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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

—OF THE—

COUNTY OF WELLAND

DECEMBER SESSION, 1883.

A. FRASER, ESQ., WARDEN.

DECEMBER 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1883.

Printed at the TRIBUNE Printing House, Welland, Ont.
Pursuant to order of the Honorable Judge J. G. Garner, J. Garner, L. E. Cleary, Miller, Miller, W. Stone, and Wilson, the Warden of the Ward, ordered the following:

The Warden, J. G. Garner, L. E. Cleary, Miller, Miller, W. Stone, and Wilson, ordered that the Ward be more than usual on account, and the following week procure for the Ward more than usual on account.
Welland, Dec. 3rd, 1883.

Pursuant to the call of the Warden, the Council met in Grand Council met. Jury Room on Monday, December 3rd, 1883, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the transaction of general business.

The Warden in the chair.


The Warden remarked that he had called the Council earlier than usual on account of court being held next week, and the following week preceded the holidays, and of any time this month he thought the present week least objectionable and trusted it was
Council, and that the resignation of Mr. Baxter, as Messenger, be accepted. —Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. McCleary,
That the resignation of Mr. Baxter, as Messenger, be accepted. —Carried.

Notice re By-law 490, Bertie.
Mr. Riselay gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill to confirm By-law No. 490 of the Township of Bertie.

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. McCleary,
That the communication from the President of the Woman's Suffrage Association be referred to a Committee of the whole Council, and that the resignation of Mr. Baxter, as Messenger, be accepted. —Carried.

Pursuant to the whole, Mr. A. Garner moves that the resignation of the Woman's Suffrage Association be referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

The Committee appointed.

Moved by Mr. A. Garner,
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Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. McCleary,
That the communication from the President of the Woman's Suffrage Association be referred to a Committee of the whole
Council, and that the other communications be referred to their appropriate Committees.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the Council went into the Committee of the whole, Mr. Anson Garner in the chair, to consider the petition of the Woman's Suffrage Association.

The Committee rose and reported the following resolution:

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Russell,

That the prayer of the petition of Woman's Suffrage from the President of the Association be not granted, as this Council does not consider that it would be in the interest of the ladies or desirable, and

Moved by Mr. Misener, seconded by Mr. Stone,

That the prayer of the petition of the Woman's Suffrage Association be granted.

Amendment proposed, and Mr. Misener calling for yeas and nays, they were taken as follows:—

Yeas—Messrs. Forsyth, Gainer, A. Garner, J. Garner, McCleary, Misener, Risley and Stone—the Warden requested that he should be recorded with the yeas, making 9.


Amendment passing in the negative; majority 2.

The original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Wilson, in amendment,

That all in the original motion after the word "Association," on the fourth line, be erased and the following inserted, "That this Council do memorialize the Ontario Legislature to pass a law giving to women the right to vote on all questions the same as men, provided they have the property qualification in their own right, separate from their husbands."

Amendment proposed and passed without a division.
Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Misener,
That leave be given to introduce a Bill to repeal By-law No. 372, appointing James E. Baxter Messenger, and for the appointment of a new Messenger, any rule of this Council to the contrary notwithstanding.

Leave granted.
Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Misener,
That the bill be now read a first time.—Carried.  
Bill read a first time in blank.
Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Misener,
That the blank in the bill for the appointment of Messenger be filled with the name of James Gilchriese.  
And moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, in amendment,
That the blank be filled with the name of John Botterill.  
A discussion arising, by consent the matter was laid over till to-morrow.  
The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Tuesday, December 4th, 1883.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock p. m.  
The Warden in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk and approved by Council.

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Sisler,
That the sum of $11.91, besides the amount granted, be paid to David Renard as payment for extra care and expenses in taking care of Simon Beckett, an insane destitute person, during his sickness and for expenses of burial.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hooker, seconded by Mr. A. Garner,
That the first report of Gaol Committee be received and read.
—Carried.

Report read pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Hooker, seconded by Mr. A. Garner,
That the first report of Gaol Committee, just read, be adopted.
—Carried.

Mr. Misener, Reeve of Wainfleet, presented an account of Mr. Thomas Willson, claiming an amount alleged to be over paid on purchase of Marsh Lands.

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. Riselay,
That the account of Mr. Willson be referred to the Finance Committee.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. Willson,
That the Local Committee on Roads and Bridges for Stamford and Thorold be received and read.—Carried.

Report read pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. Willson,
That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hooker, seconded by Mr. A. Garner,
That the second report of Gaol Committee be received and read.—Carried.

Report read pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Hooker, seconded by Mr. A. Garner,
That the second report of Gaol Committee, just read, be Adopted.
—Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.
AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p.m., the Council resumed.

The Warden announced to the council that he was obliged to leave the council board at 3:25 on business, and would not be able to be present again this session.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Griffiths,
That Mr. Misener, Reeve of Wainfleet, act as chairman in absence of the Warden.

