BURY TOWN COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the members of the Bury Town Council was held on Tuesday morning last at the Guildhall, Bury. There were present—The Mayor (Mr. Ridley, Esq.), Aldermen H. Le Grice, C. Beard, G. Thompson, and G. H. Nunn, and Councillors J. Fennell, A. Hubert, J. Fisher, A. Storrs, R. Lacy Scott, A. J. Harper, F. Nunn, J. Smithyes, J. Gough, L. Jackaman, G. Jackaman, J. Ward, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Chapman, R. Boby.

Finance.—The minutes of the Finance Committee were read, the committee reporting a balance of £131 in favour of the Council.

The Cattle Plague.—The minutes of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Committee were read, the committee recommending the adoption of the Order issued by the County authorities regarding the removal of stock to slaughter houses. The Town Clerk said the committee were of opinion that it would be needless to go to the expense of advertising and printing lists. They had was to use the lists they already had in hand. They had only had one application for a licence.—Mr. Hooper said it appeared that the county authorities had done what he and Mr. Jaggard had suggested should be done.—The Town Clerk said they had not done so, as we had that, as he said at the time would be the case, intended the suggestions for removing the restrictions from the markets.

The Corn Market.—The Town Clerk stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Powell, Powell's relative to the cleansing of their cattle market, and he had replied that they were doing all they possibly could to make the market fit; such a condition as would meet the wishes of the Privy Council.—Mr. G. H. Nunn said that if they were compelled to pave the higher market it would cost them upwards of £600.

Roads.—The minutes of the Estates Committee were read, and an application having been made by some of the tenants of the Fair Farm for a reduction of rent, the committee suggested that the tenants should be asked what rent they would pay.—Mr. Hooper said an application to be appointed surveyor to the Corporation at a fixed salary, as he had for several years been doing the work without any salary.—The committee recommended that Mr. Slaggen be appointed at a salary of £25 a year.—Mr. Fisher said he did not wish to keep The Town Clerk said he had £225 as Surveyor to the Friars Bridge Improvement. The Council had been in the habit of asking Mr. Slaggen to overlook the work, as considerably with the bridges they had erected, and he had received a thing for it, and he was asked for an increase.—Mr. J. Ward said he was never over the men than he otherwise had.—Mr. Fisher said the committee had to be considered. Whether Mr. Slaggen had time to do the work.—Mr. Shuttes said that the committee had taken that into consideration. They found that Mr. Slaggen had done the work for seven years.—Mr. Hooper said the matter had been thoroughly considered in committee and he thought if all the circumstances were clearly before the Council the decision would be opposite.—The Chairman said he had only seen one of the tenants of the Fair Farm, Mr. Cutler, and he was willing to keep one field at £2 per annum, he did not wish to have any part of the land.—Mr. Beard though £2 an acre was too high for a market garden.—Mr. G. H. Nunn said that the land was not very valuable.—The minutes of the Finance and the Committee were then read and adopted.

The Sewage.—In the report of Mr. Jaggard, the Town Clerk stated that no progress had been made by the Corporation as to securing a tenant for the Bull Farm.

The Markets.—The minutes of the Markets Committee were then read, which it appeared that an application had been made by three gentlemen to perhaps the Corn Exchange Market, which was not let, for the sale of exhibition poultry and shows, the charge proposed being 2s. 6d. per day. The committee recommended that the offer be not accepted.—Mr. Hooper thought that was a matter requiring some consideration. He had seen the place, and it was better than it was at present standing in they should let it.—The Town Clerk said the minutes were adopted, and no fresh business was transacted.

The Council then proceeded to transact small business.

The Town Clerk read a letter to Mr. Gough, the Town Clerk, stating that the necessary orders had been obtained for the Bury Electric Light Company within the time specified by the Board of Trade, and that notice from the Board of Trade that, in consequence of the Bury Electric Light Company not having been ready to the company, a public inquiry would be held, of which notice was given to the Mayor, Mr. G. Phillips thought that stage might not be reached.—The Town Clerk agreed with him, observing that the Bury Company had not yet made their application.—Mr. Fisher said he was not aware of the opposition offered.

Accounts.—The Chairman of the Finance Committee stated that there was a balance of £574 in favour of the Borough Fund Accounts.

The Tramway Scheme for Guardians and the Corporation.—The Town Clerk read some correspondence which had taken place between the Bury Guardians and the Corporation relative to the disputed claim for a little over £40, for the use of the tramway by patients in hospital, for infectious diseases. When the matter was first referred to in a previous meeting, it was decided, and told against these, and particularly that unfortunate case, in which the drawn up by the clerks to the two joint sides, it was agreed to take Lord Cadogan's opinion, The Clerk to the Inspection (Mr. Cambridge) have—Mr. Hooper said the Guardians had written to the Town Clerk to the effect that the patients were required to be conveyed to the Infectious Hospital, and the Guardians were willing to pay what was the use of directing the Guardians to pay, if they should insist upon the decision being carried out. He considered it was the Town Clerk's duty to get the cases tried, and not waste time with had to pay.—Mr. Gough thought the question ought to be settled by the county, and the very long, because the cost must be borne by the ratepayers in some form or other. As the guardians had no limit to expenditure, he thought they ought to be not be deprecated any litigation in the matter.—Mr. Hooper said, Lord Cadogan's decision was, the Town Clerk's opinion was to the interpreting events by what had happened since. The persons removed were paupers, and they were removed under an order from the Guardians, and it was fully believed that the guardians would pay. It was a case that Mr. Chapman had put himself into such a position; they had found him in a very good mood. He had to go to the guardians and were simply receiving relief in the hospital instead of their, as it seems.—Mr. Beard thought that Mr. Cambridge was perfectly right in the decision, and the guardians were willing to pay what was the use of directing the