

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Of the
Municipal Council of Pictou County.
APRIL SESSION, 1890.

First Day

Forenoon Session.
April 15th

Council met at 10 a.m. The Warden being present Roderick McDougall, Esq., was on motion of Clr. A. McKenzie seconded of Clr. John D. Murray elected chairman.

The Chairman opened the Council with prayer.

The Clerk called the roll.

The Treasurer's statement was presented.

The papers on file with the Clerk were distributed to the proper committees.

Clr. Dewar brought up the subject of the report of the Committee on Public Property, which was presented in January last, and deferred till this session. The Report recommended the erection of a new jail. Clr. Bell, Colin Fraser, the Chairman and Arch'd McKenzie spoke upon the subject. Clr. Archd. McKenzie moved, seconded by Clr. Colin Fraser that the clause of the Report numbered "one" be adopted. Clr. J.D. Fraser moved in amendment, seconded by Clr. Bell, that the Report lie on the table. The amendment was carried. Clr. H.S. Fraser moved, seconded by Clr. J.D. Fraser that the Report be brought up for consideration at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

On motion at 12.15 the Council adjourned till 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session.

Council met at 2 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Clr. Bell read the Report of the Committee appointed last session to prepare a bill providing for equal valuations of towns and county. On motion the Report was received and laid on the table. The Report was as follows:-

Report

Pictou, April 15, 1890.

The committee appointed in January, 1890, "to act in conjunction with the County Clerk, to ask for legislation for making the different stages of assessment and collection of rolls in the County and Towns simultaneous, and providing for a joint board of Revisors composed of persons appointed by the County and Towns with power to fix and ascertain the relative valuations of the County and several Towns"- beg leave to report: A Bill was prepared by the County Clerk under the direction of the Committee providing for a joint Board of Revisors representing the County and Towns (incorporated) and having power to settle all matters as to valuation or assessment as might be in dispute.

This Bill was introduced into the Local Legislature and was reported upon adversely by the Committee to which it was referred, as it would be of general operation and there is was not time to submit it to the several municipalities.

The further consideration of the Bill was deferred for three months, and it was ordered that it should be printed and submitted to the various municipalities, with a view to its introduction at a future session.

Respectfully submitted,

A.C. Bell
Jas. Kitchin

Committee

Warden McNeil does not sign owing to absence.

On motion the Council adjourned till 10 a.m. tomorrow to enable the Committees to go to work.

Second Day

Forenoon Session
April 16th

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved .

On motion of J.D. Fraser seconded by Clr. W.C. Olding, the chairman was appointed Deputy Warden.

Clr. J.D. Murray read the petition of the sureties of D.W. Culton, Collector, asking for relief. On motion said D.W. Culton was allowed to address the Council explaining the deficiency in his accounts. He claimed that the amount had been partly paid and partly struck off the roll as uncollectible. On motion the petition was handed to the Assessment Committee.

Clr. A.J. McKay proposed that a time be fixed for the annual visit of the Council to the Co. Asylum. Clr. Kitchin moved, seconded by Clr. H.S. Fraser that the visit be made Thursday afternoon of this week.

Clr. H. McKenzie presented and read the petition of John McIvor, Revisor, Sec. 2. The petition was laid on the table.

Moved by Clr. A.J. McKay, seconded by Clr. Colin Fraser that the Government Road and Bridge Grant be expended by supervisors. The motion passed.

Clr. Kitchin moved, seconded by Clr. Alex McKenzie that the Report of the Committee on assessment legislation, read yesterday by Mr. Bell, be adopted. The motion was carried.

A discussion ensued as to whether Roads brought up for confirmation at the January Term and deferred to April Term can now be legally confirmed. Further consideration of the matter was deferred till tomorrow morning.

A petition from inhabitants of West River, asking for a grant to assist in cutting a new channel for the river was read by the Clerk and referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

At 12:30 the Council adjourned to meet at 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A discussion took place regarding claims for accidents on roads and on the ice.

A resolution respecting the erection of a jail was moved by Clr. A. McKenzie seconded by Clr. J.D. Fraser, and a resolution on the same subject was moved in amendment by Clr. Kitchen, seconded by Clr. A.J. McKay.

On motion the Sheriff and Dr. McMillan addressed the Council on the necessity of erecting a new jail.

Clrs. Colin Fraser, Kitchen, Hugh McKenzie, Dewar, Cumming, Campbell, and Sutherland, spoke in support of the amendment. The Deputy Warden and Clrs. J.D. Fraser and J.D. Murray supported the original motion.

