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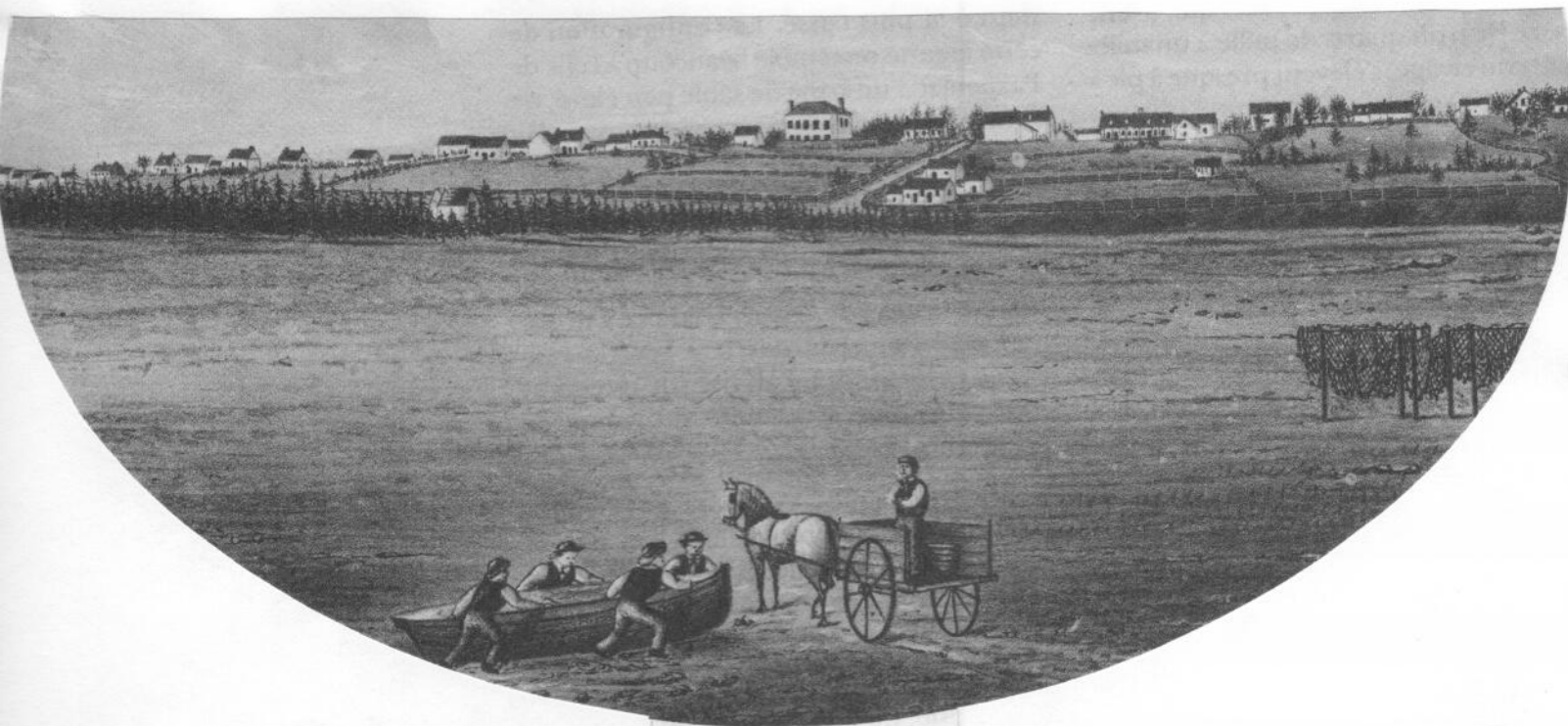
THE COX COUNCIL FILE

Selected documents that reflect
concerns of the Cox Council in
three decades of the latter 19th
century.

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THE COX COUNCIL FILEDOCUMENTS
SELECTED:

- 1) 1845. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
- 2) 1845. PUBLIC NOTICE RE ROAD WORK.
- 3) 1847. RESOLUTIONS RE SALMON FISHERY
ON BONAVENTURE RIVER.
- 4) 1858. TYPICAL MINUTES OF COUNCIL.
- 5) 1858. PETITION - CATTLE AT LARGE.
- 6) 1865. LETTER OF THEODORE ROBITAILLE, M.L.A.
- 7) 1866. TYPICAL BOND FOR ROAD WORK.
- 8) 1867. CONFEDERATION PROCLAIMED.
- 9) 1869. MILITIA DRILL
- 10) 1870. STERN PETITION RE McCREA-ROSS BY ROAD.
- 11) 1873. RE "HOG REEVE" AND STRAY PIGS.
- 12) 1875 STATE OF ROADS.

