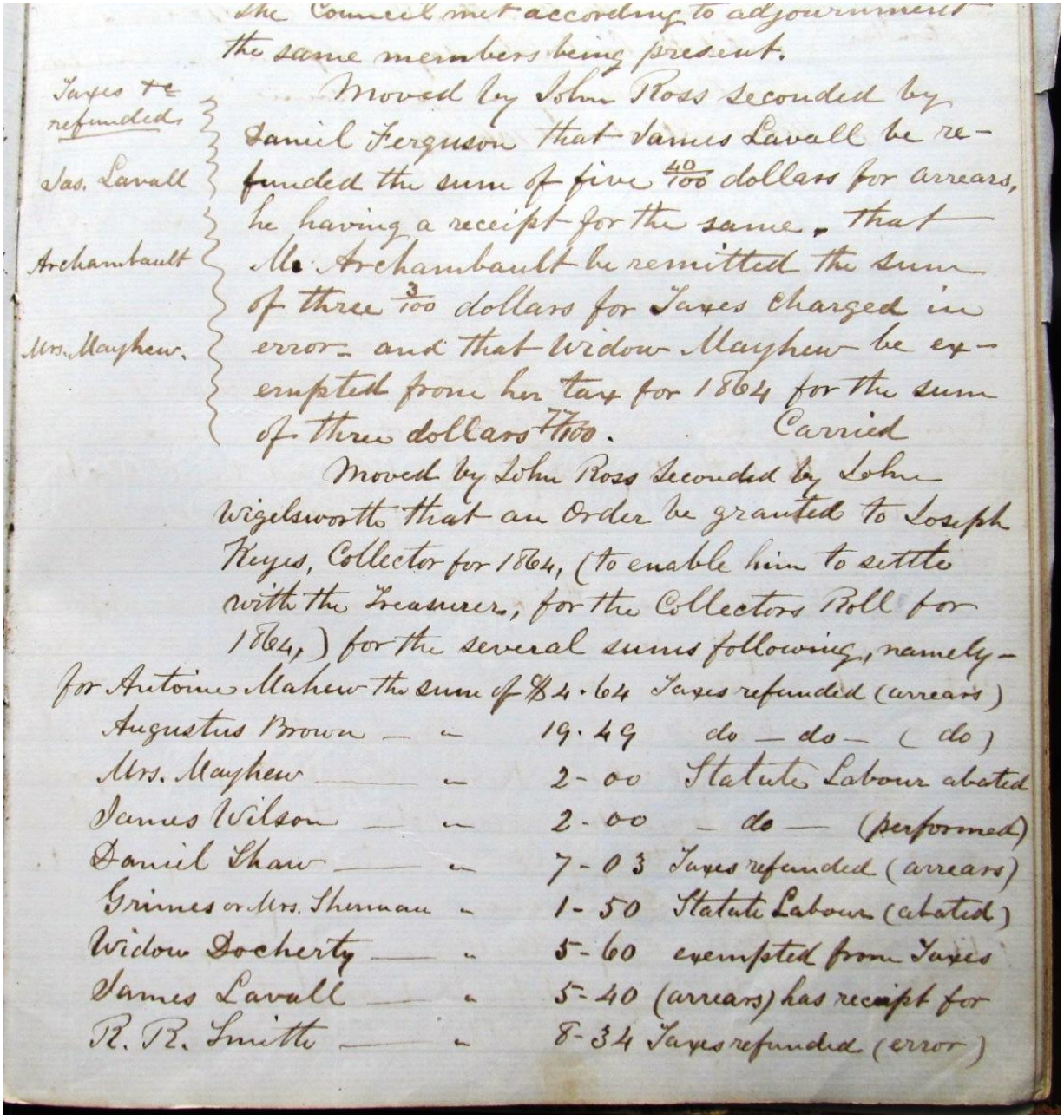
Editor's Note: These various selections from the Minute Books are all good examples of the many roles and items of business the members of Township Council handled. From Page 3 on, they are all in the hand of Township Clerk A. Cameron, who we came to deeply admire for his beautiful flowing handwriting. After deciphering challenging handwritings by other clerks, Mr. Cameron's fine caligraphy was greatly appreciated.

1864 Property taxes at $3.00 and $5.00. but mistakes still happen.



the Council met according to adjournment
the same members being present.

Taxes to be refunded

Jas. Lavall

Archambault

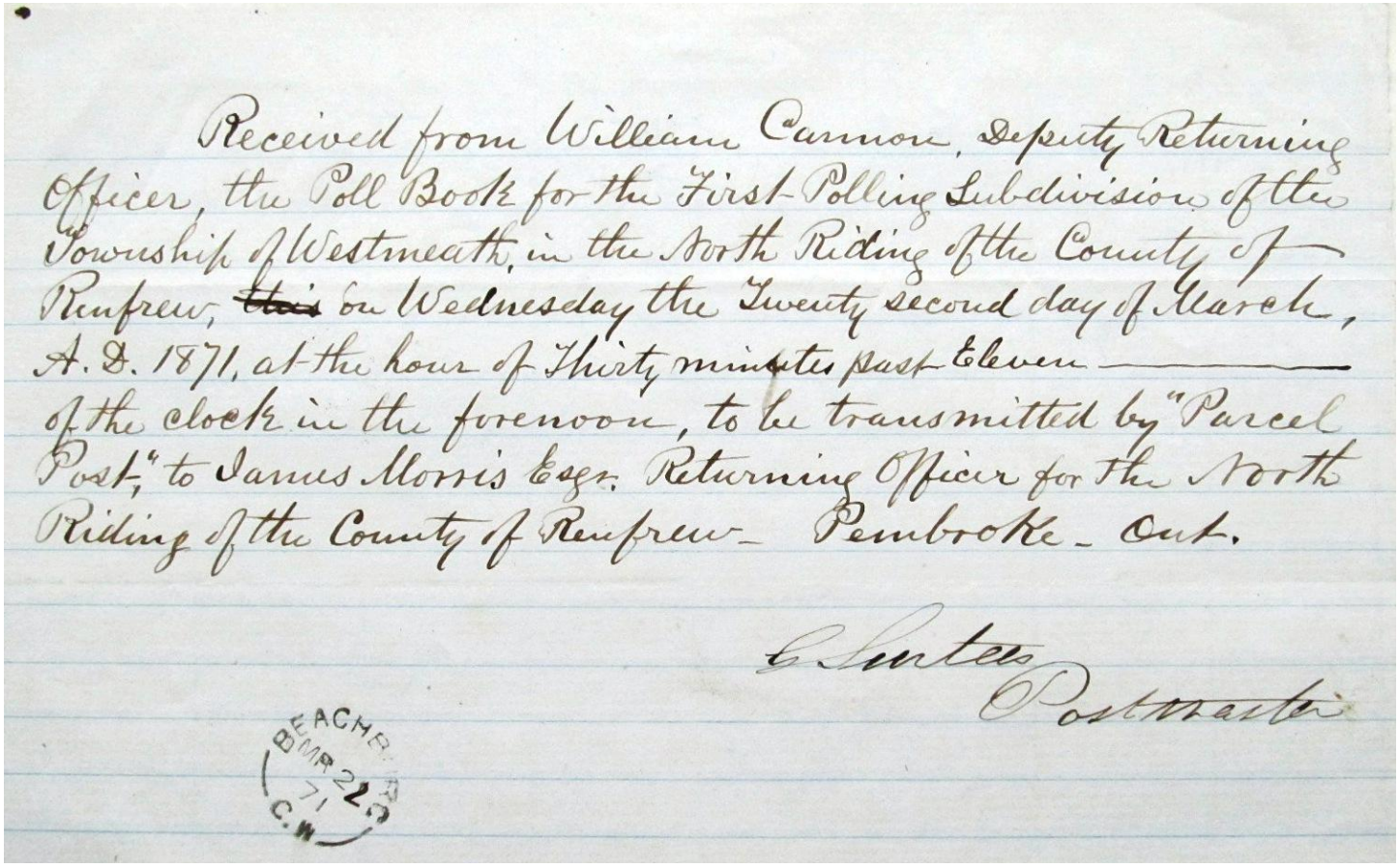
Mrs. Mayhew.

