

Council Hall Barrie Jan 23rd 1866

The Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the respective Townships in the County of Simcoe together with the Reeves of the Towns and Villages therein met this day pursuant to the Act, respecting the Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada, 22 Vic. cap. 54, Section 132, and having filed their certificates of Qualification and Affirm with the Clerk took their seats in the Council

Present

- 1 William McClain Esq. Reeve of Ess. p. o. Claverhill
- 2 George Davis " Deputy do " " " "
- 3 George Clark " Reeve of King's Bay Pt. Waverly
- 4 Saunders Archer " Reeve of Glas " Amroble
- 5 James Russell " Reeve of Tattarasaja " ^{Dunthorn} ~~Amroble~~
- 6 John McKeggie " Dep. Reeve ~~Amroble~~ " Staynor
- 7 Thomas Parker " Reeve of West Gullibility " Bradford
- 8 Thomas Atkins " Deputy do " " Bradford
- 9 Robert Murphy " Reeve of Charlotte " ~~Bradford~~
- 10 John C. Steele " Reeve of Oso " ~~Bradford~~
- 11 James Johnson " Deputy do " Rugby
- 12 James Aberdeen " Reeve of Mulmur " Mulmur
- 13 Jonathan Sissons " Reeve of Despa " Barrie
- 14 Thomas A. Ferguson " Reeve of Amisfil " ~~Bradford~~
- 15 W. C. Little " Deputy do " ~~Bradford~~
- 16 John Keas " Reeve of Ordie " ~~Bradford~~
- 17 W. D. Strachan " Reeve of Barrie " Barrie
- 18 John McManus " Reeve of Freeman's " ~~Bradford~~
- 19 Thomas Saunders " Deputy do " Claverhill
- 20 William Reid " Reeve of Semdale " Staynor
- 21 George McManus " Reeve of Fries " ~~Bradford~~
- 22 Thomas Elder " Dep. do " Elder
- 23 Thomas Langley " Reeve of Ajala " ~~Bradford~~
- 24 Peter Small " Dep. Reeve " ~~Bradford~~
- 25 Robert Stewart " Reeve of Mission ^{Muskoka} ~~Bradford~~
- 26 George D. Marton ^{Esq.} " Reeve of Bradford " Bradford
- 27 John Craig " Reeve of Medonte " Craighurst
- 28 John Hogg " Reeve of Collingwood " Collingwood

The Clerk having called the Council to order, requested them to elect their Warden,
It was moved by Mr. Sissons that Thomas Parker, Reeve of West Gullibility be the Warden for the current year,
Mr. Parker requested his name to be withdrawn, and informed the Council that he did not wish to be nominated for the Wardenship.

Mr. Sissons pressing his motion, the Clerk ^{not wishing to rule in the case called for any expressions of the Council, which expressions of course, not having a second, were not put to the Council, was against receiving the motion, it not having a second,}

It was moved by Mr. Sissons sec. by Dr. J. W. Manus that ~~Dr~~ Marton be the Warden for the current year,
The motion was put by the Clerk and lost Jan 23rd 1866

It was moved by Mr. Reed sec. by Mr. McKeggie, that John Hogg Esq, Reeve of Collingwood be Warden for the current year, lost
yeas Messrs Ferguson, Clark, Russell, Hogg, Keas, McManus J, McManus J, McKeggie, Saunders, Reed, Sissons and Stewart 12
nays Messrs Aberdeen, Craighurst, Craig, Davis, Elder, Small, Johnson, Langley, Little, McClain, Murphy, Parker, Archer, Steele, Atkins and Marton 10,

It was moved by Mr. Russell sec. by Mr. Small that, William D. Strachan Esq, Reeve of the Town of Barrie be Warden for the current year, lost
yeas Messrs Strachan, Clark, Russell, Johnson, Keas, Small, Langley, McManus J, McManus J, McKeggie, Saunders, Sissons, Steele, Stewart 14
nays Messrs, Ferguson, Aberdeen, Craig, Davis, Elder, Hogg, Johnson, Little, McClain, Murphy, Parker, Archer, Reed, Atkins, Marton 14

There being an equality of votes, the Reeve of Amisfil being Reeve of the Municipality having the largest number of names in terms of Section 134, of the Municipal Institutions Act of Upper Canada, ~~being~~ the casting vote, against the motion, was lost.

It was moved by Mr. Reed sec. by Mr. McKeggie that John Hogg Esq, Reeve of Collingwood be Warden for the current year, lost

Yeas Messrs Russell, Hoff, Johnson, Keau, Small, Norman, J
Norman, J, McKeggie, Saunders, Reid, Sissons, Steele
Stewart 13
Nays Messrs. Ferguson, Aberdeen, ^{Adapt} Clark, Craig, Davis
Dyer, Langley, Little, McClain, Murphy, Parker, Archer
Atkins, Morton 15.