On motion further consideration of both the motion and the amendment were deferred till Friday morning.

The Committees proceeded to work and at 5:10 p.m. the Council adjourned till 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Third Day.

Forenoon Session

April 17th

The Deputy Warden opened the session with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read a letter from the town Clerk of Pictou enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the Town Council respecting the market in the Town of Pictou. A long discussion following participated in by Clrs. Dewar, J.D. Fraser, H. McKenzie, Bell, Archibald McKenzie, Matheson, Campbell, Alex McKenzie, and Olding.

Clr. Bell moved the following motion, seconded by Clr. J.D. Fraser

Moved:- That the communication from the Town Council of Pictou, respecting the joint expenditure proposed to be made on the Pictou Market House be referred to the Committee on Public property, in order to ascertain what guarantee the Town Council will give, to keep the building open and provide a caretaker, in case it be put in repair.

The Resolution passed.

Clr. Bell read the report of the Finance Committee as follows:-

Report of Financial Committee

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:-

We have examined and passed the following accounts and recommend that they be paid by the County Treasurer:

Printing:-

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| Chas. Annand..... | \$7.50 |
| A.J. Pineo..... | 32.25 |
| Eastern Chronicle..... | 8.77 |
| Standard..... | 82.00 |
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| | \$130.52 |

Revisors:- Section 12, 13 and 14

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| J.W. Fraser | |
| Robt. Mitchell | |
| Jas. A. McIntosh..... | \$18.00 |
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| | \$18.00 |

Board of Revision and Appeal:-

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| Alex. McDougall..... | \$8.10 |
| Jas. T. Thompson..... | 8.10 |
| Jas. S. Fraser..... | 5.80 |
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| | \$22.00 |

Revising Jury Lists:-

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| A.J. Mckay..... | \$29.60 |
| J.F. Oliver..... | 26.20 |
| W.C. Olding..... | 12.50 |
| Robt. Matheson..... | 30.40 |
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| | \$ 98.70 |
| R.W. Oliver, per account..... | \$1.33 |
| Hugh Campbell, per account..... | 11.62 |
| James McLean, per account..... | 4.00 |
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| | \$16.95 |
| Total..... | \$ 286.17 |

There were several small accounts that came before us, but not being audited were passed over till January term.

Adam C. Bell
Arch'd. McKenzie
A.J. McKay
Colin Fraser.

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

The Deputy Warden read a statement from the Provincial Government stating the amount of the Road and Bridge Grant for 1890 as \$5682.68. The Statement was referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Clr. A.J. McKay read the Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges as follows:-

Road and Bridge Report

Your committee beg leave to recommend that the following report be approved, viz:-

1st. Report of Supervisor Road Board No.3, respecting the erection of certain gates on lands of Duncan Chisholm.

Recommended said report be adopted.

2nd. Confirmation of alternation of public roads leading through lands of James Sutherland Watervale, Confirmed.

3rd. Confirmation of road from main road at or near Daniel McLean's at Marshdale to the Southern terminus of the public road leading from Picken Street to Westville to Nathaniel Urquhart, up for confirmation last January Term and postponed to April Term. Recommended to consideration of open Council. Confirmed.

4th. Confirmation of alteration of the public road from Sutherland's River to Thorburn. Recommended. Confirmed.

5th. Confirmation of pent road for Winslow Murray and others Sec.7. Confirmed.

6th. Confirmation if pent road for Wm. McLean West River. Not confirmed.

7th. Confirmation of public road from Milford Bridge, Durham to Railway Station at Middle River, deferred last January Term to the April Term. Confirmed.

8th. Confirmation of road from the end of Pine Tree and Thorburn road to the main road at Weir's Mills. Confirmed.

9th. Confirmation of Public road from highway at George McDonald's, Glengarry Station, to Dryden's Lake on Stewiacke Road. Deferred to January Term 1891.

10th. Petition to extend Green's Brook Road through the lands of James Cameron. Granted. John Fraser, (Garden.) Committee.

11th. Petition for public road from River John Village to road leading from Peter Grant's to James Rogers, Carriboo Point (so called) Sec. 4. Granted John Gollan. Com.

12th. Petition to confirm Church Street, Thorburn,. No action.

13th. Petition for public road at Blue Mountain to connect main road at Mrs. Angus Cumming's with new road passing through lands of John Ross and others. Granted.

Alex. McDougald, Com.

14th. Petition of W.H.D. McKay, McLellan's Brook, to place one gate on abandoned piece of road running through his lands. Recommended Petitioner be allowed to place an additional gate upon said road.