Moved by John Ross seconded by Daniel Ferguson that James Lavall be refunded the sum of five 40/100 dollars for arrears, he having a receipt for the same. that Mr. Archambault be remitted the sum of three 3/100 dollars for Taxes charged in error. and that Widow Mayhew be exempted from her tax for 1864 for the sum of three dollars 7/100. Carried

Moved by John Ross seconded by John Wigelsworth that an Order be granted to Joseph Keyes, Collector for 1864, (to enable him to settle with the Treasurer, for the Collectors Roll for 1864,) for the several sums following, namely—

for Antoine Mahew the sum of	$4.64	Taxes refunded (arrears)
Augustus Brown	19.49	do — do — (do)
Mrs. Mayhew	2-00	Statute Labour abated
James Wilson	2.00	— do — (performed)
Daniel Shaw	7-03	Taxes refunded (arrears)
Grimes or Mrs. Shuman	1-50	Statute Labour (abated)
Widow Docherty	5-60	exempted from Taxes
James Lavall	5-40	(arrears) has receipt for
R. R. Smith	8-34	Taxes refunded (error)

1871 Poll Book mailing, 1st Polling Subdivision



Received from William Cannon, Deputy Returning Officer, the Poll Book for the First Polling Subdivision of the Township of Westmeath, in the North Riding of the County of Renfrew, ~~this~~ on Wednesday the Twenty second day of March, A. D. 1871, at the hour of Thirty minutes past Eleven ——— of the clock in the forenoon, to be transmitted by "Parcel Post," to James Morris Esqr. Returning Officer for the North Riding of the County of Renfrew – Pembroke – Ont.

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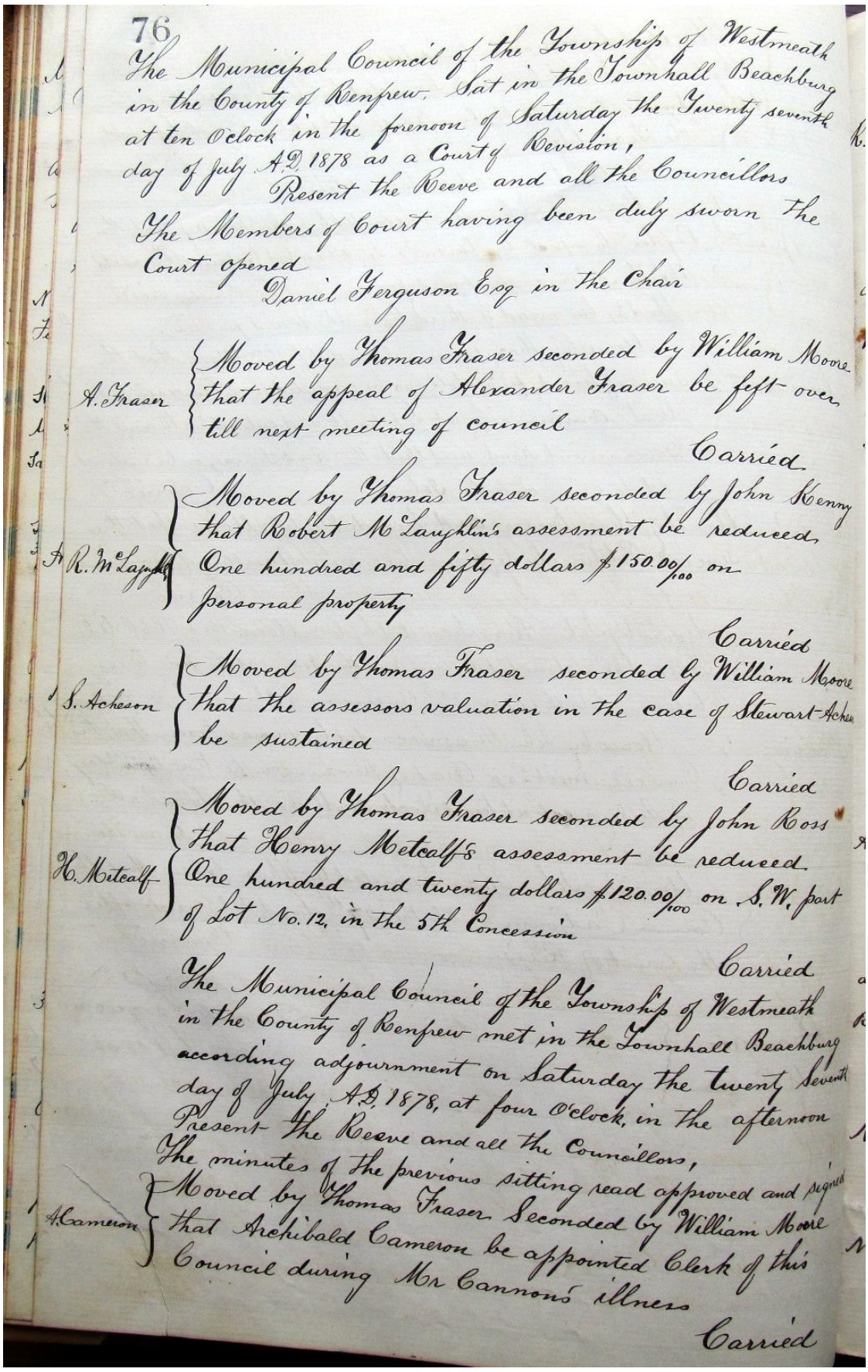
1878 Court of Appeal Proceedings on Tax Assessments