*New Carlisle*

THE COX COUNCIL FILEINTRODUCTION

The documents selected for this issue of THE COX COUNCIL FILE reflect a period of thirty years - from 1845-1875. The criterion of selection was an attempt to focus on some of the personalities of that particular generation in the Township of Cox and to note typical preoccupations faced by citizens and local government.

Beyond the County of Bonaventure the Union Act of 1841 had established the Province of Canada and in its House of Assembly Bonaventure was represented, in turn, by: John Robinson Hamilton (1841-44); John LeBoutillier (1844-47); William Cuthbert (1848-51); David LeBoutillier (1851-54); John Meagher (1854-61); and Theodore Robitaille (1861-67) Following Confederation Bonaventure was represented in the Quebec Legislature by Clarence Hamilton (1867-71) and Theodore Robitaille (1871-74) while the latter was also the Federal member from 1867-1879.

Through this period Gaspesia continued to experience relative isolation. The railway, telephone, radio and television were far in the future - travel to distant destinations was mainly by ship. International news spread slowly - such as the great conflict of the American Civil War that raged from 1861 onwards and brought forth such leaders as Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses Grant.

But in Cox the Honorable Mayor, Councillors and citizens had more immediate and mundane matters to consider - such as leaping cows and straying pigs. These and other matters of that time of more than 100 years ago find reflection in the documents that follow.

NEW CARLISLE, 24th JULY, 1845

PUBLIC NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT A MEETING OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COX HELD AT NEW CARLISLE ON MONDAY THE 21st DAY OF JULY INSTANT THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS WERE MADE, VIZ:

MAYOR	Wm McDONALD, Esq.
SECRETARY TREASURER	Et. MARTEL, Esq.
ASSESSORS	MATTHEW CALDWELL WILLIAM DAY ANDREW CHISHOLM
COLLECTORS	FRANCIS LE BRUN AMASA BEEBE, Jr.
SURVEYORS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES	PHILIP LE GALLAIS JAMES CHATTERTON ANDREW N.C. STARNES
OVERSEERS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES	JAMES SCOTT, Jr. JAMES FLOWERS WILLIAM FERGUSON
INSPECTORS OF FENCES AND DITCHES	PHILIP DUVAL WILLIAM FLOWERS JOHN GARRET
POUND KEEPERS	LOUIS DENIS SAMUEL HAWKINS
ATTORNEY AND COUNSEL	Et. MARTEL

NEW CARLISLE, 14th OCTOBER, 1845

PUBLIC NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT A MEETING OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COX HELD AT NEW CARLISLE ON THE SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER INSTANT IT WAS AMONG OTHER THINGS, RESOLVED.

THAT, WHEREAS THE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE HIGHWAYS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF COX IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE, BE IT UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED, RESOLVED THAT THE PROPRIETORS AND HOLDERS OF LANDS OR LOTS WITHIN THE COUNTRY PARTS OF THIS TOWNSHIP SHALL OPEN, MAKE, REPAIR AND MAINTAIN, AS WELL IN WINTER AS IN SUMMER, THEIR FRONT ROADS AND OTHERS IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME FINES AND PENALTIES AS ESTABLISHED BY 36 GEO III CH.9 AND OTHER STATUTES AMENDING THE SAME, PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT THE REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND WORKS TO BE PERFORMED ON THE SAID ROADS SHALL BE MADE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND INSPECTION OF SUCH PERSONS AS ARE APPOINTED BY THE CORPORATION TO DIRECT AND SUPERINTEND THE SAME. AND PROVIDED ALSO THAT IF THE SAID PROPRIETORS OR OWNERS OF LANDS OR LOTS AS AFORESAID DO NOT REPAIR AND MAINTAIN IN GOOD ORDER THEIR SAID FRONT ROADS IN A SUFFICIENT MANNER AND ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTIONS OF THE PERSONS SO APPOINTED, IT SHALL BE LAWFUL FOR THE SAID PERSONS SO APPOINTED, OVER AND ABOVE THE FINES AND PENALTIES, TO CAUSE THE REPAIRS TO BE MADE AT ANY TIME AFTER TWENTY FOUR HOURS NOTICE SHALL HAVE BEEN LEFT AT THE DWELLING HOUSE OF THE DEFAULTERS, OR IN CASE OF ABSENTEES BY PUBLIC NOTICE ONE SUNDAY AT THE MOST PUBLIC PLACE IN THE TOWNSHIP, ON THE ROADS OF THE SAID PROPRIETORS OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND OR LOTS AS AFORESAID, AT THE EXPENCE AND COST OF THE SAID PROPRIETORS OR OCCUPIERS IN SUCH MANNER AS THESE PERSONS SHALL JUDGE PROPER.

