss the subject with the Town Councils when they meet this afternoon.

The report of the Committee appointed by last Council to investigate the affairs of the County Asylum was read by Clr. E.J. Ross.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY ASYLUM

Jan 14, 1889

Your committee appointed for the purpose of investigating the Pictou County Asylum beg leave to report the following recommendations:

- 1st. That the Commissioners report to the May meeting the best system of getting a water supply.
- 2nd. That fire escapes be provided according to law.
- 3rd. That the keeper, matron, male and female ward attendants be provided with skeleton keys which open any and all the doors within the Institution, or that the keys be alike.
- 4th. That the keeper have more authority over the helps, and that he be responsible for all stores delivered at the Asylum, and see that they are of the kind tendered for.
- 5th. That all supplies be given out as far as possible by tender and contract.
- 6th. That a committee of this Council be appointed to meet at any time at the call of the Commissioners, for consultation.
- 7th. That the medical officer be appointed by the Commissioners in such a way as they may think most advantageous.
- 8th. That a duplicate of all tenders be sent to the Clerk of the Municipality for any further reference.

All which we respectfully submit, hoping that confidence may be established in the Institution.

John D. Fraser }

E. Ross } Committee

To this report there was attached the minutes of the meeting of the committee, held at the Asylum, 14th Dec. 1888, as follows:

Pictou County Asylum, 14th Dec. 1888

The committee appointed by the Municipal Council, for the purpose of investigating the cause of John F. Cameron's discharge as Commissioner of the Pictou County Asylum; as well as to enquire into the general working of that institution, met on the above mentioned day.

Commissioners were all present.

After reading the Committee's authority for acting, C. Fraser was appointed chairman, and E.J. Ross, secretary. The Commissioners were then asked upon what grounds they demanded Mr. Cameron's removal? Com. McDougald answered that they made no charges, which Com McQuarrie confirmed. Upon being again asked if no charges had been made, they answered that they made no charges other than that the rest of the Commissioners would not act in conjunction with Mr. Cameron. To which Com. Yorston and Reid took exception in affirming that they had no part in that, and that Com.'s McQuarrie and McDougald could not have been speaking for

them, as they never found any trouble with Mr. Cameron as Commissioner; whereupon the others affirmed that they would not act if Mr. Cameron were retained.

The Commissioners were asked if they found Mr. Cameron a hindrance? To which Com. McQuarrie answered no.

Mr. Cameron understood that the Commissioners gave some reasons why they would not work with him, and asked to know them – he considered his reputation tarnished, and demanded an explanation. He understood that one of the charges was that he sent his own hired man into the Asylum, when the work he was performing could have been performed by a Mr. Clish by giving him a little extra pay. Mr. Cameron denied having sent his hired man there, which Mr. Morrow corroborated Mr. Cameron did not prevent his man from accepting Mr. Morrow's offer as Mr. Morrow was exceedingly anxious that he could have the services of said man. Mr. McQuarrie thought that said man got too much pay, 50 cents per day and board. After a prolonged harangue the matter was brought to a close.

The morality of the Institution was then considered. The Commissioners were asked if they observed the moral tone of the attendants in the Institution? If that tone was healthful to the Institution?

Com McQuarrie answered that they placed a Bible in every ward.

The Commissioners were asked how they acted with regards to a drunken help, who was retained for a length of time in the Institution.

Ans. – That they came and investigated the charges and found them unsustainable, showing a great lack of confidence in the keeper and matron, requiring their statements to be proven by the inmates, or else fall to the ground unheeded.

The matter of getting supplies was then considered. There were several cases in which supplies were received by private sale without an opportunity of public competition. A large bill for clothing, which came in that day, amounting to some \$300, was not by tender and contract, Com McDougald having the privilege of attending thereto.

In the grocery supply a very grave error came to the surface, viz: That of receiving tea into the Asylum by the half cheat without making a fair or reasonable reduction of the gross weight for the weight of chest, some 31lbs only being deduction for three half chests, which the Commissioner passed as correct.

The medical attendance was afterwards discussed. This was always by "Tender and Contract" always taking the lowest tender, which did not always give the desired satisfaction.

The water supply was found to be altogether inadequate in case of fire, or even for the ordinary use of the Institution.

No fire escapes provided for the imprisoned inmates in case of fire, which would inevitably result in the death of most of them if not all.

The running of the farm was then considered and found that the farm did not reflect very creditably for the management of the farm. The man in charge having little or no experience in farming.

In inspecting the building, everything seemed as usual very clean and orderly. Some time being lost are one of the doors could be opened, which would have fatal results were the party seeking admission and extracting party in case of fire."

Clr. Ross explained that the Report was not concurred in by Clr. Colin Fraser.

Clr. Colin Fraser said he dissented from some of the statements made by the majority of the Committee, and would submit a minority report.

On motion of Clr. McDougall, seconded by Clr. H.S. Fraser, the report was received, and the consideration of it deferred till to-morrow morning.

The committees proceeded to work and at 1 the Council adjourned until 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session

Council met at 2 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The clause of the Road and Bridge Committee's Report referring to the detaining and laying out of the main street at Stellarton, was brought up for consideration. On motion the recommendation of the Committee was concurred on.

The afternoon was devoted to Committee work and at 5 p.m. the Council adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Eight Day

Council met at 10 a.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Warden read a notice of assignment of judgment in the case of Arbuckle's vs. the Municipality; also a letter from the Atty. General relating to assessment of salaries of Dominion Officials; Also a copy of a standing order of the Legislative Council respecting Local Bills.

Clr. Colin Fraser introduced and read the minority report of the Committee appointed by last council to investigate the affairs of the County Asylum. On motion the report was received.

A short discussion followed and consideration of both Reports were deferred until tomorrow morning.

Clr. Cumming brought on the subject of auctioneer licenses. The Warden thought that none could be granted until a by law on the subject was passed and approved.

Clr. Sutherland moved, seconded by Clr. Colin Fraser, as follows: On the recommendation of the Supervisor of Road Board No. 2 , and the approval of the Chairman of the Road Committees.

Resolved that the Bridge across the West River near Alex McKenzie's, West River, be placed under the provisions of the Bridge Act." Carried.

The remainder of the forenoon was taken up with Committee work and at 1 the Council adjourned until 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session

Council met at 2 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee appointed to meet with the Town Councils at Pictou and New Glasgow to fix the proportion of County Rates to be paid by the Incorporated Towns, reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO APPORTION RATES WITH TOWNS OF PICTOU & NEW GLASGOW

To the Municipal Council of the County of Pictou, January Term, 1889

Your Committee appointed to meet with the Committee of the Town Councils of Pictou and New Glasgow to apportion the County rates to be paid by these Incorporated Towns to the Municipality, beg leave to report as follows:

The Joint Committee agree to take the estimate of 1888 as a basis

The amount being	\$33,434
Less for Eastern Extension	
Railroad damages	<u>5,229</u>
	\$28 205
Less off for Clerk	\$300.00

Warden & Councilors	850.00	
Treasurer	250.00	
Revisers	165.00	
Collectors	810.00	
Assessors	475.00	
Printing	240.00	
Contingencies	250.00	
Roads, & c.	350.00	<u>3690</u>
		\$24,515

Your Committee have agreed with the Committees of the Town Council of Pictou and New Glasgow as to the amount to be paid by each Town as follows:

That the town of Pictou pay the Municipality of Pictou as their proportion of the County rates and damages for Eastern Extension Railway, \$2900.