Moved by Mr. Misener, seconded by Mr. Gainer, in amendment,
That Mr. Ramsden, Reeve of Humberstone, act as chairman in the absence of the Warden.

Amendment proposed and passed on a division.

The matter of the appointment of a Messenger, laid over from yesterday, was again taken up, by again reading the amendment for the appointment of John Botterill.

By permission, Mr. Botterill was heard at the bar of the Council in reference thereto.

As also Mr. Gilchriese.

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Misener, in amendment to the amendment,
That the blank in the bill for appointment of Messenger be filled up with the name of James A. Gilchriese, and that the salary be $48.00 per year.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the blank in the bill was filled up with the name of James A. Gilchriese and the words "Salary at $48.00 per year" inserted instead of the words "Same salary."

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Misener,
That the bill, as amended, for the appointment of a Messenger, be read second time.—Carried.

Bill read a second time pursuant to motion.
The Warden presented a telegram from Messrs. Thos. Irwin & Son, Hamilton, and also stated that time had arrived for him to leave and asked Mr. Ramsden to take the chair pursuant to the wish of Council.

Mr. Ramsden, complying with such request, took the chair and it was

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. J. Garner,
That the thanks of this Council be tendered Alexander Fraser, Esq., Warden of this County, for the very able and efficient manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of Warden of this County for the past year, and regret that he is unable to preside over the deliberations of this body until the close of the present session.—Carried unanimously.

Pursuant to motion the Chairman conveyed the contents of the foregoing resolution to the Warden, who, in a few appropriate remarks, thanked the Council for the satisfaction conveyed therein, and after wishing the Council, one and all, the compliments of the season, retired from the Council Chamber.

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Misener,
That the bill for the appointment of a Messenger be not now committed, but that the same be read a third time forthwith, that it do pass, be signed and sealed as required by law, and that its title be as in the bill.—Carried.

Bill read a third time and passed, entitled: “A By-law to repeal By-law No. 372, and for the Appointment of a Messenger.”

Moved by Mr. Riselay, seconded by Mr. Miller, pursuant to notice,
That leave be given to introduce a bill to confirm By-law No. 490, of the Township of Bertie, accompanied by a certified copy of the same.—Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Riselay, seconded by Mr. Miller,
That the bill to confirm By-law No. 490 of the Township of Bertie, be read a first time.—Carried.

Bill read a first time, pursuant to motion.
Moved by Mr. Riselay, seconded by Mr. Miller,
That the bill be read a second time.—Carried.

Bill read a second time, pursuant to motion.
Moved by Mr. Riselay, seconded by Mr. Miller,
That the bill be not now committed, but that the same be read
a third time forthwith, that it do pass, be signed and sealed as re-
quired by law, and that its title be as in the bill.—Carried.

Bill read a third time and passed, entitled: “A By-law to
confirm By-law No. 490 of the Township of Bertie.”
The Chairman presented report from County Clerk.
Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Gainer,
That the report of the County Clerk, just read, be adopted,
and inserted in the minutes of the proceedings of Council.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Yokom, seconded by Mr. Neff,
That the account of G. P. Moore for $1.68 be paid, the same
being for plank used in repairing Town Line Bridge across Lyons
Creek between Crowland and Humberston, and that the Warden
do issue his cheque for the same.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. J. Garner,
That the report of Local Committee for Roads and Bridges
for Thorold and Pelham, now on the table, be received and read.
—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the report was read.
Moved by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. J. Garner,
That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Willson,
That the Warden do issue his cheque on the Treasurer in
favor of Mr. Burns for $50 for salary as caretaker of Montrose
Bridge for 1883.—Carried.

By permission, the Finance Committee were allowed to re-

ter.
In due time the Finance Committee returned and presented
their report.
Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. McCleary,
That the report of Finance Committee be received and read.
—Carried.
Report read pursuant to motion.
Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. McCleary,
That the report of Finance Committee just read be adopted. Adopted.
—Carried.
Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Riselay,
That the report of Road and Bridge Committee be received and read.—Carried.
Report read pursuant to motion.
Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Riselay,
That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Misener, seconded by Mr. Neff,
That the report of Local Committee on Roads and Bridges for Humberstone and Wainfleet be received and read.—Carried.
Report read pursuant to motion.
Moved by Mr. Misener, seconded by Mr. Neff,
That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Chairman left the chair.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, December 5th, 1883.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock a. m.
Mr. Ramsden in the chair.

Members present:—Messrs. Barnhard, Gainer, A. Garner, present.
J. Garner, Griffiths, Herbold, Hooker, Mawhinney, McCleary,
Miller, Misener, Neff, Riselay, Russell, Sisler, Stone, Willson and Yokom.

The minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk and approved by Council.

The Chairman announced to Council that it would be necessary to revise the Insane-Destitute list at this session of Council.