THAT THE STREETS AND BYE-ROADS IN THE TOWN OF NEW CARLISLE, AS WELL AS PASPEBIAC, SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS THE FRONT ROADS AND BYE-ROADS OF THE PROPRIETORS OR OCCUPANTS OF LANDS OR LOTS **BOUNDED** BY SUCH STREETS AND HAVE RECOURSE TO SUCH BYE ROADS AND SUCH PROPRIETORS OR OCCUPANTS SHALL WITH REGARD TO THE OPENING, KEEPING UP OR REPAIRING, DRAWING AND LEVELLING OF ROADS, THE

CONSTRUCTION, REPAIRING AND KEEPING UP OF BRIDGES AND TO ALL OBSTRUCTIONS AND ENCROACHMENTS ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS BE SUBJECT TO THE ORDER, PAINS AND PENALTIES TO WHICH THE PROPRIETORS OR OCCUPANTS OF LANDS IN THE COUNTRY PARTS ARE LIABLE OR SUBJECT FOR THE FRONT ROADS OR BYE ROADS.

THAT WHOLESALE OR RETAIL TRADERS DO TAKE OUT LICENSE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT FOR KEEPING HIS OR THEIR STORE OR SHOP AND PAY FOR THE SAME IN THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARY TREASURER ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCALE FOR TWELVE MONTHS FROM THE SAID FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT, VIZ:

FROM £25 TO £500	40 shillings
" £500 TO £5000	70 "
" £5000 UPWARDS	100 "

THAT TAVERN KEEPERS IN THIS TOWNSHIP SHALL, IN AUGMENTATION OF WHAT SUM THEY ARE OBLIGED TO PAY BY LAW FOR THEIR LICENSE AS TAVERN KEEPERS, PAY THE SUM OF TEN SHILLINGS TO THE SECRETARY TREASURER ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT FOR TWELVE MONTHS FROM SAID DATE.

AND FURTHER THAT COUNCILLOR LE BOUTILLIER GAVE NOTICE THAT AT THE NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING HE WILL MOVE THAT UNTIL A BETTER DISPOSITION IS SHOWN ON THE PART OF THE INHABITANTS TO PERFORM MORE LABOUR ON THE ROADS THAN THEY HAVE HEREUNTO DONE, A LAW BE PASSED TO COMPEL EVERY MALE PERSON OF THE AGE OF 21 AND UNDER 60 YEARS OF AGE TO PERFORM THEIR PROPORTION OF LABOUR UPON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, ROADS, BYE ROADS, STREETS, BRIDGES, CULVERTS, ETC. IN THIS TOWNSHIP.

(3 Public Notices as above were posted at a cost of 12 shillings including 4 shillings to post in Paspebiac at a distance of 4 miles)

NEW CARLISLE, 24th MAY, 1847

MINUTE

AT A MEETING OF THE DELEGATES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COX AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON ASSEMBLED AT THE COURT HALL OF NEW CARLISLE ON THE 24th OF MAY, 1847, PURSUANT TO NOTICE TO THE SEVERAL DELEGATES OF SAID TOWNSHIPS AND TO THE MAYOR AND TWO COUNCILLORS OF NEW RICHMOND, A TOWNSHIP ADJOINING THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, FOR THE MAKING OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SALMON AND OTHER FISHERIES ON THE GRAND BONAVENTURE RIVER IN THE TOWNSHIPS OF COX AND HAMILTON-

WERE PRESENT: MESSRS MAURICE POWERS, MAYOR OF NEW RICHMOND

Wm McDONALD DELEGATES OF COX
HENRY CALDWELL

FERD. BOISSONNAULT DELEGATES OF HAMILTON
FRED. ARSENEAU

JOSEPH D. SYR COUNCILLORS OF
J. BERNARD BOURGUETTE NEW RICHMOND

MR. MAURICE POWERS IN THE CHAIR.

MR. MARTEL APPOINTED SECRETARY BY THE MAYOR.

ON MOTION OF MR. McDONALD THE MEETING ADJOURNED TO MR. HENRY CALDWELL'S DWELLING HOUSE.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

THAT IT SHALL NOT BE LAWFUL TO SEINE, TAKE OR SPEAR OR CATCH IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER SALMON IN THE GRAND BONAVENTURE RIVER ON OR BEFORE THE 1st DAY OF JUNE OR AFTER THE 15th DAY OF JULY IN EACH AND EVERY YEAR AND ANY PERSON OR PERSONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRAVENING THIS LAW SHALL BE LIABLE TO A PENALTY FOR EACH AND EVERY OFFENCE OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTY SHILLINGS OR LESS THAN TWENTY SHILLINGS ON CONVICTION THEREOF ACCORDING TO LAW.