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The Municipal Council of the Township of Westmeath in the County of Renfrew. Sat in the Townhall Beachburg at ten O'clock in the forenoon of Saturday the Twenty seventh day of July A.D. 1878 as a Court of Revision,

Present the Reeve and all the Councillors

The Members of Court having been duly sworn the Court opened

Daniel Ferguson Esq in the Chair

A. Fraser — Moved by Thomas Fraser seconded by William Moore that the appeal of Alexander Fraser be left over till next meeting of council

Carried

R. McLaughlin — Moved by Thomas Fraser seconded by John Kenny that Robert McLaughlin's assessment be reduced One hundred and fifty dollars $150.00/100 on personal property

Carried

S. Acheson — Moved by Thomas Fraser seconded by William Moore that the assessors valuation in the case of Stewart Acheson be sustained

Carried

H. Metcalf — Moved by Thomas Fraser seconded by John Ross that Henry Metcalf's assessment be reduced One hundred and twenty dollars $120.00/100 on S.W. part of Lot No. 12. in the 5th Concession

Carried

The Municipal Council of the Township of Westmeath in the County of Renfrew met in the Townhall Beachburg according adjournment on Saturday the twenty Seventh day of July A.D. 1878, at four O'clock, in the afternoon

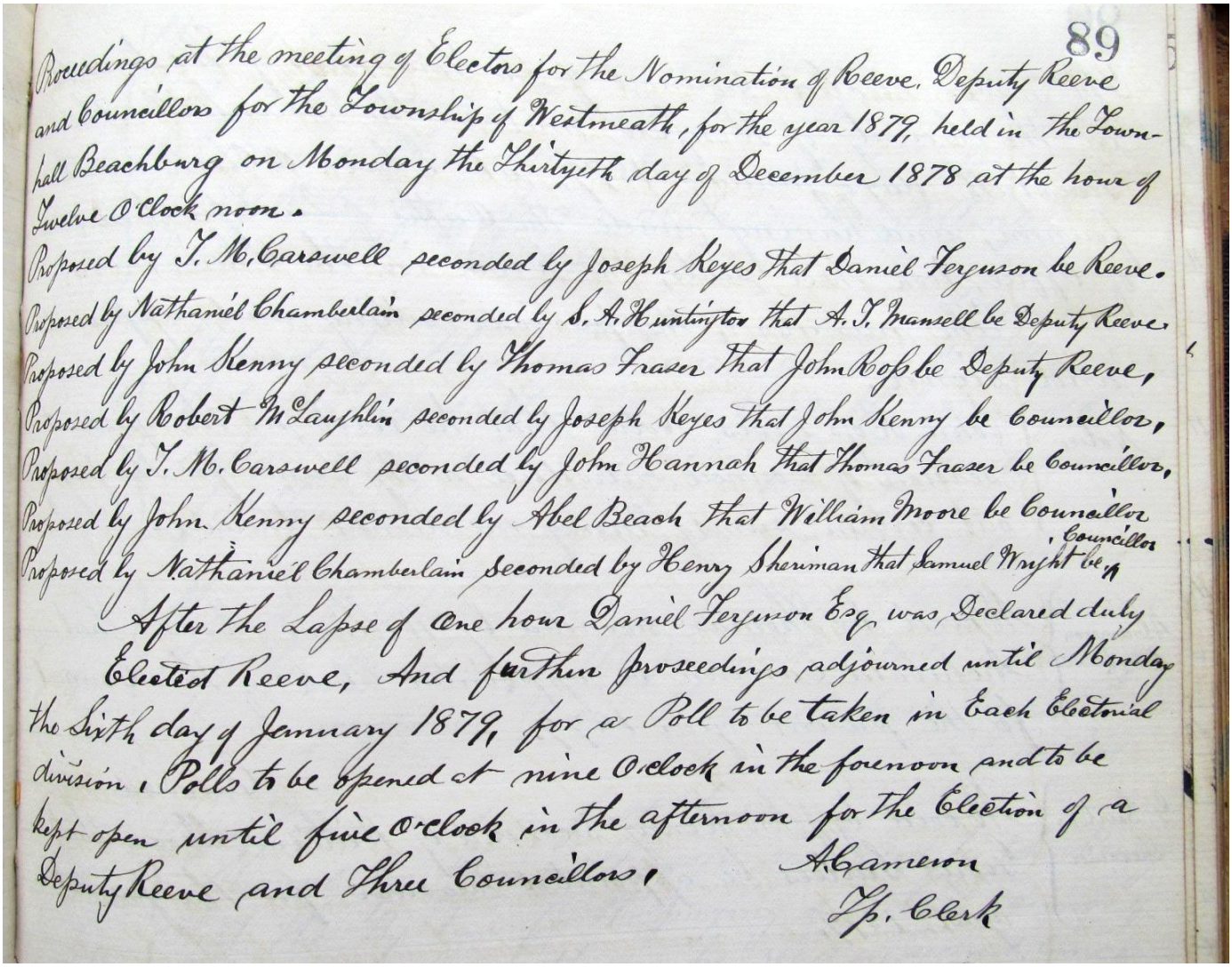
Present the Reeve and all the Councillors,

The minutes of the previous sitting read approved and signed

A. Cameron — Moved by Thomas Fraser Seconded by William Moore that Archibald Cameron be appointed Clerk of this Council during Mr Cannons illness