Also, presented a report of Local Committee on Roads and Bridges for Crowland and Humberstone, which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Yokom,
That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. J. Garner,
That the second report of Local Committee on Roads and Bridges for Pelham and Thorold be received and read.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. J. Garner,
That the report, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Pursuant to the Chairman's suggestion, the Insane-Destitute list was taken up and revised under By-law 425.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Miller,
That the second report of Finance Committee be received and read.—Carried.

Report read pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Miller,
That the report of Finance Committee be adopted as read.—Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Chairman left chair.
At 2 o'clock p. m., the Council resumed.

Mr. Thomas Irwin appeared at the bar of the council in reference to the heating of the county buildings with hot air, and by the wish of members of council all visited the different parts of the building in company with Mr. Irwin. Upon their return it was

Moved by Mr. Riselay, seconded by Mr. Miller,

That after hearing an explanation from Mr. Irwin, respecting the heating of the Court House and Gaol with hot air, the matter be left in the hands of the Gaol Committee with instructions to make inquiry as to the expense and adaptability of heating with steam, hot air or otherwise, and report at the January session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. J. Garner, seconded by Mr. Stone,

That the Ontario Legislature be petitioned in reference to the “Torrens’ system of land transfer as per printed form presented.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Misener, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

That the Council do now adjourn sine die.

Mr. J. Garner calling for the yeas and nays, they were taken as follows:—


The chairman being called upon to vote, after explaining his position, voted nay and declared the motion lost.

Moved by Mr. Barnhard, seconded by Mr. Herbold,

That the salary of the Gaol Surgeon be one hundred dollars per annum, the same to include his fees for the examination of in—

Motion to reduce gaol surgeon’s salary.
sane persons confined in the county gaol, and all other duties devolving upon him in his official capacity; and

Moved by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Russell, in amendment,

That whereas, a portion of the members of this Council are very anxious of practicing economy,

*Be it therefore resolved*, that the salary of Gaol Surgeon be reduced $50; the Matron $100; the Clerk $100, and the Gaoler $100; by so doing all parties will be equally dealt with, as in our opinion those salaries have all been too high.

Amendment proposed, which was followed by a lengthy discussion, and finally

Moved by Mr. Mc Cleary, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, in amendment to the amendment,

That all in the amendment after the word "that," in first line, be struck out and the following substituted: "the salaries be not now interfered with, but the same be left over till the January session."

Amendment to the amendment proposed and carried on a division.


Moved by Mr. Mc Cleary, seconded by Mr. A. Garner,

That the third report of Gaol Committee be received and read. — Carried.

Report read pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. A. Garner, seconded by Mr. Gainer,

That the third report of Gaol Committee, just read, be adopted. — Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mc Cleary, seconded by Mr. A. Garner,

That the thanks of this Council are due, and are hereby ten-
dered to Mr. J. A. Ramsden for the very efficient and gentlemanly manner with which he has presided over the deliberations of this Council in the absence of the Warden.—Carried.

The chairman acknowledged the compliment contained in the foregoing resolution in suitable terms; and it was

Moved by Mr. Misener, seconded by Mr. Willson,
That this Council do now adjourn.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the Council adjourned at six o'clock p. m. Adjournment.
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APPENDIX A.

BY-LAWS.

CHAPTER CCCCLXVII.

A BY-LAW to confirm By-law No. 490 of the Township of Bertie.

BY-LAW—CHAPTER 490.

AN ACT acquiring land for a Public Road through Lots 15 and 16, in the Broken Front, Lake Erie, Township of Bertie:

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient in the interests of the public that a road should be opened and established through lots fifteen and sixteen, Broken Front, Lake Erie.

And whereas the necessary notices having been posted and published according to law, and in accordance with the Municipal Institutions Acts of Ontario;

And whereas Peter J. Edsall has consented to sell and convey for the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, lawful money of Canada, a road two rods in width along the south side of his said lot No. 15, to the lands of Edward Hawley;

And whereas the said Edward Hawley has also consented to
sell and convey for the sum of One Dollar, lawful money of Canada, a road two rods in width, along the east side of his said lot Nos. 16, commencing at a point two rods north of the line fence between Peter J. Edsall and Alexander Rose, and running south to Lake Erie:

Therefore, the municipal corporation of the Township of Bertie enacts, and it is hereby enacted by and with the authority of the same, that a road two rods in width be opened and established, and the same is hereby opened and established across lots Nos. 15 and 16, Broken Front, Lake Erie, which said road may be better known and described as follows:

Commencing at a stone planted on the eastern boundary of lot 15, at the allowance for road between lots 14 and 15, two rods north of the dividing line between Alexander Rose and the said Peter J. Edsall, thence south-westerly twenty chains, and twenty-five links, more or less, through lot No. 15, at the width of two rods along the said line between Alexander Rose and Peter J. Edsall, until it intersects the lands of Edward Hawley, thence two rods in width on the lands of Edward Hawley, south along the east line of said Hawley's land, eighteen chains, more or less, to the shore of Lake Erie.

Read and passed in Council this 27th day of October, A. D. 1883.

C. RISELAY,
Reeve.

JAS. E. MORIN, Clerk.

