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VICTORIA MUNICIPALITY.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM FEBRUARY 28TH, TO OCTOBER 31ST, 1873.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Balance of Cash at 28th February, 1873.....	\$ 109 45	Fire Cisterns Repairs Account.....	\$ 81 00
Fire Insurance Rate Account, amount received .....	2,441 07	Bank of British North America Account:—	
Fire Rate Account, do. ....	105 74	Amount by which balance in the Bank has been increased from	
Real Estate Rate Account, do. ....	6,511 52	28th February, to 31st October, 1873.....	2,018 15
Trade Licenses Account, do. ....	6,935 00	Deluge Fire Engine Company Account:—	
Wholesale Liquor Licenses Account, do. ....	600 00	Paid them balance of donation.....	100 00
Retail Liquor Licenses Account, do. ....	10,535 00	Victoria Fire Department Account:—	
Business Rate Account, do. ....	25 00	Paid them Fire Insurance Rate and Fire Rate collected.....	3,174 00
Auctioneers' $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. Tax Account, do. ....	434 80	Board of Health Account:—	
Road Tax Account, do. ....	350 00	Paid on this account.....	53 00
Billiard Tables Account, do. ....	20 00	Street Repairs:—	
City Police Court, Fines & Fees Acct., do. ....	1,179 19	Paid on this Account.....	\$8,600 58
Thistles Account do. ....	10 00	Paid George Stelly (Bills payable Account) ..	500 00
Side-walks Account do. ....	88 36	Paid for Surveying expenses .....	542 50
City Pound Account do. ....	540 75	Royal Hospital:—	
Street Repairs.....	313 15	Paid two months' donation.....	9,643 08
		Legal Expenses Account:—	
		Paid on this Account .....	59 75
		Sewerage Account:—	
		Paid on this Account .....	2,449 50
		Thistles Account:—	
		Paid for destroying Thistles .....	139 00
		City of Victoria Water Works:—	
		For advances made on sundry accounts.....	880 50
		Side-walks Account:—	
		Paid for repairs to Side-walks .....	359 84
		Office Furniture Account:—	
		Paid for sundry Furniture, &c .....	342 24
		Commission Account:—	
		Paid T. Russell for Commission on Collections.....	27 62
		New Pound Account:—	
		Paid on this Account .....	30 00
		City Pound Account:—	
		Paid on this Account .....	574 08
		Bridge Repairs Account:—	
		Paid on this Account .....	8 50
		Extradition Account:—	
		Paid expenses of copying Depositions in the case of Prisoner Joe	17 50

	City Police Account :—		
	Paid on this Account .....		4,748 90
	Provincial Government Account :—		
	Paid them Wholesale Liquor Licenses .....	\$ 130 00	
	Do. Retail do. ....	1,560 00	
	Charges Account :—		1,690 00
	Paid Salaries .....	2,025 00	
	Do. Rent .....	151 50	
	Do. Printing .....	990 25	
	Do. Stationery .....	188 90	
	Do. Gas .....	64 75	
	Do. Auditing Corporation Accounts .....	45 00	
	Do. Extra Clerical Services .....	125 00	
	Do. Fuel and Miscellaneous Expenditure .....	120 62	
			3,591 45
	Balance .....		159 91
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			\$ 30,199 03
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November 1st, 1873, to Balance brought down .....	159 91		
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			\$ 30,199 03

November 1st, 1873, to Balance brought down.....

I hereby Certify that the above is a correct Return of moneys Collected for Municipal purposes, and of moneys Expended, from 28th February, 1873, to 31st October, 1873.

WILLIAM DALBY,  
Mayor of the City of Victoria, B. C.

NAMES OF COUNCILLORS.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
|                            | William Dalby, Mayor, |                                 |
| Charles Gowen, Councillor. | do.                   | John George Taylor, Councillor. |
| Charles Hayward, do.       | do.                   | Arthur Keast, do.               |
| Charles Morton, do.        | do.                   | James Smith Drummond, do.       |

NEW WESTMINSTER MUNICIPALITY.