Carried

1879 Meeting of Electors



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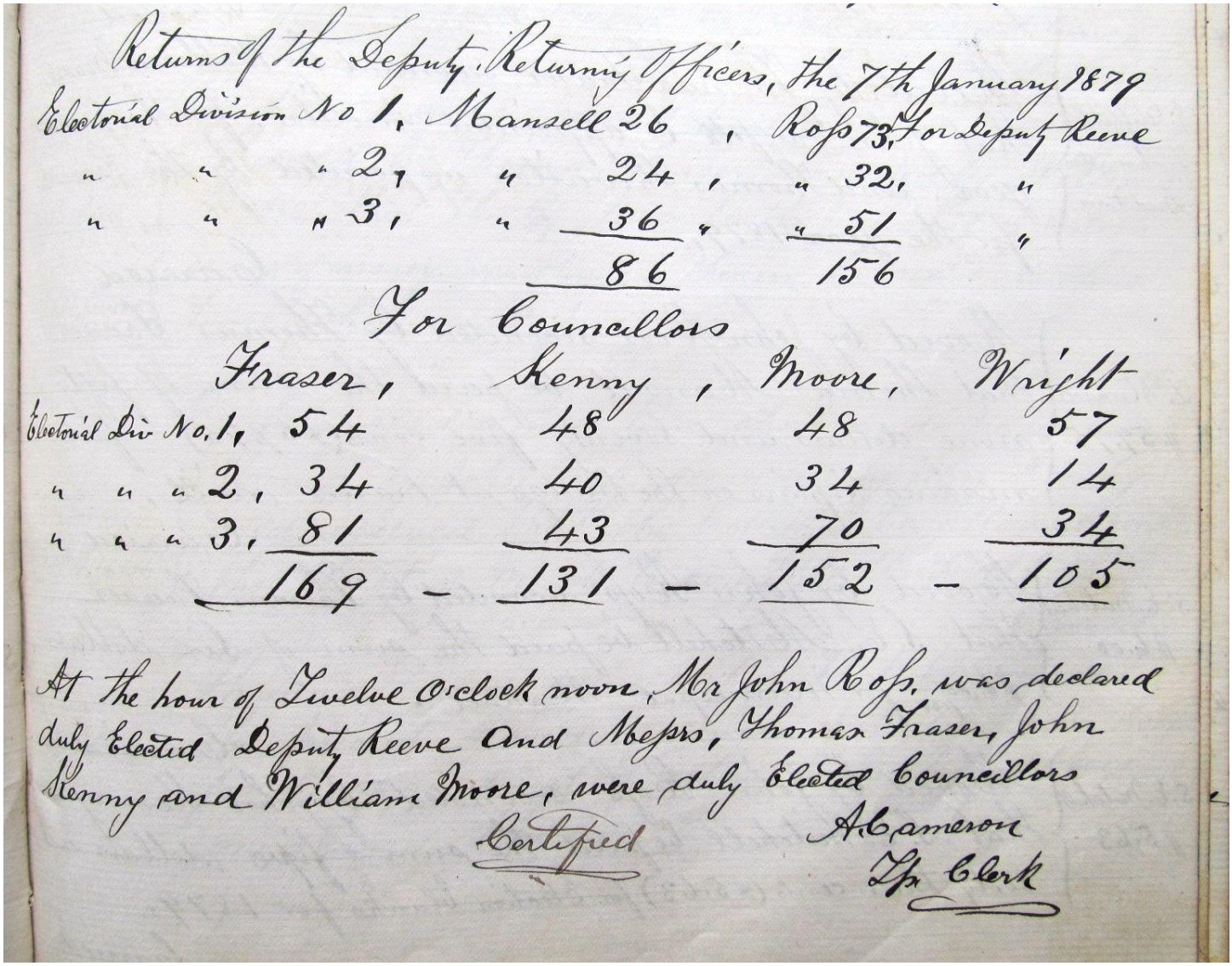
Proceedings at the meeting of Electors for the Nomination of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors for the Township of Westmeath, for the year 1879, held in the Town-hall Beachburg on Monday the Thirtyeth day of December 1878 at the hour of Twelve O'clock noon.

Proposed by T. M. Carswell seconded by Joseph Keyes that Daniel Ferguson be Reeve.
Proposed by Nathaniel Chamberlain seconded by S. A. Huntington that A. J. Mansell be Deputy Reeve.
Proposed by John Kenny seconded by Thomas Fraser that John Ross be Deputy Reeve,
Proposed by Robert McLaughlin seconded by Joseph Keyes that John Kenny be Councillor,
Proposed by T. M. Carswell seconded by John Hannah that Thomas Fraser be Councillor,
Proposed by John Kenny seconded by Abel Beach that William Moore be Councillor
Proposed by Nathaniel Chamberlain seconded by Henry Sherman that Samuel Wright be Councillor

After the Lapse of one hour Daniel Ferguson Esq was Declared duly Elected Reeve, And further proceedings adjourned until Monday the Sixth day of January 1879, for a Poll to be taken in Each Electorial division. Polls to be opened at nine O'clock in the forenoon and to be kept open until five O'clock in the afternoon for the Election of a Deputy Reeve and Three Councillors.

A. Cameron
Tp. Clerk

1879 Polling Results



Returns of the Deputy Returning Officers, the 7th January 1879

Electoral Division No 1, Mansell 26, Ross 73, For Deputy Reeve
" " " 2, " 24, " 32, "
" " " 3, " 36, " 51, "
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For Councillors

