

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Of the
Municipal Council of Pictou co.
JANUARY SESSION, 1891

First Day

Forenoon Session, January 13, 1891- The Councilors elect met at 10.a.m. The ballot boxes were opened and the Councilors elect were sworn into office by the Clerk. All the councilors were present.

On motion of James Kitchen, seconded by Jas, T. Thompson, Roderick McDougall, Councilor for Section 22, was unanimously elected Warden. The Warden was sworn into office.

On motion of Clr. J.D. Fraser seconded by Clr. Kitchen, Alex J. MacKay was unanimously elected Deputy Warden.

The following Committee on Nominations was appointed by Warden and approved by the Council: - H.S. Fraser, A.J. MacKay, George M. MacKay.

On motion it was resolved that no petitions would be received after Monday next at 2:30 p.m.

On motion of Clr. J. D. Fraser the Nominating Committee was entrusted to name a committee to prepare a resolution to expressing the sentiments of the Council respecting the late Warden Robert MacNeil.

Clr. Dewar gave notice of his intention to move on Thursday forenoon the appointment of a Committee to consider and recommend certain amendments to the Incorporation Act. On motion the Council adjourned until 2 p.m.

Afternoon session. – The council met at 2 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The nominating committee was reported as follows:-

Report for Nominating Committee

Your Committee on Nominations begs leave to submit the following report. That the following committee be constituted as follows:-

Committee of Finance

James Kitchen.

Colin Fraser.

Geo. E Munro

John D. McQueen.

Hugh S. Fraser

Committee of Roads and Bridges

A.J. McKay

John D. Fraser.

Rod McKay

James Campbell
Alex Fraser.

Committee of Public Property

Robt. Dewar
J.W. Smith
John Ferguson.
Committee on Poor.
W. Scott Fraser
A.J MacIntosh
J.W. Fraser

Committee on Assessment.

Jas. T. Thompson
Jas. Mitchell
John Murray.

Committee of Highway Labor.

Geo. M. MacKay
Robt. McLeod.
William McLeod

Committee on License.

James R. Collie
James W. Fraser
John Ferguson

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

Court House 13th January 1891
H.S. Fraser
A.J McKay
Geo. M MacKay

On motion the Report was received and adopted. The papers on file with the Clerk were distributed to the proper committees.

On the report of the committee appointed in April 1890 to appraise the damages upon the abandoned part of the short lines railway being read, on motion of Clr. J. D. Fraser the Report was received and laid on the table.

On motion the Council adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Second Day

Forenoon Session, Wednesday January 14th 1891- The council met at 10 a.m. The minutes of the previous hearing were read and approved.

The papers filed by the clerk since last meeting distributed to the proper Committees. Clr. Dewar asked for the information adopted by the Board of Revision and Appeal in equalizing the valuations of the different Polling Sections. His request was by Clr. Mitchell. Clr. Thompson explained at length the method of the Board in 1889 and 1890. The discussion was participated in by Clrs. J.D. Fraser, J.D. McQueen, J.W. Fraser and Colin Fraser.

On motion of Clr. J.D. Fraser the nominating committee was instructed to name a Committee on Law Amendments.

The Report of Wm. Smith, Inspector under the Scott Act for East Pictou was read by Clr. J.D. McQueen. On motion of J.D. the report with the accompany account on vouchers was received.

Clrs. J.W. Fraser and John Ferguson drew attention to the matter of holes cut in the ice near the bushed tracks, and to the danger arising from the open water caused by the Str. "Stanley." Clrs. J.D. Fraser, R. Dewar, James Mitchell and John D. McQueen joined the discussion. On motion of the matter was referred to the Committee of Law Amendments. On motion of the Council adjourned at one o'clock to meet at 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session. – The council met at 2 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee on Monitions beg leave to recommend that Malcom G. McLeod of River John to be appointed to act forthwith as Auditor in conjunction with Samuel W. Foster, as Wm. Cameron, M. P. P. our previous appointee cannot act.

Court House, 14th Jan. 1891.

H.S. Fraser A.J MacKay

Geo. M. MacKay

Nominating Committee

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

Clr. Campbell referred to the state of Public Market in the town of Pictou. Clr. Alex Fraser said it was necessary to come to some arrangement with the town.

Clr. Geo. E. Munro read a memorial from the Executive Committee of the Probation Party asking for the appointments of a Scott Act Inspector in Westville. Also resolutions of several Temperance bodies with the same object. On motion of Clr. Dewar the Memorial and Resolutions were received and on motion of Clr. Kitchen they were referred to the Nominating Committee.

Clr. Geo E. Munro presented a petition to asses Westville District for five purposes. On motion the petition was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Clr. Alex Fraser gave notice to his intention to move to petition the Government for a grant of money for the repair of certain

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

Third Day

Forenoon session, Thursday Jan. 15. The council met at 10 a.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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

On motion a petition to annex Big Island, Merigomish, to Sec. 21, was read in open Council and referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Clr. Thompson read a petition asking for a grant from the fines money towards the construction of a bridge a mile above St. Paul's Sec. 16. The petition was referred to the Finance Committee.

Clr. Colin Fraser drew attention of the Council to the growing abuse connected with the allowance of Statute Labor on private roads. Clr. A.J. MacKay said the present system was just and worked well, though in some cases perhaps it was abused. Clrs. Dewar Thompson, Geo. McKay, John Murray, John D. Fraser and James W. Fraser joined the discussion.

Clr. Dewar read a series of resolutions in favor of certain amendments to the Municipal Incorporations Act. On motion it was received and referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows :-

Report of Nominating Committee.

Your Nominating Committee beg leave to recommend that Roderick McDougall, John D. McQueen and Hugh S. Fraser be appointed a committee to draw out a memorial respecting the death of the late Warden.

Court House, 15th Jan. 1891.

H.S. Fraser

Alex J. McKay

Geo. M. McKay.

On motion of the report was received and adopted.

The Committee proceeded to work and at one o'clock the adjourned until 2 p.m.

Afternoon session – The council met at 2 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

A memorial from the Pictou County Medical Association was read in open Council and referred to the Asylum Commissioners.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows : - We your Nominating committee beg leave to recommend that James Kitchen, Robert Dewar, W. Scott Fraser, James T.

Thompson and Colin Fraser be appointed a Committee of Law Amendments.

Court House 15th January, 1891

H.S. Fraser

Alex J. McKay

Geo. M. McKay

Nominating Committee

On motion the reported as follows:

Your Nominating Committee beg leave to recommend that the following Committee of this Council be appointed to met with the Town Councils of Pictou, New Glasgow, and Stellarton to adjust the proportion of the rates to be borne by said towns for 1891. That

said Town Councils be notified to meet with said Committee at the Court House Pictou on Tuesday the 20th of Jan'y, 1891, at two o'clock p.m.

James Kitchen

John D. Fraser

Rod McDougall

Alex J. McKay

A.J. McIntosh

Respectfully Submitted

Court House, 15th Jan'y 1891

H.S. Fraser

A.J. McKay

Nominating Committee

On motion of the Report was received and adopted.

Cir. W. Scott Fraser called attention to the use made by the incorporated Towns of the County property within the towns. Clr. Kitchen spoke of the matter of lockups in towns and pointed out that the county ought not to be liable for any part of the expense of these.

Cir. J.D McQueen showed that the Scott Act fines collected in the towns go to the Town funds while persons convicted are imprisoned at the expense of the County.

Chris J.W Fraser, Alex Fraser, J.T. Thompson and J.D. Fraser joined in the debate and the matter was on motion deferred.

Clr. Ferguson drew attention to the state of the approaches to the ice at Ferry Wharf, Fisher's Grant. A discussion followed and the matter was deferred.

The Committees proceeded to work and at 5 p.m. the Council adjourned to meet at 10 a.m. to-morrow

Fourth Day

Friday January 16th, 1891 – The Council met at 10 a.m. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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

Clr. J. Ferguson moved the following resolution, seconded by Clr Mitchell.

Whereas the Public Landing at Fisher's Grant was destroyed by high tide in December last and is no in a dangerous condition, and whereas said Landing is not included in any Road Limit;

Therefore resolved that the matter be referred to No. 1 Road Board.

The Resolution was passed.

Clr. Alex Fraser presented the following petition:-

Court House, Jan. 16 1891.

To the Municipal Council, Jan. Term, Now Convened.

I beg leave to ask your Hon. body as Finance Committee to raise your estimates for the bushing ice enough to cover the expense of putting in another row of bushes in the East End of Carriboo Harbor, as it is requisite and necessary, as a great many land now at the shore on main land, as it is shorter and a better road to market.

Alexander Fraser

Councillor No. 2.

The petition was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Clr. J. D. McQueen called attention to the action of Geo. J Geldert against the Municipality for damages for injuries received at River John Bridge, which action was tried at last June Term of the Supreme Court, and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$7250 and costs. He read the decision of the judge. A general discussion followed, and the whole matter of the County liability in such cases was referred to the Committee of Law and Amendments. Clr. Colin Fraser suggested that legislation would be more likely to procure through co-operation with other Municipal Councils.

The Committees proceeded to work and at one o'clock at the Council adjourned to meet at 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session – Council met at 2 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Clr. Dewar explained that his absence yesterday afternoon was due to the visits made by him to the County Asylum and the New Glasgow Court House in his capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Public Property; and that Clr. W. S. Fraser was also delayed by County business. On motion it was resolved that their time so spent be allowed to them.

Clr. Colin Fraser moved the following Resolution, seconded by Clr. Hugh S. Fraser:-
“Whereas a new bridge has been built under the Bridge Act across the Saw Mill Brook in Polling Section Number 7 and the old iron bridge on said brook is not now used.
And Whereas the said old bridge is in danger of being broken up and destroyed and the materials of it may be utilized for the construction of a new bridge at Millers Ford or Ten Mile House West River.

Therefore Resolved that the Provincial Government be respectfully requested to remove said iron bridge from its present position and place it across West River at either of the places above mentioned.

The resolution was passed and ordered to be sent to the members for the County in the Local Legislature to be presented to the Government.

Cir. J.D. McQueen stated that when the Town of Stellarton was incorporated parts of the Polling Station No. 25 were left outside the boundaries of the Town and great inconvenience had resulted. A general discussion followed. Clr. Said the bridge across the East River of Stellarton which was formerly within Sec. 25 is not within the boundaries of Stellarton. On motion of Clrs. J. D Fraser and Colin Fraser the matter was referred to a special Committee to consist of the Councillors interested and to be named by the Nominating Committee. Said Special Committee to report at this Session and make a recommendation to the Legislature.

The Committees proceeded to work and at 5:15 p.m. the Council adjourned till 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Fifth Day

Forenoon Session, Jan 17, 1891. – The Council met at 10 a.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A petition to rectify the boundaries between polling sections 19 and 20 so as to include Marshy Hope Mountain in Sec. 20, was read in open Council and ordered to be sent to the Members for the County for presentation to the Legislature.

Clr. James W. Fraser complained that they services rendered by the Pictou Steam Ferry Company were not accordance with the understanding expressed when the subsidy was granted inasmuch as their ferry boat does not run to Granton or Abercrombie. The subject

was discussed by several Coucillors and the matter was referred to the Nominating Committee to name a Committee on the subject to report at the April Term.

Clr. Alex Fraser moved the follow resolution, seconded by Cir. R. McKay.

Court House Jan. 17, 1891.