STATEMENT OF THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF NEW WESTMINSTER FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCT., 31st, 1873.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To amount of Assessed Taxes Collected from 1st November, 1872, to 31st October, 1873.....	\$1,532 87	By H. Elliott's account for wood to Gaol, from 1st November, 1872, to 6th January, 1873.....	\$ 211 00
To Dog Tax Collected from 1st November, 1872, to 31st October, 1873..	64 00	By Blackie's Blacksmith for repairs .....	33 88
Retail and Wholesale Spirit Licenses .....	400 00	December 3rd ,, Board Works .....	38 00
Trade Licenses .....	422 50	,, ,, H. V. Edmonds' Salary .....	263 37
In Treasurer's hands November 1st 1873 .....	130 13	,, ,, Cunningham, Sundries.....	36 00
		Jan. 2nd, 1873 ,, Moody & Co.....	22 89
		,, ,, Board Work .....	140 00
		,, ,, J. A. Webster, Major & Co., Suter, Murray, Brown..	60 00
		6th 1873 ,, H. V. Edmonds, balance of Salary .....	25 00
		,, ,, Sundries .....	10 50
		,, ,, Hyack Fire Co., Rent, &c.....	100 00
		,, ,, Turner for Contract (Streets).....	115 00
		Feb. 19th 1873 ,, George Turner, Surveyor.....	55 00
		,, ,, H. Elliott, for fire-wood to Gaol from 19th February to 31 October .....	256 00
		,, ,, Blackie, from 19th February, to 31st October, for Blacksmiths Work.....	45 00
		,, ,, Sundries from 6th January, to 31st October.....	432 00
		,, ,, Morey's Salary as Constable.....	253 00
		July 21st, 1873 ,, H. V. Edmonds to 29th and September 1st .....	319 62
		Oct. 8th, 1873 ,, G. Newton's Contract.....	58 76
		6th, ,, ,, James Cunningham's Account .....	74 48
	\$2,549 50		\$2,549 50

I Certify that I believe the Statement herein to be correct.

JAMES CUNNINGHAM, *Mayor*.

NAMES OF COUNCILLORS.

James Cunningham, *Mayor*.

Ebenezer Brown, Councillor,	William Fisher, Councillor,
Robert Dickenson, do.	J. C. Major, do.
J. A. Webster, do.	J. C. Armstrong, do.

LANGLEY MUNICIPALITY.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY.

CHARGE.		DISCHARGE.		
June 28 1873.	To Cash, Trade License.....	\$ 5 00	Augt. 6, 1873 By Cash, Repairs on Roads.....	\$ 60 00
July 28 do.	Do. Government Grant .....	300 00	" 20 " ,, Paid Printing.....	18 00
			" " ,, Publishing Letters Patent.....	50 00
			" 21 " ,, Paid Election expenses, Returning Officer.....	12 00
			Dec. 15 " ,, Paid Clerk's Salary, 6 Months .....	50 00
			" ,, Stationery and Stamps.....	5 00
			" ,, Repairs on Main Road.....	110 00
		\$ 305 00		\$305 00

JAMES MACKIE, *Warden.*

NAMES OF COUNCILLORS.

James Mackie, <i>Warden.</i>	
James Howison, Councillor,	James Clarke, Councillor,
John Maxwell, do.	George Freeman, do.
Adam Innis, do.	Kenneth Morrison, do.

CHILLIWHACK MUNICIPALITY.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
From Provincial Secretary.....	\$650 00	Advertising Letters Patent.....	\$ 50 00
		Do. Names of Councillors.....	3 00
		Work on Sumass Bridges to secure them against high-water.....	25 00
		Stationery.....	11 25
		Printing By-Laws.....	12 50
		Cash to Clerk, on account.....	50 00
		Cash to A. McGuire on contract of \$375 to build a waggon road round the base of Shannon Mountain.....	125 00
	\$650 00		\$276 75

I hereby certify this Report to be correct. JAMES McCUTCHEON, *Warden.*

NAMES OF COUNCILLORS.

John McCutcheon, *Warden.*  
 David W. Miller, *Councillor,* | John Albert Blanchard, *Councillor*  
 Adam Stuart Vedder, *do.* | Charles William Grafton, *do.*  
 Henry Kipp, *do.* | William Shannon. *do.*

SALT SPRING ISLAND MUNICIPALITY.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM JANUARY 6TH TO NOVEMBER 1ST, 1873.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
To Loan.....	\$ 50 00	By Municipal Seal Account.....	\$ 25 00
To Government Grant.....	1,000 00	,, Books and Stationery.....	24 00
		,, Burgoyne Bay Roads.....	452 00
		,, Central Settlement Roads.....	48 00
		,, Central Settlement Wharf.....	547 00
		,, Advertising.....	80 00
		,, Treasurer's Expenses.....	9 50
	\$1,050 00		\$1,186 75

I hereby Certify that the above Statement, showing Cash Receipts and Disbursements, is correct.