Your Committee would recommend that the above amounts be accepted, and that a Committee of three be appointed to confer with Committees of the Incorporated Towns of Pictou and New Glasgow to endeavor to arrive at a satisfactory basis whereby the Assessment can be apportioned more equitably over the Municipality of the County of Pictou and the Towns of Pictou and New Glasgow.

JAS. KITCHIN
JOHN D. FRASER
ALEX J. MCKAY
R. MCDOUGALL
A.C. BELL

Approved of so far as Town of Pictou is concerned,

G.H. ELLIOTT
Mayor Town of Pictou

Accepted for the Town of New Glasgow

R.A. WALKER, Mayor

On motion the Report was received. Some discussion followed on the clause recommending the appointment of a Committee to confer with the Town Councils.

On motion the Report was adopted, subject to signature by the Mayor of Pictou and the Warden of New Glasgow.

Clr. H.S. Fraser referred to a dangerous encroachment by the Black Diamond Co. on a road near Westville. Clr. Desmond described the obstruction and urged that immediate action be taken. Clr. Oliver said the Co. was constructing a new road which would avoid all difficulty and be as good a road as the present one.

Moved by Geo. M. McKay, seconded by James Kitchin, and

Resolved that the Clerk be instructed to send to the Provincial Secretary a copy of the law amendments proposed by the Committee on Accidents and Law Amendments in the January Session of Council, in 1888, in order that same may be laid before the Executive Council of the Province, and also to cause printed copies of said proposed amendments to be made and sent to the members for the county.

The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to Committee work and at 5 the Council adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Ninth Day

The Council met at 10 a.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Warden read the Report of the Commissioners of the County Asylum, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF COUNTY ASYLUM

To the Municipal Council of Pictou County, January Term, 1889

The Commissioners of the Pictou County Asylum beg to submit their report for the year ending 31st December, 1888.

The total amount expended by the Commissioners in 1888 was \$7,831.30

The money's received by the Commissioners during the year 1888 were as follows:

From sales of stores, produce, & c.	\$137.70
Moneys received for support of Poor, & c.	<u>1,380.66</u>
	\$1527.36
Add payments by Mun. Treasurer,	<u>4,500.00</u>
	\$6,027.36

The balance due the Commissioners on the expenditure for 1888, as above is \$1,803.94

To which add balance due as at 31 st Dec. 1887 per statement of account herewith marked "A,"	<u>6,295.86</u>
Total balance due Commissioners 31 st Dec. '88	\$8,099.80

The income of the Asylum during 1888 from sales of produce and for the support of paupers & c, was \$1,530.17, leaving the net expenditure for the year, for running expenses of insane and for additional equipment & c. at \$6,301.13.

The aggregate time of patients cared for in the Asylum in 1888 was 4267 weeks, which for actual running expenses (including interest & c.) shows an average cost of less than \$1.70 per week per patient.

Apart from the Debentures issued on account of the Asylum, the debt on the institution stands as follows: -

Balance due Commissioners at 31 st Dec, 1888 as per account	\$8,099.80
Balance due on land	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$9,099.80
Deduct unpaid bal of money assessed in 1888 (in Municipal Treasurer's hands)	\$4,500.00
Balance due from Poor Districts & c.	<u>450.54</u>
	<u>\$4,950.54</u>
Total debt	\$4,149.26

The patients in the institution at 31st Dec, 1888 were as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Insane	34	31	65
Poor	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>22</u>
Total	44	43	87

The crop raised on the farm in 1883 is estimated as follows:

7 Tons	Hay
10 Tons	Oat Straw (unthreshed)
5 Tons	Wheat Straw
400 Bushel's	Potato's
80 "	Mangles
100 "	Turnips
9 "	Carrots

4 “ Parsnips
12 “ Beets

A supplementary Report will be furnished as soon as possible classifying the cost of the several branches of the service for the past year.

The following statement area appended, viz:-

Balance sheet “A”

Detailed statement of Receipts “B”

Detailed account of expenditure “C.”

List of inmates – “D”

Statement of balances due Asylum and stores on hand “E”

Vouchers,

All of which is respectfully submitted

JOHN MCQUARRIE

JAMES YORKSTON

DANIEL JACKSON

JOHN MCDUGALD

Commissioners

Pictou, 15th January 1889

On motion of Clr. McDougall, seconded by Clr. Bell, the report was received and ordered to be published with the minutes, and the accounts presented with the report were on motion received and consideration of them deferred until May Term.

The reports of the majority and minority of the Committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the County Asylum were then brought up for consideration. Clr. McDougall moved, seconded by Clr. G.M. McKay that the recommendations of the majority report be adopted.

Clr. Ross took exception to the minority report on the ground that it charged the majority with misrepresentation of fact. He also referred to charges against an assistant in the asylum, saying that to his mind the charges were proved, and the assistant should have dismissed as soon as he was accused. Clr. Colin Fraser explained that the overcharge complained of it in the tea account had not had not been fairly stated in the majority report. As soon as the error was detected it was rectified on as fair a basis as could be reached. Clr. J.D. Fraser said the committee had found the time at its disposal too short to allow of a complete investigation into all the statements brought before them. The statements in the majority report as to the teas supplies were not made in order to accuse the commissioners or the late keeper, but in order to show how necessary constant care and attention are even in small matters. By the statement in the majority report as to purchases of clothing made without tender it was not intended to allege that such purchase was exceptional, but to point out that it was an objectionable practice and should be stopped. Clr. Colin Fraser said all bodies of men were liable to occasional mistakes, and an institution like the Asylum was peculiarly difficult to manage. He thought the Commissioners had made fewer mistakes than the Council. The investigation had been very hurried, The minutes were taken down by Mr. Ross and were not seen by him (Clr. Fraser) until evening before the Committee reported. When he read it he could not agree with the accuracy of the minutes as embodied in the Majority Report and therefore felt it necessary to present a dissenting Report. He fully agreed with the recommendations of the majority. Clr. Bell thought the matter of the displacement of John F. Cameron had been referred to the Committee and it had not been reported on. Clr. J.D. Fraser said the evidence on that matter was in the Report. Clr. Ross said

he thought the Majority Report was milder than it might have been. No charges were made against Mr. Cameron, and he ought not to have been displaced by the Council.