Whereas the bridge at Lower Carriboo River has been put under the provisions of the Bridge Act, and whereas the said bridge is unsafe and dangerous to the traveling public. The Resolution was received and ordered to be transmitted to the Members for the County for presentation to the Legislature.

Clr. J.D. McQueen moved, seconded by Clr. J.D. Fraser as follows:

“Resolved that the order passed last year regarding the bushing of the ice be so amended that the distance of 90 feet apart be substituted instead of 45 as it now exists.”

On motion the Resolution was passed.

Clr. Thompson gave notice of his intention to move for a subsidy to the first. Company that shall manufacture iron on the East River. It was agreed that the motion may be introduced on Monday afternoon.

The Committees proceeded to work and at one o'clock the court adjourned to meet at 2:30 p.m. on Monday.

Sixth Day

Monday Jan. 19th, 1891 – Council met at 2:30 p.m. pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Clr. J.W. Fraser stated that it was important to have the ice bushed from Stone House Point to New Glasgow. After some discussion the matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Clerk H.S. Fraser read the following report for the Nominating Committee:- We your Nominating Committee beg leave to recommend that J.W. Fraser, Jno. Murray, George E. Munro, Robert McLeod, W. Scott Fraser, be a committee to investigate the matter in relation to parts of Poll Sec. 25, previous to the incorporation Stellarton, which are not now included in said Incorporated Town, nor any of the surrounding sections and make a recommendation to the Legislature respecting the same.

Court House 16th Jan., 1891.

H.S. Fraser

Alex J. McKay

Geo. M. McKay

Nominating Committee

The Report was adopted.

The following petition from the Pictou Agricultural Society was read in open Council:-

To the Municipal Council Pictou Co., N.S.

Gentlemen: - The Petition of the officers of the “Pictou Agricultural Society”

Whereas your honorable body did in the year 1881 contribute of the County funds towards the purchase of a lot of land from W.N. Mills adjoining the Rink building in Pictou Town, for exhibition purposes and the Deed of said lot of land is held by the County.

And whereas the property has been found unsuitable for exhibition purposes and your petitioners have within the past year 1890 purchased more suitable property and erected

permanent Buildings and sheds thereon at a cost to your petitioners of over \$3000 and whereas it is the intention of your petitioners to apply at the first session of the local Legislature for an act of Incorporation.

Therefore the prayer of your petitioner is, that your honorable Council will convey the said "Mills property to us by Deed thus enabling us to dispose of same and to apply proceeds of same to our new grounds, the said Deed to be granted to our becoming incorporated.

Respectfully yours, John Yorston, President,

D. Sutherland Treasurer,

David Logan, Sec. of the Pictou Agricultural Society.

On motion of Clr J.W. Fraser, seconded by Clr. D. Fraser, the petition was granted.

The following petition from the Stewiacke Valley and Lansdowne Railway Company Limited Respectfully sheweth.

That a subsidy of eight thousand dollars was granted by the Municipal Council of Pictou County in January, 1888, in aid of the said Company's Railway in Pictou County upon condition of the Railway being open for traffic on 1st July, 1891.

That unforeseen difficulties and delay have occurred which render it impossible to have the Railway completed by the time specified.

The recent financial disturbances in the money market render it difficult to have the Railway open for traffic as soon as the Company desires.

Your Petitioner therefore applies to your honorable council for a renewal of the subsidy of eight thousand dollars in aid of said Railway payable within four years.

And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

The Stewiacke Valley and Lansdowne Railway Company.

Per

Chas Annad, Secy.

S.H. Holmes Pres. Halifax N.S. Jan. 14, 1891.

The petition was received and referred to the Railway Committee.

Clr. Thompson read the following motion seconded by Robt. McLeod.

"I Whereas at the January session 1888 of the Municipal Council of Pictou County, a resolution was passed granting \$2000 a mile as a subsidy in aid of a railway connecting Iron Mines with the I.C. Railway not exceeding the whole \$20000.

And whereas there are now several Companies operating and about to operate Iron Mines in Pictou County.

Therefore Resolved, subject to the conditions hereinafter set fourth and to confirmation by an Act of Legislature of Nova Scotia, that a subsidy be granted by the Municipal Council of Pictou County to the first Company that complies with the conditions hereinafter set forth in aid of a railroad connecting the Iron Mines at or near Sunny Brae, with the I.C.R.

II That the subsidy shall be \$2000 per mile of said Company's railway but not exceeding in the whole the sum of \$20000 exclusive of any subsidy that may be granted by any of the incorporated Towns of Pictou County.

3. Upon the opening of Company's said Railway for the traffic the said subsidy shall be paid for the first Company complying with under motioned conditions, from proceed of Bonds which shall be issued by the Municipality of Pictou County falling due within 15

years from time of issue with interest at rate not exceeding 4 (per. cent) payable yearly on the first day of December.

4. No Subsidy shall be paid nor Bonds issued by the Municipality on account of the Company's said Railway unless the following conditions be complied with, that is to say:

(A.) That the Railway shall be the same gauge as the Intercolonial R. R., substantially built and of a standard not inferior to the Railway between New Glasgow and Thorburn.

B. That the Railway shall be opened for traffic and an expenditure made of not less than \$250,000 on a new Iron. Smelting works, exclusive of any money spent in the construction of said Railway, and that sixty thousand tons of pig iron be smelted by said furnace to be situated in Pictou County.

C. That said pig iron shall be manufactured from Iron Ore mined and procured in said County of Pictou with proof thereof furnished to the Municipal Council of said County before the last day of January term Council 1896.

D. It is further understood that before bonds shall be issued by said Municipality for said subsidy the Company claiming such subsidy shall show to this Council of Pictou County that they are in a solvent condition also that the industry benefited by said subsidy shall be shown beyond a reasonable doubt to be a permanent one.

5. Notwithstanding anything herein before contained the subsidy herein provided for shall not be paid until the Company claiming it shall satisfy the Municipality of Pictou Co. that so much of their property as is aided and abetted by this subsidy shall not then or subsequently by amalgamation or otherwise come under the provisions of a resolution passed in the Council that the 20th day of Jan. 1886, and ratified by Chapter 190 of the Statutes of Nova Scotia 1886, so far as exemption from taxation is concerned.

It was moved by Clr. J. D. Fraser, seconded by Clr. Kitchen that the Motion be received and laid on the table. Moved in amendment by Clr. J.W. Fraser, seconded by Clr. G.M. McKay that the motion be received and referred to a special Committee. The Amendment was defeated by 5 to 15, and the motion carried the same vote.

Clr. Dewar moved the following resolution seconded by Clr. Alex Fraser: -

Whereas there appears to be an impression on the minds of the Rate Payers that there has been an annual increase of each annual estimate from the year 1870 of the year 1890; also a correct statement of the total liabilities of the Municipality of Pictou up to date, all to be placed before the Council at the April meeting.

The Resolution was carried.

Clr. A.J. McKay brought up the question of the Public Market in the Town of Pictou, and read the draft of a proposed Bill to be introduced at the net Session of the Legislature to enable the Municipality to dispose of the Market property. The document was referred to the Committee on Public Property.

Clr. Kitchen said complaints had been made by some of the Judges as to the lack of furniture in the Judges Room. The Sheriff, on invitation addressed the Council on the matter, which was thereupon, at the suggest on of the Warden, referred to the Committee on Public Property.

The Committee proceeded to work, and remained in session until 5.p.m. when the Council reassembled. Clr. J..W Fraser moved, seconded by Clr. John Murray, as follows – Whereas there is a vacancy in the Board of Revisors of the Electoral Lists for Revisal

Section Number 8, Polling Sections 12 and 17, for the unexpired portion of the Revisal year, 1890-91.

The resolution passed and the appointment was made.

Clr. Roderick McKay moved seconded by Clr. George. M. McKay as follows;-

Whereas a vacancy had occurred in the Board of Revisors of the Election Lists for Revisal Section No. 3, Polling Sections Nos. 5 and 6 owing to the Election of Roderick McKay one of their number as a member of this Council.

Therefore resolved that Alexander Gratten of Millville, Shoemaker, be and he is hereby appointed a revisor for Revisal Section No. 3 in the room of said Roderick McKay.

The resolution passed and the appointment was made.

On the motion the Council adjourned until 10. a.m. tomorrow.

Seventh Day.

Forenoon Session, Tuesday January 20th, 1891 – The Council met at 10 a.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The petition from the New Glasgow Iron Coal and Railway Co. asking for a subsidy was read. Clr. Thompson moved seconded by Clr. J.W. Fraser that the petition be received and referred to the Railway Committee.

Clr. McQueen moved in amendment, seconded by Clr. J.D. Fraser that the petition be received and that it and resolution be read by Clr. Thompson yesterday and then laid on the table be referred to the Railway Committee with instructions to report at the Half-yearly meeting. The amendment was carried by a vote 19 to 5.

A petition for aid to the road from Trenton to Little Harbor a petition to widen the road from Concord to Glengarry, a petition for a public road from New Lang to Lansdowne and a petition respecting Statute Labour from Sec. 7. were on motion in each case, received and referred to the proper Committees.

Clr. McQueen read the following report:

Resolution Respecting the Late Warden.

To the Municipal Council of Municipality of Pictou Jan. Term, 1891.

We your committee appointed to prepare a minute of condolence regarding our late Warden Robert McNeil, Esq.

Would respectfully submit the following:

Whereas it has pleased the Divine Disposer of events to remove by death our late Warden Robert McNeil, Esq., who occupied this position of honor and responsibility for a period of ten years being continuously elected to this position by acclamation during that period. Therefore Resolved, that the Council at the first meeting since the occurrence of this sad event, desire to place on record their deep regret for the loss the County has met by his death; as we frankly admit that he possessed a power and breadth of thought attested to by the results which he achieved. And we agree to record on the Minutes of our Council our high appreciation of his integrity, prudence, and faithfulness whilst discharging the duties of pertaining to the office of Warden of the Municipality.

We also desire most respectfully to offer Mrs. MacNeil and family our united and heartfelt sympathy in this their season of bereavement and sorrow.

(Signed)

R. McDougall

H.S. Fraser
Alex J. McKay
John D. Fraser
Colin Fraser
John D. McQueen
Committee

On motion the Report was received and adopted unanimously.

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

Report of Committee on Public Property

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

1. Your Committee find the County Asylum Building in good order. Some slight repairs required. A fire escape is now under contract and will become a source of income to the County. Your Committee are of the opinion that the farm in connection with the Asylum is being well managed and will become a source of income to the County. Your Committee recommend that the Commissioners enquire as to the cost of Telephone connection with the town of Stellarton.
2. Your Committee find the interior of the Court Room in New Glasgow in need of some repairs, but your Committee recommend that a Committee of this Council be appointed to meet with the Town Council of New Glasgow and make an agreement or settlement of contentions now existing on account of the joint occupation of the Court Room and jail.

Your Committee find that no repairs have been made on the Market Building and as it has now become an eye sore and a public nuisance, your Committee recommended that the Clerk call for tenders for the purchase and removal of the building from the market lot, as the building is of no further use to the Town or County. Your Committee do not think there is any reason why it should be removed without the necessary delay arising out of legislation.

Robert Dewar

J.W. Smith

John Ferguson

Committee on Public Property

On motion the Report was received and ordered to be laid on the table until tomorrow morning, then to be considered.