15th. Petition respecting gates on road at Lower Barney's River. Recommended that Supervisor of Roads No. 4 proceed and enquire into the propriety of erecting said gates on said road and report January Term 1891.

16th. Petition against alteration on road at James W. Grant's Sec. 16, across Railroad. Recommended no action be taken as the Supervisor of Road Board No. 3 has not presented a report.

17th. Petition respecting damages to road crossing West River, by overflow of water. Recommended that the application for aid be made to Road Board No. 2, or Government Inspector of Roads.

18th. Petition against closing road through Mrs. Cumming's farm, Blue Mountain. Not recommended, no petition on file to have said road closed.

Pursuant to a report of James McDonald, Supervisors of Road Board No. 3 on the placing of gates on a pent road laid out and made passing through the lands of Duncan Chisholm and Angus Chisholm on the petition of one Samuel Cameron, of Elgin, and recommend the following order:-

Ordered:- That said Samuel Cameron be required to erect and maintain a gate on the boundary line between his lands and the said Duncan Chisholm's, also that the said Duncan Chisholm be allowed to erect and keep two gates on said road, passing through his land, said gates to be places as may best suit the interest of said Duncan Chisholm. Also that the said Angus Chisholm be required to erect and maintain two gates on the said road, one on the boundary line between his lands and Duncan Chisholm's, and one on the boundary line between his and D. Urquhart's.

Petition regarding Police District, Thorburn. Recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the boundary line of said Police District be not confirmed.

Deed of Dedication of Street, Trenton, by Alex. Fraser to the Municipality of Pictou. Recommended that the said Deed be accepted.

Deed of Dedication of Street Trenton by Robert Munro of New Glasgow to Municipality of Pictou County.

Recommended said Deed be accepted.

The Provincial Road Grant for this year is \$5682.68, appointed as follows:-

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| Road District No. 1..... | 1687 |
| “ “ “ 2..... | 1081 |
| “ “ “ 3..... | 1825 |
| “ “ “ 4..... | 1089.68 |

\$5682.68

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Alex. J. McKay
James Campbell
John Cumming
J.F. Oliver

On motion the Report was received.

Clr. Kitchen read the Report of the Committee to Report on County Rates to be paid by Towns as follows:-

To the Municipal Council of the County of Pictou, April Term, 1890.

Your committee appointed in January last to meet with the Committees of the Town Councils of Pictou, New Glasgow, and Stellarton to apportion the County Rates to be paid by these Incorporated Town to the Municipality,

Beg leave to submit an additional report as follows:-

That the apportionment as made at that time was not accepted by said towns, but that they have since accepted said apportionment, the town of New Glasgow making certain reservations which will more fully appear by reference to a letter annexed.

Therefore it was not considered necessary to proceed with arbitration as recommended by the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Jas. Kitchin
John D. Fraser
Colin Fraser

(The following letter is the letter referred to)

Town Office, New Glasgow,
February 19th, 1890.

James Mcg. Stewart, Esq.
Municipal Clerk, Pictou.

Dear Sir:- Yours of February 15th received and contents noted.

I am directed by The Mayor to say that in view of proposed legislation and in consideration of the matters in dispute between the Municipal Council of Pictou Co., and the Town of New Glasgow the latter has decided to pay for the current year the amount agreed upon for the Town's share of Municipal taxes, viz: The sum of \$2930.10.

In regard to the railway damages for Pictou Town Branch, the Town of New Glasgow will pay the sum apportioned to them for the current year, but do so without admitting liability for the balance, and reserve the right to contest their liability for any balance or further payments that may be claimed from the Town of New Glasgow for such railway damages, if they should deem it expedient to do so.

Yours respectfully,
A.M. Fraser
Town Clerk

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

On motion at 1 p.m., the Council adjourned till 10 a.m., tomorrow to enable the Councillors to visit the County Asylum.

Fourth Day.

Forenoon Session
April 18th

The Deputy Warden opened the Session with prayer. The Clerk called the Roll.

Clr. Cumming read a letter from D. Gray Esq., Stellarton, respecting a bequest for the support of John H. Grant, a patient in the Provincial Asylum. It was ordered that the recommendation of the Finance committee in this matter made in January last, be carried out, and that the money, if received, be placed in a special deposit by the Treasurer.

The Clerk read a letter from the Town Clerk of Stellarton referring to the salary of the jailer at Stellarton. Clr. Bell explained that the jailor occupied the building rent free, and had accepted this in lieu of salary.

The motion and amendment respecting a jail introduced on Wednesday were withdrawn by consent Clr. Kitchen, seconded by Clr. A.J. McKay, moved the following resolution.