Clr Bell said all the information given by the Committee on the Cameron matters had already come before the Council in May term. The Report should be adopted or sent back to the Committee for amendment. It was useless to adopt the recommendations of the Report and to leave the Report on the table. Clr Ross again addressed the Council on the matter. Clr McDougall withdrew his motion. Clr Bell moved that the majority Report be adopted as a whole. Clr. A.J. McKay thought that as the majority itself admitted that half the facts had not been disclosed it would be better to send the Report back to the Committee or appoint a new Committee to get all the facts. Clr J.D. Fraser said he thought enough had been said to clear away any abuses that may have existed. Clr. R. McDougall said no man in the Council believed that any one of this Asylum Commissioners had done wrong intentionally. They may have made mistakes. He thought no further investigation was necessary, and that the majority Report stated all the facts if it was material to know. Clr. Bell said if all the facts had not come out a new Committee should be appointed and he would withdraw his motion. Over an institution like the Asylum, it was the duty of the Council to exercise the most careful and enlightened control. The charges against the assistant were very serious. Clr. McDougall said that assistant had been discharged. The Warden said he believed persons got into the Asylum with insane certificates when they were not really insane. If this were so the fault was outside the Commrs and Asylum. Clr Bell thought the evidence reported as to the dismissal of J.F Cameron at any rate should be adopted. Clr. Alex McKenzie said the Committee ought to have reported all the facts. Clr. Dewar thought the Commrs. had made a mistake in placing the assistants under their own orders instead of under the orders of the Keeper. Clr. Sutherland said he could not understand why the insinuations in the Report should be adopted. It would be much better if there were anything behind to find out and make it public, and if all had been disclosed that fact should be stated. He thought a new Committee should be appointed. Clr. J.D. Fraser said the Committee did not think the tea and cloth items important, but thought it worth while to call attention to them so that they should not be repeated. Clr. J.D. Murray said he would vote for the Report. There was reason to believe the Commrs. had rectified anything that was wrong. Clr. Cumming asked what was the evidence as the misconduct of the assistant. Clr Ross described the evidence in his possession. The Warden said he knew something of the case. Overseers of Poor in a certain district had had a troublesome pauper on their hands, and two medical certificates were obtained that she was insane, and so they got her into the Asylum. Neither he (the Warden) nor the Commrs. could prevent this. No complaint had been made by this patient until she was discharged. Clr. Geo M. McKay thought it absolutely necessary that the hearsay evidence, charges, and insinuations made by Clr Ross should be probed to the bottom and thoroughly investigated in order that the blame should be laid on the proper shoulders. Clr. Bell said he agreed with this view, but that would not prevent the adoption of the Report. The Warden said he would like to have an investigation as to how the inmate who had caused all this difficulty had got into the Asylum. Neither the Keeper nor the Commrs. were to blame for it. Clr. Bell said adopting the Report would settle the matters referred to in the Report, and other questions might be referred to a new Committee. He moved that the Report be read clause by clause. Clr. H. McKenzie said the Committee admitted it had not reported fully and he did not see how the Council could adopt the Report. Clr Geo M. McKay said it would stultify the Council to adopt a report which the Clrs. Who signed it admitted to be incomplete. Clrs. H.S. Fraser seconded the motion of Clr. Bell that the report be read clause by clause. Passed. The Warden read the first clause, referring to the dismissal of J.F.

Cameron. On motion it was passed. The next clause, respecting the moral tone of the institution, and the misconduct of an assistant, was deferred until the Half Yearly meeting. The next clause, relating to the manner of getting supplies for the Asylum, was on motion deferred to the Half Yearly meeting. The clause, relating to the medical attendance was passed. The clause relating to the water supply and the site of the building was passed. The clause relating to the management of the Farm was on motion deferred to the Half Yearly meeting. The next clause, concerning the state of the building was passed. The recommendations of the Committee were then passed separately and adopted.

On motion at 1 o'clock the Council adjourned until 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Statute Labor reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY LABOR

To the Municipal Council of Pictou County, January Term, 1889

Your Committee on Highway Labor beg to report as follows:

1st. That they have examined the returns of the Surveyors of Highways and Limits submitted to them, and regret to find that, as in previous years, a large number of returns are missing. Your committee have also to bring to your notice that many of the returns are filled up in a very inaccurate manner, so that the obtaining of information in regard thereto entails much labor and loss of time upon your Committee.

2nd. Your Committee would therefore recommend that this Council order Surveyors of Highways to send their returns to the Councilors of their respective districts, that the returns be tabulated by the Councilors and handed by them to the Committee on Highway Labor.

Your Committee is of the opinion that if this recommendation be carried into effect, it will result in insuring greater accuracy in the filling up of Statute Labor returns, then what is obtained under the present system of sending the returns in a promiscuous manner to the Clerk of the Municipality.

The following returns are wanting:

In Sec. No. 1, Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6

“	“	2, “	16,
“	“	3, “	45, 60, 72, 75, 82, 83, 86
“	“	4, “	91, 87, 90
“	“	5, “	106, 107, 108, 112, 110, 118, 119, 124, 128, 131
“	“	6, “	139, 143, 146, 151, 153
“	“	7, “	174, 181, 183, 198, 199
“	“	9, “	216, 217, 218, 240, 250, 251
“	“	10, “	284
“	“	11, “	292, 295, 297, 306, 309, 319
“	“	13, “	320, 328, 322, 326, 331, 327, 330, 338
“	“	14, 15, “	375, 349, 378, 379, 381, 383, 384
“	“	16, “	387, 399, 406, 412
“	“	17, “	435, 438, 441
“	“	18, “	443, 446, 456, 457, 458, 459, 461
“	“	19, “	No returns received from this Sec.
“	“	20, “	487, 492, 513
“	“	21, “	521, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 531, 532

“ “ 24, “ 564, 569, 584

Your Committee have again to recommend that if those returns are not sent to the Clerk of the Municipality within 30 days from the rising of the Council, the Clerk proceed as the law directs against delinquent Surveyors of Highways unless the Councilors of their districts make satisfactory explanations in writing why those returns have not been made.

In regard to private Statute Labor granted last year, your Committee find that the work in connection therewith has been generally performed.

Your Committee recommend that the following parties be allowed to perform their Statute Labor on their own Roads set forth in their respective petitions.