The Committees proceeded to their rooms and at one o'clock the Council adjourned till 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session – The Council met at 2 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Clr. A.J. McKay read the Report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion the Report was received and laid on the table to be taken up for consideration to-morrow morning.

Clr. A. J. McKay read the following report from the Nominating Committee.

Your Nominating Committee beg leave to recommend that J.W. Fraser, John Ferguson, and Alex. Fraser be a Committee to report on whether the Steamboat Company are carrying out the agreement entered into by them and the County regarding the services of said Boat or Company.

Court House Jany. 20th, 1891.

H.S Fraser
Alex J. McKay
Geo. M. McKay
Nominating Committee

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

The Committees proceeded to work and at 5 p.m. the Council adjourned to meet at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Eighth Day

Forenoon Session Wednesday, Jan 21, 1891. – The Council met at 10 a.m. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Clr. Murray asked leave to introduce a petition from rate payers for alliteration in the road from McLennan's Brook to Stellarton. On motion the petition was read. The following resolution was moved by Clr. Murray seconded by Clr. W.S. Fraser. Resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted and that James Roy be appointed a Committee to lay off such road and that the petition be attached to the report of the road Committee now before you.

The resolution was adopted. Clr. Thompson read the Report of the Assessment Committee. On motion the report was received. Clr. W. S. Fraser read the report of the Committee on Poor as follows: -

To the Municipal Council of Pictou, January Term, 1891.

Your Committee on Poor beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of the Overseers of Poor of the several districts of the Municipality with the exception of one which was unfortunately mislaid. Of said missing return we are able to give only the amount to be assessed for the year.

Your Committee on Poor beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of the Overseers of Poor of the several districts of the Municipality with the exception of one which was unfortunately mislaid. Of said missing return we are able to give only the amount to be assessed for the year. Your Committee would recommend that the following orders be passed:-

- 1) Ordered That Alexander Murphy of Cape John Polling Section No. 3 pay to Overseers of Poor said Section the sum of 75 cents per week for the support of his mother, Hannah Murphy, who is now a pauper chargeable to said Section; said payments to begin one month after the passage of this order and be paid monthly afterwards.
- 2) Ordered, That the Municipal Clerk supply printed form of Bonds to be given by Clerk and Treasurer of Poor and Collectors of Poor Rates in the several Districts.

Your Committee would also recommend the members of Council impression on Overseers of the Poor of their respective Districts the necessity of having returns carefully and promptly filled as there is room for improvement in this direction.

Your Committee would further recommend that Overseers of Poor should for the information of the Ratepayers of their respective Section report at the Town meetings on the condition of the paupers on their charge, the expenditure for the year and an estimate of their required for their support as we are led to believe that in some cases this information withheld and denied.

All of which is respectively submitted.

(Signed) W. Scott Fraser

A.J. McIntosh

James W. Fraser

On motion the Report was received and adopted and the amounts therein recommended to be assessed upon the respective Poor Section's were severally ordered to be assessed.

***Abstract of Report of Overseers of Poor for Municipality of Pictou County
for year ending 31st December, 1890, together with Estimates and
Expenditure for next year.***

No. of Section	No. of Poor	Males	Females	Children	Average Age	Average Cost per year	Bills unpaid including balance on due Overseers	Balance on hand	Amount to be assessed next year
1.	2	1	1	0	70	\$70.80	\$41.00	\$7.00	\$170.00
2.	1	1	0	0	80	52.00	43.62	50.71	81.50
3.	10	2	7	1	73	39.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
4.	10	4	3	3	70	33.43	94.00	166.00	650.00
5.	1	0	0	0	77	50.00	3.85	.....	80.00
6.	2	1	1	0	80	69.00	42.00	117.00	150.00
7.	2	1	1	0	86	62.40	135.00	15.90	250.00
8.	4	1	3	0	73	54.90	0.00	30.00	250.00
9.	8	4	3	1	59	44.00	0.00	34.67	300.00
10.	2	0	2	0	75	46.80	4.84	0.00	140.00
11.	0	0	0	0	.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.	0	0	0	0	.....	0.00	0.00	99.13	0.00
Ch' ville	2	0	2	0	70	48.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
13.									
Fr. Mt.	1	0	1	0	78	30.16	0.00	0.00	45.96
13.									
14.	2	2	0	0	56	62.40	100.00	0.00	255.00
15.	2	1	1	0	77	52.00	0.00	160.00	100.00
16.	2	0	2	0	75	50.00	27.25	0.30	120.00
17.	0	0	0	0	.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
18.	5	1	4	0	57	63.00	85.00	100.00	300.00
19.	2	1	1	0	68	13.00	0.00	28.00	0.00
20.	4	2	2	0	80	66.00	100.00	46.00	350.00

21.	5	2	2	1	69	37.44	19.81	0.00	220.00
22.						—			50.00
23.	18	2	11	5	56	43.33	300.00	150.00	700.00
24.	2	0	2	0	68	15.84	15.25	52.71	30.00
	87	26	50	11	71	43.63	1011.62	1057.42	\$4712.46

Clr. Kitchen moved, seconded by Clr. McQueen that the nominating Committee name a Committee to guard the interests of the County in the Geldert Case and any other cases that may arise against the municipality. The motion passed.

The Warden stated that the pleadings evidence and decisions were before the Council in printed form, that he was present at the trial and that in his judgment every thing had been done to secure a favorable result for the County. His remarks were concurred in by Clrs. McQueen and Colin Fraser, both stating that if there was any negligence, in the matter of the party of the County, it was previous to the accident. The Report of the Road and Bridge Committee was then taken up for consideration and read clause by clause.

Report of Road and Bridge Committee

Mr. Warden – We your committee on Roads and Bridges, beg leave to, recommend that the following report be confirmed. viz. –

- 1st. Confirmation of alteration of road in Section No. 2 to Bay View School House Confirmed.
2. Confirmation of Street between Black Diamond and Cowan St. Westville. Not Confirmed.
3. Confirmation of Public Road at Blue Mountain through lands of Mr. Angus Chisholm. Confirmed.
4. Confirmation of alteration in the Public road from Lorne to Marshdale. Confirmed.
5. Confirmation of Public Road from Fishers Grant Road to Shore at East River Confirmed.
6. Confirmation of Street at Thorburn between McKay Street and Main road at Brown's store. Deferred to April. Term.
7. Confirmation of Pent road to the highway Road for Thomas MacDonald from Westville to Hopewell. Deed of Dedication accepted for a road in lieu of road petitioned for.
8. Confirmation of Street through lots formerly Wm. Hampson's at Trenton. Confirmed.
9. Confirmation of Public road from Calnek's to Archibald McLellan's. Westville. Confirmed.
10. Confirmation of Road from John Halliday's White Hill Road to Fox Brook School House Confirmed.
11. Confirmation of Public Road from Bay View Point to the Road leading through rear Settlement of Bay View. No confirmed, as papers in connection therewith are incomplete.
12. Confirmation of Public Road from Cemetery to Main Road Pleasant Valley, Not Confirmed.

13. Confirmation of Alteration in Public road from Loganville to Mount Thom, Confirmed.
14. Confirmation of road from W.P. Crockett's to Gairloch road Sec. 23. Confirmed.
15. Confirmation of Public Road at Lorne from South line of lands of Daniel Macquarie's to the lands of Jas. McKay. Confirmed.
16. Confirmation of Public Road from Highway at Geo. McDonalds Glengarry Station to Dryden's Lake or Stewiacke Road. Confirmed.
17. Confirmation of extension of Hempsen Street Trenton. Not confirmed.
18. Confirmation of alteration of main road from Concord to Landsdown Confirmed.
19. Confirmation of Pent Road at Wentworth Grant. Confirmed.
20. Confirmation of Public Road at Greens Brook through lands of James Cameron. Confirmed.
21. Confirmation of Street at Westville from Main Street opposite the Acadia Coal Co's office to A.J. Munroe's plaining Mill. Confirmed.

Opening and Alteration of Roads.

1. Petition rate payers Middle River for alteration in the Mill Brook Road. Granted and precept ordered. A.W. McBain Com.
2. Petition to widen Munroe's Pent Road Westville and make it a public Road. Granted and precept ordered. A.W. McBain Com.
3. Petition for a road from the residences of Alex MacDonald John MacDonald and others to the Main Road leading from Thorburn to Sutherland's River at or near William Grant's house. Granted and precept ordered. James. S. Fraser, Com.
4. Petition to widen Blackie's Road Section No. 7 Granted and precept ordered A.W. McBain. Com.
5. Petition for Pent Road from petitioner's residence to McGrath's Mountain Road. at our near the Saw pit at Alpin Grants. Granted and precept ordered. Alpin Grant Com.
6. Petition for road from Daniel McDonald's gate or any point on said road from said gate to Thorburn Church. Granted and precept ordered. J.S.- Fraser Com.
7. Petition for an alteration in the road from Bridgeville to Centerdale and Elgin. Granted and precept ordered D.W. McDonald. Com.
8. Petition to straighten the main road at Toney River. Granted and precept ordered. J.S. Fraser Com.
9. Petition for road from the Gairlock Church Cemetery to main road. Granted and precept ordered.
10. Petition ratepayers of French and Sutherlands River for a road from Marshy Hope at McLean's. westwardly to the road at Hugh Chisholm's which leads to the Sherbrook Road at Parks Mills. Granted and percept ordered Alex McHardy, Com.
11. Petition for a road from Roderick McKenzie's corner Back Meadows to Mrs. Carson's corner, Scotsburn. Consideration Deferred to April Term.
12. Petition for alteration of main road from Elgin to Lorne Sec. 17 Granted and precept ordered. D.W. McDonald. Com.

13. Petition for road from Cross Roads at Daniel McDonalds, Green Hill, to the Main Road from Alma to Salem Church. Granted and precept ordered. Jas. Fraser. Com.
14. Petition Daniel D. Cameron and others. Mount Thom for pent road. Granted and precept ordered. J.S. Fraser Com.
15. Petition from Westville to widen the road from Main Street to Piken's Street. Granted and precept ordered. A.W. McBain, Com.
16. Petition to define limits of road through lands of late Paul McKenzie Cariboo. Granted and precept ordered. A.W.McBain Com.
17. Petition for Public Road from Railway crossing up the East Branch of Barney's River through the lands of Hugh McPhie and others to the Menzie's Grant Road. Granted and precept ordered D.W. McDonald, Com.
18. Petition for a public Road from New Lairg to Lansdowne. Not Granted.
19. Petition to widen the road from Concord to Glengarry. Granted and precept ordered. A.W. McBain, Com.
20. Petition to open cross streets through the property of P.G. Fraser Trenton Granted and precept ordered. A.W. McBain Com.

Transfers Memorials Alterations and Crossing Roads.