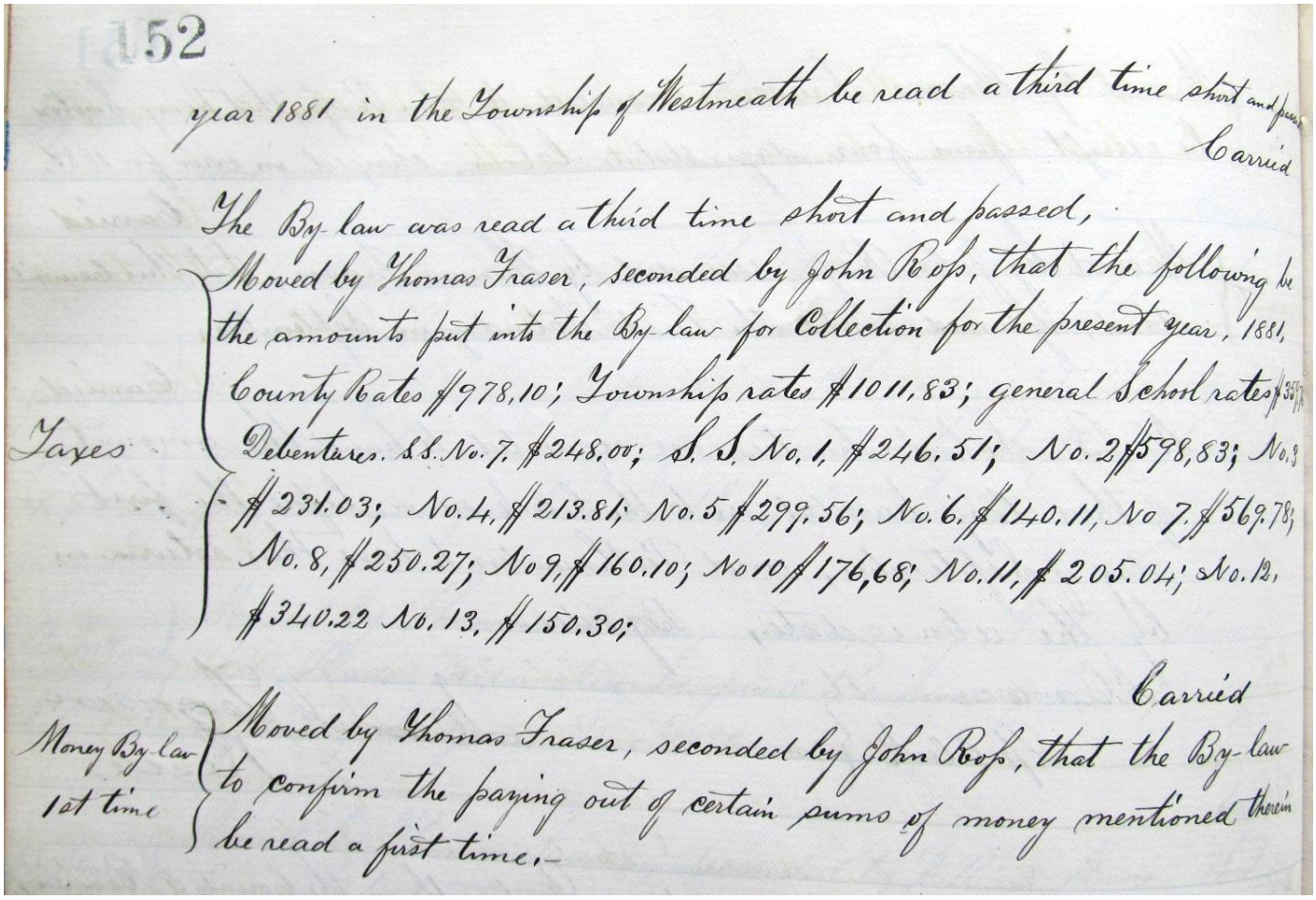
	Fraser,	Kenny,	Moore,	Wright
Electoral Div No. 1,	54	48	48	57
" " " 2,	34	40	34	14
" " " 3,	81	43	70	34
	169	131	152	105

At the hour of Twelve O'clock noon, Mr John Ross, was declared duly Elected Deputy Reeve and Messrs, Thomas Fraser, John Kenny and William Moore, were duly Elected Councillors

Certified

A Cameron
Dy Clerk

1881 Budget Items including School Rates



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year 1881 in the Township of Westmeath be read a third time short and passed.

Carried

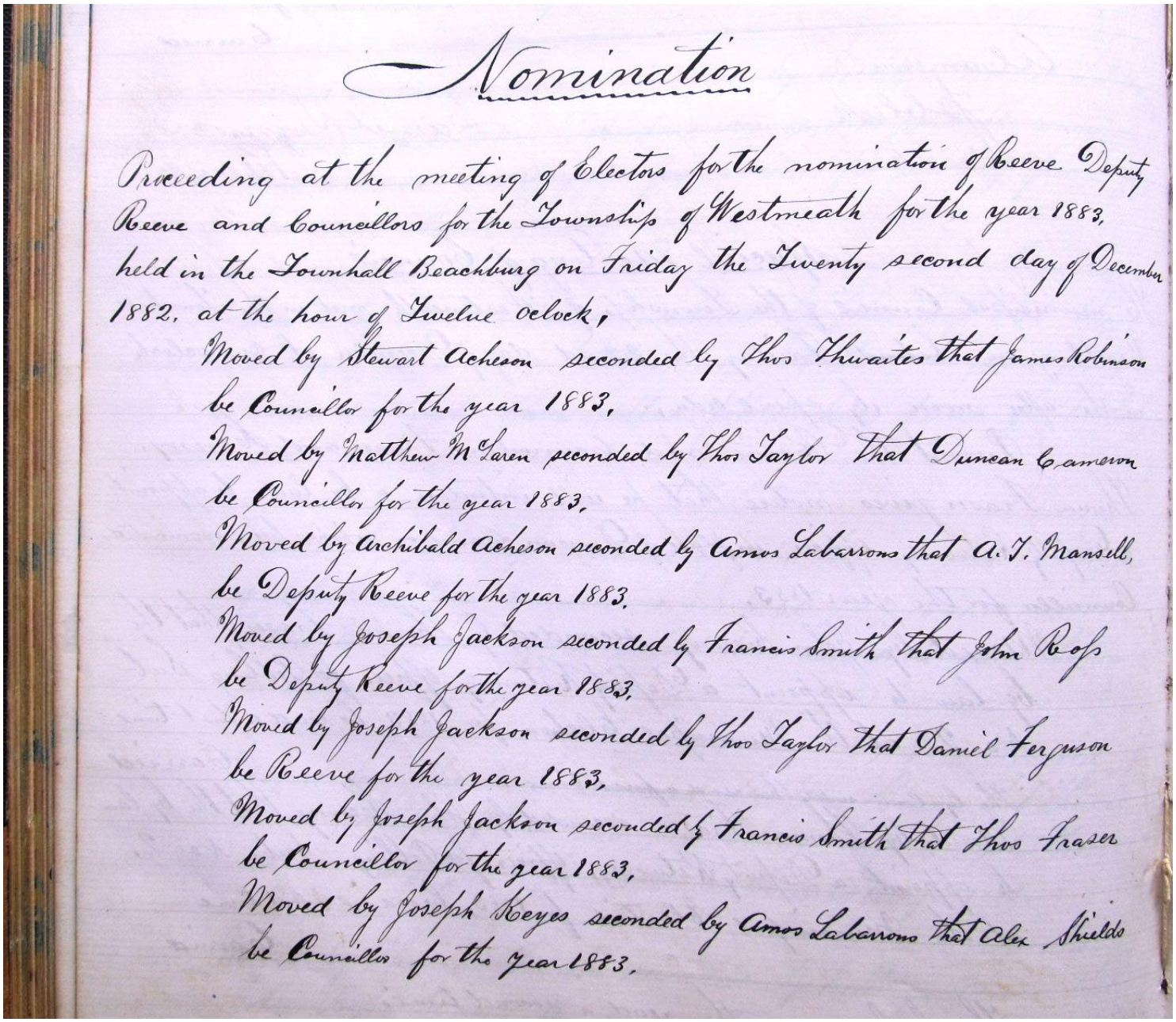
The By law was read a third time short and passed,