Sec. No. 1, Malcolm McKenzie

“ “ 2, Thomas McLeod and Wm. Bucker, 3 days each, Melville McDonald and Angus McDonald

“ “ 3, James McKay

“ “ 5, Hugh McKenzie

“ “ 6, John McKay, Daniel Murray, Buck Meadows, Angus H. McKenzie and Alex. Innes,, ore half

“ “ 7, Wm. McLeod, Hugh McLeod

“ “ 8, James R. Porter, John J. McCabe, Alex Halliday

“ “ 9, Roderick Munroe, William McDonald sr., one half

“ “ 10, Roderick McKenzie, Hugh Matheson

“ “ 11, John W. McLeod, Daniel Williamson

“ “ 12, Edward Walters

“ “ 13, David Rose, Thomas G. McKay, Thos. Weatherbee, James Fraser, Churchville, one half, Alex McKay, Churchville, one half

“ “ 14, Angus Cameron, 3 days

“ “ 15, Murdoch McLeod, McL. Mtn. Hugh McKay, Hugh McDonald, Thorburn

“ “ 16, Fred McDonald, Sunny Brae

“ “ 17, John McDonald, Hopewell, Hector Munro

“ 18, George McLeod

“ “ 19, James McDonald, Donald McKinnon, Daniel J. McDonald, Angus McEachern one half

“ “ 20, John McIver, James Sutherland, Roderick Morrison, T.W. McKenzie

“ “ 21, David Mitchell, John McDonald (Col)

“ “ 24, James Ross, Wm. Cameron, Wm. Flynn

“ “ 25, Archibald McLellan, Neil McLellan, Anthony McLellan

All of which is respectfully submitted

GEO. MCKAY

NEIL MATHESON

JOHN MCDONALD

On motion the report was received. On motion G.M. McKay was excused from further attendance at this Session of Council.

Some discussion followed in reference to the 2nd clause, referring to the manner of making returns.

On motion the Report was adopted with the exception of the 2nd clause.

The Warden read the Report of the Commissioners of County Property in New Glasgow, recommending repairs.

Also a report from the Commrs. of the Lock up at Westville, recommending the building of an addition to the Lock Up, to be used as a kitchen for the Keeper.

Clr. J.D. Fraser said these repairs were always very expensive. Clr. Bell thought it was absolutely necessary to make some repairs in the Jail at New Glasgow, as the cells were unfit for habitation. The Warden agreed that something should be done, but thought it should be done by the Town of New Glasgow. Clr. Oliver said the building asked for at Westville could not be done without. Clr. Bell said there was no economy in allowing buildings to go out of repair, and thought the town was not liable. Clr. Dewar said New Glasgow contributed to the expense. Clr. McDougall said if there were no jail in New Glasgow and the Town asked this Council to vote \$850 for the purpose of providing a new jail, it would not be voted. Clr. Bell said the building belonged to the County alone could repair it. Clr Grant thought a Committee should be appointed to try and effect a sale of the Court House to the Town of New Glasgow.

The Committee appointed to draft a by-law respecting the destruction of weeds, reported recommending the passage of the following by-law.

Your Special Committee beg leave to report the following:

BYE-LAW – The owner or occupier of any cleared land shall between the 15th July and the 15th August in each year cut all the weeds, that is to say the Thistles, Stinking Willie and Wild Mustard and noxious weeds growing upon such lands and upon the side of any highway adjoining, to the satisfaction of the Surveyor of Highways within the road limits, but no person shall be compelled to spend more than two days in each year at this work. The penalty for neglect shall be one dollar for each day's neglect.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A.C. BELL
J. CUMMING
A.J. MCKAY
COLIN FRASER
J.D. FRASER

Clr. Olding thought 2 days in a year would not be enough. Clr. H. McKenzie thought the by-law would accomplish nothing. Clr. Bell said the By-law was moderate enough, but would do some good, and would make a beginning. On motion the report and by law were passed and adopted.

Moved by Clr. Arch McKenzie seconded by A.J. McKay.

“That the committee on Railways take into consideration the appointing of appraisers to appraise the damages on the Short Line Railway between Brown's Point and County Line – Colchester.”

The motion was carried.

Moved by Clr. McKay, seconded by Clr. Bell.

“That a special Committee of Five members of the County Council be appointed to investigate all questions and charges respecting Pictou County Asylum, not disposed of under the reports of former Investigating Committee.”

The motion passed.

The Committee on Poor reported as follows:

MUNICIPALITY OF PICTOU COUNTY

January Term, 1880

The Committee on Poor beg to submit the following report as received from the several districts.

District No.	Number of Poor.	Males.	Females.	Children.	Average Age.	Average cost per year.	Bills unpaid including bal. due Overseers.	Balance on hand.	Amount to be assessed.				
P. I.	0	0	0	0	0	\$00.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 000.00				
F. G.	1	2	1	1	68	75.00	00.00	30.00	120.00				
	2	1	0	1	78	30.00	125.00	3.07	40.00				
	3	6	0	5	61	40.00	00.00	60.02	300.00				
	4	13	4	3	41	50.00	108.00	00.00	650.00				
	5	2	1	1	62	36.00	70.00	00.00	135.00				
	6	2	1	1	76	59.00	70.00	00.00	150.00				
	7	2	1	1	83	62.00	70.00	00.00	120.00				
	8	5	2	3	74	49.00	70.00	25.00	300.00				
	9	7	4	3	58	37.00	70.00	40.75	250.00				
	10	3	0	3	62	39.00	70.00	00.00	160.00				
	11	2	1	1	83	62.00	51.00	6.84	140.00				
	12	0	0	0	0	00.00	00.00	12.63	100.00				
F. Mt.	13	1	0	1	77	24.00	5.00	5.57	90.00				
Ch'ville.	13	2	0	2	65	58.00	5.00	5.57	100.00				
	14	1	1	0	80	72.00	5.00	40.00	90.00				
	15	1	0	1	0	65.00	5.00	20.21	130.00				
	16	3	0	3	79	65.00	12.00	145.00	20.00				
	17	1	0	1	98	78.00	43.00	43.26	100.00				
	18	5	1	4	55	40.00	41.00	22.00	230.00				
	19	1	0	1	75	78.00	50.00	6.24	150.00				
	20	3							300.00				
	21	3	0	2	70	31.00	10.00	00.25	80.00				
	22	2	0	2	72	27.00	37.00	9.08	90.00				
	23	20	2	9	30	33.00	420.00	250.00	800.00				
	24	2	1	1	71	10.00	20.00	69.80	31.00				
	25	20	5	6	36	57.00	200.00	78.79	1000.00				
Total.	110	25	56	26	51	\$46	\$0	\$1102	60	\$556	21	\$5728	00

Second. Your Committee would recommend that the following order be passed.

Ordered. That the Overseers of Poor for district No. 24 pay to the Clerk and Treasurer of Poor for district No. 21 the sum of ten dollars, (\$10) for the support of old paupers said sum to be paid to the said Clerk and Treasurer on or before the first day of December, 1889.

Third. Your Committee would recommend that Councilors would endeavor that report of their Sections are properly filled up and handed in at our annual meeting, also examine accounts before they are sent to the Clerk at our semi-annual meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. H. SUTHERLAND

W.C. OLDING

DANIEL DESMOND

The report was received and adopted.

At 5 the Council adjourned to meet at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Tenth Day

The Council met at 10 a.m. The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

The Warden read a petition asking the Council to fix a license fee for dogs. Some discussion followed.

The Committee on Assessments brought in their report as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT

To the Municipal Council of the County of Pictou, January Term, 1889.