1. Report of A.W. McBain Committee asking leave of Council to postpone the consideration of papers, precepts, etc., in connection with certain roads mentioned in said report. Report approved.
2. Petition of Alpin Grant Sec. 24 for leave to place gates on old road. Granted: two gates allowed subject to approval of supervisor of Road Board No. 4.
3. Petition to remove gates in a public road at Meiklefield. Deferred to April Term 1891.
4. Petition David Rose to close old and abandoned pieces of road at Trenton. Deferred to April Term.
5. Memorial Nova Scotia Telephone Company asking leave to place the Company's poles upon and along the Highways within the Municipality. Leave granted provided public and private rights be not inferred with.
6. Petition Wm. Geo. Sutherland. Lower Barney's River for compensation for injuries alleged to have been sustained through a defective track. Not granted.
7. Petition from Sec. 16 for a Grant of money to aid the construction of a Bridge on the East River near St. Pauls. Deferred to April Term.
8. Petition Gordon Barckly Section 17 for damages by defective culvert. Recommended to Road Board No. 3.
9. Supervisors of Public Grounds report for Egerton defining boundaries at Fishers roads at Trenton. Deferred to April Term.
10. Petition to close old road between the gates of Cemetery at West Branch River John, to the West line of lands belonging to Roderick R. McKenzie. Road ordered to be closed.
11. Petition for aid to the road from Trenton to Little Harbor. Recommended to Road Board No. 3.
12. All respectively submitted.

A.J. McKay
John D. Fraser,
Alex. Fraser.
Jas Campbell,
Roderick McKay.

On the clause being read recommending the closing of abandoned piece of Road at Trenton through the land of David Rose, it was moved by Clr. Ferguson, seconded by Clr. J.W. Fraser, that consideration of the clause be deferred to the April term.

On the clause being read recommending that no precepts be issued for a road from Gairloch Church Cemetery to the Main Road, it was moved by Clr. Geo. M. McKay, seconded by Clr. Dewar, that the report be amended and that a precept be issued to D.W. McDonald, surveyor as Committee to lay off said road.

On motion the remainder of the report was adopted, and the several recommendations therein were made orders of this Council. (The Report was printed above is the form in which it finally passed.)

The Committees proceeded to work and at one p.m., the Council adjourned until two p.m.

Afternoon Session.

The Council met at 2 p.m. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Public property was brought up for consideration.

On motion of Clr. J.D. Fraser, seconded by Clr. J.D. McQueen, the third clause of the Report referring to the Market was not occurred in.

On motion of Clr. McQueen seconded by J.D. Fraser the second clause of the report was amended by restricting the power of the Committee to be appointed to an investigation of the matter and a report to the Council at the April Term.

The remainder of the Report was on motion adopted.

Clr. H.S. Fraser read the following Report from the nominating Committee.

The nominating Committee beg leave to recommend that John. D. Fraser, Geo. E. Munro and A.J. McKay be a Committee to see that the interests of the County are guarded in all cases where the claims are preferred against the Municipality for damages, etc.

Court House 21 Jan'y, 1891.

H.S. Fraser read the following

A.J. McKay

Geo. M. McKay. Nominating Committee.

On motion the Report was adopted.

On motion the names of Clrs. J.D. Fraser and James Mitchell were added to the Committee on Law Amendments.

A communication from the Town of Pictou asking for accommodation for prisoners and the Town Court in the public building belonging to the County was read and consideration thereof on motion referred to the Committee to be appointed to investigate similar matters in connection with the jail and Court house of New Glasgow, said committee to report at April Term.

The Report of Committee on Assessment was brought up for consideration.

On the clause referring to the balance unpaid in Section 2 in 1887, consideration of the clause was on motion deferred till April Term.

The clause recommending the issue of a new form of Assessment Roll for non-residents was on motion. Struck out on the ground that the form is fixed by Statute. The clause recommending action, against D.W. Culton a collector for Sec. 25 in 1887, was amended on motion of Clr. J.D. McQueen seconded by Clr. Kitchen by directing that the matter be referred to the Warden to take such action as in his desertion may seem advisable.

On the clause referring to the amount due from Mr. Turner Collector of Section 24 being read Clr. J.D. Fraser moved the following resolution. Seconded by Clr. A. J. McKay.

In reference to the matter in the Section of the Committee on Assessment report touching the matter of Robert Turner, collector for Sec. 24 showing a balance due the County Treasurer of \$217.77 caused by the failure of Chisholm & Meikle of New Glasgow, which is fully set forth in Petition presented to the Council in January Term, 1890.

Therefore Resolved that the said Robert Turner and his Sureties be relieved from all legal liabilities in the matter.

It was moved in amendments by Clr. Alex Fraser, seconded by Clr. Roderick McKay that the matter be referred to the Warden to take such action as he may deem advisable. The amendment was carried.

The remainder of the Report was adopted.

The Report as amended reads as follows:

Report of Assessment Committee

To the Municipal Council of Pictou County

January term 1891.- Your Committee on assessment have examined the petitions collectors rolls and all statements placed before them and beg leave to report as follows: _

The table of Board of Revision and Appeal – passed.

The following table will show the amount of taxation registered, the amount dropped from the rolls and the amount struck off in different Polling sections:-

Polling Section	Amount Registered	Struck of 1890.	Struck of 1889	Struck of 1888	Dropped from rolls
1 P.I	\$	\$	\$1.27	\$	\$
1 F.G		3.96			
2	14.92	12.21			
3		11.50	4.10	8.65	
4	5.71	2.27		7.68	8.83
5	7.74	12.13		3.88	
6 No	Report				
7	11.67	.85	5.08	3.64	
8	4.79	2.12			

9	13.84	3.29		.18	
10		.85			
11		4.98	5.27		
12	8.82	.30	2.07	13.03	1.13
13	8.62	8.70			2.00
14		3.02			.81
15	10.07	38.36	4.70		
16	1.57	1.50		12.48	5.08
17	No report				
18	Clear sheet				
19	19.71	10.49			
20	18.04	20.13			
21	6.52		10.28	2.06	
22	1.04	7.20	2.99	1.28	
23	12.15	61.92			
24		4.05			1.14
25				18.12	

Your Committee recommend that the following named persons be entitled to a refund of taxes, viz:-

H.M. McKay	Sec. No. 6	Refund*: \$4.70
L. McInnes	“ 7	1.50
John McInnes	“ 7	1.50
Christy McKenzie	“ 9	4.77
John McDonald	“ 9	2.00
William McDonald	“ 10	2.79
Thomas Fraser	“ 10	3.17
Mary McKenzie	“ 10	3.29
Alex McBeth	“ 14	5.43
Peter Campbell	“ 14	2.74
John McDonald	“ 16	1.83
Mrs. S. McQuarrie	“ 16	1.04
Miles	“ 19	.86

Dillon		
Mrs. James Reid	“ 19	2.76
H. Virbonet	“ 23	2.19
John Grant	“ 23	2.19
Elizabeth McKenzie	“ 11	2.79

No. 6* wrongfully assessed; 7, do; 9, Destitution; 9, Poor and valuation too high; 10, Poor and unable to work; 10, Physical inability, poor; 10. On account of being poor; 14. Wrongfully assessed; 14. Valuation too high; 16, Physical inability; 16, widow with no help; 20, Excessive valuation,; 19, do: 23, Sickness and unable to work; do. ; 11, Destitute.

It is further recommended that Overseers of poor of Sec. 14, refund poor rates to Peter Campbell on \$245.00 the same being an excessive valuation on his property.

Also the Overseers of poor of Sec. 14 refund poor rates on excessive valuation of \$485.00 on the assessment of Alex McBeth, Thorburn.

Overseers of the Poor of Polling Sec No. 9 are ordered to refund poor rates to Christy McKenzie for 1890.

Petition of Chas. A. Baird of Sec. No. 17 for exemption from taxation would recommend that his name be struck from the assessment Roll of 1891.

The petition of Robert Campbell Sec. 6 for a refund of taxes, we do not grant for the reason that he is one of the heirs of property assessed.

Petition of D.W. McDonald teacher Sec. 18 who claims exemption from taxation for two years on account of being a school teacher. Irregular. Not granted.

Petition of Robert Fraser of Polling Sec. No. 18 not granted as we find that the Collector proceeded in a regular manner against the estate.

Petition Angus McDonald collector of section 19 to have names changed on collectors Roll of 1890. Does not come within the jurisdiction of the assessment act of 1888, would recommend that legal proceedings be taken against him by the Council for the recovery of the same.

Deferred to April Term.

George Morrison of Polling Sec. No. 2 appeared before your Committee satisfactorily showing that there were uncollected taxes on the roll to the amount of \$36.36. Also showing that he as overpaid his account showing that he has overpaid his account \$13.14, the same being part of his commission, the treasurer, certifying to the same, therefore it is ordered that the treasurer refund said \$13.14 to Geo. Morrison Polling Sec. no 2.

We also find a balance due this corporation from D.W. Culton of Stellarton, formerly Polling Sec. 25, since the year 1887 to the amount of \$229.77. We find that orders to proceed legally against Mr. Culton were given to the Clerk which were complied with but were ordered to be stayed by late warden on account of overrates

made by said D.W. Culton towards a settlement of the same. Would recommend that the Clerk be instructed to proceed at once legally against D.W. Culton (Not adopted; matter left to the Warden to settle.)

We find on the treasurer's account taxes to the amount of \$217.77 due from Robert Turner and late Warden, but he has resisted all payments. We recommend that this Council deal as leniently as prudent with Mr. Turner. (This matter left to the Warden to settle.)

Your Committee would recommend that the Clerk be instructed to have printed forms of returns made and sent to Collectors with Roll, with directions on same to be guided by their instructions in regard to taxes uncollected on the 15th day of November.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

James T. Thompson
John Murray
James Mitchell

The Committee on Licenses reports as follows:-

Report of Committee on Licenses

To the Municipal Council of Pictou County January Term 1891. –

Your Committee on License beg leave to report that inasmuch as no accounts or petitions have come before them they have no matters on which to report. But in order that the work would be more evenly distributed among the Committee's of your Committee would recommend that in future all the accounts and papers of Inspectors under the "Scott Act" be made returnable to the License Committee. Such a procedure would materially lessen the work of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted
James R Collie.
John Ferguson
James W. Fraser.

The report on motion received and adopted.

The Nominating Committee brought in the following Report.

We recommend that John D. McQueen Geo. E. Munro and John Ferguson be appoint a committee to confer with the Town Council of New Glasgow regarding contentions now existing with that town on account of the joint occupancy of the Court House and Lockup and report to this Council at the April Term.

Court House 21st. Jan. 1891.

H.S. Fraser
A.J. McKay
G.M. McKay

Nominating Committee.

The motion was received and adopted
The committees proceed to work and at 5 .15 o'clock the Council adjourned till 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Ninth Day

Thursday Jan. 22nd 1891 Forenoon Session – The Council met at 10 a.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

On motion of Clr. Colin Fraser seconded by Clr. A. McKay, the following resolution was passed: - “That the memorial of Pictou own Council asking for the accommodations in the jail for town prisoners, and in the Court House for Town Courts be referred to Committee appointed yesterday to investigate and settle disputes with New Glasgow arising from the joint occupation by the Town and County of the Lockup of the Court House of New Glasgow.”

Clr. Alex Fraser read the following report of the special Committee appointed to inquire as to the service rendered by the Pictou Ferry Co.: -

Report on Ferry Company

Your Committee to inquire as to whether the Pictou Steam Ferry Company has performed the services in such a way as to entitle them to the subsidy granted to them this Council.

Your Committee beg leave to report that we find they have not performed such services for the following reason.

- 1) That the wharf at Abercrombie is in an unfinished state, thereby preventing the landing of passengers or freight with safety at the said wharf.
- 2) They had also called at Granton where similar disadvantages occurred and very little travel.

But your Committee also find that between Pictou and Pictou Landing, regular trips were made with the exception of a few cases.

Your Committee recommends under the circumstances that the Ferry Company receive the subsidy granted by this Council for the past year.

