

Spalding
Common Spalding
Charge and Receipts.

IN RESPECT OF

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand at the Annual Meeting, 1896	104	17	4
Arrears of Interior Tax from last Account	1	19	5
One year's Rent of Banks and Slipes, due Michaelmas, 1896	55	14	6

£162 11 3

ought to be under Rate

*Common in Spalding
from Bank Road to 40 feet South Dredge to Ride Hole*

IN RESPECT OF

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand at the Annual Meeting, 1896	17	8	8½
One year's Rent of Banks and Slipes, due Michaelmas, 1896	75	10	0
Balance	29	2	9½

£122 1 6

want only 6^d

no Rate

from Hill drain to West Side from Spalding

IN RESPECT OF

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand at the Annual Meeting, 1896	11	3	6½
Arrears of Interior Tax from last account	1	8	7
The like Rents	5	0	0
One year's Rent of Banks and Slipes, due Michaelmas, 1896	39	12	9
Balance	38	2	2½

£95 7 1

want only rate 6^d

Payments and Discharge.

THE 1st DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Fovargue & Co., Roading	8	18	0			
ditto Labour	4	0	6			
Burdett, Timber	5	8	9			
Ashling, Carpenter	6	3	9			
Salter, Bricklayer	5	7	4			
Glen Bank Rate	2	9	5			
General Tax on Slipes	2	12	9			
Welland Tax	1	8	2			
Proportion of A. Harrison, Superintendent's Salary	5	12	4			
ditto Mr. Harvey, Receiver of Taxes, ditto	5	16	10			
ditto Calthrop & Bonner, Clerks, ditto	1	19	4			
						49 17 2
Arrears of Interior Tax						1 19 5
Rents						7 15 0
Balance						102 19 8
						<u>£162 11 3</u>

no Rate

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THE 2nd DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Fovargue & Co., Roading	3	12	3			
ditto Labour	6	7	6			
Burdett, Timber	3	13	8			
Ashling, Carpenter	4	1	9			
Glen, Bank Rate	2	19	10			
Welland Tax	2	3	9			
Branton, H., Compensation for Damage	0	17	6			
Shotbolt, Fagots	4	3	4			
Amount of General Rate, paid out of District Funds, being 1/- an acre on 1221a. Or. 23p.	61	0	2			
Proportion of A. Harrison, Superintendent's Salary	6	15	0			
ditto Mr. Harvey, Receiver of Taxes, ditto	7	4	6			
ditto Calthrop & Bonner, Clerks, ditto	2	7	3			
						105 6 6
Arrears of Rents						16 15 0
						<u>£122 1 6</u>

THE THIRD DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Fovargue & Co., Roading	7	17	8			
ditto Labour	5	4	0			
Roe, Carpenter	25	1	8			
Salter, Bricklayer	27	12	6			
Glen Bank Rate	3	7	2			
General Tax on Slipes	0	1	5			
Welland Tax	1	6	4			
Proportion of A. Harrison, Superintendent's Salary	7	8	8			
ditto Mr. Harvey, Receiver of Taxes	8	3	8			
ditto Calthrop & Bonner, Clerks, ditto	2	12	0			
						88 15 1
Arrears of Taxes						0 12 0
The like, Rents						6 0 0

£95 7 1

Drain Road and
Comm. & Kesteven
Charge and Receipts.

IN RESPECT OF

	£	s.	d.
Arrears of Interior Tax from last Account	45	5	10
The like Rents	41	5	0
One Year's Rent of Banks and Land, due Michaelmas, 1896	68	2	6
One Year's Interior Tax at 1/- an acre, on 2407a. 1r. 30p.	120	7	8½
Half Year's Rent, of House due Michaelmas, 1896	1	5	0

was this an eschy rate 6° Rate

£276 6 0½

all above Prof. drew Drain as Layloff & Road

IN RESPECT OF

	£	s.	d.
Arrears of Interior Tax from last Account	20	16	9
The like Rents	14	5	0
One Year's Interior Rate at 6d. an acre on 2658a. 1r. 8p.	66	10	3½
One Year's Rent of Banks and Land, due Michaelmas, 1896	25	0	0
One Year's Rent of Land, occupied by Mrs. Gunn	12	0	0
One Year's Rent of House, due Michaelmas, 1896	2	10	0
Of Mr. Ward, Rent of Fishery	1	0	0
Balance	16	13	2

was this an eschy rate 6° Rate

£158 15 2½

SUMMARY OF

	£	s.	d.
Balance from first District	102	19	8
Fifth District	29	16	5
Balance due to the Treasurer	284	18	0½
	<u>£417</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1½</u>

TIMES OF WORKING THE ENGINES FROM THE 26th MARCH 1896,
TO THE 26th MARCH, 1897.