It was moved by Mr. Steele seconded by Mr. Johnson
That Mr. Adapt be Warden for the current year
lost. Yeas Messrs. Adapt, Russell, Johnson, Keau,
Small, Langley, Norman, J, Norman, J, McKeggie, Saunders,
Sissons, Steele, Stewart 13
Nays Messrs. Ferguson, Aberdeen, Clark, Craig, Davis
Dyer, Hoff, Little, McClain, Murphy, Parker, Archer
Reid, Atkins, Morton 15

It was moved by Mr. Parker, sec. by Mr. Craig
That Thomas A. Ferguson Esq. M.P.P. Reeve of Smioff
be Warden of this County for the current year

It was moved by Mr. Saunders, sec. by Mr. Small
That George W. Mann Esq. be Warden for the current
year. The Clerk put the first resolution in order. ^{Carried}
Yeas Messrs. Ferguson, Aberdeen, Clark, Craig, Davis,
Langley, Little, McClain, Murphy, Parker, Archer,
Reid, Atkins, Stewart, & Morton 15.

Nays Messrs. Adapt, Russell, Dyer, Hoff, Johnson,
Keau, Small, Norman, J, Norman, J, McKeggie, Saunders,
Sissons, Steele, 13
The Clerk thereupon declared Thomas A. Ferguson
Esq. M.P.P. Reeve of Smioff, duly elected Warden
for the current year.

On Motion of Mr. Saunders sec. by Mr. Davis
The Council adjourned until 10 o'clock,
tomorrow Morning -
Thomas A. Ferguson
Morton

Council Hall Barric Jan. 24/866
The Council met this morning pursuant to adjournment
This Hon. W. D. Adapt Deputy Mayor held a special session
for the purpose of administering the declaration of office
to the Warden Elect

The Warden Elect having taken the necessary declaration
of office, took his seat in the Council and called the
Council to order.

(Present All Members)
The Minutes of the last day of last session, and the
Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed
The Warden addressed the Council at considerable
length.

The Warden laid the following documents before
the Council which were read: - Communications from the
Crown Land Land Department with Warden's Answer thereto,
Petitions of Robert Hamilton by Mr. Saunders, South Simons
Agricultural Society by Dr. Morton, Communications of J. B.
Meynard Esq. County Treasurers Report with Abstract and
Balance Sheet, County Auditors Report on County Treasurers
Accounts of 1865 with abstract of the same.

On Motion of Dr. Morton sec. by Mr. Adapt
Ordered: That the petition of the South Simons Agricultural
Society be referred to a special committee composed of Messrs
Saunders, Adapt, Atkins, Sissons and the mover, to report on
at the present session.

On Motion of Mr. Johnston sec. by Mr. Keau
Ordered: That Allen Lloyd be Auditor for the current year
This Warden the Warden appointed Mr. Henry Seaser as
one of the auditors of the Corporation for the current year

It was moved by Mr. Parker sec. by Mr. Davis
That Messrs. Craig, McClain, Hoff, J. W. Mann, and the mover
be appointed a special committee to appoint the standing
committees for the current year.

On Motion in Amendment by Mr. Hoff sec. by Mr. W. Mann
Ordered: That Messrs. J. W. Mann, Little, Saunders, Parker,
Russell and the mover be a special committee to draft
the standing committees for the current year.

Messrs Archer, Aberdeen, Adolph, Clark, Elder, Hoff
Johnson Kean Langley Wmmanus J. Wmmanus J. McKee
Murphy Stewart Russell Reid Sissons Saunders
Small and Stewart 21
Messrs Messers, Atkins Craig, Davis, Little, McLain
and Parker 6.

On Motion of Mr. Kean Sec. by Mr. Johnson
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until
of defects this evening

Evening Session

The Council met according to adjournment

The Warden in the Chair

The Warden laid the following documents before the Council
which were read: 12. Communications from the County Clerk of
Welland, Co. Clerk of Carlton, & Chief Supt. Education, petition
of Robert Hamilton by Wm Saunders, Trustees of Grammar College and
Jeanmard School, & Andrew Melville Esq by Mr. Hoff, and
A. R. Christy Esq by Mr. Kean, Accts. of J. D. Taylor and
Boards of Public Instruction of several school Comites, and
Communications of J. D. McKinley Esq M.P.P.

On Motion of Mr. Saunders Sec. by Mr. Kean
Ordered: That the Communication of J. D. McKinley Esq M.P.P.
relative to the Georgian Bay Canal be referred to a Special
Committee consisting of Messrs J. Wmmanus, McLain Hoff Kean
Adolph Russell and the same to be reported on during the
present session

Report of Special Committee appointed to
equalize the Draft Standing Committee for the
Current Year, presented and read

On Motion of Mr. J. Wmmanus Sec. by Mr. Parker
Ordered: That the report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Kean Sec. by Mr. Johnson
Ordered: That the several documents now
before the Council be referred to their respective
Committees

It was moved by Mr. Steele Sec. by Mr. Saunders
That a Special Committee consisting of Messrs J. Wmmanus
Russell Sissons Davis Kean J. Wmmanus Murphy Craig and
the same be appointed to equalize the Assessment Rolls for the present year

Moved in Amendment by Mr. Adolph Sec. by Mr. Craig
That Messrs J. Wmmanus, Russell Steele, Saunders Small Craig Davis
Parker Sissons Murphy and the same be a Special Committee
to equalize the Assessment Rolls for the year 1865