Your Committee further recommends that a stipulated agreement be made between the County and the Steam Ferry Company stating the different points of call and the regular hours and days of the week to call at those points.

James W. Ferguson

John Ferguson

Alexander Ferguson

Court House Jan 22, 1891

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

The following resolution was moved by Clr. A.J. McKay seconded by Clr. H.S Fraser.

“That day for distributing the Statue Labor Instructions and Lists be fixed for Saturday 28th day of March at the hours and places mentioned in the printed

proceedings of Council for 1890, except the following Sections, where the following places and hour of meeting is fixed upon. Viz : -

Section 6. At Young's Dalhousie at 10 o'clock a.m. and David Ross Plainfield, 2:30 p.m.

Section 14. Eastern Hall Little Harbor at 1 o'clock a.m. and Oldings Residence, 2 p.m.

Section 20, At Residence of Geo. Campbell Esq. 10 a.m.

Section 10. At residence of Hugh Fraser Esq. Lime Rock.

On motion the resolution passed. C

Clr. Geo M. McKay read the following report of the Statute Labor Committee.

Report on Statute Labor.

To the Municipal Council of Pictou County January Term 1891.

Your Committee on Highway Labor begs to report as follows:-

That they have examined all the returns made by Surveyors of highways and find that as in pervious years a large number of returns are missing.

Sec. 2 Nos. 15. 20. 21. 22. 27 30.

" 3	" 44. 49. 52. 56. 69. 71. 74. 82. 86.
4	" 92
5	" 115 134
6	" 148 172 173
7	" 183 199 ½
8	" 202
9	" 220. 232. 233. 235.
10	" 261. 280. 283.
11	" 292 294
13	" 322. 327. 332.
14	" 339. 352.
15	" 376.
16	" 392 397 400 401 402 410 414 414 1/2
17	" 419 421
18	" 451 460
20	" 487 493 497 498 508
21	" 527 529

We recommend that in future a list be prepared of the names of all Surveyors of highways whose returns are not duly made on or before the first day of the yearly meeting of this Council, with a view to the exaction from such surveyors of the penalties imposed by law.

We also recommend that the following resolution be passed and printed in or annexed to the instructions sent to the Surveyors.

"Every Surveyors of Highways shall endorse upon his return the dates of commencement and completion of Statute Labor in his road limit."

It is well known that in many cases Statute Labor is not performed until the fall of the year, when it is generally useless, and as the amount of Statute Labor available in this County is insufficient to keep the roads in a proper state of repair, your Committee is of opinion that legal means should be resorted to in order to secure that the Statute we gave should be employed to the best advantage, and we are convinced that such labor would go a great deal further than it does if it were performed in all cases during the proper season.

Your Committee had under consideration a petition from certain ratepayers resident in Hopewell, Section 17, asking to abolish Statute Labor in limit 429, and divide the labor between limit 428 and 430. A counter petition was also received from certain other rate payers of Hopewell asking that the prayer of the first mentioned petition be not granted.

Your Committee would recommend that the present limits be retained during the present year.

The Petition of Samuel Cameron of Elgin Sec. 17 praying for a new road limit. Not recommended.

We recommend that the following parties be granted private Statute Labor for 1891.

Section 2, Merville McDonald, Daniel Falconer, Alex. D. Ross.

Section 3. J.D. Miller.

Section 5, Alex Sutherland, Donald Murray, George A. Ross, K.K. McKenzie, J.J. Murray.

Section 6. Daniel Murray, Duncan McLean, O.K. McLean, William Murray and Angus Murray.

Section 7. R.G. McDonald, Angus McDonald, J.D. McLellan 4 days.

Section 8. J.D. McMillan and J.R. Porter.

Section 10. Hugh McKay, Roderick McKenzie.

Section 11. John W. McLeod, Hugh McCulloch, Alexander McKay.

Section 12. Edward Waters one half his Statute Labor, Simon Murray one half his Statute Labor.

Section 22. Kenneth D. Forbes, Joe Delaney, Simon Fraser, D. Sutherland, Kenneth McMillan, Daniel Delaney.

Section 14. James S. Fraser, Angus Cameron.

Section 15. Hugh McDonald, Alex. McDonald, W.D. McDonald, Angus Campbell, Isaac Densmore, J.J. Fraser.

Section 16. W.D. Fraser J.C. McDonald Alex. McIntosh, James McKenzie, Duncan Fraser, D.C. McDonald.

Section 17. Archie Dunbar, R. R. Grant, Samuel Cameron, Daniel McDonald.

Section 18. John Thompson, J. McLeod, J.B Jardine

Section 20. John McDonald

Section 21 Charles Smith, David Mitchell, David Simpson.

Section 24 Alex P. Ross, Rod. McDougall, James Ross, Lauchlin McFarlane, James W. McLeod.

Your Committee have considered petitions for new road limits recommended that the following named limits be established in Section 17. No. 428 from John McIntosh's

South line to Chisholm's South line and from Chisholm's south line to Daniel Fraser's South line No. 428.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Geo M. McKay.
Robert McLeod,
William McLeod.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Clr. Collie called attention to a claim by John McKenzie Esq. River John for lands take for the use of the River John Bridge and damages caused to adjoining lands by the raising of the bridge. He stated that a building on the West end of the Bridge was raised to the new level by the Prov. Engineer, but nothing was done to Mr. McKenzie's building which was on the East End. Clr. Kitchen stated that the building at the West End was used by the Engineer when constructing the bridge, and in consideration thereof the building was raised. The act of 1889 relating to the matter was read and the whole question was left in the hands of the Warden to be dealt with in accordance with the Act.

The Committees proceeded to work and at 1:15 p.m. the Council adjourned until 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session.

The council met at 2 p.m. The minutes of the pervious meeting were read and adopted.

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

Report of Nominating Committee

To the Municipal Council of Pictou County January Term 1891.

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

County Clerk.

James McG Stewart.

County Treasurer

Peter M. MacDonald

Stipendiary Magistrates.

For Westville Police Division, Daniel Munro.

For River John Police Division, John Golan.

Constables for Pictou

John McKenzie, Thomas Anderson, Daniel Leslie, Alexander Gordon, James Arbuckles, James Munro A's son. John A. Campbell, Robert Fullerton, George Johnston Jr., William Geldert, William Freehill George Spence.

Commissions for Bushing Ice.

For Pictou Harbour, Malcolm McKenzie, Fishers Grant.

For River John Harbour, Stewart Holmes. For Merigomish Harbor, John Cameron, David Copeland.

For Carriboo Harbor Alex McKenzie, C. River.

**Committee to Enquire respecting means of relatives to support pauper lunatics, ect.
Under Section 37. Chapter 38, Revised Statutes.**

In Pictou Township A.M. Fraser Esq. John McKenzie, Esq. River John.
In Egerton Township H.R. Narraway Esq. John Falconer, Esq. Wm. F. McKenzie Esq.
River John.

In Egerton Township A.M. Fraser, West River, Wm. F McKenzie Esq.
In Maxwelton Township, Malcolm Fraser Esq. James Grant Esq. David Huggan Esq.
Supervision of Public Grounds.

Township of Pictou James S. Fraser West River, Wm McKay, West River Road, Wm.
Redmond, River John.

Township of Egerton, James Roy Esq. Angus McMillan, Hugh Fraser, Lorne.

Township of Maxwelton, Alex Ross French River, Duncan McIntosh, Merigomish,
James Ross Blue Mountain.

Commissioner for Insuring County Buildings.

The County Clerk.

Weighers of Hay.

Section No. 4 John McKenzie, M.G. McLeod.

Section No. 7 Dougall Logan.

Section No. 13, Brown Henderson.

Section 17, Isaac McNaughton.

Section 23, R.A. McDonald, Duncan Balfour.

Fire Wards

Section No. 3 Patrick Burke, W.M. Redmond, Jas. B. Sutherland.

Section No. 4 John McKenzie, Hugh Campbell, Jas. Perrin.

Section 15. Peter McKay, A.D. McInnes

Section 17. A.F. Grant Riverton, Arthur Proudfoot, Lorne, Angus Cameron, Hopewell.

Section No. 23 John A. MacDonald, William McDonald, Thomas J. Gray Esq., Robt. A.
McKenzie.

Justices to Draw in County Courts under Section 53, Chap. 105.

R.S.

H.R. Narraway Esq. F. Wyatt Fraser.

Auditors.

Samuel Foster, M.G. McLeod.

Commissioners of County Asylum

James McKay, Duncan McGregor, W.G. Miller, Stellarton.

Committee if County Council to Consult with Commissioners of County Asylum.

John Murray, Geo. E. Munro, W.S. Fraser.

Commissioners of County Buildings, Viz:-

Court House, Jail and County Buildings at Pictou.

J.S. Harris, J.H. Gordon, J. McG. Stewart.

At New Glasgow

H.T. Sutherland, James Roy Esq., Joseph C. Graham.

at Westville.

M. Sutherland M.D., A.W. McBain.

At River John

John Henry, John Gollan.

At Stellarton

James Mitchell, John Fraser.

Lock Up Keepers

Jailor and Caretaker Court House at:

New Glasgow, Wm. Smith

Westville, Hugh McKenzie.

River John, Hugh Campbell.

County Stipendiary Magistrate.

H.R. Narraway Esq.

Inspectors appointed under Sec 23 Chap 3

Nova Scotia Statutes 1886.

Pictou, James Murdock.

New Glasgow, William Smith.

Westville, Thomas Madden.

River John, Robert Sutherland.

Boards of Health.

Section No. 3. and 4. – Geo. Gordon, Adam Archibald, Geo. Munro, John McKenzie merchant, Wm. Redmond, merchant, Jas. B. Sutherland, Inspector.

Section No. 8. – C.H. Munro M. D., John McKenzie, Esq., Durham. W.M. McDonald, Durham. N.N. Hamblin, Durham

Section No. 16 0 Isaac McKay, Evan Chisholm, McN. Grant.

Section No. 17 – Jardine McLean, Hopewell, Alex Grant, Hopewell, Robert McLeod, Hopewell.

Section No. 23 – Geo. E. Munro, John W. Sutherland, James Roy, David R. Patton.

James Johnston, Rod. MacDougald, Health Inspector, Murdock Sutherland M.D.

Section No. 10 C.H. Munro M.D., West River, Wallace Munro, Mill Brook, William Ross, Pleasant Valley, Robert Sutherland, Mill Brook.

Section No. 13 – Alex Gillis, Trenton, P.G. Fraser Trenton.

Section No. 15 – W.L. Ormond, Thorburn, A.D. McInnis, Thorburn, Daniel Cameron, Thorburn.

Section No. 20 – William Cavanaugh, Kenneth Cameron, John Copeland.

Section No. 22 – John A. McDonald, Rocky Mountain, Geo. McDonald, Rocky Mountain, John McMillian, Garden of Eden.

Ferryman for Pictou.

Geo. Christie, Alfred McCoull, Wm. Fraser, Steam Ferry Company.

Ferryman for Cariboo Harbor.

John Murray.

Board of Revision and Appeal.

Alex McDougald, Blue Mountain, George Gordon River John, Thomas Gordon, Sunny Brae.

Court House Pictou 22nd Jan. 1891.

H.S Fraser.

A.J McKay

Nominating Committee.