Your Committee on Assessment beg leave to submit the following amounts to be struck off the Assessments Rolls for the years 1887 and 1888.

No. 21, 1887, \$4.42,	No. 24 1887 \$1.75
No. 3, 1887, 13.17	No. 4, 1888, 11.93
No. 5, 1888, 2.10	No. 7, 1888, 6.30
No. 8, 1888, 8.33	No. 10, 1888, .30
No. 11, 1888, 4.34,	No. 13, 1888, 18.87
No. 9, 1888,	No. 14, 30
No. 15, 1888, 60.21	No. 16, 1888, 5.60
No. 20, 1888, 24.82,	No. 22, 1888, 5.30
No. 23, 1888, 24.12	No. 24, 1888, 4.04
No. 25, 1888, 31.01	

With regard to the following Petition for a refund of Taxes,

Your Committee recommend that the petitions be granted, and that the Treasurer be ordered to refund them the several amounts set opposite their names as follows:

1st. Wm. Munro, Section 18, \$1.35

1. Mrs. Wm. Archibald, No. 8, \$2.00
2. Samuel Archibald, No. 8, \$1.72
3. John Fraser, No. 16, \$5.20
4. Acadia Coal Co. No. 25, \$351.75
5. Henry Russell, No. 23, \$3.29
6. Adam Bonsfield, No. 23, \$3.29
7. Peter A. Reid No. 23, \$3.29
8. Christy McNab, No. 16, \$2.60
9. John Gordon, No. 11, \$4.08
10. Henry Austin, No. 20, \$1.00

11. The Petition of Thomas Ross of Section No. 23 be ordered to refund him \$3.45.

12. The Petition of Kenneth Cameron, Sec. No. 20 for a reduction in the valuation of his property, we recommend that the valuation be reduced \$300 and the Treasurer ordered to refund him \$3.57.

13. The petition of John W. Barney, Sec. No. 23, whose petition was laid over from May term. We recommend that a refund of \$1.98 be made and Treasurer ordered to pay same and the Treasurer of the Poor for said Section refund him the sum of \$1.31.

14. The appeal of James Savage for a reduction in the valuation of his property and a refund of Taxes. We recommend that the valuation be reduced \$200 and the Treasurer be ordered to refund the sum of \$2.17 and also that Treasurer of Poor refund him a proportional part of his Poor rates.

15. The appeal of Wm. Ross of Sec. No. 7 (laid over from May Term) for a reduction in the valuation of his property. We recommend that a reduction of \$100 be made and the Treasurer refund him \$1.11.

16. The Petition of Hugh McIntosh of Section No. 16 for a refund of Taxes. We recommend that the Treasurer refund him \$1.86.
17. The appeal of Mrs. Alex Fraser, Section No. 21 for a reduction of the valuation of her property. We recommend that it be reduced \$400 and that she be required to pay Taxes on the excess.
18. The petition of George McLeod of Section No. 18 from exemption from Taxation. We recommend that he appeal to the Board of Appeal under the new Assessment Act.
19. The petition of Duncan McKenzie of Section No. 5, for a refund of costs dismissed, as we do not consider that the petitioner has any claims against the county.

Owing to the fact that nearly all of the Collector's returns are very imperfect and unsatisfactory, your committees would recommend that the members of this Council would give every assistance in their power to enable said collectors to make more intelligible, and would recommend it necessary that the Clerk be requested to prepare some form of return and have them printed (as in now done for the Clerk and Treasurer of Poor for the different districts) and forward to said collectors with the instructions that are annually sent them and in this way your Committee would be enabled to make a more satisfactory report of the state of the collector's rolls and would not be under the necessity of carrying such large uncollected balances forward from year to year.

From what has already been brought to the notice of your Committee with reference to the new Assessment Act, they find that the working of said act has been far from satisfactory and unless a great many amendments are made it will be found that a great many errors and irregularities will appear in the several Assessment Rolls throughout the Municipality. For instance instructions to assessors, how they shall assess property owned by individuals in the several districts of the Municipality are not plain enough and have been differently constructed by different assessors, and if the schedule system is to be continued it should be made plainer. For instance a person owning property in several districts in the Municipality should have separate columns for said districts, and if under proper headings, would enable the assessors to discriminate in a column for that purpose the value of the property in each district. Your committee would also recommend that the law be continued as formerly, giving assessors the discriminating power to leave off the Assessment Roll the names of persons whom they consider too poor to pay taxes, and further that they should be required to set opposite the names of all persons on said rolls their ages and residences.

Your Committee would further recommend that if income is to become a permanent and productive source of taxes that an effort be made to have the act so amended as to include within its operations some certain part, say one half or three quarters of the amount of every income, the law as it now stands being a practical exemption in all but very exceptional cases.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES KITCHIN
 EVAN J. ROSS
 JOHN D. MURRAY

On motion on the report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Municipal Council of Pictou County, January Term 1889

Your Committee on Finance having examined the accounts placed before them, and the report of the Auditors thereon beg to report as follows:

The sum of \$8037.31 hereinafter recommend to be paid for services of 1888 shall be added to the liabilities of the county at 31st December 1888 as not for the in the last report of the Municipal Treasurer.

We recommend the following accounts to be paid, viz: -

To the Assessors for 1888,

Section No. 1, Fisher's Grant, Smith Foster, W.G. Sproull	\$10.00
Pictou Island, James Hogg, Hugh McLean,	6.00
Sec. No. 2. Cariboo, Robert D. Ross, John Stewart	20.00
Sec. No. 3, George L. Sillars, Simon Chisholm	22.00
“ 4, J.R. Langill, M.G. McLeod	20.00
“ 5, Andrew Murray, Hector McKay,	18.00
“ 6, Alex Noble, John K. McKenzie	20.00
“ 7, Adam McKeen, Wm. Stuart,	20.00
“ 8, John W. Munsie, Wm. McDonald	20.00
“ 9, Eben Browr, Hugh Ross	22.00
“ 10, Robert Sutherland John's son, W.R. Jas McDonald	20.00
“ 11, Daniel Fraser, Crairy, Robert McLeod, New Lairg	16.00
“ 12, Daniel Desmond, Wm. Fraser	16.00
“ 13, John Murray, Alex McGregor	20.00
“ 14, Rob. Laurie, Wm. Morton	18.00
“ 15, Duncan Fraser, Daniel McDonald	20.00
“ 16, Wm. McDonald, Peter J. Grant	20.00
“ 17, Thomas A. Munro, D.W. McDonald	18.00
“ 18, Robert McArthur, Alex. Ross	20.00
“ 19, John D. Murray, John D. McGillivray	20.00
“ 20, Wm. Robertson, Peter Campbell	24.00
“ 21, John J. Copeland, John McDonald	20.00
“ 22, Donald Gunn, Geo. McDonald	20.00
“ 23, John Maxwell, Robt. A. McDonald	18.00
and expenses meeting valuers	
“ 24, Wm. Turner, Alex. McDougald	15.00
“ 25, Duncan Weir, Angus McKay	<u>12.00</u>
	\$479.00

For Medical Services & c.