JOHN C. JONES, *Warden.*

NAMES OF COUNCILLORS.

John C. Jones, *Warden.*  
 Joseph Akerman, *Councillor,* | Frederick Foord, *Councillor,*  
 George C. Mitchell, *do.* | Henry W. Robinson, *do.*  
 Thomas C. Parry, *do.* | Jacob C. Crane, *do.*

NORTH COWICHAN MUNICIPALITY

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, FROM JULY TO NOVEMBER 1ST, 1873.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.			
August 18th.....	To cash from Provincial Government.....	\$2,958 50	August	By Stationery .....	\$ 75 50
	,, Liquor Licence (William Beaumont).....	30 00		,, Furniture.....	45 00
	,, Trade Licenses.....	20 00		,, Roads, repairs, &c.....	1,593 75 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
				,, J. Morley .....	7 50
				,, J. Flett, Drayage.....	3 00
				,, Symonds, Wood.....	5 00
				,, Capt. Clark, Commission.....	10 00
				,, H. A. Morley, Salary as Clerk .....	50 00
				,, H. A. Morley, Petty Cash .....	20 00
				,, Balance .....	1,198 74 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
		\$3,008 50			\$3,008 50

Cowichan, November 1st, 1873.

THOS. J. SKINNER, Warden.

NAMES OF COUNCILLORS.

Thomas James Skinner, Warden.	William H. Lomas, Councillor,
Edward Marriner, Councillor,	Horace Davie, do.
William Drinkwater, do.	Henry Fry, do.
John Flett, do.	



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# REPORT

On the subject of the mission of the Hon. Mr. DeCosmos, Special Agent and Delegate of the Province of British Columbia to Canada and England, with regard to the construction of a Dry Dock at Esquimalt and the raising of funds for the carrying out of certain Public Works in the Province.

By Command.

JOHN ASH,  
*Provincial Secretary.*

*Provincial Secretary's Office,  
3rd February, 1874.*

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*To His Excellency the Honorable JOSEPH W. TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, &c., &c.*

SIR,—I have the honor to report that, in accordance with my appointment as Special Agent and Delegate of your Government to make arrangements with the Dominion and Imperial Governments to secure funds in aid of the construction of a first-class Graving Dock at Esquimalt, and to obtain a loan for other Public Works, and to confer with the Dominion Government respecting the Railway Reserve on the East Coast of Vancouver Island, I left Victoria on September 23rd last, and proceeded as rapidly as possible to Ottawa, where I arrived early in October.

Immediately after my arrival there, I placed myself in communication with the Dominion Government in order to carry out the objects of my mission.

I was informed that with respect to aid for constructing the Graving Dock and the granting of a loan for public improvements, I should have to wait until the return of Mr. Tilley, Minister of Finance, then absent in England.

Subsequently, I addressed the letters marked respectively B B and C C, respecting the Graving Dock and proposed Loan, to Mr. Aikins, Secretary of State for Canada, and received his acknowledgment, marked D D.

On his return, about the commencement of the last session of Parliament, an arrangement was made by which the Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Dominion Government, agreed to submit to Parliament a measure to give this Province £50,000 sterling as a bonus in lieu of the guarantee in the Terms of Union of interest at 5 per cent. per annum on £100,000 for ten years in aid of the construction of a first-class Graving Dock at Esquimalt. The money was to be advanced from time to time on certificates of the progress of the work. The letter of Mr. Tilley respecting the arrangement was mislaid in the office of the present Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, but I have telegraphed to him to forward a copy from the Finance Department.

With respect to a loan for public improvements, an arrangement was made with the Dominion Government, through Mr. Tilley, by which the Dominion Government agreed to advance to this Province a sum equal to the difference between its actual and allowed debt, or about \$1,000,000, at 5 per cent. per annum, without a sinking fund, with the condition that the Province might refund the same at any time. An Order in Council of the Honorable the Privy Council of Canada, marked A A, sanctioning this arrangement, accompanies this Report.

Before concluding the arrangements with Mr. Tilley respecting the Loan, I addressed to him the letter marked E. E.

With reference to my instructions to confer with the Dominion Government as to opening the Railway Reserve of land on the East Coast of Vancouver Island to