I, James E. Morin, Clerk of the municipal corporation of the Township of Bertie, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of By-law No. 490, passed by the said municipal corporation on the 27th day of October, A. D. 1883.

Dated at Bertie this 26th day of November, 1883.

JAS. E. MORIN,
Twp' Clerk.

Whereas, the said corporation of the Township of Welland, by their petition, have, by their petition, petitioned for the purpose of opening the area of ground, which is hereby conveyed, for the purpose of opening the same.

And whereas, the requirements of the said petition have been complied with insofar as the same can be complied with, and the said corporation of the Township of Welland, by their petition, have, by their petition, petitioned for the purpose of opening the area of ground, which is hereby conveyed, for the purpose of opening the same.

Be it therefore enacted by the said corporation of the Township of Welland, and it is hereby enacted by the said corporation of the Township of Welland, and it is hereby enacted by the said corporation of the Township of Welland, and it is hereby enacted by the said corporation of the Township of Welland, that a road two rods in width be opened and established across lots Nos. 15 and 16, Broken Front, Lake Erie.

Passed in Council this 27th day of October, A. D. 1883.

J. C. PAGE, Clerk.

A BY-LAW to regulate the location of the Welland Canal for the purpose of opening the area of ground, which is hereby conveyed, for the purpose of opening the same.
Whereas, the said corporation of the Township of Bertie have, by their petition now before this Council, prayed that the said By-law No. 490, be confirmed;

And whereas it appears to the satisfaction of this Council that the requirements of the law in relation thereto have all been complied with insofar as necessary by and on the part of the said corporation of the Township of Bertie:

Be it therefore enacted, by the corporation of the County of Welland, and it is hereby enacted, that the said By-law of the said corporation of the Township of Bertie, passed on the 27th October, 1883, and hereinbefore recited at length, be, and the same is, hereby confirmed and declared to have full force and effect from and after the passing thereof.

Passed in Council this 4th day of December, 1883.

J. A. RAMSDEN,
Chairman.

J. C. PAGE, County Clerk.

CHAPTER CCCCLXVIII.

A BY-LAW to repeal By-law No. 372, passed on the 25th January, 1877, appointing James E. Baxter Messenger to this Council, and for the appointment of a new Messenger.

Whereas, James E. Baxter has tendered his resignation to this Council as Messenger, and that such resignation has been accepted:

Be it therefore enacted, that By-law No. 372 is hereby repealed:

And be it further enacted, that Mr. James Gilchriese be, and
he is hereby, appointed Messenger to this Council, with same
duties as late Messenger, and that the salary shall be $48 per year,
payable monthly upon cheque of the Warden.

Passed in Council this 4th day of December, 1883.

\[\text{L. S.}\]

\[\text{J. A. RAMSDEN,}\]
\[\text{Chairman.}\]

\[\text{J. C. PAGE, County Clerk.}\]

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REPORTS

To the Warden and Council Assembled:

Your Finance Committee have had under considera-
tion the report, and recommend an application for an
increase of the Warden's salary, and that the Warden
be requested to report same:

John Appleyard & Co.

John Appleyard & Co.

J. J. Sidey & Co.

Geo. Cronmiller & Co.

Hart & Co.

Griffith & More.

APPENDIX B.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to submit this their report, and recommend that the following certified accounts be paid, and that the Warden be authorized to issue his cheques in payment thereof:

- John Appleyard .................................................. $ 3 25
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- J. J. Sidey ...................................................... 50 90
- Geo. Cronmiller .................................................. 1 50
- Hart & Co ....................................................... 1 81
- Griffith & McCollum ............................................ 5 25
SECOND REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to present this their second report, and herewith the following certified accounts, viz.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. McCLEARY,
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H. GRIFFITHS,
EDMUND MILLER,
T. L. STONE,
J. A. RAMSDEN.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 4th, 1883.
second report, and recommend the payment of the following certified accounts, viz:

W. H. Anger, printing.................... $3 60
Hellems & Garner, stationery............... 21 91
Edward Lee, plank for bridge at Harper's..... 9 39
W. H. Bone, printing.................... 3 00
W. H. Bone, printing.................... 3 60

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. MCCLEAKY.
T. I. STONE,
H. GRIFFITHS,
M. B. BARNHARD,
EDMUND MILLER,
J. A. RAMEYDEN.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 5th, 1883.

FIRST REPORT OF GAOL COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Gaol Committee, to whom was referred the communication of Thos. Irwin & Son respecting the heating of the Court House and Gaol with hot air, beg leave to report that in their opinion it would be advisable to send for Mr. ...in, in order to get a full explanation respecting the same.

T. W. HOOKER,
A. GARNER,
W. H. GAINER.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 4th, 1883.
SECOND REPORT OF GAOL COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Standing Committee on Gaol beg leave to submit this their report, and recommend payment of the following certified accounts, viz:

- Welland Fire Company, No. 1: $25.00
- J. F. Gross, for pump, &c.: $12.50
- James Foster, filing saws: $2.50
- J. B. Doan, straw: $5.00
- Henry Minnis, wood: $80.63

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. W. HOOKER,
A. GARNER,
W. H. GAINER.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 4th, 1883.