Resolved that clause one of the Report of the Committee of Public Property as submitted in January last recommending the erection of a new jail on the site in the rear of the New Court House and for the disposal of the old Court House and Jail be adopted: and that a special Committee of five members of this Council, together with the Warden and Clerk, be appointed to secure suitable plans and estimates and have said building constructed, and that they dispose of the Old Court House and property as they think most advisable.

And it is further resolved that the said Committee be empowered to borrow a sum of money not exceeding three thousand dollars to be appropriated to the construction of said jail.

April Term

The Resolution passed.

Clr. Dewar read the following Report of the Committee on Public Property:-

Report of Committee on Public Property.

1st. Your Committee find the Lower Cells in the County jail unfit for the confinement of prisoners, and as some time will be required to complete a new jail, your committee therefore recommend that this Council order the Sheriff to repair and make such changes on the second floor as he may see necessary for the safety and care of prisoners in his charge.

2nd. Your Committee have hereto annexed a resolution of the Town Council of Pictou whereby they agree to pay 25% of the cost of repairing the market building.

Your Committee therefore recommend that this Council appoint a Committee to act with the Town Council in making the necessary repairs on the market building.

Robert Dewar
John McDonald
Hugh McKenzie

On motion the Report was received. Some discussion followed and on motion the Report was adopted.

The Report of the Road and Bridge Committee submitted yesterday was taken up for consideration:

On the reading of the clause relating to the new public road leading through the lands of James Sutherland. Watervale, Clr. G.M. McKay moved that the road be not confirmed. Clr. Geo. H. Sutherland moved in amendment, seconded by Clr. Colin Fraser that the road be confirmed. A long discussion followed. The amendment was carried by a vote of 9 and 7.

On the reading of the clause respecting the road from the end of the Pine Tree and Thorburn road to Weir's Mills, Clr. John Murray moved, seconded by Clr. Bell that the road be confirmed. The motion passed.

On the reading of the clause referring to the public road at George McDonald's Glengarry, it was moved by Clr. Matheson and resolved that consideration of the proceedings be deferred to January Term 1891.

On motion the Report amended as marked in the margin thereof was adopted. Clr. Kitchen read the Report of the Assessment Committee as follows:-

To the Municipal Council of Pictou County April Term 1890.
Report of Assessment Committee

Your Committee on Assessment having examined the papers placed before them beg leave to report as follows;

Your Committee recommend the following named persons as entitled to a refund of taxes.

John D. McDonald Sec. 7 \$3.28

And the clerk of poor for Sec. 8 be ordered to refund him the sum of .65

Thomas Falconer Sec.17 \$2.67

Mrs. Samuel Simpson Sec.21 2.21

Duncan McIntosh Sec.21 2.31

In the case of Robert Fraser Sec. 18

We recommend that an additional sum of \$8.27 be refunded and the Treasurer be ordered to pay the same, this being the amount that he has to pay as assessed on the mills in the name of James McDonald who had left the country before the said assessment was levied. Case of Charles Fraser reconsidered and recommend that the Treasurer be ordered to refund him the sum of \$1.44

Allan Chisholm Sec.23 1.95

and that the clerk of the poor be ordered to refund him the sum of 1.05

In the case of William Redmond of Section No.3 we recommend that the Clerk be ordered to notify the Collector of Section 4 not to collect any county tax from said Wm. Redmond, be having been assessed for the whole of his property in Sec. No. 3

We further recommend that the following amounts be struck off the Treasurer's account and Collector's rolls:

1886 Section No. 2 \$21.40

1887 Section No. 2 31.42

Leaving a balance outstanding of \$44.44, for the recovery of which we recommend immediate action to be taken.

1888 Section No. 13 \$158.25

On account of Steel Works exemption,

In the matter of D.W. Culton defaulting collector of Section No.25 for the year 1886 your committee recommend that one half the deficiency, or \$114.88, be accepted from the Bondsmen of said D.W. Culton in full settlement of the claim of the County.

Donald Gray Esq. Collector for Section No. 25 for the year 1889 has submitted a Report without any explanation asking for the striking off from his roll the sum of \$69. Your Committee have reason to believe that a considerable portion of this amount can be collected, and they would recommend that be ordered to take proceedings against the parties as the law directs.

We recommend that the following Resolutions be passed, namely:-

1st. *Resolved* that the following clauses be added to the “Instructions to Assessors.”