It was moved in Amendment to the Amendment by Mr. Hoff Sec.
by Mr. Sissons

That Messrs, Wmmanus J. Craig, Parker, Murphy Adolph
Russell Kean Sissons, Little and the same be appointed
a Special Committee for Equalizing the Assessment Rolls
for the Current Year 1866

lost, Yeas 11 nays 15

Moved by Mr. Little Sec. by Mr. McLain in Amendment to the Amendment
That Messrs Small Aberdeen, Clark, Adolph, Sissons
Murphy Stewart, Reid Wmmanus J. and the same
be a Special Committee to revise the several Assessment
Rolls for the year, lost

Yeas Messrs Archer, Clark, Davis Hoff Little McLain
McKee Reid Sissons 9

Nays Messrs. Atkins Aberdeen, Adolph Craig, Elder, Johnson
Kean Langley Wmmanus J. Wmmanus J. Murphy Parker, Russell
Steele, Saunders Small Stewart 17

On Motion by Mr. Davis Sec. by Mr. Clark in Amendment to the Amendment
Ordered: That Messrs Parker, J. Wmmanus Langley Aberdeen
Little Russell Sissons Clark Craig Adolph and the same
be a Special Committee to revise the Assessment Rolls
for the Current Year, Yeas 14 nays 12

On Motion of Mr. Adolph Sec. by Mr. Small
Ordered: That a Special Committee consisting of Messrs
Kean Small Russell Clark and the same be appointed
to consider the propriety of memorializing the Commission
of Crown Lands on the subject of the approaching land
sale in March next, and asking for a change or
modification in the conditions of said sale so as to
give intending settlers possessed of but very small
means an opportunity of becoming purchasers on more
liberal terms than the present conditions offer

On Motion of Mr. Atkins sec^d. by Mr. Sisson.
Ordered: That the communication of Andrew Russell
by Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands be referred
to a Special Committee to be composed of Messrs.
Little Kean McLean Sisson and the mover

On Motion of Mr. Small sec^d. by Mr. J. Morrison
Ordered: that the Council do now adjourn until
9 o'clock tomorrow morning
Thomas R. Ferguson
Moderator

Council Hall Barrie

January 25th 1866
The Council met this morning according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

Present All members

The House Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed
The Warden laid the following documents before the Council
which were read viz. petition of Merchants of Bradford petition
Sisson by Mr. Parker, North Simcoe Agricultural Society by Mr.
Ardaugh, Reports No. 1 and 2 of County Surveyor communication
from County Treasurer, and petition of Barrie Grammar
School

On Motion of Mr. Ardaugh sec^d. by Mr. Sisson
Ordered: That the Memorial from the North Riding of
Simcoe Agricultural Society ~~be~~ referred to the Special
Committee appointed to consider the Memorial already
presented from the South Simcoe Agricultural Society
on the subject of Flour Mills

On Motion of Mr. Steele sec^d. by Mr. Johnson
Ordered that the several documents be ref^d also before
the Council be referred to their respective Committees

On Motion of Mr. Ardaugh sec^d. by Mr. Craig
Ordered: That the several Reeves do deliver to the
Clerk the names of those Gentlemen with their post office
address whom they recommend as local Superintendents
of Common Schools for the ensuing year

On Motion of Mr. Hogg seconded by Mr. Ardaugh
Ordered: That the Committee on Education be instructed
to recommend the names of nine Gentlemen as Trustees
for the several Grammar schools in this County for the
approval of this Council under the provisions of
the Statute of last Session

On Motion of Mr. Reid sec^d. by Mr. McKeegie
Ordered: That the Committee on Roads and Bridges
be instructed to report on the advisability of

making a grant of money out of the funds of this County towards the erection of a Bridge across the Nottawasaga River at some point between the Townships of Simonsdale and Glas, determined upon by the Reeves of the said Townships and the County Surveyor, so as to open up a communication between the people of the different Townships for marketing and for other purposes, an inconvenience which they have suffered for many years

On Motion of Mr Atkins Sec^y by Mr Saunders
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until 7 o'clock this evening

Evening Session

Council met according to adjournment

The Warden in the Chair

The Warden laid the following document before the Council which was read by Petition of E. G. Jones Communications, Clerks of West Guilford, Bradford & Barrie Cps, of Q. Cuv, and Senior Board of Public Instruction

On Motion of Mr Atkins Sec^y by Mr Russell
Ordered: That the several documents now before the Council be referred to their respective committees

Report of Special Committee on Crown Lands

Presented and read with accompanying Memorial
Moved by Mr Ardagh Sec^y by Mr Clark

That the report and Memorial now read be adopted and that said Memorial be engrossed by the Clerk signed and sealed by the Warden, and forthwith transmitted to the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Ottawa

On Motion in Amendment by Mr McLean Sec^y by Mr Little
Ordered: That the report and Memorial now read be not adopted, but be referred back to the Committee for further consideration

Report No. 1, of Standing Committee

On Finance and Assessment presented and read

On Motion of Mr Little Sec^y by Mr Russell
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted

It was moved by Mr Davis Sec^y by Mr Morton
That the Council do now adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning

On Motion in Amendment by Mr J. McManus Sec^y by Mr Russell
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

Thomas C. Ferguson
Warden

Council Hall Barrie January 26th 1866

The Council met this morning according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

All members present

The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed
The Warden laid the Report No. 3 of County Surveyor before the Council which was read