MOVED BY FERD. BOISSONNAULT AND SECONDED BY HENRY CALDWELL.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION NO.2

MOVED BY M. BOISSONNAULT, SECOND BY MR.HENRY CALDWELL, RESOLVED THAT NO PERSON OR PERSONS SHALL SEINE IN OR AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE GRAND BONAVENTURE RIVER AT ANY TIME WHATSOEVER UNDER THE PENALTY OF 40 SHILLINGS FOR EACH AND EVERY OFFENCE,

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO.3.

MOVED BY M.FRED.ARSENEAU, SECONDED BY MR.HENRY CALDWELL, RESOLVED THAT IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR THE PURPOSE TO ENFORCE THE OBSERVANCE OF THE 11th SECTION OF 4 AND 5 VICTORIA CAP.36 AND GENERALLY TO PROTECT THE FISHERIES IN THE GRAND BONAVENTURE RIVER.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO.4

MOVED BY M.F.BOISSONNAULT, SECONDED BY MR.H.J.CALDWELL, RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS BE APPOINTED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS -

FOR HAMILTON: ALEX. BERNARD AND JEAN-LOUIS CAILLOUETTE

FOR COX : Wm SINCLAIR AND JAMES GILLIS

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PETITION

NEW CARLISLE
11th DEC., 1858

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR
AND COUNCIL IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED

THE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED INHABITANTS OF NEW CARLISLE

RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS

THAT MUCH DAMAGE IS DONE EVERY YEAR BY CATTLE RUNNING AT LARGE, LEAPING FENCES AND DESTROYING THE CROPS; THAT IN MOST PLACES THE FENCES ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO KEEP OUT CATTLE; THAT YOUR HONOURABLE COUNCIL SHOULD APPOINT FENCE VIEWERS WHOSE DUTY IT SHALL BE TO EXAMINE ALL FENCES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY AND WHERE REPAIRS ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE NOTICE THEREOF TO THE PROPRIETORS AND ORDER SUCH REPAIRS TO BE MADE; AFTER SUCH NOTICE SHOULD ANY PROPRIETOR REFUSE OR NEGLECT TO COMPLY WITH THE SAME THAT THEY, THE SAID PROPRIETORS BE OBLIGED TO BEAR WITH ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE THAT MAY ACCRUE TO THEIR CROPS IN CONSEQUENCE OF CATTLE TRESPASSING ON THEIR LANDS.

THAT ALL FENCES ENCLOSING CULTIVATED LAND BE NOT LESS THAN FIVE FEET IN HEIGHT.

YOUR PETITIONERS PRAY THAT YOUR WORSHIP AND COUNCIL WILL TAKE THE PREMISES INTO YOUR FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION AND AS IN DUTY BOUND WILL EVER PRAY.

(SIGNATURES)

JAMES CALDWELL (MASTER MARINER)

ANDREW CALDWELL

JAMES CALDWELL

JOSHUA BEEBE

JOHN GARRET

PHILIP MAIN

ALEXANDER HALL, Jr.

AMASA HUNTINGTON

A. BEEBE

H. CALDWELL

ROBERT SMOLLETT

(ctd)

(SIGNATURES) CTD.

DAVID TOZER (?)
JAMES CRAIG
ALEXANDER HALL, Sr.
JESSE CALDWELL
J.A.LE BEL
THOMAS REES KELLY
WALTER DELANEY
DANIEL MARETT
JOHN ASSELS.Sr.
ANDREW N.C.STARNES
WILLIAM ADAMS, Sr.
WILLIAM MANN
JOHN HALL
SAMUEL CHATTERTON
CHARLES DOBSON
HUGH ASSELS

THIS PETITION RELATIVE TO CATTLE AT LARGE FILED 13th DECEMBER,
1858.

PHILIP VIBERT
SECRETARY TREASURER

COX MINUTES OF MARCH 1858

AT A MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF COX HELD ON MARCH 1st
1858

PRESENT

THE MAYOR (Wm MACDONALD) - MESSRS DUVAL - KEMPHFFER -DUGAI -
L'ANGLOIS AND L'OISEL

THE SECRETARY TREASURER READ THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.
REPORTS THAT THE LATE SECRETARY TREASURER (MR. ROBERT SMOLLET)
HAS NOT DELIVERED UP THE BOOKS, PAPERS, ETC. BELONGING TO THIS
COUNCIL.