1st. Local Assessors shall add up all columns in the Assessment Rolls, and prove them correct by finding the sum of the totals of these columns, equal to the total of the total columns or failing in the observance of this instruction shall be liable to a penalty of two dollars for such neglect.

2nd. Local Assessors shall assess their respective sections for the sums set down in the last column but one in the tabulated statement reported to this Council by the General Assessors at the session of this council in January 1890, which amount shall be entered by the County Clerk in the sheet of instructions as sent to the several Local Assessors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Jas. Kitchen
John D. Murray
John Murray.

On motion the Report was received.

Clr. Geo. M. McKay read the report of the Committee on Statute Labor as follows:-

Report of Statute Labor Committee

To the Municipal Council of Pictou County, April Term, 1890.

Your Committee on Highway Labor beg to submit the following Report:-

That although we strongly recommend in the January Term of Council that Surveyors of highways should send their returns to the Clerk of the Municipality within thirty days after the rising of the Council, we find that several returns are still missing, and we have again to recommend that the said returns be forwarded to the Clerk without delay.

Your committee recommend that the following parties be allowed to perform their Statute Labor on their own roads as set forth in their respective positions:-

Section No. 17, Hector Munro.

- “ “ 13, Thomas Grant
- “ “ 18, John McKenzie
- “ “ 24, John D. Hingley
- “ “ 20, John Reid and Wm. Reid
- “ “ 18, George Sutherland
- “ “ 17, Samuel Cameron

We also recommend that Petition of Messrs. Burnham & Morrill, asking that commutation money paid by the employees in their lobster factory at Bay View be expended on the road leading from the main road to their works near the shore, be granted as also that the said Burnham and Morrill be allowed to perform their own Statute Labor on said road.

We have considered two petitions from Ratepayers of Thorburn and vicinity in respect of road limits.

1st. A petition asking for extension of Thorburn road limits on Marsh road leading to New Glasgow, to the effect that Thorburn road limits be extended to Daniel McDonald's gate, and that the road limit 381 instead as at present being from schoolhouse Thorburn to old Sherbrooke road shall be from Daniel McDonald's gate, to Sherbrooke road. We recommend the prayer of the petition not be granted.

2nd. A petition from the Ratepayers of Thorburn and vicinity asking that the aforesaid road and road limits remain as at present located. Your Committee recommend that the prayer of this Petition be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Geo. M. McKay
Neil Matheson
Alex. McKenzie

On motion the Report was received.

On motion at 12.45 the Council adjourned till 1.30 p.m.

Afternoon Session.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Clr. H.S. Fraser read the Report of the Nominating Committee as follows:-

The Report of the Nominating Committee.

Your Committee on Nominations beg to report as follows:-

Be it resolved by the Municipal Council of Pictou County that the following persons respectively shall be officers of the Municipality as herein set forth. Viz:-

Surveyors of Highways and Limits.

Section No.3, Road Limit No.73, John Morrison in place of Thomas Gilchrist-over age.

Section No. 9, Road Limit 252, George Gunn in place of H. Munro.

Section No. 21, Road Limit 519, Thomas Grant in place of James Grant, leaving the place.

Section No.13, Road Limit 328, William Bruce in place of Alex. McArthur.

Section No. 11, Road Limit 298, John W. McLeod in place of John R. McDonald, (Deceased)

Section No.24, Road Limit 571, Roderick McDougall in place of James Cummings.

Section No. 18, Road Limit No. 451, Angus McLeod in place of William Munro.

Section No. 7, Road Limit, Daniel McLeod in place of Alex. McDonald, who is unable to work.

Section No. 15, Road Limit 353, Walter Scott Fraser in place of John Wylie.

Section No. 3, Road Limit 68, Daniel McKenzie, From Anderson's Mills to David Freda.

Constables for Pictou.

John McIssac.

Stock and Cattle Reeve.

Section No. 18, George McDonald, Esq.

Board of Revision and Appeal.

James S. Fraser, West River; James Thompson, St. Paul's; Alex. MacDougall, Blue Mountain.

Supervisors of Roads and Bridges.

For Pictou Road District No.1, Allan McQuarrie.

For West River Road District No. 2, Daniel A. McKenzie

For Egerton Road District No. 3, James McDonald, Iron Ore.

For Maxwellton Road District No. 4, David J. Meikle for Polling Sections Nos. 21, 22, and 24; Joseph Fraser for Polling Sections, Nos. 19 and 20.

Revisors

For Revisal Section No. 1, Polling Districts No. 1, 2, and 7, Daniel McDonald, John McIvor, Robt. Macdonald, Scotch Hill.