THIRD REPORT OF GAOL COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Standing Committee on Gaol beg leave to submit this their third report:

That your committee, after due consideration, would recommend that a new floor be laid down in the kitchen of the Turnkey's apartment;

Also, that a cistern pump be got for the use of gaol kitchen;

Also, that the caretaker of Council Chamber, third, following his cheque for the said room, and that the same be put therein.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 5th, 1883.

REPORT OF S. C.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Standing Committee on Gaol beg leave to submit this their report:

Your committee on town line between Henry Minnis' lot and Daniel Galbraith's was let to Daniel Galbraith for four dollars. The

Also, that the caretaker of Council Chamber, third, following his cheque for the said room, and that the same be put therein.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 5th, 1883.
Also, that the account of James A. Gilchriese for $8.50, as caretaker of County buildings from October 9th, 1883, to December 3rd, following, be paid, and that the Warden do issue his cheque for the same;

Also, that a coat of arms be got and put up in the court room, and that the court room be painted and a ventilator be put therein.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. W. HOOKER,
A. GARNER,
WM. McCLEARY,
W. H. GAINER.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 5th, 1883.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to submit this their first report:

Your committee have had the Montrose Bridge repaired by John J. Heximer at a cost of twelve dollars, and some plank put on the same by Daniel Morningstar at a cost of three dollars.

Your committee also found it necessary to rebuild the bridge on town line between Crowland and Willoughby. The contract was let to Daniel Morningstar for the sum of two hundred and four dollars. The bridge has been completed and inspected by
committee and found satisfactory, for which your committee would recommend payment.

The joint committee of Lincoln and Welland are at the present time having an iron bridge built at Wellandport; your committee advertised for tenders for the abutments and also for the iron work; three tenders were received for the iron work and one for abutments. Thomas Ray's tender for abutments was two thousand dollars.

The tenders for iron work were received at the following prices:

- Hamilton Bridge Company: $4,225
- Toronto Bridge Company: $4,110
- Thos. Ray's tender for a bridge to be built by Niagara Bridge Company of Buffalo: $3,600

Thomas Ray's tender for abutments was accepted. His contractor has the work well under way and is at the present time putting on the iron work, and the bridge will in a few weeks be open for public travel.

Your joint committee found it necessary to enlarge the abutments and to increase the number of piling, which will add to the cost of the abutments considerably. The contractor has, up to the present time, been paid the sum of $2500.

Your joint committee have also had the DeCew Falls Bridge repaired at a cost of $818.81 to this County and a like sum to the County of Lincoln; the work was done by Burnason & Moore.

Your committee have had the Port Robinson bridge replanked. The contract was let to Harry Selway for the sum of $447, which sum has been paid by the cheque of the Warden.

Your committee also present the account of McCleary & McLean for the sum of $28.80, for plank for the above-mentioned bridge, and recommend the payment of the same.

Your committee would also recommend that the Warden issue his cheque in favor of the contractor for the work done on the above

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Council Chamber
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his cheque in favor of Obediah Hainer for the sum of $6.79, for work done on approach to Wellandport bridge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH GARNER,
JOHN MISENER,
CRANMER RISELAY,
M. B. BARNHARD,
JOHN WILSON.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 4th, 1883.

REPORT OF LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES, STAMFORD AND THOROLD.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council Assembled:

The Local Committee for Roads and Bridges for Stamford and Thorold beg leave to submit this their report:

Your Committee caused to be built a bridge on town line near the farm of William Nichols. The contract was let to William Wilson for the sum of $92.50. The work has been completed to the satisfaction of your committee and the amount has been paid by the cheque of the Warden.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANSON GARNER,
JOHN WILSON.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 4th, 1883.
REPORT OF LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES FOR HUMBERSTONE AND CROWLAND.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

The Local Committee on Roads and Bridges for Humberstone and Crowland, beg leave to submit the following report:

That your committee received notice that a bridge on the town line between Humberstone and Crowland was out of repair, and having examined the said structure found that a new bridge was required.

That the contract was let to Edward Green to build the same for the sum of thirty dollars, which work was completed to the satisfaction of your committee and paid by cheque of the Warden.

Your committee also examined a bridge on the same road over the marsh drain that was built by Philip Carrier, which was also completed in a satisfactory manner, the contract for building the same having been let the year previous for the sum of seventy-two dollars, which has also been paid by cheque of the Warden.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. RAMSDEN.

J. J. YOKOM.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 5th, 1883.
line between said townships, one across the back ditch with stone abutments laid in cement and covered with oak plank, the other a small bridge south of the Air Line Railway, the two costing seventy-five dollars and built by James Harper, for which he has received the Warden's cheque.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MISENER,
J. A. RAMSDEN.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 5th, 1883.