Taxes — Moved by Thomas Fraser, seconded by John Rose, that the following be the amounts put into the By law for Collection for the present year, 1881, County Rates $978.10; Township rates $1011.83; general School rates $35[illegible] Debentures. S.S. No. 7. $248.00; S.S. No. 1, $246.51; No. 2 $598.83; No. 3 $231.03; No. 4, $213.81; No. 5 $299.56; No. 6. $140.11, No 7. $569.78; No. 8, $250.27; No 9, $160.10; No 10 $176.68; No. 11, $205.04; No. 12, $340.22 No. 13, $150.30;

Carried

Money By-law 1st time — Moved by Thomas Fraser, seconded by John Rose, that the By-law to confirm the paying out of certain sums of money mentioned therein be read a first time.-

1882 Nominations for the 1883 Council



Nomination

Proceeding at the meeting of Electors for the nomination of Reeve Deputy Reeve and Councillors for the Township of Westmeath for the year 1883, held in the Townhall Beachburg on Friday the Twenty second day of December 1882, at the hour of Twelve oclock,

Moved by Stewart Acheson seconded by Thos Thwaites that James Robinson be Councillor for the year 1883,

Moved by Matthew McLaren seconded by Thos Taylor that Duncan Cameron be Councillor for the year 1883,

Moved by Archibald Acheson seconded by Amos Labarrons that A. J. Mansell, be Deputy Reeve for the year 1883,

Moved by Joseph Jackson seconded by Francis Smith that John Ross be Deputy Reeve for the year 1883,

Moved by Joseph Jackson seconded by Thos Taylor that Daniel Ferguson be Reeve for the year 1883,

Moved by Joseph Jackson seconded by Francis Smith that Thos Fraser be Councillor for the year 1883,

Moved by Joseph Keyes seconded by Amos Labarrons that Alex Shields be Councillor for the year 1883,

Moved by Amos Labarrons seconded by Michael Sullivan that John Kenny be Councillor for the year 1883,

Moved by Joseph Jackson seconded by Isaac Friar that Joseph Keyes be Councillor for the year 1883,

Moved by Joseph Jackson seconded by Thomas Taylor that William Moore be Councillor for the year 1883,

Moved by Joseph Keyes seconded by Michael Sullivan that Joseph Jackson be Councillor for the year 1883,

Moved by Duncan Cameron seconded by Matthew McLaren that Robt McLaren be Councillor for the year 1883,

Moved by Augustus Brown seconded by Samuel Wright that Geo Forbes be Councillor for the year 1883,

Moved by Isaac Friar seconded by S. A. Huntington that James Findlay be Reeve for the year 1883,

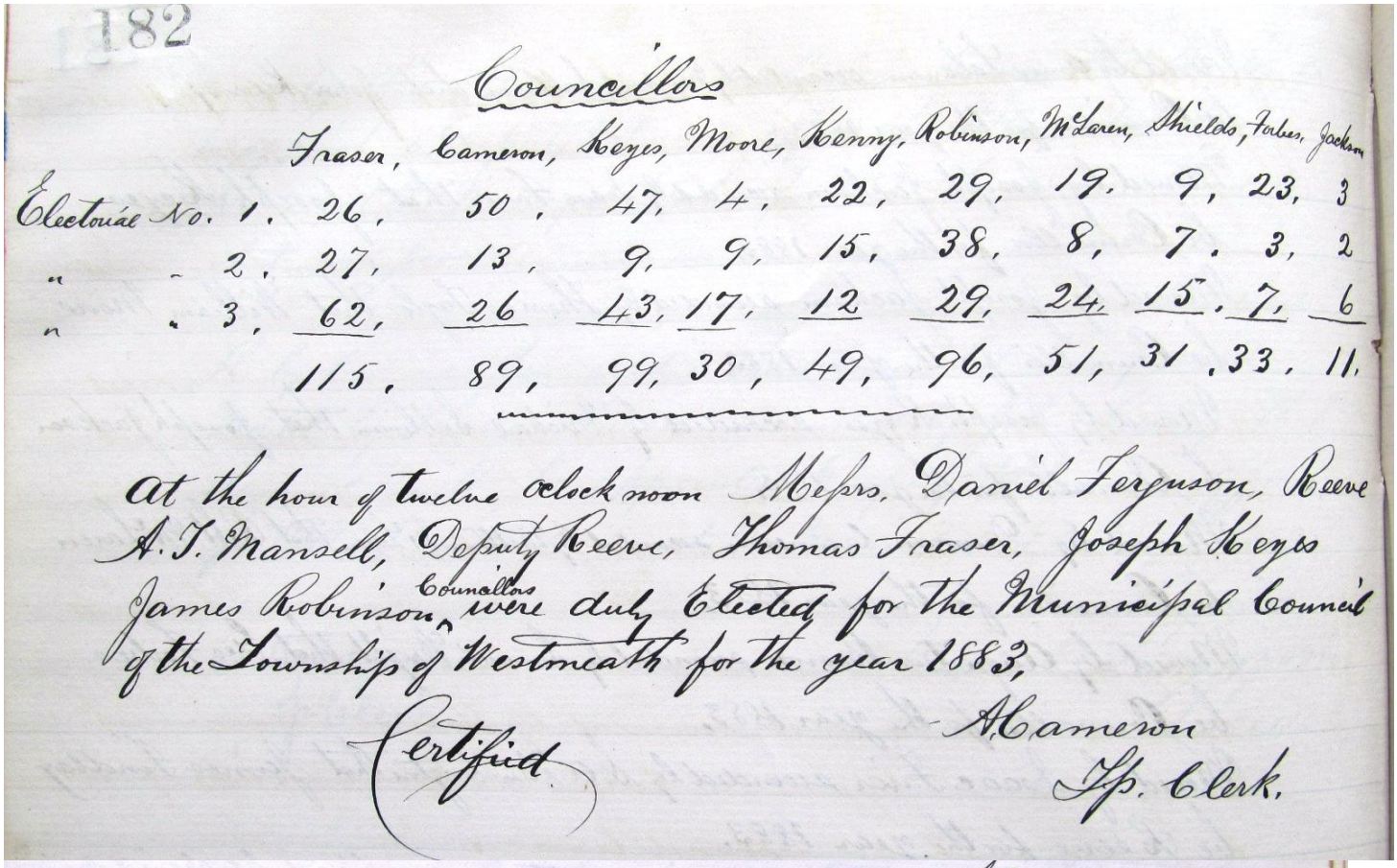
Moved by Robert McClelland seconded by Joseph Keyes that S. A. Huntington be Reeve for the year 1883,