I agree to all the nominations in the forgoing report with the exception of the names of Wm. Smith and Thomas Madden, I am of opinion that other names should be substituted in their stead. Geo M. McKay,

On motion the Report was received. On motion the Pictou Steam Ferry Co., was added to the list of Ferrymen for Pictou Harbour. On motion John Murray's name was inserted as Ferryman of Cariboo Harbour. Clr. Geo. M. McKay explained his reasons for dissenting from the Report as to the appointment of the Inspectors under the Scott Act at Westville and for East Pictou. On motion the Report as amended was adopted.

(The Report is printed as amended)

Clr. A. J. McKay, seconded by Clr. Rod McKay moved the following Resolution. "Resolved that the officers named in the Report of the Nominating Committee an in the township officer lists, be and they are hereby appointed to the several offices to which they are therein respectively designed" The Resolution passed.

Clr. Kitchen read the Report of the Finance Committee as follows: -

Report of the Finance Committee

To the municipal Council of Pictou County January Term 1891. –

Your Committee on Finance having examined the accounts placed before them and the report of the auditors thereon beg to report the following: - The sum of \$12,246.30 herein after recommended to be paid for services of 1890 shall be added to the liabilities of the

County to the 31st Dec. 1890 as set forth in the last Report of the Municipal Treasurer. We recommend the following accounts be paid viz:-

To The Assessors for 1890.

Section No 1 Fishers Grant.

Malcolm McKenzie, John Harris, \$12.00

Pictou Island, Alex F. Campbell, John C. McDonald, \$8.00

No. 2. Cariboo, Alex Fraser, Dan McKenzie, \$22.00

No.3 G.L. Sillers, S. Chisholm, \$24.00

No.4. J. Robinson Langill and W. Wilson, \$22.00

No.5 Geo. Murray, Alex Baillie, \$20.00

No.6. Geo. McIntosh, Wm. Murray, \$22.00

No.7. Duncan McMillan and John Leithead, \$22.00

No.8. R. Falconer, S.S. Archibald, \$22.00

No.9. C.C. Bell, D.A. McKenzie, \$24.00

No.10. Alex McDonald, A.J. McIntosh, \$22.00

No.11. K. McKenzie, W. Sutherland, \$18.00
 No.12. Alex Sylvester, D. Matheson, \$18.00
 No.13. John R. McMillan, P.G. Fraser, \$24.00
 No.14. D. McDonald, D. Olding, \$20.00
 No.15. John McRae, W. Scott Fraser, \$24.00
 No.16. W. McDonald, H. McIntosh, \$22.00
 No.17. A. Fraser, J. Cameron, \$20.00
 No.18. R. McArthur, A. McGillivray, \$20.00
 No.19. D. McDougall, J.A. McGillivray, \$22.00
 No.20. W. Robinson, J. McKay, \$26.00
 No.21. D. McIntosh, J.S. Gropeland, \$22.00
 No. 22. J.W. Cameron, R. Chisholm, \$22.00
 No.23. J.L. Steele, J.A. Marshall, \$20.00
 No.24. Jas. Ross, W. Turner, \$17.00

\$515.00

For Medical Service &c.

To Dr. J.W. McKay \$5.00
 “ “ J.F. McDonald 5.00
 “ “ Mitchell 10.00
 “ “ Kennedy 5.00
 “ “ Collie 5.00
 “ “ Robinson 5.00
 “ “ Johnstone 40.00
 “ “ Moore 10.00
 “ “ Miller 5.00
 “ “ Keith 20.00
 “ “ Linton 15.00
 “ “ Sutherland 10.00
 “ “ McMillan 25.00
 “ “ Smith 5.00
 “ “ W. Fraser 20.00
 “ “ Stewart 10.00
 “ “ McKenzie 10.00

\$205.00

For Prothonotary and Justices.

To R. Matheson \$44.00
 “ H.R. Narraway 5.00
 “ F. Wyatt Fraser 4.50
 “ A.W. McBain 6.00

“ Daniel Munro	45.55
“ W.F. McKenzie	4.15
“ James Roy	11.70
“ Donald Gray	31.76

\$152.66

For Constables

To T.M. Grant	75.00
“ P.O. Carroll	10.00
“ W. Oliver	26.00
“ Dan Chisholm	12.70
“ Albert McNab Grant	1.48
“ Albert McNab	2.56
“ George McKinnon Georgetown, P.E.I.	10.40
“ Detective Power	7.00

\$145.14

For Jail Accounts.

To J.S. Harris, Jailor	\$200.00
“ J.S. Harris, Board &c.	579.20
“ William Smith, Jailor New Glasgow, per acc't.	285.68
“ Hugh McKenzie, Westville Lockup	93.60
“ Hugh Campbell, River John Lockup	60.00
“ Commissioners Public Property, Pictou, per ac.	172.50
“ Johnstone & co. per acc't.	2.00
“ J.D.B. Fraser & Sons per acc't.	2.67
“ Commissioners Public Property, New Glasgow per acc't.	49.34
“ Commissioners Public Property Westville	81.25
“ Commissioners Public Property River John. per acc't.	61.04
“ J.R. McDonald per acc't.	3.50
“ Thompson & Sutherland do Lock Up, Stellarton	18.00
“ Melville McKean, arch't	112.00

\$1746.83

For Printing and Stationery.

To Colonel Standard	\$45.50
“ Pictou News	34.20

“ Enterprise	28.00
“ Eastern Chronicle	4.00
“ James McLean per acc’t.	1.85
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	\$113.55

Road Committees, Supervisors, etc.

To W.G. McKenzie per account	\$24.40
“ James Roy	12.12
“ A.W. McBain	130.20
“ A. McHardy	14.00
“ J.S. Fraser	18.80
“ F.W. McKenzie	11.50
“ D.W. McDonald	7.00
“ A. McDougall	3.75
“ John Fraser	7.40
“ Hugh Fraser, Lorne	2.50
“ Angus McMillan	2.50
“ James Roy	10.00
“ Hugh Fraser, Lorne	4.50
“ P.G. Fraser	2.00
“ Finlay McIntosh	1.00
“ George Wood	1.00
“ Thomas Cameron	1.00
“ James Roy, Merigomish	1.00
“ John Grant, Went’t Gr’t	1.00
“ John J. Irving 2 days	2.00
“ Joseph Fraser	1.00
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	\$258.67

Bushing Ice.

To Adams Archibald	\$35.00
“ John Cameron	30.00
“ Robert McKay	76.00
“ Alex McKenzie	9.00
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	\$150.00

For Miscellaneous Bills.

To Valuators	\$111.08
“ Auditors	40.00
“ John Ferguson, Recorder	28.30
“ M. Geldert, Crier	10.00

“ H.R. Narraway, B. Boxes	43.75
“ J.R. Collie, Health	5.00
“ Stephen Crooks	2.00
“ B.L. Huntsman	5.00
“ J. McG. Stewart, per Bye Laws	52.25
“ A.R. Watt, Prosecutor	250.62
“ Borden, Ritchie & co.	122.46
“ Stewart & Tanner	166.49
“ Pictou Steam Ferry Co. (Ltd.)	175.00
“ Carriboo Ferry	20.00
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	\$ 1031.95
Warden for Services and Expenses for 1890	125.00

Presiding Officers

Section No. 1.....	5.50
“ “ 2.....	5.50
“ “ 3.....	3.00
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	\$ 104.50

Revisors of Electoral Lists

For Dis'ct Nos. 1, 2, and 7	\$18.00
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“	“	“	3 and 4	18.00
“	“	“	5 and 6	18.00
“	“	“	8 and 9	18.00
“	“	“	10 and 11	18.00
“	“	“	13 and 14	18.00
“	“	“	15 and 16	18.00
“	“	“	12 and 17	18.00
“	“	“	18 and 23	18.00
“	“	“	19 and 20	18.00
“	“	“	21, 22, and 24	18.00

198.00

Commissioners for County Asylum \$7500.00

We also recommend the following:

- 1st. That Dr. McMillan be paid the sum of \$25.00 for Jails services for 1891 per agreement.
- 2nd. That the Commission to be paid Collectors of County rates for 1891 be 3 per cent in all Sections of the County.
- 3rd. That the sum of four hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$485) be assessed for Police purposes, and sixty five dollars (\$65) for fire purposes on Westville Police Division for the current year.
- 4th. That \$20 be granted for a Ferry between Carriboo Island and Main land subject to existing regulations.
- 5th. That the payments by the Treasurer in Treasurer’s account for 1890 as contingencies be approved of.
- 6th. That no Jail Fees be paid by the County.
- 7th. We recommend that no commissions be paid to the County Officials for collecting or disbursement of monies which come under their hands in the discharge of their duties, unless authorized by the Council.
- 8th. We have examined the accounts of William Smith, Inspector under the Scott Act. We find that he paid \$100 previous to December 31st, 1890; and that there was a balance of \$122.18 in his hands Dec. 31st, 1890, out of which \$100 has been paid unto the County Treasury, he retaining \$28.18 till cases still pending be settled.
We have also examined the account of James Murdock and find a balance of \$20.27 still unpaid and due County. And the accounts of A.R. Watt, the former Inspector for Pictou, showing a balance due him of \$250.62 for legal expenses in re appeal case Henry Gammon taxed against Gammon but which the Inspector has been unable to collect. We would recommend that in future all Inspectors consult the Warden before incurring any expense in the Supreme Court.
- 9th. We recommend that the sum of \$175.00 be paid the Pictou Ferry Co. as per resolution of Council, January Term, 1888, for subsidy.
- 10th. We recommend that the report of the appraisers appointed to appraise the damages on the abandoned portions of the Short Line Railway be approved and the sum

of seven hundred and sixty-six dollars (\$766.00) be placed in the estimate of the present year to meet the amount of said appraisement.

11th We beg leave to call the attention of Coroners to the law providing that no fees be paid to medical witnesses at Inquests unless the evidence of such witnesses be called for by majority of Jurors, and that the vouchers therefore be signed by the Coroner and Chairman of the Jury.

12th We also recommend that in future all accounts against the County be certified by the party ordering the work and material for which the account is charged.

13th. We recommend that one line of bushes on Pictou Harbour extend on the East River as far as the Northern limit of New Glasgow, and that an additional row be placed on the each end of Carriboo Harbour.

14th. We recommend that the salary and expenses voted for Warden for 1890 be paid as follows: that the executors of the late Warden be paid the sum of \$50 and the balance \$75 be paid the present Warden for expenses, etc. as Deputy Warden.

15th. We recommend that the Committee appointed at the April meeting, 1890, for the purpose of building a new Jail for the County be paid the sum of \$50, as remuneration for their traveling expenses.

16th That the Treasurer make immediate demand for the amounts due from the Towns for County Assessment, and that interest be charged on the amount due for taxes from the 1st. of July in the year in which they became due at the rate of six percent per annum. And also a similar demand be made on Municipal Collectors for the amounts still due on their Rolls up to the present time.