MOVED BY MR.DUVAL, SECONDED BY MR.DUGAI - THAT PROCEEDINGS BE
TAKEN BY THE PROPER OFFICER OF THIS COUNCIL AGAINST THE LATE
SECRETARY TREASURER FOR DEFAULT IN DELIVERING UP ALL BOOKS,
PAPERS AND MONIES BELONGING TO THIS COUNCIL WITHIN THE TIME
PRESCRIBED BY LAW AND DAMAGES FOR RETAINING THE SAME AND THE
RECOVERY THEREOF.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY MR.L'OISEL, SECONDED BY MR.DUGAI - WHEREAS IT IS EXPEDIENT
THAT THIS COUNCIL SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO ASSIST AND
ENCOURAGE THE INHABITANTS OF THIS DISTRICT ENGAGED IN THE FISHERIES,
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT PETITIONS BE PREPARED BY THE MAYOR AND
SECRETARY TREASURER AND FORWARDED TO THE THREE BRANCHES OF THE
LEGISLATURE PRAYING THAT A BOUNTY OR BOUNTIES BE GRANTED THE SAME
AS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY MR.DUGAI, SECONDED BY MR.DUVAL - THAT THE SEASON BEING NOW
TOO FAR ADVANCED TO ENABLE THE INHABITANTS OF PASPEBIAC TO PROCURE
RAILS FOR THE FENCING AND OPENING OF BY ROADS - WHICH THE SEVERITY
OF THE SEASON HAS PREVENTED THEM FROM DOING IN THE FORE PART OF THE
WINTER SEASON - IT IS HEREBY ALLOWED THAT PROVIDED FREE ACCESS AND
EGRESS BE ALLOWED BY THE PROPRIETORS OF LAND WHO ARE OBLIGED TO
OPEN ANY SUCH BY ROAD A FURTHER DELAY TO THE 1st OF FEBRUARY NEXT
BE ACCORDED TO FURNISH THE SAME.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY MR.DUVAL, SECONDED BY MR.DUGAI - THAT THE SECRETARY TREASURER BE AUTHORIZED TO CALL UPON MR.JOHN ARTHUR TO HAND HIM OVER IMMEDIATELY THE RECEIPTS OF DELIVERY OF TIMBER FOR PASPEBIAC BRIDGE.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY MR.DUGAI, SECONDED BY MR.L'OISEL - THAT PETITIONS BE PREPARED TO THE THREE BRANCHES OF THE LEGISLATURE PRAYING FOR GRANTS OF MONEYS FOR THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS:

FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE HIGH WAY WEST OF NEW CARLISLE TO AID IN THE ERECTION OF A SOLID BRIDGE ACROSS THE BARACHOIS TO PASPEBIAC HARBOUR.

ALSO A FURTHER AND SUFFICIENT GRANT TO COMPLETE THE BY ROAD FROM NEW CARLISLE TO BONAVENTURE RIVER LEADING THROUGH THE BACK RANGES - AS WELL AS THE BY ROAD TO THE BACK LANDS IN REAR OF PASPEBIAC - BOTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLONIZATION - AND THAT THE LANDS IN REAR OF THIS TOWNSHIP, OWNED BY THE GASPE FISHERY AND COAL MINING COMPANY BE REPURCHASED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY MR. KEMPHFFER, SECONDED BY MR.DUVAL - THAT THE TOWNSHIP BEING DIVIDED INTO ROAD DISTRICTS, AS FOLLOWS :

NO.1 FROM LOUIS ROUSSE TO SCOTTS BRIDGE

NO.2 FROM SCOTTS BRIDGE TO BILLINGSLEYS BROOK.

NO.3 FROM BILLINGSLEYS BROOK TO THE TOWNSHIP LINE

THE SECRETARY TREASURER SHALL GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE THEREOF TO ENABLE PARTIES TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE CALLED UPON TO PERFORM ROAD WORK BY CORVEE EXCEPT WHEN OTHERWISE PROVIDED AND FOR BRIDGE WORK WHICH MAY BE COMMON TO TWO DIVISIONS OR ANY SECTION THEREOF.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR.DUVAL GIVES NOTICE THAT IN THE EVENT OF MR.HAMILTON NOT TAKING HIS SEAT ACCORDING TO LAW AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, THAT HE WILL MOVE THAT HIS SEAT BE DECLARED VACANT AND THIS COUNCIL SHALL PROCEED TO THE CHOICE OF ANOTHER COUNCILLOR IN HIS STEAD.

PHILIP VIBERT,
SECRETARY TREASURER

Wm MACDONALD
MAYOR

QUEBEC, 6th MARCH, 1865

TO CLARENCE HAMILTON, ESQ.,
MAYOR
AND TO THE GENTLEMEN COUNCILLORS
OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF COX

GENTLEMEN,

THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PAY ONE YEAR'S INTEREST UPON THE SUMS DUE TO THE TOWNSHIPS OF LOWER CANADA IN VIRTUE OF THE SEIGNIORIAL ACT AND I DESIRE TO REFER TO YOU A FORM OF RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH YOU WILL BE PLEASED TO ADOPT AND RETURN TO THE GENTLEMAN WHOM YOU WILL NAME YOUR ATTORNEY.