And further proceedings adjourned until Monday the First day of January 1883, for a poll to be taken in Each ~~Electoral~~ Electoral division, Polls to be open at Nine oclock in the forenoon and to be kept open until five oclock in the afternoon for the Election of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Three Councillor for the Year 1883

A Cameron
Tp Clerk

1883

1883 Township Council Election Results



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Councillors

	Fraser	Cameron	Keyes	Moore	Kenny	Robinson	McLaren	Shields	Forbes	Jackson
Electoral No. 1.	26.	50.	47.	4.	22.	29.	19.	9.	23.	3
" 2.	27.	13.	9.	9.	15.	38.	8.	7.	3.	2
" 3.	62.	26	43.	17.	12	29.	24.	15.	7.	6
	115.	89.	99.	30.	49.	96.	51.	31.	33.	11.

At the hour of twelve oclock noon Messrs. Daniel Ferguson, Reeve A.T. Mansell, Deputy Reeve, Thomas Fraser, Joseph Keyes James Robinson, Councillors were duly Elected for the Municipal Council of the Township of Westmeath for the year 1883,

Certified

A. Cameron
Tp. Clerk.

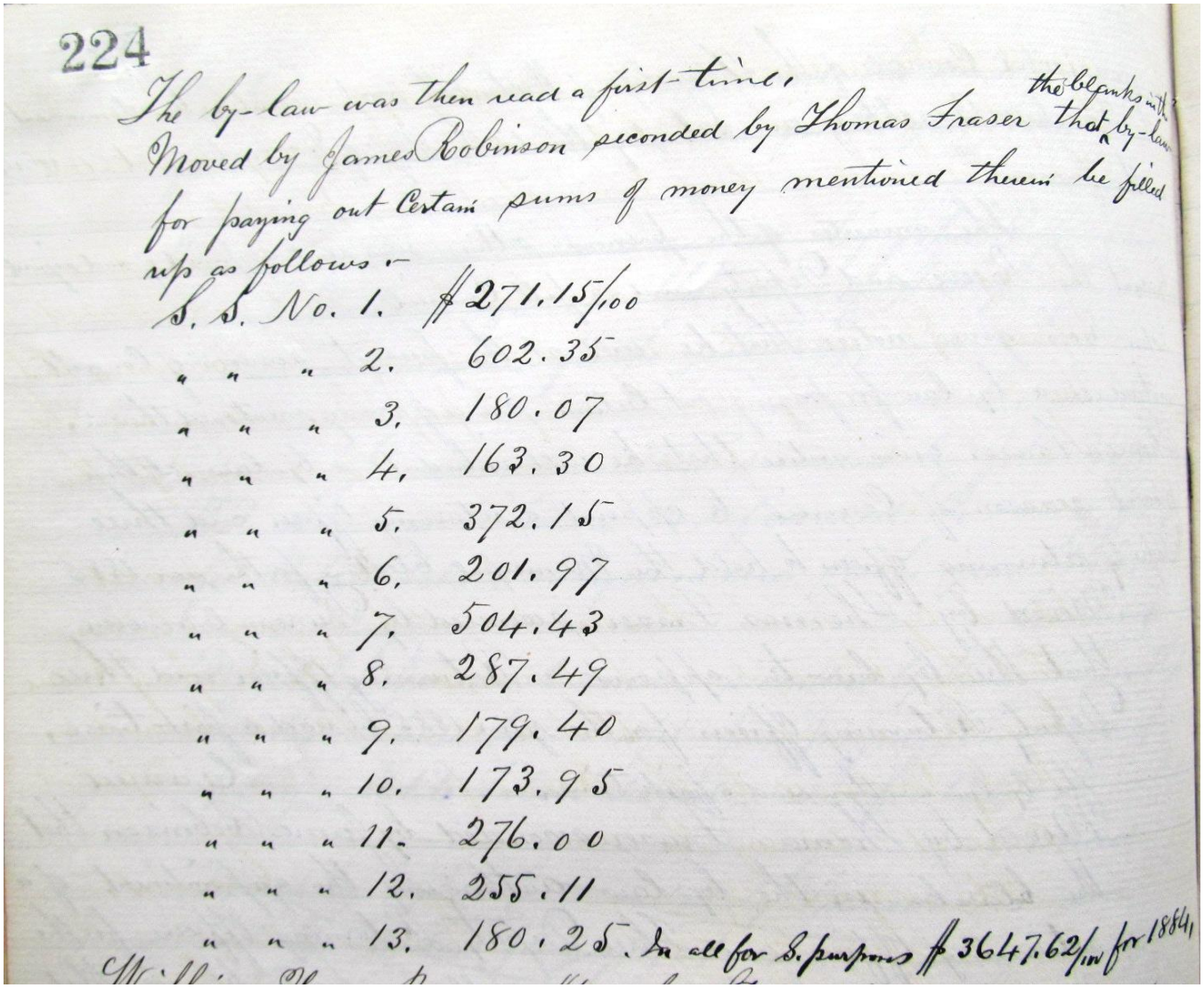
A. Cameron
Tp clerk

Returns of the Deputy Returning Officers the 2nd day of January 1883 is as follows,

Electoral Div No.	1, 71	D. Ferguson.	1 Huntington for Reeve
" " "	2, 44		
" " "	3, 72		11
	187		12.