Dr. Kennedy per acc.	\$15.00	
“ J. F. McDonald	10.00	
“ L. Johnson	10.00	
“ Wm. Mitchell	10.00	
“ J.R. Collie	20.00	
“ Wm. Fraser	25.00	
“ M. Sutherland	10.00	
“ H. Munro	5.00	
“ Keith	25.00	
“ Norrie	5.00	
“ J.T. Cameron	10.00	\$145.00

For Prothonotary and Justice

To Robert Matheson	\$25.00	
“ “	9.00	
“ H.R. Narraway	18.25	
“ Chas. E. Tanner	7.00	
“ W.C. Olding	1.50	
“ Jas. McCrae	3.00	
“ A.W. McBean	9.45	
“ Fraser & Olding	9.00	
“ James Roy	7.00	
“ Est. Geo. Underwood	5.00	\$95.60
	<i>Constables, etc.</i>	
To John Leadbetter	\$2.25	
“ Peter O’Carroll	39.30	
“ Andrew Murray	3.00	
“ J.S. Harris	13.62	
“ J.T. Paulin	3.02	
“ Gordon Holiday	10.00	
“ J.S. Fraser	3.00	
“David Christy	8.60	
“ Wm. Frehill	3.00	
“John A. McDonald	2.40	
“ D. Robinson	1.00	\$89.19
	<i>For Jail Accounts</i>	
To J.S. Harris, Jailor,	\$200.00	
“ J.S. Harris, Board, Bedding	575.00	
“ Sheriff	183.00	
“ William Smith, Jailor, per Account	271.00	
“ Commissioners Public Property		
New Glasgow	105.68	
“Commissioners Lock Up Stellarton	24.00	
“ Hugh McKenzie, per account	17.00	
“ Hugh Campbell, Lk. Up	60.00	
“ Hugh Campbell, per account	17.00	
“ Morris Moore Stellarton, per act.	9.00	\$1562.10
	<i>For Printing and Stationery</i>	
“ Pictou News	\$22.87	
“ Colonial Standard	27.30	
“ Eastern Chronicle	11.75	
“ Trades Journal	1.20	
“ Enterprise	1.25	
“ Jas. McLean	7.75	
“ John Ferguson, per act.	35.85	
“ Telegrams	83	\$108.80
	<i>Road Committees, Supervisors & c.</i>	
To James Ross and others,	\$4.50	
“ James Roy	34.00	

“ D.W. McDonald	27.85	
“ W. Scott Fraser & others,	20.00	
“ James Holmes, Surveyor	10.00	
“ Joseph Fraser & others	6.00	
“ F.W. McKenzie	53.00	
“ A.W. McBean	21.40	
“ James S. Fraser	41.20	\$217.95

Presiding Officers

Section No. 1.	\$3.00	
“ “2,	5.50	
“ “3,	5.50	
“ “4,	5.50	
“ “5,	3.00	
“ “6,	3.00	
“ “7,	3.00	
“ “8,	3.00	
“ “9,	3.00	
“ “10,	3.00	
“ “11,	3.00	
“ “12.	3.00	
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“ “16,	3.00	
“ “17,	5.50	
“ “18,	3.00	
“ “19,	3.00	
“ “20,	3.00	
“ “21,	5.50	
“ “22,	3.00	
“ “23,	3.00	
“ “24,	5.50	
“ “25,	3.00	\$100.00
For Valuators, per account	\$161.12	\$161.12
To J. McG. Stewart, per account,	58.60	
To auditors,	40.00	
To J.D. McKenzie, per account	61.69	
To M.E. Sproull, per account	95	161.30
To R. Davison & Son	5.75	
To Crier,	20.00	<u>25.75</u>
		\$3,145.90
Warden for services		
And expenses for 1888		100.00
Commissioners for		
County Asylum		4,500.00
Carriboo Ferry		<u>20.00</u>

	\$7,765.90
Stewart & Tanner, Solicitors, costs of defense	
Suits Arbuckles and Stewart,	<u>271.40</u>
	\$8,037.31

We also beg to make the following recommendations, viz, 1st that Dr. McMillan be paid \$25 for jail services for 1889, per agreement.

2nd, That the commission to be paid to Collectors of County Rates for 1889 be three percent, in all Sections of the county.

3rd, That the sum of Four Hundred and sixty Dollars be assessed on Westville Police Division for Police purposes for the current year.

4th, That the sum of Four Hundred and Ninety Dollars be assessed on Stellarton Police Division for Police purposes for the current year.

5th, That \$20 be granted for a ferry between Carriboo Island and main land, subject to existing regulations.

6th, That the payments by the Treasurer in the Treasurer's account for 1888 as contingencies be approved of.

9th, That the Treasurer make immediate demand for the amount due from Towns of Pictou and New Glasgow for County Assessment, and that interest be charged on all sums due for taxes from the 1st of July in the year in which they became due at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

10th, We recommend that no commissions be paid to the County officials for collection or disbursement of moneys which come into their hands in the discharge of their duties unless authorized by Council.

11th, Having examined the accounts of Mr. Smith, Inspector under Scott act. we find that there is a balance of \$239.37 in his hands out of which he has paid \$125 into County Treasury.

12th, We recommend that the property situated at Merigomish belonging to Sarah McDonald a patient in the Nova Scotia Hospital for the Insane, be sold or rented to provide for her maintenance.

13th. A memorial was received from Donald Gray with respect to the pay of the Assessors in Section No. 25. We do not recommend the granting of the petition.

14th, That the salaries of the undermentioned Municipal officers for 1889 be paid as follows:-

The Sheriff as Jailor at Pictou, care-taker of Court House,	\$200.00
attending Council suits, & c.	
Jailor and care-taker of Courtroom New Glasgow	200.00
Jailor at Westville,	75.00
Jailor at Stellarton,	50.00
Jailor at River John,	60.00
County Treasurer for salary and postage,	425.00
For Road and Bridge Service one per cent of amount of County Road Grant	
The Municipal clerk for Salary postage and stationery	500.00
<i>Revisers of Electoral Lists</i>	
For Districts No. 1, 2, & 7,	\$15.00
" " 3 and 4	15.00
" " 5 and 6	15.00
" " 8 and 9	15.00
" " 10 and 11	15.00

“ “	12, 13 and 14	15.00	
“ “	15 and 16	15.00	
“ “	17 and 25	15.00	
“ “	18 and 23	15.00	
“ “	19 and 20	15.00	
“ “	21, 22 and 24	15.00	\$165.00

Your Committee submit the following estimate of the sums required for the services of the year 1889, and recommend that the County be assessed therefore.