For Revisal Section No. 2, Polling Districts Nos. 3 and 4, William Henry, John Holmes, George Munro.

For Revisal Section No.3, Polling District Nos.5 and 6, Andrew Murray, Roderick McKay, Andrew McKay.

For Revisal Section No. 4, Polling Districts 8 and 9, Charles R. Blackie, Duncan C. Davies, John R. Bell.

For Revisal Section No.5, Polling Districts Nos. 10 and 11, John McKay (Lovat), W. River, James Fraser (Merchant) Philip Gordon.

For Revisal Section No. 6, Polling District 13 and 14, James A. McIntosh, Robert Mitchell, Alexander Sutherland.

For Revisal Section No. 7. Polling Districts 15 and 16. Robert Campbell, John McPherson, Albert McN. Grant.

For Revisal Section No.8, Polling Districts 12 and 17, James W. Fraser, (Basin) John D. McLean, Daniel Fraser.

For Revisal Section No.9, Polling Districts 19 and 20, Wm. McGillivray, Esq., Peter Cavanaugh, Donald R. McKenzie.

For Revisal Section No. 10, Polling Sections 21, 22 and 24, Jacob Smith, Alexander Fraser, James D. Meikle.

For Revisal Section No. 11, Polling Districts, 18 and 23, Robt. Fraser, A.W. McBean, William Gray.

Boards of Health.

Polling Section No. 13, Alex Chisholm, James S. Fraser, William Cohoon, John S. Fraser.

Inspector, Sylvanus Keith, M.D.

Presiding Officers for Municipal Elections.

Polling Section No. 4, Oliver Langille in place of M.G. McLeod.
Presiding Officer for Municipal Elections, Polling Section No.11, Kenneth McKenzie in place of John R. McDonald, deceased.
To Distribute Statute Labor Lists, Polling Section No.4, John McKenzie, Esq.

Assessor.

Polling Section No. 12, Daniel Matheson in place of Robert Matheson left the Section.
Collector of County and Poor Rates, Polling Section No.15. John McDonald (A's Son). Thorburn, in place of Murdoch McLeod.

Respectfully Submitted,
Court House Pictou,
18th April, 1890.

H.S. Fraser
R. McDougall
Committee on Nominations.

On motion the Report was received and adopted.
Clr. A.J. McKay read the following Report of the Nominating Committee:-

Your Committee on nominations beg leave to recommend George Munro, and George Gordon of River John as a Committee to ascertain the amount of damages sustained by persons in the portions of the proposed line, the Short Line Railway, which have been abandoned, and not now a part of the road as built by the Dominion Government; and that the said Committee report to next January term of Council, in detail the number of persons who have sustained damages, with an appropriate estimate of the amount of such damages.

H.S. Fraser
A.J. McKay
R. McDougall
Nominating Committee.
Court House 18th April, 1890.

On motion the Report was received and adopted.
Clr. A.J. McKay read the following Report of the Nominating Committee.

Resolved that clause one of the Report of the Committee of Public Property as submitted in January Term 1890, recommending the erection of a new jail on the site in the rear of the New Court House, and for the disposal of the old Court House be adopted.

We your Nominating Committee therefore recommend that the following Committee viz:- James Kitchen, A.C. Bell, Hugh McKenzie, James Campbell, Robert Dewar, Warden and J. McG. Stewart be appointed to secure suitable plans and estimates, and have said building constructed and that they dispose of the Old Court House and property as they think most advisable:- and we further recommend that said Committee

be empowered to borrow a sum of money not exceeding Three Thousand Dollars to be appropriated for construction of said Building.

H.S. Fraser
A.J. McKay
R. McDougal
Nominating Committee.
Court House 18th April, 1890.

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

On motion the Report of the Assessment Committee, presented in the forenoon, was adopted.

On motion of Clr. Oliver the following Resolution was passed:-

Resolved that the sum of seventy five dollars (75.00) for the purpose of putting a R. Crossing on the Street near William Maddens in Westville be a first charge on monies collected and paid into County Clerk by the Inspector of licenses for East Pictou.

T.F. Oliver
John Cumming.

Clr. J.D. Fraser read a petition from inhabitants of Section 20, asking for a precept for a road. On motion of J.D. Fraser seconded by Clr. Oliver it was ordered that a precept be issued in accordance with the prayer of the petition; F.W. McKenzie to be Committee.

Clr. Cumming moved, seconded by Clr. J.D. Fraser that the recommendation of the Assessment Committee respecting D.W. Culton be reconsidered. The motion did not pass.

The Report of the Committee on Statute Labor was on motion read clause by clause.