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FIRST REPORT OF LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES, PELHAM AND THOROLD.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Local Committee on Roads and Bridges for Thorold and Pelham beg leave to submit this their report:

Your committee let by contract the repairing of bridge to William Patterson for $8.75; also Mr. Ecker for $7.50.

Messrs. Haney and Mallory, for rebuilding one bridge and repairing two, for $80.

Mr. Overholt, for repairing bridge, $3.00.

Haney and Mallory for repairing two bridges, $24.

Your committee examined the work and found it completed according to agreement and satisfactory,—which several sums have been paid by the cheque of the Warden.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WILSON,
JOSEPH GARNER.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Dec. 4th, 1883.
SECOND REPORT OF LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES FOR PELHAM AND THOROLD.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council Assembled:

Your Local Committee on Roads and Bridges for Thorold and Pelham beg leave to submit this their second report:

Your Committee instructed Philip Weber to repair five bridges, and furnish timber for same to the amount of eleven dollars, and the same has been paid by the Warden’s cheque.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WILSON.

JOSEPH GARNER.

Council Chamber, Welland,
5th Dec., 1883.
APPENDIX C.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY CLERK.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

The undersigned begs to make a report covering what was ordered by Council at June Session, and from the shortness of that session he was unable to complete:

The total insurance on the County Buildings now in force is $36,000; on Library, $1000; on Furniture, $1000; covered by the following policies, (all policies renewed this year being taken at 8-10 per cent. for 3 years):

Liverpool, London, Globe policy expires 9th April, 1886.
Renewed this year at 8-10 per cent. $4,000
Same company, expires 25th Sept., 1886. Renewed this year at 8-10 per cent. 8,000
Lancashire, expires 20th Feb., 1884, at 9-10 per cent. 2,000
Same company, 12th July, 1886, at 8-10 per cent. 6,000
British America, expires 11th June, 1886, at 8-10 per cent. 8,000
Same company, Library, 22nd June, 1886. 1,000
Northern expires, 20th May, 1886, at 8-10 per cent. 8,000
Same company, furniture. 1,000

Making a total, including library and furniture. $38,000
Paid for renewals of policies this year.................. $288

The Treasurer's Guarantee Policy for $5,000, in the London Guarantee Company, expires 1st April, 1884. His second policy in Guarantee Company of Canada for $5,000 expires 30th December, 1883.

The amount due by the Government for lands taken for canal enlargement has not, as yet, been settled. The land taken adjoins the lands sold by the County to Messrs. Thompson and Lee. In their deeds from the County "all lands taken for canal enlargement are excepted," but this exception was not sufficient in the opinion of the agent of the Minister of Railways and Canals, who requires that a quit-claim be got from Messrs. Thompson and Lee, wherein the particular land taken by metes and bounds are described. Mr. Thompson has kindly consented to execute, and as Mr. Lee has been absent from home all summer I have been unable to have his quit-claim executed; he was expected back about the 1st inst., after which he will execute at the first opportunity, which will then enable us to close up this matter probably before the end of the year. The quantity taken by the Government is 20 42-100 acres, part lots 27 and 28, in 4th concession of Humberstone, and the amount to be paid is $1,225.20.

A deed has been received from the Latimore estate for land taken in connection with the Daly Ditch, composed of part lot 25, in first concession of Wainfleet, comprising about 1 ½ acres, and the sum of $275 paid, agreeing with report of special committee consisting of Messrs. J. Garner and Lee.

The Messrs. Willson and Reevely mortgage has been paid and same discharged.

The amount outstanding on county mortgages, including interest for current year, is.......................... $10,686

The amount paid in during the year is.................. 10,173

I would suggest that in future each municipality should order their blanks direct from the stationers and then they can get just what they require and no more. With the present arrangement they get part here and part they have to order direct at all events, which seems unnecessary, which should be established was in used nor so many frequent changes are useless for new in office. By each as just enough would be more same

All of which

Clerk's Office, Welland, December, 1883.
which seems unnecessary work, and often double express charges, which should be done with one order. The system which is now established was introduced years ago when not so many blanks were used nor so many changes made in the municipal law, where now frequent changes are made, and blanks that are good for this year are useless for next—a quantity of such I have now remaining over in office. By each ordering for themselves would avoid any loss, as just enough would be ordered to fill the year, and I am sure it would be more satisfactory to the municipal clerks.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, J. C. PAGE,

County Clerk.

Clerk's Office, Welland,

December, 1883.
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PETITIONS.

PETITION TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PROVINCE OF ONTARIO RE LAND TRANSFER.

To the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:

The petition of the County Council of the County of Welland, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioners are desirous that some simple and inexpensive system of Land Transfer should be adopted in this Province, whereby land-holders may be able to deal with their lands with great facility, and may not be subject to the delays and expenses which are common under the present system.

That the present system of Land Transfer is objectionable on the following grounds:

First. It is expensive; and as the number of transactions increases, expense will increase also.