The Holland Engine, 181 days 9 hours at 12 hours per day.
The Kesteven Engine, 177 days 4 hours at 12 hours per day.

Rain fall for the same period 25¾ inches.

Payments and Discharge.

THE 5th DISTRICT.

Prof. drew Drain as Layloff & Road

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at the Annual Meeting, 1896				53	5	5
Wright & Co., Roading	28	8	9			
Ditto, Labour	30	19	10			
Ditto, Tunnel Tending	1	10	0			
Bennett, Blacksmith	0	3	6			
Lake, Carpenter	17	13	0			
Fovargue & Co., Labour	5	17	0			
Hainsworth, Builder	5	12	6			
Fovargue A., Molecatching	4	10	0			
Glen Bank Rate	5	18	4			
Welland Tax	2	8	4			
Allowance to Tenants	2	4	0½			
Proportion of A. Harrison, Superintendent's Salary	13	8	8			
The like, Sharpe & Wade, Receivers of Taxes, ditto	5	12	2			
The like, Calthrop & Bonner, Clerks, ditto	4	14	0			
				<u>129</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1½</u>
Arrears of Bank Rents				25	17	6
Ditto, Interior Tax				38	6	7
Balance				29	16	5
				<u>£276</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0½</u>

THE 6th DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at the Annual Meeting, 1896				10	0	10
Wright & Co., Roading	26	14	10			
Ditto, Labour	42	1	0			
Neaverson, Stone	1	14	0			
Eyon & Others, Tunnel Tending	1	1	0			
Lake J. & Others, Carpenters	11	15	3			
Allen, Horsehire	0	12	6			
Salter, Bricklayer	4	8	8			
Bennett, Blacksmith	0	1	6			
Glen Bank Rate	7	5	3			
Welland Tax	2	10	9			
Allowances to Tenants	0	15	3			
Proportion of A. Harrison, Superintendent's Salary	16	15	4			
The like, Sharpe & Wade, Receivers of Taxes, ditto	6	17	10			
The like, Calthrop & Bonner, Clerks, ditto	5	17	5			
				<u>128</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>
Arrears of Bank Rents				2	5	0
Ditto, Interior Tax				17	18	9½
				<u>£158</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2½</u>

BALANCES.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from General Account	333	15	11½
Ditto Second District	29	2	9½
Ditto Third District	38	2	2½
Ditto Sixth District	16	13	2
	<u>£417</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1½</u>

I have examined the above Accounts with the Books and Vouchers and find the same correct.

W. A. SOUTHWELL, Auditor.

MARCH, 1896, to MARCH, 1897.

The past hot dry summer was followed by a wet stormy month of September, with ungenial weather in the Autumn. The rainfall of the latter months of 1896 was much in excess of several previous years. Snow fell at intervals and became drifted into dykes and hollows during January, 1897, the temperature remaining at the latter end of the month for many days at about 30 degrees until February set in. On the 3rd, 4th and 5th of this month the temperature suddenly rose to 35 degrees followed by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches of rain, an allowance of quite 1 inch of water could be made for the snow melting, this added to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches of rain, rendered a total depth of surface water ready to come down into our system of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

The River Glen rose 7 feet 6 inches on Saturday, February 6th, and the highest flood known in this generation occurred, banks overflowed and a serious break took place in the North Bank at Guthram.

The river Welland and Cowbit Wash rose nearly 5 feet from Saturday morning to 5 o'clock on Monday night being then about 2 feet below the flood of 1880.

N.B. By observation it has been found that in the Glen 1 inch of rain in flood times produces a 3 feet rise of water in that river, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches of water produced the 7 feet 6 inches of flood as before stated.

In the Welland it has been found that 1 inch of rain will cause generally a rise of about 20 inches of water in Cowbit Wash, this fact has again been borne out by the 5 feet rise of water as already noticed in this river.

The Flood only remained its full height for a few hours when it began to subside and the fall became rather rapid.

The Flood down the Glen combined with that of the Welland reduced the low water mark at the Vernatt's Sluice from 8 feet 4 inches to 5 feet and is now much lower, shewing a great improvement in the Welland.

Podehole Annual Rainfall from 1829 to 1896.