Electoral Div No.	1, 48	A.T. Mansell.	33 Rep Deputy Reeve
" " "	2, 41		10
" " "	3 50		38
	139		81

1884 School Section Funding - in all $3,647,62



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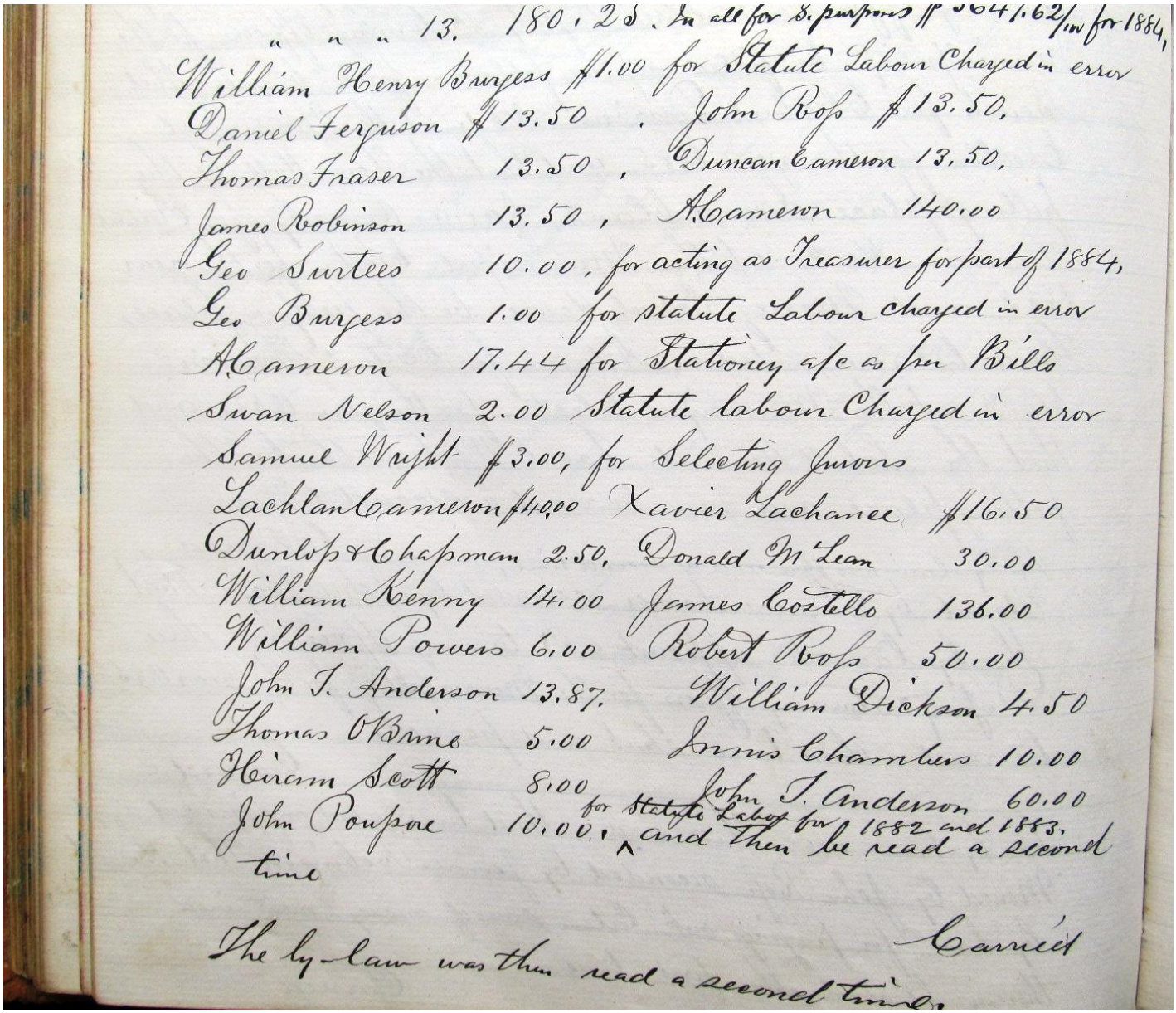
The by-law was then read a first time,
Moved by James Robinson seconded by Thomas Fraser that the blanks in the by-law for paying out certain sums of money mentioned therein be filled up as follows:-

S. S. No.	1.	$271.15/100
" " "	2.	602.35
" " "	3.	180.07
" " "	4.	163.30
" " "	5.	372.15
" " "	6.	201.97
" " "	7.	504.43
" " "	8.	287.49
" " "	9.	179.40
" " "	10.	173.95
" " "	11.	276.00
" " "	12.	255.11
" " "	13.	180.25

In all for S. purposes $3647.62/100 for 1884

1884 Fees paid out for various works.



" " " 13. 180.28. In all for S. purposes $ 3641.62/100 for 1884,
William Henry Burgess $1.00 for Statute Labour Charged in error
Daniel Ferguson $13.50, John Ross $13.50,
Thomas Fraser 13.50, Duncan Cameron 13.50,
James Robinson 13.50, A. Cameron 140.00
Geo Surtees 10.00, for acting as Treasurer for part of 1884,
Geo Burgess 1.00 for statute Labour charged in error
A. Cameron 17.44 for Stationery a/c as per Bills
Swan Nelson 2.00 Statute labour Charged in error
Samuel Wright $3.00, for Selecting Jurors
Lachlan Cameron $40.00 Xavier Lachance $16.50
Dunlop & Chapman 2.50, Donald McLean 30.00
William Kenny 14.00 James Costello 136.00
William Powers 6.00 Robert Ross 50.00
John T. Anderson 13.87. William Dickson 4.50
Thomas O'Brine 5.00 Innis Chambers 10.00
Hiram Scott 8.00 John T. Anderson 60.00
John Poupore 10.00, for Statute Labor for 1882 and 1883.
time and then be read a second

Carried

The by-law was then read a second time.