PARLIAMENT WILL SOON BE PROROGUED AND I HOPE YOU WILL NOT DELAY TO MEET AND SETTLE THAT AFFAIR.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE, GENTLEMEN,
YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT

(SIGNED) THEODORE ROBITAILLE

[FOR MORE DETAIL ON THE CAREER OF THEODORE ROBITAILLE REFER TO "GASPE OF YESTERDAY" #035 "THE ROBITAILLE BROTHERS" PUBLISHED BY SPEC 12 AUGUST 1981.]

BOND

CHARLES ASTLES - CONTRACT FOR MAKING
SWAMP ON CHURCH LINE ROAD.

(TYPICAL OF MANY SUCH ROAD CONTRACTS)

PROVINCE OF CANADA,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT WE CHARLES ASTLES, WILLIAM FLOWERS AND JAMES MORRISON, ALL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COX IN THE COUNTY OF BONAVENTURE AND DISTRICT OF GASPE ARE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY HELD AND FIRMLY BOUND TO THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COX IN THE SUM OF THREE POUNDS TEN SHILLINGS CURRENCY OF GOOD AND LAWFUL MONEY OF THIS PROVINCE AFORESAID FOR WHICH PAYMENT WELL AND TRULY TO BE MADE TO THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COX WE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY BIND OURSELVES AND OUR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AND ASSIGNS.

WHEREAS CHARLES ASTLES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COX AND COUNTY AFORESAID, FARMER, HAS THIS DAY CONTRACTED TO MAKE PART OF A SWAMP IN THE CHURCH LINE ROAD LEADING TO THE RESIDENCE OF SAMUEL HAWKINS, AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NUMBER TWO BY THE ROAD INSPECTOR, THE SAID PART OF A SWAMP TO BE COMPLETED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ROAD INSPECTOR BY THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER NEXT.

NOW THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND IS SUCH THAT IF SUCH WORK SHALL BE WELL AND TRULY PERFORMED BY THE SAID CHARLES ASTLES AT THE TIME MENTIONED, THEN THE BOND TO BE NULL AND VOID OTHERWISE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

DONE AND EXECUTED AT NEW CARLISLE THIS TWENTY SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY SIX, IN PRESENCE OF GEORGE A CORBIN AND AMASA BEEBE, WITNESSES DULY CALLED TO THE EXECUTION OF THE SAME.

GEORGE A. CORBIN
A. BEEBE

(SIGNED) CHARLES ASSELS
WILLIAM X FLOWERS
JAMES X MORRISON

(PROCLAMATION OF CONFEDERATION)

SECRETARY'S OFFICE
OTTAWA, 22 JUNE, 1867

THE MAYOR,
PARISH OF NEW CARLISLE

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO TRANSMIT TO YOU, HEREWITH,
1 COPY OF THE ROYAL PROCLAMATION FOR THE UNION OF
THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN PROVINCES.

WILL YOU HAVE THE GOODNESS TO DIRECT THAT IT
SHALL BE POSTED IN THE PRINCIPAL AVAILABLE PLACE OF
PUBLIC RESORT OF YOUR MUNICIPALITY.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,



ASSISTANT SECRETARY

QUEBEC, 7th JANUARY, 1869

ALFRED CARCAUD, ESQ.,
MAYOR OF COX

DEAR SIR,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF MILITIA IN THE COUNTY OF BONAVENTURE, I DESIRE TO SUBMIT TO THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL THROUGH YOU THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF DRILL SHEDS FOR WHICH AID IS GIVEN BY GOVERNMENT. YOU WILL SEE THAT THE FIRST CONDITION IS THAT THE LOCALITY MUST PROVIDE THE GROUND NECESSARY AND THIS, I HAVE NO DOUBT, YOU WILL OBTAIN WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE.

I LOOK UPON A DRILL SHED AS MORE NECESSARY IN THE COUNTY OF BONAVENTURE AND THE COUNTY OF GASPE THAN IN ANY OTHER PART OF CANADA FOR THE REASON THAT OUR POPULATION IS MOSTLY ABSENT DURING THE FINE SEASON AND CAN ONLY PERFORM THE SIXTEEN DAYS DRILL DURING THE COLD SEASON. WHEN, A FEW YEARS AGO, I FORMED A DRILL ASSOCIATION AT NEW CARLISLE, I FOUND THAT THE PEOPLE HAD THE WILL TO BE DRILLED AND THE APTITUDE TO BECOME GOOD SOLDIERS, BUT THE GREAT DRAWBACK WAS THE WANT OF UNIFORMS, RIFLES, ACCOUTREMENTS AND ESPECIALLY THE WANT OF A PROPER PLACE TO DRILL IN. NOW THAT GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE UNIFORMS, RIFLES, ACCOUTREMENTS, AND AID FOR A DRILL SHED, BESIDES MONEY AS FOLLOWS:

\$440.00 TO PAY 55 MEN AT \$8.00 EACH
48.00 TO PAY 3 OFFICERS AT \$16.00 EACH
50.00 TO PAY 1 INSTRUCTOR
40.00 FOR THE CARE OF ARMS, ETC.