Second. It frequently causes serious delays, loss and disappointment to property-holders.

Third. It is uncertain; land owners having no guarantee of the soundness of their titles.
Fourth. It is complex; and by the increase in the number of registries, the investigation of title is constantly becoming more difficult and complicated.

That your petitioners have been informed that for the last twenty-five years there has been in operation in Australia a system of Land Transfer known as the "The Torrens System," whereby titles are rendered indefeasible, and as good as if held directly by patent from the Crown; and land has been made as easily transferable as a share in a bank or incorporated company.

That your petitioners are most desirous that a similar system be introduced into this Province as speedily as possible.

Your petitioners therefore pray:

That your Honorable House will be pleased to take into your favorable consideration any measure having for its object the simplification of the Laws for the Transfer of Land; and if it shall be found that the Torrens System has proved successful in Australia, to adapt the same to the requirements of this Province.

And further, that such amendments be made in the Laws respecting Real Estate, and the tenure thereof, as may be necessary to secure the effective administration of the proposed new system.

Signed, A. FRASER, Warden.

J. C. PAGE, County Clerk.

PETITION RE WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

To the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Parliament Assembled:

The petition of the Council of the County of Welland, RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:

Your petitioners have, upon the solicitation of a petition from
the Woman's Suffrage Association, of Toronto, had under consideration the advisability of extending the franchise to woman.

Your petitioners, after duly considering the matter, are of the opinion that, to allow women to vote on all questions the same as men, provided they have the property qualification in their own right, separately from their husbands, would be giving equal justice to all.

Your petitioners therefore pray, that you will be pleased to cause such legislation to be made as will include the extension of the franchise in the way above intimated.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

Dated at Welland, December 3rd, 1883.

Signed, A. FRASER,
Warden.

J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

PETITION OF WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

TORONTO, November, 1883.

SIP,—

It gives me much pleasure to inform you, and through you the Council over which you preside, that the Councils of the Cities of Toronto and Ottawa have resolved to petition the Ontario Legislature to grant the political and municipal franchise to women on the same terms as to men.

A precedent for such a concession is to be found in the fact that women are now allowed by law to vote at school meetings if they have the necessary property qualification, and there does not
appear to be any good reason for making a distinction in this respect between the school and municipal franchises.

The members of the Woman's Suffrage Association are well aware of the importance of having enlightened public opinion on their side in making application to the Legislature for so important a change in the law, and they trust, therefore, that your Council will concur in the action taken by the above named Councils.

As the Legislature will meet in a few weeks from this date, action, in order to be effective, will have to be taken as soon as possible. Appended you will find the form of petition adopted by the City Council of Toronto.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
JESSIE McEWEN,
President Woman's Suffrage Association.
APPENDIX E.

COMMUNICATIONS.

COMMUNICATION OF CANADA LAND LAW AMENDMENT ASSOCIATION RE SYSTEM OF LAND TRANSFER.

CANADA LAND LAW AMENDMENT ASSOCIATION.

Toronto, November 14th, 1883.

Sir,—

Enclosed you will find a blank form of petition to the Ontario Legislature, similar to that adopted by the Toronto Board of Trade, in favor of a law to simplify, cheapen and make secure the titles to real estate in Ontario; also a pamphlet explaining the alterations proposed. At present, not one landholder in a hundred holds a certificate, even of a solicitor, that his title is good, and most titles when examined are found defective. By the new system every man will have a certificate of his title, which will be as good as a bank certificate of shares. Land will then be as easily transferable as bank stock. All titles will be certain and guaranteed by Govern-
ment. There will be no necessity to search titles. The cost of selling and mortgaging will be reduced from pounds to shillings.

You no doubt have seen the matter discussed in the newspapers. This Association wishes to secure the influence of the Council of which you are Clerk. Will you kindly bring the matter before the Council, and if the petition is approved, get the Council to sign and put their seal to it. Then kindly send it to the member of the Ontario Legislature representing your riding, and advise the undersigned of your so doing.

Yours truly,
BEVERLY JONES,
Hon. Secretary.

N. B.—Munsie against Lindsay, tried May, 1882, in Chancery, at Toronto, is a fair specimen of the way farmers and other landlords are wronged under the present system. Lindsay bought in good faith Lot 9, Con. 1, Albion, County of Peel, about fifteen years ago, from Munsie. By the Registry Office, it appeared that William Munsie died in 1854, willing the property to his wife for life, after her death to his son Robert. The widow and Robert deeded to another brother, who sold to Lindsay. Everything appeared all right on registry, but on the death of the widow, quite recently, it was found the will to Robert was bad, as he was a witness to the will. The Statute of Limitations did not begin to run till the death of the widow, about 1880. The consequence is that Lindsay, although he and Robert Munsie had had possession over thirty years, loses his land. The loss has proved most disastrous. Under the new system such a thing could not happen. This is one instance, among many, of hardship and wrong done by the present law.
FROM J. H. BALL, ESQ., RE SCHOOL DIVISIONS.