Year.	Inches.	Remarks.	Year.	Inches.	Remarks.
1829	20.25		1858	17.50	Similar to 1854.
1830	34.38	Glen Bank broke.	1859	25.25	
1831	34.32	Glen Bank broke.	1860	30.37	
1832	28.87		1861	25.75	"Holland" engine wheel lowered 14in., first time.
1833	24.95		1862	24.87	
1834	18.10	Dry, July excepted.	1863	22.87	
1835	24.20		1864	17.62	Dry year; similar to 1854.
1836	26.65		1865	29.12	Welland landed up by Tides.
1837	23.90	Glen Bank broke.	1866	26.75	
1838	21.10		1867	23.37	
1839	31.65		1868	24.75	Hot dry spring! Pastures burnt up May, June, July, [Rainfall 3 in.
1840	21.30		1869	27.87	May Flood.
1841	29.45	Coal used—1,350 Tons.—Several new drainage steam engines [erected in the Fens.	1870	16.87	Lowest yet recorded.
1842	32.10		1871	25.50	
1843	29.45		1872	32.50	Glen Bank broke into Bourne North Fen.
1844	22.20	Low rainfall.	1873	19.62	Holland engine wheel lowered 18in.
1845	27.25		1874	16.25	Another 10 years since 1864 dry.
1846	26.10	18 years' averages—27 inches.	1875	34.25	Great change set in in July this year.
1847	25.62	"Kesteven" engine wheel lowered 14in., first time.	1876	31.00	
1848	34.30		1877	24.25	Glen Bank broke into Bourne North Fen, Great Flood in Cowbit Wash, Water at Duck Hall 18in. deep on Road.
1849	27.45		1878	25.62	
1850	20.93		1879	24.375	A most wretched harvest, Glen New Sluice opened.
1851	22.25		1880	37.12	Glen bank broke into Bourne South Fen, Flood in Cowbit Wash 4in.
1852	31.00	Great Floods in the Fens and in Cowbit Wash.	1881	26.12	1881 "Kesteven" wheel lowered 18in. [higher than 1877.
1853	26.62		1882	30.50	Glen Bank broke South side.
1854	17.75	Slightly below 1834—Dry.	1883	30.87	Low water in Welland 1 1/4 in. below Sill of Glen New [Sluice
1855	22.00		1884	16.75	Ten years again and dry.
1856	22.62		1885	23.87	
1857	27.87	Vernatt's New Sluice opened.	1886	30.25	May Flood.
			1887	15.12	The lowest recorded. Crossgate Bridge re-built.

Podehole Annual Rainfall from 1888 to 1897.

1888	21.56		1893	3.62	177.30	149.11	3.25	22.73	Total Depth in inches.				
1889	26.73		1894	4.75	160.77	179.80	1.37	4.75					
1890	19.97		1895	2.00	158.62	185.83	1.12	1.37					
1891	25.08	No rain in February.	1896	.75	127.71	185.62	1.12	1.37					
1892	22.66	Holland wheel lowered 4in., total 3ft. since 1825, new Dredger [launched.	1897	.87	115.68	158.62	1.12	1.37					
1893	18.32	Very dry Summer.											
1894	22.35	Welland again heavily landed up by Tides.											
1895	22.23	Feb. 9th, 35 degrees of Frost in Spalding.											
1896	22.73												
Rainfall.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1896.	1.00	.75	2.00	.87	.75	2.00	1.12	1.37	4.75	3.62	1.25	3.25	22.73
1897.	1.37	3.12	2.00				185.83	179.80	160.77	177.30	149.11	124.77	
Total depth for each month 1829 to 1896.	129.54	107.04	101.68	115.68	127.71	158.62	185.83	179.80	160.77	177.30	149.11	124.77	Total Depth in inches.

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No. of Days the Engines Worked, at 12 Hours per Day.

1885	Holland	152 days.	1889	Holland	156 days, 7 hours.	1893	Holland	33 days, 1 hour.
"	Kesteven	194 "	"	Kesteven	109 "	"	Kesteven	23 "
1886	Holland	272 "	1890	Holland	46 "	1894	Holland	107 "
"	Kesteven	242 "	"	Kesteven	35 "	"	Kesteven	87 "
1887	Holland	26 "	1891	Holland	186 "	1895	Holland	49 "
"	Kesteven	33 "	"	Kesteven	111 "	"	Kesteven	29 "
1888	Holland	86 "	1892	Holland	142 "	1896	Holland	181 "
"	Kesteven	73 "	"	Kesteven	110 "	"	Kesteven	177 "