Estimates

County Clerk for Salary, Stationery and postage	\$500.00	
County Treasurer for Salary and postage	425.00	
Sheriff for services	130.00	
Jailors at Pictou, New Glasgow Westville, Stellarton and River John	585.00	
Revisers	165.00	
Collectors,	750.00	
Warden, Clrs and Auditors,	900.00	
Assessors	675.00	
Removal of Lunatics & Examinations	300.00	
Removal of Lunatics at Mount Hope Asylum	2500.00	
County Asylum	6000.00	
For paying accounts now due County Asylum	1000.00	
Grand and Petit Jurors	400.00	
Public buildings, Insurance, repairs, fuel & c.	300.00	
Printing and Stationery	240.00	
Bushing Ice	100.00	
Road Damages, Committees & c.	350.00	
Board and bedding of prisoners	700.00	
Inquests, prosecutions, & c.	500.00	
Contingencies	500.00	
County Asylum Debentures	1400.00	
Public Schools	10600.00	
To pay Debentures for Eastern Extension damages to be levied as apportioned by Municipal Council on 16 th day of Jany., 1882 with amendments passed 20 th Jany, 1888	<u>5229.00</u>	
	\$34249.00	
Stewart & Tanner, Solicitor's defending suit Arbuckles vs. Municipality	134.64	
For expenses defending suit Caroline Stewart vs. Municipality for which judgment was entered in favor of County	136.83	
Judgment and Interest, Arbuckles vs. Municipality	<u>475.00</u>	
Less proportion for railway	34995.00	
Damages and general County Rates payable by the Towns, viz., Pictou	2900.00	
New Glasgow	2553.00	<u>5433.00</u>

Balance \$29562.47

To be assessed on the County of Pictou, outside of the Towns of Pictou and New Glasgow for the current year 1889.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Adam C. Bell
R. McDougall
Archd. McKenzie
Colin Fraser
H.S. Fraser
Finance Committee

On the motion to receive and adopt the Report Councilors Ross and A.J. McKay said that in their opinion the Assessors were underpaid. Clr. Bell said it would be an improvement to have only one assessor for each district. Clr. Kitchin agreed with this view. Clr. McDougall thought no change in the remuneration of the Assessors could be made this year, but the whole subject should be considered after the working of the new Act is settled.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

On motion of Clr. H.S. Fraser the day for Surveyors of Highways to meet with distributors of the Statute Labour lists was fixed for the last Saturday of March. An additional place of distribution in Sec. 6 was fixed at the residence of Mrs. Carson, Scotsburn, and the place of distribution in Sec. 19 was fixed at the office of D.D. McDonald Esq. In the remaining sections the places for the distributing the lists were left as last year.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

The Nominating Committee beg leave to report as members of the Special Committee to investigate all questions and charges respecting Pictou County Asylum not disposed of under the report of former investigating Committee.

Clrs. James Kitchin
John Cumming
Rodk. McDougall
Neil Matheson
Daniel Desmond

Also, as members of the Committee to inquire into the proportion of taxes which should be paid by the Towns of Pictou and New Glasgow.

Clrs. A.J. McKay
John D. Fraser
The County Clerk

Both Committees to be continued after the rising of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Hugh S. Fraser } Committee
A.C. Bell } on
Rodk. McDougall } Nomination

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

The Nominating Committee brought in their Report concerning County and Township officers. (This report together with the list of Township officers, and road limits will be found in Appendix "A".)

On a motion being made to receive and adopt the Report, Clr. A.J. McKay moved in amendment, seconded by Clr. Neil Matheson that the commissioners of the County Asylum appointed last year be reappointed.

Clr A.J. McKay said he saw no reason why a change should have been made in the Asylum Commrs. It looked like an implied center upon those who were not reappointed. Clr. Bell said that was not intended by the Nominating Com. and was not to be inferred from the course they had adopted. Clrs. Grant, Colin Fraser and Desmond said the public would be likely to interpret the action of the Committee to mean that the Commissioners displaced had not done their duty. Clr. R. McDougall said that would be a wrong interpretation of the committees' action. Clr. J.D. Fraser said that only two mistakes had been charged against the Commrs., the failure to detect the overcharge in the tea account and the purchase of clothing without tender; and in relation to the first the keeper was equally to blame. Clr. Grant asked if it would be in order for the Commissioners to make a statement as to the clothing. The Warden ruled that it would not be in order to do so. Clr. R. McDougall said he knew the facts in relation to that item, and in his judgment no wrong had been done. Clr. Dewar said he was glad Mr. McDougald had been reappointed as he had devoted much time and energy to the institution, and the whole Council had confidence in him. He trusted Mr. McDougald would continue to act. Clr. Arch. McKenzie agreed with what had been said by Clr. Dewar. After some further discussion the amendment was defeated 12 to 11. The motion was adopted by the same vote. Clr. McDougall said the Committee had come to the conclusion that the Council could not appoint an inspector for Westville.

The lists of Township officers were then taken up and passed and the persons named therein and in the Committee's report were thereupon appointed to fill the several offices to which they are therein respectively designated.

The Finance Committee brought in Supplementary Report as follows:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee beg to report that they have agreed with the colonial Standard to print proceedings of Council for January 1889 and May 1888 for the sum of seventy-five dollars. The pamphlet to be in size and type the same as that of and type the same as that of '88. Four hundred copies pamphlets to be supplied as well as twenty sheets of road limits spaced according to directions of Municipal Clerk.

We also beg to report a list of fees for officers and for services rendered to the Municipality which has been prepared by the Clerk for the use of the Council.

All of the account submitted to us have been passed except the Asylum accounts which did not come in time. We would urge that the Bye-Law requiring those accounts to be presented at the beginning of the meeting of Council should be complied with in future.

A.C. Bell

R. McDougall

Arch McKenzie

Colin Fraser

Hugh S. Fraser

On motion the report was received and adopted.

The following is the Auditors Report referred to by the Committee.

AUDITORS REPORT

To the Finance Committee of the Municipal Council of Pictou Jany. Term 1889.

Your Auditors beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts submitted to them and endeavored to indicate the inaccuracies and irregularities therein. They have also examined the Books of the Clerk, and books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and found the same correct and neatly kept.

They would recommend that all accounts rendered without the necessary vouchers or certificates be returned or laid over until they are properly certified.

Respectfully submitted.

William Cameron }

S.A. Foster } Auditors

(The list of fees mentioned in the committees Report will be found in Appendix "C".

On motion the Council adjourned until 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session

Council met at 2 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The names of the Clerk's sureties were read in open Council and approved.

The Railway Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE RAILWAY COMMITTEE

To the Municipal Council of Pictou County, January Term, 1889

1st. The petition of Peter A. McGregor and other Provisional Directors of the East River Steamboat Company (limited). As the petitioners have not shown that the towns of New Glasgow and Pictou have granted any bonuses or subsidies to said Steamboat Company, and as it has not been made to appear to your Committee that the said Steam Ferry would be of general benefit to the county at large, and further as we have already granted a subsidy in aid of a Steam Ferry to be maintained in Pictou Harbor, we would recommend that the petition be not granted.