17th. That the salaries of the under-mentioned Municipal Officers for 1891 be paid as follows:

The Sheriff as Jailor at Pictou, caretaker of Court House, attending Council, Suits, etc.	\$200.00
Jailor and care taker of Court House New Glasgow	200.00
Jailor at Westville	75.00
Jailor at River John	60.00
County Treasurer for Salary and postage	425.00
For Road and Bridge service one percent of amount of County Road Grant	
The Municipal clerk for Salary postage stationery	500.00

Your committee submit the following estimates of the sums required for the services of the year 1891, 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 and River John \$525.00 less	
\$100 from New Glasgow.....	425.00
Revisors,.....	200.00
Collectors.....	750.00

Warden Councillors and Auditors.....	900.00
Assessors.....	530.00
Removal of Lunatics and examination.....	300.00
Maintenance of Lunatics at Mount Hope Asylum.....	2500.00
County Asylum for maintenance.....	8000.00
For paying accounts now due County Asylum.....	1500.00
Fire escapes for County Asylum.....	1550.00
Grand and Petit Jurors.....	450.00
Public Building insurance repairs& c.....	500.00
Printing and Stationery.....	200.00
Bushing Ice.....	150.00
Road Damages Committees.....	300.00
Board and bedding of Prisoners.....	700.00
Inquests and prosecutions.....	400.00
Contingencies.....	300.00
County Asylum Debentures.....	1250.00
Public Schools.....	10600.00
To pay Debentures for Eastern Extension damages to be levied as apportioned by Municipal Council on the 16 th day Jan. 1882 with Amendments passed 20 th Jan. 1886.....	3339.00
Interests on Debentures Pictou town Branch Railway Damages.....	630.00

\$36529.00

Less proportion for railway damages and general County rates payable by the Towns, New Glasgow, Pictou, and Stellarton, viz:- Pictou less \$101 for error in 1890....	\$2965.90
New Glasgow.....	2850.30
Stellarton.....	1858.12

\$7674.32

Balance.....	28,854.68
Damages old Short Line Railway	766.00
Total.....	29,620.68

To be assessed on the County of Pictou outside of the Incorporated Towns of Pictou, New Glasgow, and Stellarton for the current year of 1891.

The Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have agreed with S.M. McKenzie of the "Eastern Chronicle" of New Glasgow to print proceedings of Council for April 1890 and January, 1891, for the sum of \$65.00, the pamphlet to be size and type the same as that of 1890. Four hundred copies of pamphlet to be supplied.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jas. Kitchen
H.S. Fraser
Geo. E. Munro
Colin Fraser

John D. McQueen

Court House, Pictou, Jan.22. 1891.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion of Clr. Thompson, seconded by Clr. McQueen, the following Resolution was passed.

Resolved.- That Thomas McDonald, of Sunny Brae be appointed to the vacancy in the Board of Revision and Appeal.

Clr. Kitchen read the Report of the Committee on Law Amendments. On motion the Report was received and ordered to lie on the table to be taken up at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Clr. Dewar moved the following resolution, seconded by Clr. Mitchell.

Whereas- it has been brought to the notice of this Council that many accidents have taken place by falling into holes cut in the ice on the harbours and rivers of this County by fisherman engaged in spearing eels, be it therefore resolved that this Council instructs the Clerk to bring the matter to the notice of the members for the County in the Dominion Parliament with a view to the passing of some regulation that will protect the public from the danger now existing.

The resolution passed.

Clr. J.D. Fraser read the following Report of the Railway Committee.

Report of the Railway Committee
Court House, Pictou, Jan. 22, 1891

The Special Railway Committee met at 2 p.m. and appointed John D. Fraser Chairman, and John D. McQueen, Secretary.

The Petition of the Stewiacke and Lansdown Railway Company was read and considered, and it was agreed to recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted subject to existing legislation.

Signed,

J.D. McQueen
Roderick McKay
Colin Fraser

Signed subject to the Company's Act of Incorporation chapter 84, Statutes of A.D. 1886, Section 18.

John D. Fraser
James Campbell

On motion the Report was received.

Clr. J.D. Fraser explained the reasons of his addendum to the petition. Clr. McQueen stated the reasons that actuated the majority of the Committee, one of which was that in their own opinion to refuse an extension of time would be a practical breach of faith on the part of the County. Clrs. Dewar, Colin Fraser, Roderick McKay, J.W. Smith, A.J. McKay, spoke upon the subject, and on motion the Report was adopted.

Clr. G.M. McKay read the following Resolution.

Whereas by a Resolution of the Municipal Council of Pictou County passed on the 19th day of January A.D. 1888, it was in effect provided that a subsidy not exceeding eight thousand dollars be paid to the Stewiacke Valley and Lansdowne Railway Company Limited in lieu of a right of way in Pictou County on condition of the Company's Railway being open for traffic in said County on or before the 1st day of July 1891.

And whereas application has been made for an extension of time and renewal of subsidy in consequence of unforeseen difficulties having arisen delaying the completion of the Railway. Be it therefore resolved:

1. A subsidy of eight thousand dollars, in lieu of free right of way, is hereby granted to the Skewbacks Valley and Lansdowne Railway Company Limited in aid of the line of Railway proposed to be built by the said Company in the County of Pictou from Colchester County line through Lansdowne.
2. That said subsidy shall be paid to said Company from the proceeds of bonds which shall be issued by the Municipality of Pictou County falling due in twenty years from the time of issue with the interest payable yearly at the rate of five per cent annum upon completion of said railway from Colchester line to Lansdowne in Pictou County ready for rolling stock, provided proof thereof be furnished to said municipal Council on or before the 1st day of February A.D. 1895.

Moved by William McLeod.

Seconded by A.J. McIntosh

The Resolution passed.

On motion at 5.15 the Council adjourned until 9.15 a.m. tomorrow.

Tenth Day.

Forenoon, January 23rd, 1891.- The Council met at 10 a.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Nominating Committee beg leave to recommend that the following Committee be appointed as a Jail Committee to look after the interests of the County in connection with said jail, viz:-James Kitchen, Robert Dewar, James Campbell, Alex. Fraser, John Ferguson.

H.S. Fraser

A.J. McKay

Geo. M. McKay

Nom. Committee

Court House, 23rd January, 1891.

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

Clr. Kitchen read the following report of the Committee on the proportion of County rates to be paid by the Towns:-

**Report of Committee to Apportion Rates with Towns of Pictou, New Glasgow, and
Stellarton.**

To the Municipal Council of the County of Pictou, January Term, 1891.

Your committee appointed 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 Towns to the Municipality beg leave to report as follows:-

The Joint Committee agreed to take the estimate of 1890 as a basis.

The amount being.....	\$36, 579. 00	
Less for Eastern Extension Railway Damages.....	4, 939.00	
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		\$31, 640.00
Less off for Clerk.....	\$300.00	
Warden and Councillors.....	900.00	
Treasurer.....	250.00	
Revisors.....	200.00	
Collectors.....	750.00	
Assessors.....	530.00	
Printing.....	200.00	
Roads, etc.....	300.00	
Contingencies.....	250.00	3, 680.00
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		\$27,960.00

Your Committee has agreed with the Committees of the Town Councils of New Glasgow and Stellarton as to the amount to be paid by the said Towns respectively. Town Councils to the amounts to be paid by the said Towns respectively,
 Town of New Glasgow....\$ 2850.30
 Besides \$100 towards the Salary of the Jailor at New Glasgow..... 100.00 \$2950.30
 Town of Stellarton..... 1858.12

Your committee did not succeed in coming to an agreement with the town of Pictou. The Town Council claimed a reduction of one per cent on the amounts free upon in previous years which your Committee could see no adequate reason for, as the valuation of the Town has not decreased. Upon the basis of the previous years, the amount to be paid by Pictou Town should be 3,066.90. less than 101.00 an over charge in the last years agreement, leaving a balance of \$2965.90 to be paid the Town. Your Committee recommend that no smaller amounts be agreed on, and that an arbitrator be appointed by this Council in order that the provisions of the law in such cases may be carried out.

Respectfully submitted.
 James Kitchen
 John S. Fraser,
 A.J. McIntosh
 A.J. McKay
 Rod. McDougall

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

On motion of Clr. A.J. McKay the nominating Committee was instructed to name an "Arbitrator Committee" under Chapter 27, Acts of 1886, and an Arbitrator under Sec. 101 of the Municipal Incorporation Act.

On motion the Sureties on the Treasurer's Bond for 1891 were accepted and the Bond approved.

The report of the Committee on Law and Amendments was taken up to be read clause by clause. On the clause of 1888 Report, referring to auditors being read, Clr. Colin Fraser moved, seconded by Clr. McQueen, that the clause be struck out. The motion was defeated. On the clause referring to the election of Councillors being read, it was moved by Clr. A.J. McKay, seconded by Clr. W.S. Fraser that the clause be struck out. The motion was defeated. All the remaining clauses were adopted, and on motion the report as a whole, as amended, was adopted. The following is the Report as amended.

Report of Committee on Law Amendments
To the Municipal Council of the County of Pictou, Jan. 1891:

Your Committee on Law Amendments beg leave to report as follows:

1. That the amendments specified in Section (a), Subsections 1 and 2 of the Report of the Law Amendment Committee in January 1888 be embodied in a bill and submitted to the local Legislature at the ensuing session.

We also recommend as follows-

That the Surveyors of Highways appointed by the Council to discharge the duties by Chap. 47 fifth series upon written notice by a ratepayer that a bridge is broken, or the highway is dangerous or impassable shall apply to a Councillor of the road board who shall grant the said surveyor an order to forthwith proceed to cause the necessary repairs, which shall be his sufficient authority to order all persons liable to perform Statute Labour to work with the necessary implements and teams in order that the same may be passable and safe; and every person liable not complying with the order shall for every omission forfeit one dollar for each day that he is liable to labour by such order, but no person shall be obliged to furnish more days labour than he was liable to perform in the term previous to such order.

Surveyors of highways refusing to comply with such order of Councillor shall be liable for one-half the damage caused by delay. Such liability not to exceed forty dollars.

When the Surveyor of highways shall be unable to complete the necessary repairs with the labour at his command he shall notify a Councillor of the Road Board who shall order the Supervisor of the road in which the repairs are needed, to complete said necessary repairs.

We also recommend that Sections (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the Report of the Committee on Law Amendments in January Session 1888, be embodied in a bill and submitted to the Legislature at the ensuing Session thereof.

That Sec. 11 of said Chap. 56 should be amended by adding the following words; "Every candidate shall pay or cause to be paid to the presiding officer in the Polling district for which said candidate is nominated at least ten clear days before the time of

holding said election the sum of twenty dollars, which the presiding officer shall acknowledge.

The sum so deposited by any candidate shall be returned to him in the event of his being elected or by his obtaining a number of votes at least equal to one half of the number of votes received by the candidate elected in the Polling Section where the election is held.

That Sec.51 of said chapter be amended by changing the word *three* to the word *one* in said section.

That Sec. 8, Chap. 56 be amended as follows:

The Municipal Council may appoint more than one presiding officer in each Polling District and may fix the place where the Poll shall be taken by each presiding officer in cases where more than one presiding officer shall be appoint in any Polling Section. The Council shall have power to make all necessary regulations for the counting of ballots and declaring the results of the poll.

We recommend that eh Clerk be appointed a special Committee to prepare a bill of the foregoing recommendations and forward them to the Provincial Assembly for their approval.

Jas. Kitchen
Robert Dewar
James Mitchell
J.D. Fraser
Jas. T. Thompson

Clr. Kitchen read the Auditors Report as follows:-

Auditors Report

To the Finance Committee of the Municipal Council January Term 1891.

Your Auditors beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts submitted to them and marked the inaccuracies therein.

They have also examined the books of the Treasurer and the books and papers of the Secretary of the Commissioners of the County Asylum and found them correct and kept with much care and neatness.