On Motion of Mr McLean Sec^y by Mr Davis
Ordered: That the Report No. 3 of County Surveyor now read be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment
Report of Special Committee on Agricultural Societies
Petitions presented and read

Moved by Mr Morton Sec^y by Mr Atkins

That the Report now read be adopted

At this stage of the proceedings the report was ordered to lie on the table until next sitting of Council by request of four members according to standing Rule

Report No. 2 of Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment presented and read

Moved by Mr Little Sec^y by Mr Saunders

That the Report now read be adopted

Moved by Mr New Sec^y by Mr Davis in Amendment
Ordered: That the report be referred back to the Committee with instructions to recommend that the Treasurer be allowed to employ an assistant for six months in the year at a salary not exceeding four hundred dollars per annum

On Motion in Amendment by Mr Ardagh Sec^y by Mr Sissons
Ordered: That the Report now read be not adopted, but that it be referred back to the Committee with instructions to amend the same by recommending the payment

if a sum not greater than \$100 for an assistant to the Treasurer for such time as he may be required during the first six months in the year, and that the time during which said assistant will have been in the office, be certified by the Treasurer to this Council.
Was Messrs Archer Anasah Clark Craig Davis Hoff Kean and Dr. Blair McKeggie Norton, Parker Russell Reid Sigism Saunders Stewart 16
Kays Messrs Atkins Aberdeen, Elan Langley Johnson Little, Wm. J. Williams J. Murphy Steele and Small 11

On Motion of Mr Hoff sec. by Mr. Davis.
Ordered: That the Finance Committee be authorized to report on the propriety of changing the Bank Deposit of the Funds of this Corporation and report at the present session of this Council,

On Motion of Mr Parker sec. by Mr. Davis.
Ordered: that the following Gentlemen Members of this Council namely Messrs Kean Little Anasah McLean and the Clerk be appointed a Special Committee to enquire into and report to this Council at the present Session on the late Sale of Land for taxes,

On Motion of Mr Little sec. by Mr Kean
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until 7 o'clock this Evening

Evening Session

The Council met according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

On Motion of Mr Atkins sec. by Dr. Norton
Ordered: That the Special Committee on Agricultural Societies Petitions laid on the table at the request of four Members at the last sitting of the Council, be now taken up and adopted. Was Messrs Messrs Atkins Anasah Craig Hoff Kean Langley McLean J. Williams, McKeggie, Norton Parker Russell Reid Saunders Saunders Small 16 Kays Messrs Archer Aberdeen Clark Davis Elan Johnson Little, Wm. J. Williams J. Murphy Steele Stewart 11

Report No. 1 Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges with accompanying By-Law presented and read a first time

On Motion of Mr McLean sec. by Mr. Elan,
Ordered: That the Report now read be adopted, and the By-Law read a first time be read a second time

By-Law read a second time
On Motion of Mr McLean sec. by Mr. Steele
Ordered: That the By-Law read a second time be read a third time, forthwith

By-Law read a third time
On Motion of Mr McLean sec. by Mr. Clarke
Ordered: That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be expressed by the Clerk, signed and sealed by the Warden
Report No. 1 of Standing Committee on County Property presented and read

Moved by Mr. J. Williams sec. by Mr. Kean
That the Report now read be adopted
Moved in amendment by Mr. Dr. Norton sec. by Mr. Parker
That the Report be referred back to the Committee with instructions to amend the same in so far as it relates to the Lockup house at Bradford by recommending that the sum of \$20⁰⁰ be granted for repairs and furnishings for said Lockup house lost.
The original Motion was then put and carried

Report of No. 2 of Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges presented and read
Moved by Mr. McLean sec. by Mr. McKeggie
That the Report now read be adopted, lost
Was Messrs Archer, Anasah, Clark Davis Hoff, McLean, McKeggie, Norton Reid Saunders Saunders 11
Kays Messrs Atkins Aberdeen Craig, Elan, Johnson, Kean Langley Williams J. Murphy Norton Parker Steele Small 13

Report of Special Committee on Communication from Assistant Crown Land Commissioner ~~on~~ on Lands presented and read with accompanying Memorial presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Atkins sec. by Mr. Little
Ordered: That the Report and Memorial now read be adopted and that the Memorial be expressed by the Clerk, signed and sealed by the Warden and transmitted to the Hon. the Commissioner of Crown Lands

Report No. 3 of Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment presented and read
Moved by Mr. Saunders sec. by Mr. J. Williams Parker
That the Report now read be adopted

Moved in Amendment by Mr. Little Sec. by Mr. J. McManus
That the Report now read be not adopted, but that it be referred
back to the Committee with instructions to amend the same by substituting
the following " But inasmuch as your Council is called upon to afford
some assistance to the Grammar Schools of the County, otherwise these
Institutions will become comparatively useless, and the agricultural
Societies are also urging for a grant towards the erection of sheds, mills,
to say nothing respecting the deplorable state of our roads and Bridges in
remote, though settled portions of the County: And to which there is a
deficiency from last year of upwards of \$400 between the receipts
and disbursements of the County, your Committee do not deem it
advisable to augment the Treasurer's salary either by providing
him with an Assistant Clerk or otherwise. Considering as they do
that the salary of Twelve hundred Dollars per Annum is a
very handsome Stipend, and from the fact that the Treasurer
receives over and above his salary of \$1200 perquisites and
fees to the amount of \$200 per Annum more out of which
he could very well afford to engage a competent Clerk for
the period required, without raising the rate payers through the
Council to engage or hire one for him. Furthermore your
Committee think that in the face of all this the heavy tax paying
portion of the Community would be very judicious, if your
Council thus voted away the public money at a time when
it is obvious to all that the County rates will be heavier
this year, than hitherto they have been, last
Year Messrs. Aberdeen Elder, Johnson, Langley Little McManus
McManus, J. Murphy Reid Steele & Small 11
Nays Messrs. Archer Atkins Ardagh, Clark Davis Hoff, Kean
McClain Morton Parker Russell Sissons Saunders &