It was moved by Clr. J.D. Fraser and seconded by Clr. Campbell that the first clause be not concurred in. Moved in amendment by Clr. Geo. M. McKay, seconded by Clr. Matheson that the Report be adopted. The amendment was carried by a vote of 7 to 5.

It was moved by Clr. J.D. Fraser seconded by Clr. Bell that the second clause of the Report be not concurred in. The motion was defeated and the clause adopted.

The remainder of the Report was adopted.

Clr. Campbell read the following Report of the Special Committee on Cattle Disease, appointed in January Term last:-

Report on Cattle Disease.

Your Committee appointed for the purpose of investigating the cause of Cattle Disease which is so prevalent in the County,

Beg to report:- That the said Cattle disease is making great headway in some section of the County again, and find that the Farmers are ignorant as the cause of cattle disease:

That the exterminating of all cattle supposed to have the disease by Dr. McEachern checked the disease for the time being, but he left no certain knowledge as to the cause of cure of said disease: That Farmers who has to give up their stock to the

Quarantine Farm for a certain value, and after doing so were ordered to disinfect their barns according to the usual custom and allowed to start a new herd. And in a great many cases the disease had broken out again, some losing nearly all their herd. The disease is now on farms that had no cattle disease before Dr. McEachren's time. Farmers that are losing their cattle are feeling it a very great loss, as their stock is the greatest part of their income.

We have no reason to suppose that the quarantine system is required: that although contagious to a certain extent, yet cattle may graze on the same pasture and not get infection. From what information your Committee could get on the subject from the people that have lost their cattle by the disease, we are of the opinion that a thorough inspection should be made on the farms that have the cattle disease by some scientific man, and as there are a great many suppositions among the people as to the cause of the cattle disease, that would not be judicious to make mention of in this Report.

Your committee would recommend that a memorial should be addressed by the Warden on behalf of this Council, to the Minister of Agriculture asking him to appoint an Inspector resident within this County, who shall have power to slaughter and experiment on sick cattle which are probably or certainly suffering from the Pictou Cattle Disease, and to authorize the payment to the owners of cattle so slaughtered of two thirds of their market value, and further, suggesting Dr. Chalmers V.S. as a suitable person for this appointment.

And would further recommend that the several Councillors be required to collect statistics as far as possible showing the area over which this disease has extended and as nearly as possible the number of cases which have occurred, and the gross amount of loss which has been sustained by the farmers of Pictou County from this disease.

James Campbell
Hugh McKenzie
Dan Desmond.
April 18th, 1890.

On motion the Report was received.

Clr. Bell moved the following Resolution, seconded by Clr. G. M. McKay.

Resolved. That the Commissioners of Public property in the Town of Pictou be authorized to expend Fifty dollars on purchase of a dry earth closet for the County jail, and repair of certain upper rooms in that building to fit them for detention of inmates.

And further, *Resolved* that the Commissioners of Public property be authorized to expend on the repair of the Market House in Pictou Town three fourths of the sum required for that purpose subject to the following conditions.

1st. That the total expenditure shall not exceed (300.00) three hundred dollars. 2nd That the Town of Pictou shall contribute to the work one fourth of the required sum. 3rd. That no money shall be expended until the Warden received satisfactory assurance from the Town of Pictou that the said Town will appoint a keeper of the market and provide that the building shall be kept open for the use of the public.

April 18th, 1890, A.C.B.

The Resolution passed.

Clr. G.H. Sutherland read the Report of the Committee on Poor as follows:

Report on Poor
To the Municipal Council of Pictou County
April Term, 1890.

Your Committee on Poor beg to report:

1st. The accounts from the several districts were received and audited, a summary of which for your information we beg to append.

2nd. Your Committee having before us the Petition of Robert McKay, Geo. W. Campbell, and Daniel McKenzie, Overseers of Poor for Section 6, asking for authority to assess an additional amount of Fifty Dollars being in all Two Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars for the support of the poor for the current year. Also that of Jas. Fraser, D.R. McKenzie and Alex. Bannerman of Section Twenty asking for authority to assess the sum of One Hundred and thirty dollars additional, in all Three Hundred and Thirty Dollars for support of poor for current year, both of which Petitions we recommend, and that the overseers be authorized to assess those amounts on their several sections.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Geo. H. Sutherland

W.C. Olding

Daniel Desmond

The following is the abstract referred to in the Report.