They would recommend that all accounts rendered without the necessary vouchers or certificates be either returned or laid over until they are properly certified, and hope that this recommendation will be strictly carried out.

Respectfully submitted,
S.A. Foster
M.G. McLeod
Auditors.

The Report on motion received and ordered to be printed.

Clr. Kitchen read the following Report of the Committee appointed in April 1890 to provide for the construction of a new jail:-

Report on the New County Jail
To the Municipal Council of Pictou County

The Committee appointed at the half yearly meeting in 1890, to provide for the erection of a new jail on the lot in rear of the Court House Pictou, beg leave to report as follows:

1. The Committee met soon after the Council adjourned and after making careful inquiries came to the conclusion that the difference between the cost of a jail wholly built of stone and brick, and that of a jail partly constructed of wood, would be more than made up by the greater durability and lessened expenditure on repairs, of a stone and brick building.
2. Notices were accordingly published about the first of June inviting architects to send in plans and specifications for the erection of a stone jail with brick cells, on the lot above mentioned, and offering the sum of \$50 for the plan and specifications which might be accepted. Several architects responded to the invitations, and after careful deliberation, the Committee selected the plan and specifications submitted by Melville McKean, Architect Pictou.
3. Tenders for the erection of a jail in accordance with said plan and specifications were asked for by public advertisement, and following tenders were received:- McKean and Murray, Pictou, \$11,800; McDonald and Ferguson, Pictou, 12,700, Dan McDonald, Pictou, \$12, 250, J.K. McDonald, New Glasgow, \$17, 250| John McIntosh, Stellarton, \$11, 982, and D.W. Murray Pictou, \$11, 775.
4. None of the said tenders was accepted, but your Committee made certain modifications in said plan and specifications, with a view to reducing the cost, without impairing the security or durability of the jail, and sent a copy of such tenders asking him to state what reduction he would make in his tender, on account of said modifications.
5. All the tenderers replied, and on examination it was found that the tender of Messrs McKean and Murray, as so amended, was the lowest being for the sum of \$10, 660 and they having furnished adequate security the contract was filed with the Clerk and is now submitted for inspection.
6. The Contractors commenced work about the first of August and covenanted to finish the building by the 31st December 1890.
7. The work is not yet completed, but the Committee is of opinion that so far as they have gone, the Contractors have done the work well, and that the building is being erected in a workmanlike manner.
8. The Committee appointed Daniel McDonald, of Pictou, to be inspector, at a salary of \$2.50 per day. He has given his whole time to the work, and the Committee is satisfied that he has carefully guarded the interests of the County.
9. Payments amounting to \$6000 have been made to the Contractors, leaving a balance of \$4660 to be paid within a month after the completion of the contract.
10. The Committee thought it advisable that the Court House and Jail should be heated from one boiler to be placed in the jail and accordingly required the Contractors to excavate a boiler pit in the jail cellar sufficiently deep for the purpose mentioned, and to leave an aperture in the foundation wall through which

the hot water pipe to the Court House may be laid, if the Council deems it advisable to carry out the intention of the Committee. We are of opinion that if this project be carried out it will result in a saving of at least \$100 a year.

11. It became necessary to construct a sewer from the new jail to low water mark on the shore of the harbour, and the Committee entered into negotiations with the Town Council of Pictou, to ascertain whether some arrangement could be come to make this sewer a part of the proposed sewerage system of the town. After securing estimates and tenders it was found that a sewer of the dimensions necessary to suit the Town system would cost \$1200, while a sewer sufficient for the jail could be constructed for \$300. The best offer made by the Town Council was to pay one-half of the cost of the larger sewer, and accordingly your Committee awarded to the lowest tenderer a contract for the construction of a sewer sufficient for the jail. D.W. Murray, of Pictou, was the lowest tenderer, his contract price being \$300. The sewer has been dug and the pipes laid, but the whole work of filling in has not yet been completed. The sum of \$150 has been paid to Mr. Murray on account.
12. Before this sewer could be laid permission has to be obtained from the Town Council to run the same under certain streets, and from Mr. Russell Johnstone to pass across and under his lands between Water Street and the harbour. The Town Council gave permission to use the streets free of charge, and a deed was obtained from Mr. Johnstone giving the necessary easement for \$50.
13. It appeared to the Committee desirable to run the Court House cellar drain into the new sewer, and the Contractor was instructed to leave a T so that this connection can be made if the Council so orders.

The Committee begs leave to make the following recommendations:

1. That a Committee be appointed with power to have the new jail properly furnished, to have the necessary heating apparatus placed in the Court House cellar drain with the new sewer, and also to adjust all accounts with the Contractors, and report at the half-yearly meeting.
2. That application be made to the Local Legislature at the ensuing session thereof for power to issue debentures to cover the cost of erecting the new jail, including all expenses of architect, inspector, the construction of the sewer and heating apparatus, and the necessary furniture, and all other expenses connected therewith.

James Kitchen
Robert Dewar
James Campbell
J. McG. Stewart.

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

Clr. George E. Munro moved the following resolution:-

Court House, Pictou Jan.23rd., 1891-

Resolved that the Municipal Treasurer of this county pay over to the overseers of poor for Poor District No. 23 in said County the amount due from Poor District No.8, account, now in said Municipal Treasurer's office, for the support and relief of Mrs. Kenneth Ross a pauper in said District No.23. And also that said Poor District No. 8 be assessed for said amount.

Geo.E. Munro

J.D. McQueen

On motion the matter was deferred until the Half Yearly meeting.

Clr. A.J. McKay read the following Report of the Nominating Committee.

We your Nominating Committee do hereby appoint Geo. Gordon, of River John, as Arbitrator to adjust rates between the Municipality of Pictou County and Pictou Town.

We recommend that the following Councillors be Arbitration Committee under the provisions of Chapter 27 of the Nova Scotia Acts of 1886, viz: John D. Fraser, John D. McQueen, Rod McKay.

Court House, 23 January 1891.

H.S. Fraser

A.J. McKay

Geo. M. McKay

Nominating Committee

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

The Report of the Commissioners of the County Asylum was on motion read by Clr. Kitchen.

The following is the Report.

Report of the Commissioners of the Pictou County Asylum for the Year Ending Dec.31st, 1890.

To the Municipal Council of Pictou, January Term 1891.

The Commissioners of the Pictou County Asylum beg to submit the following report for the year ending Dec.31st, 1890.

By last years report the balance against the Asylum was \$10859.13. The total expenditure this year, including interest and Commissioners salary, amounted to \$8713.12 which together with last year's balance amounted to \$19572.25.

The receipts for the past year were as follows:

Received from Poor Sections	\$1387.03
“ for Support of Insane	89.53
“ From farm produced sold	111.93
“ “ N.S. Government for insane patients	203.50
“ “County Treasurer	5500.00

Total	<hr/> \$7291.99
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Which is being deducted from \$19572.25 makes liability of the Commissioners to be \$12280.26. Of this amount \$5280.26 is due the Merchants Bank of Halifax, and \$7000.00 by notes of hand to private parties, the former bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent, and the latter at 5 per cent per annum.

The Commissioners beg to call the attention of the Council to the fact that while they asked for \$6500 for the support of the Asylum for the past year, they received only \$5500 from the County Treasurer. This failure on the part of the County, to furnish with sufficient funds for the maintenance of the Asylum, together with an unforeseen increase of expenditure, has caused a deficit during the year of \$1421.13. We would further call the attention of the Council the fact that the whole liability of the of the County, on behalf of the Asylum amounting to \$12280.26 is now secured by the personal obligations of the individuals composing the Board, and we would respectfully ask to be relieved from this responsibility.

The following calculation is submitted, showing the cost of keeping the insane for the past year.

Total expenditure for the year	\$8713.12.
From which deduct additions chargeable to capital account.	\$86.57.
Amounts received for support of poor \$1387.03, less \$153.15 credited last year as due by Poor sections	1233.88.
Amount received for support of insane	89.53
Farm produce sold	111.93
Board of Government patient in 1890	20.84
Amount due by Poor Sections	344.38
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Making actual amount to be	\$6825.99

The aggregate time of insane patients cared for being 3397 weeks, it will appear from the foregoing figures that the average cost of the maintenance of each insane patient was \$2.01 per week.

The Commissioners submit the following estimates for next year:-

For ordinary expenditure	
Including interest and Commissioner's salary	\$8800.00
For fire escapes	1500.00
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Total	\$10350.00
From which deduct estimated receipts from Poor Sections etc.	\$1800.00

Leaving net amount required

 \$8550.00

The Patients in the Asylum December 31 were as follows:-

	Males	Females	Total
Insane	33	32	65
Poor	12	11	23
	45	43	88

The keeper estimates the crop raised on farm as follows:-

Hay, 17 tons; Corn, 3 tons feed green; Oats, 5 tons; Beans, 10 bushels; Wheat, 1 ton; Turnips, 70 bush; Beets, 50 bush; Peas, 10 bush; Barley, 2 tons; Gooseberries, 2 bush; Potatoes, 450 bushels; Carrots, 45 bush; Cabbage, 314 heads; Mangels, 800 bush; Apples; about 30 bush.

Referring to our report of last year, in regard to Fire Escapes, we beg say, that the plans for wooden erections submitted to Government having proved unsatisfactory, the Commissioners subsequently agreed to erect two iron escapes, which received the sanction of the Government, and the contract for the construction of the same has been awarded to Mr. John Stewart, New Glasgow, for the sum of Fifteen hundred and Fifty Dollars. These escapes are to be finished and placed in position by the 31st of January 1891. The Commissioners are convinced that they will prove much more convenient and efficient than those previously determined upon.

The Commissioners regret having to record a vacancy on the Board by reason of the death of the late Daniel Shaw, which occurred on the 17th September, 1890. we take this opportunity of bearing testimony to the assiduity of the deceased, and to our high appreciation of his personal character.

The Commissioners beg further to report that we have almost reached the stage when the accommodation will require to be extended, or the Poor patients will have to be returned to their districts.

H.R. Munro, Esq. M.D. has been reappointed Medical Officer at the same salary as last year.

The contracts for supplies for 1891, have been awarded to the lowest tenderers as follows:-

Mr. D.A. McLeod, for meat

“ William Miller for Bread

“ Charles McKinnon for Groceries

The following statements are appended viz:-

- A. Classifications of expenditure
- B. Balance sheet.
- C. Accounts due the Asylum
- D. List of inmates, deaths, admissions, etc.
- E. Inventory of supplies, etc. on hand
- F. Copies of all tenders for supplies received.
- G. Vouchers

All of which is respectfully submitted,
James McKay
J.W. Carmichael
James Yorston
Commissioners.

Re: Asylum Commissioners Report 1890.

P.S.

The aggregate time of all patients cared for in the Asylum in 1890 was 4628 weeks showing an average cost of \$1.83 per week, per patient for actual running expenses(as classified)

This appears to be an increase of 12 cents per week per patient as compared with 1889, caused by additional "interest" charges and other necessary expenses, outside *ordinary* maintenance.

The sum of \$9000 assessed for the Asylum in 1890 is yet to be paid to the Commissioners, the payments received from the County Treasurer in 1890 being for balance on previous assessments levied.

There is also a balance of \$1500 due the Commissioners from Assessments previous to 1890.

J. McD.

On motion the Report was received and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

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*.

R. McDougall, Warden
G. Stewart, Mun. Clerk.