Moved in Amendment by Mr. Little Sec. by Mr. J. McManus
That the Report be not be adopted but that the same be
referred back to the said Committee with instructions to them
to recommend that the office of County Treasurer be put up
to competition as it appears the present incumbent is not
satisfied to perform the duties thereof for the salary of \$1200
a year in addition of about \$200 a year of fees which he
receives last
Year Messrs. Elder, Little McManus, J. McManus, Reid
and Small C. Nays Messrs. Archer Atkins Aberdeen Ardagh
Clark, Craig, Davis Hoff, Johnson, Kean, McClain Murphy, Langley
Morton Parker Russell Steele Sissons Saunders Stewart 20

The original motion was then put and carried
Yes Messrs. Archer Atkins, Ardagh, Clark, Craig Davis Hoff, Kean,
McClain, Morton, Parker, Russell Sissons Saunders, Stewart 15
Nays Messrs. Aberdeen Elder, Johnson, Langley Little McManus, J.
McManus, J. Murphy Reid, Steele, Small 11

Report No. 1 of Standing Committee on Education
presented and read
Moved by Mr. Ardagh Sec. by Mr. Craig
That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion in Amendment by Mrs. Mr. McClain Sec. by Mr. Atkins
Ordered: That the Report now read be not adopted, but that the
Council do go into Committee of the whole on the same

The Council went into Committee of the whole upon the
Report of Standing Committee on Education, Mr. J. McManus
in the Chair, The Committee of the whole rose and
reported Report amended,

Moved by Mr. Ardagh Sec. by Mr. Craig
That that the Report now read as amended in Committee
of the whole be adopted,

On Motion in Amendment by Mr. Davis Sec. by Mr. Sissons
Ordered: That the Report now read be not adopted, but that
it be referred back to the Committee with instructions to make
the conditions that the Grant of \$150, be granted to each of
the three Grammar schools in this County, provided the Municipality
wherein the school is situated shall raise at least an equal amount

Report of Special Standing Committee on Education
as amended again presented and read,
Moved by Mr. Ardagh Sec. by Mr. Craig
That the Report now read be adopted
at this stage of the proceeding the Report was ordered to lie on the
table by request of four members in accordance with Standing Rule

On Motion of Mr. J. McManus Sec. by Mr. Atkins
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until
9 o'clock this morning

Thomas A. Ferguson
Warden

Council Hall Barrie Jan'y 27th 1866
The Council met this evening according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

Present all Members except the Deputy Town Major
The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed
It was moved by Mr. Braagh Sec^y by Mr. Clark Craig
That the Report of the Standing Committee on Education ~~be adopted~~
and that said Memorial be deposited by the Clerk
signed and sealed by the Warden and forthwith
transmitted to the Commissioner of Crown Lands
Moved in Amendment by Mr. McLain Sec^y by Mr. Johnson
That the Report now read be not adopted, but be
referred back to the Committee with instructions to strike
out all that part recommending a grant to grammar
schools, and insert "That the County is too deeply
embarrassed to tax the poor rate payers for the education
of the children of persons resident in Towns who assume
a superiority over those who reside in rural districts
lost Messrs. Aberdeen Clark Johnson Langley
McLain, and Murphy C.
Kays Messrs. Archer, Atkins, Braagh, Clark, Craig, Craig, Kays
Kear, McManus J. McManus J. McTaggart, Parker, Parker
Russell Reid, Saunders, Saunders, and Stewart 18

The Original Motion was then put and carried
The Warden laid a communication from Skiff Smith
before the Council which was read

Report of Special Committee
on Crown Lands with accompanying Memorial presented and
On Motion of Mr. Braagh Sec^y by Mr. Clark
Ordered that the Report and Memorial now read be adopted
and that said Memorial be deposited by the Clerk
signed and sealed by the Warden, and forthwith
transmitted to the Commissioner of Crown Lands

Report No. 1 of Standing Committee on
Antijonensis presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Murphy Sec^y by Mr. Johnson
Ordered that the report now read
be adopted.

Report (No. 3) of Standing Committee on Finance and
Assessment presented and read
On Motion of Mr. Kays Sec^y by Mr. Kays
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Kear Sec^y by Mr. Kays
Ordered that the Council do now adjourn until
Monday next at 3 o'clock P.M.