Abstract of Overseers of the Poor, for the Municipality of Pictou County for the year ending 31st. December, 1889.

| No. of Section | Amount paid last year for support of Poor. | Balance Cash on Hand. | Deficit. | Amount collected under last Assessment. | Collected from Previous Year. | Balance not collected. | Accounts unpaid at end of year | Amount paid to County Asylum for year. | Amount Due County Asylum for year. | Remarks |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------|----------|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------|
| F. Grant 1. | \$150.06 | \$17.82 | \$.. | \$120.69 | \$.. | \$30 | \$... | \$Nil | \$Nil | |
| 2. | 28.56 | 50.14 | | 43.25 | | 90 | 63.15 | " | " | |
| 3. | 238.250 | 204.78 | | 298.56 | Nil | 5.44 | Nil | " | " | |
| 4. | 629.72 | 56.63 | | 633.50 | 3.69 | 16.50 | " | " | " | |
| 5. | | | No | Returns | | | | | | |
| 6. | 165.18 | 1.12 | | 142.76 | Nil | 7.24 | 22.00 | " | " | |
| 7. | 200.80 | .40 | | 119.38 | .80 | 1.82 | 16.38 | " | " | |
| 8. | 244.83 | 70.54 | | 280.00 | Nil | 20.00 | Nil. | " | " | |
| 9. | 317.40 | Nil | 20.65 | 250.00 | " | Nil | " | " | " | |
| 10. | 160.45 | 3.21 | Nil | 159.45 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 54.58 | " | " | |
| 11. | 110.88 | 21.22 | " | 109.71 | 2.00 | 29.79 | 6.22 | " | " | |
| 12. | 15.48 | 100.13 | " | 99.33 | Nil | Nil | Nil | " | " | |
| Fraser's Mt. 13 | 29.00 | 65.96 | Nil | Nil | " | " | " | " | " | No Vouchers |
| Churchville 13. | 116.00 | 13.05 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | |
| 14. | 103.20 | 36.73 | " | 89.23 | " | .77 | " | 89.20 | " | |
| 15. | 195.25 | 4.74 | " | Nil | " | Nil | " | Nil | " | |
| 16. | 111.45 | 54.96 | " | 20.00 | 13.98 | " | " | " | " | |
| 17. | 93.09 | 2.20 | " | 95.29 | Nil | 4.71 | " | 3.54 | " | No Vouchers |
| 18. | 235.49 | 58.24 | " | 274.22 | 1.24 | 9.17 | 58.00 | 35.75 | " | |
| 19. | 171.32 | 28.74 | " | 101.43 | Nil | 40.00 | Nil | Nil | " | |
| 20. | 425.76 | 7.17 | " | 290.00 | " | 10.00 | " | " | " | |
| 21. | 144.71 | Nil | " | 72.38 | 12.20 | 7.62 | " | " | " | |
| 22. | 108.64 | " | " | 90.00 | 2.70 | Nil | " | " | " | |
| 23. | 1104.41 | 59.79 | " | 812.03 | 80.00 | 60.00 | 320.00 | 166.89 | 91.81 | |
| 24. | 51.25 | 42.44 | " | 36.80 | 17.13 | 13.29 | Nil | Nil | Nil | |

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

Clr. Bell moved the following resolution; seconded by Clr. Matheson.

Resolved that in the opinion of this Council the second meeting of the County Council now held in April of each year, is unnecessary and might be dispensed with.

And Further Resolved that this resolution be brought to the notice of the Council to be assembled here in January 1891, in order to a passage on the same subject by that meeting of Council, so that if favorably considered, an effort may be made to amend the County Incorporation Act by abolishing the provision for a second regular meeting of the Council each year.

A.C. Bell
Neil Matheson
April 18, 1890.

On motion the Resolution was laid on the table, to be considered in January.
A Deed of dedication of lands at Glengarry for a road was on motion accepted.
The petition of residents at Riverton for aid to a road was on motion referred to Road Board No.3.

Clr. Bell moved the following Resolution:

Resolved that this Council express their regret at the absence from his accustomed place of Warden McNeil, and express the hope that he may soon be restored to good health, and enabled to continue the course of usefulness in which he has so long and so well served his County, and honorably and well lived in the life of a good citizen.

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

The petition of Andrew McKay of Trenton was on motion referred to the Commissioners of Streets, Trenton.

The Report of the Committee on the Cattle Disease was brought up for consideration; and Wm. McKay, Esq., Sec 7, was on motion allowed to address the Council and give his views on the disease. On motion the Report was adopted.

The Minutes of the present session were read and approved.

The Minutes as read from day to day were adopted.

The Council adjourned sine die.

R. McDougall, Deputy Warden
J. G. Stewart, Municipal Clerk