IN ALL \$578.00 FOR EACH COMPANY OF FIFTY FIVE MEN AND THREE OFFICERS, - I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE ERECTION OF A DRILL SHED WILL RENDER EASY THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MILITIA IN THE COUNTY OF BONAVENTURE.

YOURS.

(SIGNED) THEODORE ROBITAILLE

PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF COX, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED -
THE MEMORIAL OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE WESTERN DIVISION
OF COX - MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH -

THAT IT IS WITH GREAT SURPRISE YOUR MEMORIALISTS HAVE LATELY
HEARD OF A BYE LAW BEING PASSED BY YOUR HONORABLE COUNCIL
GROUNDED ON A PETITION FROM EDWARD McCREA, GEORGE ROSS AND
TWO OTHERS, TO OPEN A ROAD BETWEEN THE PROPERTIES OF GEORGE
ROSS AND EDWARD McCREA.

YOUR MEMORIALISTS WISH TO STATE THREE OR FOUR OBJECTIONS TO
YOUR HONORABLE COUNCIL AGAINST THE SAID ROAD BEING MADE BY
THE INHABITANTS OF THAT DIVISION.

FIRSTLY, THE SAID ROAD IN QUESTION EXTENDS FROM THE QUEEN'S
HIGH WAY IN FRONT AND RUNS BACK AS FAR AS THE QUEEN'S HIGH
WAY IN THE FRONT OF THE SECOND RANGE OF LOTS, A DISTANCE OF
ABOUT NINE ACRES AND IS OF NO MANNER OF BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC
AT LARGE BUT ONLY TO McCREA AND ROSS, AND NO OTHERS.

SECONDLY, A CONTINUATION OF THE SAID ROAD SOUTH TO THE SHORE
CAN NEVER BE OF ANY USE TO THE PUBLIC, IN AS MUCH AS THERE
COULD NEVER BE A ROAD MADE DOWN THE BANK WITHOUT GREAT EXPENCE,
AND SHOULD THERE BE A ROAD MADE DOWN THE BANK IT WOULD STILL BE
OF NO USE AS THERE IS NO BEACH OR ANY PLACE OF LANDING.

THIRDLY, THE SAID ROAD OF McCREA AND OTHERS IS ONLY DISTANT
FROM THE NEW COLONIZATION ROAD, SO CALLED, BEING VERBALIZED
BY YOUR HONORABLE COUNCIL, ONLY BETWEEN EIGHT AND NINE ACRES,
RUNNING BETWEEN THE PROPERTIES OF ANDREW GALLON AND JOHN SMITH.
THE SAID NEW COLONIZATION ROAD IS TURNPIKED FROM THE QUEEN'S HIGH
WAY TO THE BANK, A DISTANCE OF FIVE ACRES AND UPWARDS, BUT NOT
FENCED AS YET.

FOURTHLY, YOUR MEMORIALISTS FIND JUST GROUNDS FOR COMPLAINT
AGAINST SUCH A MULTIPLICITY OF LABOR, AS THEY HAVE BEEN CALLED
UPON TO PERFORM. YOUR MEMORIALISTS HAVE ALL BEEN NOTIFIED TO

FURNISH RAILS AND PICKETS FOR THE NEW COLONIZATION ROAD, AND HAVE ALSO BEEN WARNED BY MCCREA TO TAKE OUT RAILS AND PICKETS FOR THEIR ROAD, ALSO SOME OF THE INHABITANTS AS HIGH AS ONE HUNDRED, MANY SEVENTY FIVE RAILS WITH PICKETS. YOUR MEMORIALISTS THEREFORE FINDING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DO SO MUCH PUBLIC WORK, PRAY THAT YOUR HONORABLE COUNCIL WILL SEE THE NECESSITY OF KEEPING THE NEW COLONIZATION ROAD OPEN AS THERE IS NO OTHER BANK ROAD OR BEACH BY WHICH THE INHABITANTS CAN GET TO THE SHORE TO HAUL CAPLIN, SEAWEED AND HERRINGS, AS IT IS THE ONLY BEACH FROM CARLISLE TO JAMES DAY'S BROOK WHERE THERE IS ANY LANDING WITH SAFETY.