Thomas P. Ferguson
Warden

Council Hall Barrie Jan'y 29 1866
The Council met this evening according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

Present Messrs. Archer, Atkins, Aberdeen, Braagh, Clark, Craig, Craig,
Elder, Kays, Johnson, Kear, Langley, Little, McLain, McManus G.
McManus J., Parker, Reid, Steele, Persons, Saunders, Stewart
22,
The Minutes of the last days ^{minutes} were read and confirmed
Report No. 1 of Standing Committee
on Printing presented and read

On Motion of Mr. Davis Sec^y by Mr. Atkins
Ordered that the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Atkins Sec^y by Mr. Davis
Ordered that the Council do now adjourn until
7 o'clock this evening
Evening Session

The Council met according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair
Report No. 2 of Standing Committee on Printing
presented and read
Moved by Mr. Davis Sec^y by Mr. Atkins
That the Report now read be adopted

On Motion of Mr. Saunders Sec^y by Mr. Kear in Amendment
Ordered that the Report now read be not adopted, but
that the Council do go into committee of the whole on
the same

The Council went into Committee of the whole
Mr. Parker in the Chair,
The Committee of the whole rose and reported the Report
No. 2 of the standing Committee on printing Amended
On Motion of Mr. Davis Sec^y by Mr. Archer
Ordered: That the Report now read as amended
in Committee of the whole be adopted,

Moved by Mr. Davis Sec^y by Mr. Little
Ordered: That the names of Messrs Sissons and Hogg
be added to the printing Committee

On Motion in Amendment by Mr. Atkins Sec^y by Mr. Keaw
Ordered: That the names of Thomas John Hogg Esq.
Reeve of Collingwood and Thomas Saunders Esq Deputy
Reeve of Tecomset be added to the Committee
on printing for the current year,

On Motion of Mr. Adams Sec^y by Mr. Hogg
Ordered: That the invitation of the president
of the Huron and Ontario Ship Canal Company
to the Council to visit Toronto, and meet the County
Council of York the city of Toronto, and other
interested in the construction of the canal and
discuss the prospects of that work be accepted
for Wednesday next and that the Warden be
requested to notify Mr. Capwell of the intentions of
the Council Wm. Messrs. Under Atkins except Hogg John Long Little Parker
Parker, Reid, Steele, Sissons, 14 names Messrs Aberdeen, Keaw, Keaw, Wm. Messrs & Wm. Messrs
Saunders & Saunders

On Motion of Mr. Hogg Sec^y by Mr. Little
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn
until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

Thomas R. Ferguson
Warden

Council Hall Room

January 30th 1866

The Council met this morning according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

Present: Messrs. Archer, Atkins, Aberdeen, and also Clark, Craig,
Davis, Haer, Hogg, Johnson, Keaw, Langley, Little, McLean, Wm. Messrs,
Wm. Messrs, ~~Wm. Messrs~~ Parker, Reid, Steele, Sissons, Saunders, Stewart
The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed
It was moved by Mr. Parker Sec^y by Mr. Davis Sec^y
That the names of Messrs Sissons and Little be added to the
printing Committee, lost

On Motion of Mr. Davis Sec^y by Mr. Archer
Ordered: That the Clerk be instructed to write to the
several printing offices in this County, also to R. Russell
N. C. Chevrolet, Wm. J. Small, and the Waterman Toronto,
and let them know that tenders will be received at the
Clerks office up to 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday the 6th
day of February next for the printing for this Council for
the current year, and that he furnish each of said
offices with a copy of Blank Form as approved of by
this Council

On Motion of Mr. Davis Sec^y by Mr. Keaw
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn
until 7 o'clock this evening -
Evening Session

The Council met according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair.

Report No. 2 of Standing Committee on Finance County Report
presented and read.

On Motion of Mr. G. Wm. Messrs Sec^y by Mr. Keaw
Ordered: That the report now read be adopted

Report No. 4 of Standing Committee on Finance
and assessment presented and read
Moved by Mr. Little Sec^y by Mr. Hogg
That the report now read be adopted
at this stage of the proceedings the report was ordered
to lie on the table until next meeting of Council in
attendance with standing Rule

On Motion of Mr. Hogg Secy. by Mr. Sissons
Ordered: That the Commencement of the County Treasurer
on Subject of assistance in his office to enable him more
satisfactorily to perform the very onerous duties imposed
upon him by several acts of Parliament be printed in the
Minutes with the Report of the Committee on the same

On Motion of Mr. M'Manus Secy. by Mr. M'Clain
Ordered: That the County Treasurer be required to pay
the publisher of the Law Journal and local Court Gazette
for those ordered last year, and that the Clerk of this
Council do order that the same be discontinued
save and except one copy of each for the use of this
Council -

On Motion of Mr. Adolph Secy. by Mr. Clark
Ordered: That the Warden in his capacity as
Member of Parliament be requested to proceed with
the obtaining of the Charter for the County Bank
at the next Session of Parliament if it can be done
without any further expense to the County than the
sum already appropriated for the purpose, and
that the necessary notices be inserted in the
Gazette and local newspapers by the Clerk

It was moved by Mr. J. M'Manus Secy. by Mr. J. M'Manus
That the Council do now adjourn until the third
Monday in June next,

On Motion in Amendment by Mr. Hogg Secy. by Mr. Davis
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until
9 o'clock tomorrow evening

Thomas R. Ferguson
Warden

Council Hall Barrie Jan'y 31st 1866
The Council met this evening according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair

Present Messrs Archer, Atkins Aberdeen, Adolph, Clark, Craig,
Davis, Elan, Hogg, Johnson, Kean, Laugel, Little, M'Clain, M'Manus,
J. M'Manus, J. Murphy, Parker, Reid, Steele, Sissons, Saunders
Stewart,

On Motion of Mr. Little Secy. by Mr. Davis
Ordered: That the report laid on the table last evening be
now taken up, and that the Council do go into Committee
of the whole on the same

The Council went into Committee of the whole
Mr. J. M'Manus in the Chair

The Committee of the whole rose and reported
Report No. 4 of the Standing Committee on Finance and
Assessment amended

On Motion of Mr. Little Secy. by Mr. Parker
Ordered: That the report now read as amended in
Committee of the whole be adopted
Messrs Sissons, Archer, Adolph, Clark, Davis, Johnson, Kean,
Laugel, Little, M'Clain, M'Manus, J. M'Manus, J. Murphy, Parker,
Reid, Steele, Sissons, Saunders, Stewart 18
Nays Mr. Hogg -

On Motion of Mr. Davis Secy. by Mr. Sissons
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until
9 o'clock tomorrow evening

Thomas R. Ferguson
Warden

Council Hall Buncie. Sep. 1st. 1866
The Council met this morning according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair
Present Messrs. Archer, Adolph Clark, Craig Davis Elder,
Hogg, Johnson, Keen, Linsley, Little, M. Clain
M. Mansel, M. Mansel, Murphy, Parker, Reil, Steele
Sissons, Saunders and Stewart
The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed

Report No. 2 of Standing Committee
on Contingencies presented and read
On Motion of Mr. Murphy Sec. by Mr. Stewart
Ordered: That the Report now read and ^{adopted} confirmed
Report No. 5 of Standing Committee
on Finance and Assessment presented and read
It was moved by Mr. Saunders Sec. by Mr. Hogg
That the report now read be adopted
At this stage of the proceedings the Report was ordered
to lie on the table until next meeting of the Council
according to Standing Rules.

On Motion of Mr. Davis Sec. by Mr. Sissons
Ordered: That a special Committee of seven be appointed
by the Warden to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature
to legalize all land sales for taxes
The Warden named Messrs. Davis, Adolph Saunders,
Parker, Little, Craig, and S. M. Mansel to be such Committee

On Motion of Mr. Parker Sec. by Mr. Davis
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until
I delight this evening -

Evening Session
The Council met according to adjournment
The Warden in the Chair
It was moved by Mr. Saunders Sec. by Mr. Keen
That the report laid over from the last sitting
of the Council be now taken up and
adopted
It was moved in Amendment
by Mr. Little seconded by Mr. Davis Parker

That the report be not now adopted, but be referred back to the
Committee for the purpose of amending the same by striking out
all after the words "assessment" on the second line to the words
"respectfully" submitted on the last line and substituting the
following: - To whom we referred the petition of D. C. Jones Esq
praying for reimbursement of moneys paid by him for certain
unpatented lands illegally sold by the Sheriff (many years ago)
for arrears of taxes, would report: That in considering the claim
application of the isolated case before them, your Committee were
led to a general consideration of the sales of lands for arrears
of taxes in the county for the last 12 years or perhaps they
might say twenty years, and deeply deplored to have to expose
it on their opinion that few indeed, if any such sales can be
deemed as being originated and carried out to completion in strict
accordance with Law, and that in consequence thereof numbers of
our resident people, and numbers of other ^{parties} people from time to time
attended such sales and became purchasers, paid their money
and obtained Sheriff's deeds, had to be feared in almost
every case, and therefore in no better position perhaps in any case
than the petitioner Mr. Jones as regards the money they have paid
and no value received, but actually worse in very many
instances, because of their having made improvements on the lands
under the supposition of having a good title, when in reality they
have no title at all, save what the right of possession and the
right Statute of limitation may subsequently afford them,
that under such circumstances and the full knowledge of
the fact, that the case of the petitioner (Mr. Jones) is one of a
number of the same class that have litigated upon, and that
the Law Courts of the County pronounced and declared your
County not liable for, and knowing or reasonably supposing that
as your Committee must that settlement of the present claim
is only the precursor of the applications of all others for similar
arrangements, and as a matter of consequence should the claim
be now settled could not be denied, feel bound to state that
however just the claim may appear to be, they cannot
recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, for
the present at least, inasmuch as your Treasurer has no
surplus funds of the Township Corporation (immediately
concerned) in his hands or under his control, but on the
contrary they are, and now stand indebted to the County
in very large amounts, and further that he has no funds of
the County of the County in hands unappropriated to pay to
people

Simple fraction, even if the amount claimed was raised by your Council, but instead thereof the Treasury of your County is at this moment not only exhausted, but what in reality was never the case before, the liabilities and the sums paid out, exceed the amount levied for the last fiscal year ending the 31st December last by nearly, if not fully, \$4000, so his council members, and still further, that the amount levied by your Council in the last June session will in all probability, if not to a certainty fall short some \$4000, of meeting the ordinary demands up to the 31st December next (1866) and that with the summing for the anticipated indeed certain deficits, and some other few matters pending settlement, and providing at the next June session of your Council for the wants of the year 1867 the levy cannot be less than \$56,000 an increase over and above the amount levied in 1864 of upwards of 40 per cent, or an increase in other words of some \$23,000, and that to add still further oppressive rates upon the people of this County, by paying at this time demands that can be deferred, and opening wide the door for further disbursements and payments to outside land speculators whose sole design are to grow rich at the expense of the hard working men of the land, and that too without endeavoring to obtain legislative aid and protection for our own suffering people, would be premature, nay more, rash and injudicious in the extreme.