2nd. The petition of the New York and Nova Scotia Iron and Railway Company (Limited) for a free right of way, or a cash subsidy in lieu of the right of way, and also exemption from Taxation for a railway to be built from a point on the Intercolonial Railway between New Glasgow and Hopewell to Sunny Brae.

Your Committee would recommend that as we have already granted a bonus to another company proposing to build a Railway over the same route, that the matter be laid over for consideration at some future time.

3rd. With reference to the motion of Council referring to the appointment of appraisers to appraise the damages on the old short Line Railway we recommend that the matter be deferred till the semi-annual meeting of Council.

In the matter of the Pictou Town Branch Railway

Your Committee having met with the Town Council of the town of Pictou and conferred with said Town Council with reference to the apportionment of damages for right of way and station grounds payable by the Town of Pictou, beg leave to report as follows. The Town of Pictou submitted the annexed resolution of Council. Your committee recommend that the offer be accepted, and that the Municipality of Pictou County issue debentures to an amount not exceeding sixty per cent of the damages (with interest) for land taken for right of way and station grounds of the branch of the Intercolonial between Stellarton and the Town of Pictou.

That the Warden and a special committee of three members to be appointed by this Council are hereby authorized to decide as to the form, duration, and rate of interest which such debentures shall bear.

That said special committee shall consist of Councilors A.C. Bell, Roderick McDougall and Archibald McKenzie who shall have supervision over the unadjusted claims for such land damages and matters connected therewith. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Jas. Kitchin

Rodk. McDougall

John D. Fraser

John D. Murray

John Cumming

The following is the Resolution of the Town Council referred to in the Report.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Pictou 18th January 1880

At an emergency meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Pictou held this day, the following resolution was passed.

Resolved. That this Council will recommend to the Town of Pictou to issue debentures, and to pay 40 per cent of the damages and accrued interest, for land taken to date, for the right of way and station grounds of the Pictou Branch Railway as per statement submitted to date. This Council however will not agree to pay their proportion of any litigation that may be entered into for the payment of unsettled claims, unless the consent of this Council is first obtained.

I certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution passed at an emergency meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Pictou, held this 18th Day of January, A.D. 1889.

GEO. D. IVES

Town Clerk

On motion the report was received to be read clause by clause. The reports was then read clause by clause and passed.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows: -

COURT HOUSE, PICTOU

Jan'y, 18, 1889

To the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Pictou

The Nominating Committee beg leave to report as members of the Special Committee to assist the Warden in the issue of debentures for the damages on the Pictou Town Branch Railway.

Clrs. A.C. Bell

Rodk. McDougall

Arch. McKenzie

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Hugh S. Fraser

A.C. Bell

Rodk. McDougall

On motion the report was received and adopted.

The names of the Treasurer's sureties were read in open Council and approved.

The minutes of the present meeting were read and approved.

The minutes as read from day to day were approved and adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned *sine die*.

Robert McNeil, Warden

J.G. Stewart, Clerk

APPENDIX "A"
REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the Municipal Council of Pictou County, January Term, 1889

Be it resolved by the Municipal Council of Pictou County that the following persons respectively shall be officers of the Municipality as herein thereafter set forth, viz:

COUNTY CLERK

James McG. Stewart

COUNTY TREASURER

George W. McDonald

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES

For Stellarton Police Division, Donald Gray

For Westville Police Division, Daniel Munro

For River John Police Division James Kitchin

CONSTABLES OF PICTOU

John McKenzie, Thomas Anderson, Daniel Leslie, Alex Gordon, James Arbuckles, James Munro, (A's son) John A. Campbell, Peter Carroll, (P's son), Robert Fullerton, Geo. Johnston Jr., William Geldart

REVISERS

For Revisal Section No. 1 – Polling Districts No. 1, 2 and 7, Daniel McDonald, John McIvor, John J. Logan

For Revisal Section No. 2 – Polling Districts No. 3 and 4, William Henry, Allan Fraser, George Munro

For Revisal No. 3 – Polling Districts No. 5 and 6, Andrew W. Murray, John Reid, Roderick McKay

For Revisal No 4 – Polling Districts No. 8 and 9, John D. Cameron, Samuel W. McDonald, Duncan Davies

For Revisal No. 5 – Polling Districts No. 10 and 11, John McKay, Wallace Munro, Philip Gordon

For Revisal No. 6 – Polling Districts No. 12, 13 and 14, James W. Fraser, James A. McIntosh, Robert Mitchell.

For Revisal No. 7 – Polling Districts No. 15 and 16 W. Scott Fraser, John McPhie, John McDonald (Roy)

For Revisal No. 8 – Polling Districts No. 17 and 25, J.D. McLean, John McQuarrie, John F. Cameron

For Revisal No. 9 – Polling Districts No. 19 and 20, Donald McDougall Esq., Wm. McGillivray Esq., Laughlin Blair

For Revisal No. 10 – Polling Districts No. 21, 22 and 24 James Grant Esq., Alex Fraser, James D. Grant

For Revisal No. 11 – Polling Districts No. 18 and 23, Robert Fraser, Robert McArthur, Murdoch Sutherland, M.D.

COMMISSIONERS FOR BUSHING ICE

For Pictou Harbor, - Robert McKay, (Loch Broom) For River John Harbour – John Holmes, R. John. For Merigomish harbor – John Cameron. For Carriboo harbor, - Alex McKenzie, (C. river)

SUPERVISORS OF PUBLIC GROUNDS

Township of Pictou – James S. Fraser, W. River; William McKay, West River Road; William Redmond, River John Township of Egerton – James Roy, Esq., Angus McMillan, Hugh Fraser, (Lorne) Township of Maxwellton – Alex Ross, F. River; Duncan McIntosh, Merigomish; James Ross, Blue Mountain

COMMISSIONERS FOR INSURING COUNTY BUILDINGS

The County Clerk

FIRE WARDS

Section No. 3 – James B. Sutherland, Patrick Burke, A. Archibald, William Morrell, Alexander Dewyer.

Section No. 4 – Wm. Redmond, James Perrin, Hugh Campbell

Section No. 15 – Peter McKay, W.I. Ormond

Section No. 17, Daniel H. McLean, Alex. McLean

Section No. 23 – James Roy, anr., James McLeod, John Maxwell

Section No. 25 – Charles McMillan, John McQuarrie, J.D. Weir, George Appleton

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PAUPER LUNATICS, & C., UNDER SECTION 37, CHAPTER 38,

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Section No. 17 – Henry McLean, Hopewell; Isaac McNaughton, Riverton

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Section No. 23 – R.A. McDonald, Duncan Balfour

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McKenzie, River John – Hugh Campbell, Stellarton – Archibald Nicholson

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At Westville – M. Sutherland, M.D. A.W. McBean

At River John – John Henry, John Gollan

At Stellarton – James Mitchell, John Fraser

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Respectfully submitted

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Court House, Pictou, Jan 18th, 89,