THOROLD, August 22nd, 1883.

Sir,—

Having been in communication with the Education Department in regard to reporting the census of the school division of the Village of Niagara Falls, for 1883, as the basis of apportionment by the department to the school division, I have the honor to inform you that I have received the advice following:

"The Act of 1880, section 3, provides that the union school division shall be considered for school purposes as belonging to the village. Please, therefore, see that the county and village clerks, when reporting the village population as a basis of apportionment, report the whole population of the division, as the apportionment will be based upon the population as reported."

I mail herewith a copy of the above advice to the village clerk.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAS. H. BALL,

County Inspector.

J. C. Page, Esq.,

County Clerk,

Welland.
FROM TOWN CLERK, NIAGARA FALLS, RE PRINTED MINUTES.

Town Clerk's Office,
Niagara Falls, Ont., Aug. 15th, 1883.

J. C. Page, Esq.,
County Clerk,
Welland, Ont.

Sir,—

By direction of the Town Council I return thanks for the bound volume of County Council proceedings for the years 1879 to 1882, for the use of this Council, sent me some time since.

Yours respectfully,

J. ROBINSON,
Town Clerk.

FROM GENERAL AND MARINE HOSPITAL, ST. CATHARINES, RE PATIENTS.

General and Marine Hospital,
St. Catharines, Ont.
28th July, 1883.

To the Warden of the County of Welland:

Dear Sir,—

I beg to hand you below a copy of resolution passed at the board of trustees meeting on 16th inst., viz:

"Ordered,—That the secretary be instructed to notify the Warden of the County of Welland that patients from that County will not be received in the hospital, and that the Hospital Committee has determined to receive no more patients from the County of Welland than it receives from other counties.

Yours respectfully,

John Fergusson,
will not be received unless on payment of three dollars per week, or that the County contribute the amount in proportion to the funds of the hospital as the County of Lincoln."

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
JNO. L. HELLIWELL,
Secretary.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS RE HUMBERSTONE SWING BRIDGE.

OTTAWA, June 20th, 1883.

Sir,—

With reference to the petition from the Municipal Council of the County of Welland, forwarded by you, under date the 4th of April last, whereby it is asked that a swing bridge may be constructed to cross the Welland Canal at the 4th concession of the Township of Humberstone, I am directed to inform you that this matter has received all consideration, but that it is not found practicable to accede to the wishes of the Council.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,
A. P. BRADLEY,

JOHN FERGUSON, M.P., Secretary.

Niagara Falls, Ont.
FROM THOS. IRWIN & SON RE HEATING COURT HOUSE AND GAOL.

HAMILTON, ONT., Oct. 22nd, 1883.

Sir,—

We hereby agree to supply and fit up in the Court House and Gaol, in the Town of Welland, three of our No. 28 Boynten's latest improved portable hot air coal furnaces; supply all necessary brick work, carpenter work, hot air pipes, smoke pipes, registers and register frames (all register boxes to be made double and filled with plaster of paris); leave all in complete working order, and guarantee to heat the main building and wings in a satisfactory manner for the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars ($950). If this tender is accepted we will proceed immediately to put in the furnaces, and we will give you until the first of February next to test them, and if they are satisfactory at that date we require to be paid for them, but if not satisfactory we will give you until the first of May next, and then if satisfactory we are to be paid for them. But if the Council is not then satisfied we will remove them at our own expense, and leave the building in as good condition as we found it.

Hoping to receive your order on those (to you) very favorable terms,

We are, dear sir,

Yours respectfully,

THOMAS IRWIN & SON.
APPENDIX F.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REVISED LIST—INSANE DESTITUTE.

Half-yearly list of Insane Destitute—Chap. 26, Ontario Statutes.
Revised December Session, 1883, under By-law 425.

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Revised December 5th, 1883.

J. C. PAGE,                      J. A. RAMSDEN,
County Clerk                    Chairman.
PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY.

[copy.]

To His Honor the Chairman of the General Sessions of the Peace:

We, the Grand Jury of the said Court, beg to report:

That we have visited the Gaol and its various wards and find everything in good order, clean and well kept. The prisoners express themselves well satisfied with their treatment.

We, the Grand Jury, beg to congratulate the Court on the absence of crime generally.

To the County Council:

We beg leave to call the attention of the County Council to the leaky state of the roof of the Court House, which should receive your immediate attention.

Signed, JOHN MURRAY,

Foreman.

And 16 other Grand Jurors.

Welland, June 12th, 1883.

RESIGNATION OF J. E. BAXTER, MESSENGER AND CARETAKER.

Welland, November 26th, 1883.

A. Fraser, Esq.,

Warden, County Welland,

Thorold.

Sir,—

I tender to you my resignation as caretaker of the county buildings and messenger of the County Council. It is to take effect from October 9th, 1883. Also, find enclosed my account for time I have not been paid.

Yours truly,

JAS. E. BAXTER.