YOUR MEMORIALISTS THEREFORE PRAY THAT YOUR HONORABLE COUNCIL WILL TAKE THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY OF RESCINDING THE BYE LAW IN RESPECT OF THE ROAD BETWEEN ROSS AND MCCREA AND NOT SADDLE THE INHABITANTS OF THAT DIVISION WITH CLEARING, GRUBBING AND TURNPIKING AND FENCING THE SAID ROAD. IN FACT, IT WOULD BE A PRECEDENT FOR ANY TWO NEIGHBOURS IN THE TOWNSHIP TO HAVE A ROAD MADE UP THROUGH THEIR FARMS BY THE PUBLIC.

YOUR MEMORIALISTS THEREFORE PRAY THAT YOUR HONORABLE COUNCIL WILL BE PLEASED TO TAKE THE MATTER INTO YOUR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION, AND TAKE SUCH ACTION AS WILL RESULT IN JUSTICE BEING DEALT TO YOUR MEMORIALISTS, AS IN DUTY BOUND THEY WILL EVER PRAY.

TOWNSHIP OF COX. 4th APRIL, 1870

BEARING THE SIGNATURES OF: WILLIAM SMITH
 WILLIAM MANN
 WILLIAM LANGER
 WILLIAM GARRETT
 C. HAMILTON
 M. SHEPPARD
 Wm THOMAS SMITH
 WILLIAM DAY
 WALTER DELANEY
 JAMES CRAIG
 JOHN GALLON
 JAMES GALLON
 ROBERT WOOD

(CTD)

SIGNATURES (CTD): HENRY WOOD
CHARLES W.SMITH
RICHARD SMITH
AMOS WARD
BENJAMIN BILLINGSLY
CHARLES WOODS
ANDREW GALLON
RONALD BILLINGSLEY
MARY LANGLER
DAVID BULEY
CHARLES STARNES
JOHN SMITH
AMASA HUNTINGDON
CHARLES GARRETT
FREDERICK CHAMBERS
JAMES DAY
THOMAS MARSH
PHILOMON BABBIN
BENJAMIN ?LANGLER?
WILLIAM THOMPSON
CHARLES BEEBE
ALFRED RENNOUFFE
WILLIAM BRAMHAM
GEORGE MARSH.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC
 MUNICIPALITY OF
 NEW CARLISLE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE
 MUNICIPALITY OF COX.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY W.L.KEMPHFFER, SECRETARY TREASURER,
 THAT AT A MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
 NEW CARLISLE, WILLIAM GARRETT WAS APPOINTED "HOG REEVE" AND POUND
 KEEPER WITH FULL POWER TO PLACE IN POUND ANY PIGS FOUND STRAYING
 ON THE QUEEN'S HIGHWAY FROM STREET WEST TOWN OF NEW CARLISLE TO
 THE WESTERN LIMITS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEW CARLISLE.

THIS BY LAW TO COME INTO FORCE EIGHT DAYS AFTER THE PUBLICATION
 OF THIS NOTICE

NEW CARLISLE, 15th SEPTEMBER.
 1873

RECEIVED FROM THOMAS PYE THE SUM OF TWO DOLLARS BEING MY PORTION
 OF THE FINE IN THE CAUSE WHEREIN I WAS PLAINTIFF VERSUS JOHN SMITH,
 DEFENDANT, FOR ALLOWING HIS PIGS TO STRAY ON MY PROPERTY.

(SIGNED) SARAH SMITH

THOSE GASPESIAN ROADS !

CAPLIN, Augt.12th.,1875

JOHN R.HAMILTON,ESQR.,
MAYOR OF COX,
NEW CARLISLE

SIR,

THE COURIER HAS HAD ONE OF THE MAIL HORSES BADLY INJURED IN CONSEQUENCE OF A HOLE IN A CULVERT TO THE WESTWARD OF THE WOODS - THE HORSE CANNOT MOVE OUT OF THE STABLE, AND IF NOT BETTER BY MONDAY THE 16th INSTANT I WILL BE OBLIGED TO CALL UPON THE MUNICIPALITY OF COX FOR DAMAGES.

YOURS TRULY,

(SIGNED) DAVID KERR

NEW CARLISLE,15th AUGUST,1878

TO THE SECRETARY,
CORPORATION OF NEW CARLISLE,

SIR,

MY MAN, COMING DOWN WITH A LOAD OF BOARDS FROM THE MILL OF CAPT.SMITH, BROKE THE SHAFT OF THE HAY CART - THE ROADS BEING IN A VERY BAD STATE - THE COST TO REPAIR IT IS TWO DOLLARS - IF YOU DON'T PAY ME THE DAMAGES I WILL PROSECUTE THE CORPORATION AND BESIDES, IF THE ROADS ARE NOT REPAIRED FROM THIS UNTIL SATURDAY NIGHT, I WILL TAKE PROCEEDINGS MONFAY MORNING.

I AM, SIR,

YOUR OB'T SERV'T

(SIGNED) Am. A. LAFERRIERE
M.D.