That your Committee, would advise your Council that they earnestly and heartily desire to see equal and even handed justice done to all parties, as matters from whom they came, or whom they are, and to this end would recommend that a Memorial be prepared, and presented to the several branches of the Legislature of the Province at the ensuing session of Parliament praying for some enactment to remedy the evils that prevail because of the numerous illegal sales that unfortunately have been made, and that in such enactment special provisions be inserted so as to meet the peculiar case of the petitioner (Mr Jones) and others similarly circumstanced, and until the action of the Legislature be sought and if possible obtained the case of the petitioner be deferred, as no special or particular inconveniences can accrue to the petitioner from the few months of delay, while on the other hand a hasty settlement or step of your Council may prejudice

the application for some just and reasonable legislation that might and doubtless will be obtained to meet the requirements of and necessities of all parties concerned.

On Motion in Amendment to the Amendment by Mr Steele Sec^y by Mr Johnson

Ordered: That the report be referred back to the Committee with instructions to amend the same by inserting the following clause, viz: (your Committee would recommend that Mr. E. C. Jones be paid by your Treasurer the actual amount paid by him to this County for unpatented Lands illegally sold for taxes, and that the Treasurer be instructed to ascertain as near as may be the apportionment justly chargeable to the local Municipalities more particularly interested, and debit them accordingly, your Committee have the less hesitation in recommending this course since they have ascertained that all of the lands thus sold to Mr Jones and for which he have taken his money and used it for our own purposes have been resumed by the Crown, and are included in the advertised lists of Crown Lands now offered for sale in March first, and seeing therefore no action the Government may feel disposed to take with reference to the prayer of the any petition which may be adopted by your Council at the present sitting asking them to legalize the sales of land sold illegally for taxes or supposed to be, cannot be expected in any case to affect the Lands for which Mr Jones now claims repayment.

Wear Messrs Craig, Johnson, Kean, Langley, McLain, McManus G, McManus, Steele, Simons, Saunders and Stewart 11
Nays Messrs, Davis, Hoff, Little, Murphy and Reed 5

Report of Special Committee on Land tax sales, with accompanying Memorial presented and read

On Motion of Mr. McManus Sec^y by Mr. Craig
Ordered: That the report and Memorial now read be adopted, that the Memorial be engrossed by the Clerk, signed and sealed by the Moderator and by him be transmitted to the Governor General in Council.

It was moved by Mr Parker Sec^y by Mr Davis that the Council do now adjourn until the third

Third Monday in June next, and then to meet at
2 o'clock P.M., last
Gives Messrs Parker & Davis 2
Gives Messrs Craig Hoff, Johnson, Keau Langley
Little Wmmanus & Wmmanus, Reid Steele Pissom
Saunders and Stewart 14.

Report No. 5 of Standing Committee on
Finance and Assessment as amended again
presented and read
It was moved by Mr. Saunders Sec. by Mr. Steele
That the report now read as amended be adopted

It was moved in Amendment by Mr. Little Sec. by Mr. Davis
That the report now read as amended be not adopted
but that it be referred to a Committee of the whole
Council, last.

The original motion was then put and carried
Gives Messrs Craig Hoff, Johnson, Keau, Langley Wmmanus
Wmmanus, Reid Steele Pissom Saunders
and Stewart 13 Says Mr. Davis - 1

On Motion of Mr. S. Wmmanus Sec. by Mr. Davis
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until
and stand adjourned until the third Monday
in June next at 2 o'clock P.M.

W. P. Little
Chairman

Minutes of June session Council Hall Berrie June 4th 1866

The Council met this morning according to special
notice from the Warden.

All members present except the Warden who was
summarily called to the defence of the Country.
In the absence of the Warden the Clerk called the
Council to order and requested them to appoint a
Chairman, whereupon it was moved by Mr. Clinton
Sec. by Mr. Wmmanus: That W. P. Little Esq. do act as
Chairman, which was carried unanimously -
Chairman called the Council to order. The minutes of last day of last session were read.

The Chairman presented the following documents to
the Council which were read viz -
Com. from F. C. Capreol Esq. Edmund Kelly Esq. and the
Bureau of Agriculture and Statistics

On Motion of Mr. Ordway Sec. by Mr. Craig
Ordered: That the several documents now before the
Council be referred to their respective Committees

On Motion of Mr. Stanton Sec. by Mr. Hoff
Ordered: That the Treasurer be and is hereby instructed
to pay to the order of the Reeve of any Municipality in
the County for the benefit of any family or families
who are in need of assistance in consequence of the
Absence or support of said family being engaged on Military
Duty for the defence of our Country, any sum at the
discretion of said Reeve not exceeding the sum of
three dollars per week for each such family

On Motion of Mr. Keau Sec. by Mr. Johnson
Ordered: That the Council do now adjourn until
10 o'clock tomorrow morning

W. P. Little
Chairman