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Report Comm-
ittee of Public
Accounts on
letter from Cashier
Merchants Bank.

Read Report from Committee
of Public Accounts in reference to the letter from the Cashier
of Merchants Bank reducing interest on Deposit Account of
the City's Sinking Funds

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The Committee of Public
Accounts beg to report that in the matter of Notice from the
Merchants Bank in re reduction of interest from Four to Three
per cent.

Your Committee suggest that
His Honor the Recorder prepare a Bill to present to the House
of Assembly asking permission to re-invest the present Sinking
Funds viz: Twelve Thousand (\$12000) and any subsequent addit-
ion thereto in Provincial or City Debentures that will produce
not less than four per cent.

H. B. Mc Sweeney.
Acting Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman
Sheakston seconded by Alderman Mc Sweeney the same is
received and adopted.

"Order of the Day" is taken up.

"Proposed Tariff of Water Rates."

Tariff of Water
Rates.

On Motion of Alderman
O'Bryan seconded by Alderman O'Mullin the "Order of the
Day" is suspended to allow Alderman O'Bryan to move the
following resolution.

Resolved that the Chairman
of the City Board of Works be instructed to furnish eighteen desks
for the use of Aldermen in this Council as early as possible.
Moved by Alderman O'Bryan seconded by Alderman Mc Swee-
ney which resolution on being put is passed.

Alderman Longard gives notice
of Motion for next Meeting of Council in reference to Sewerage
Rates.

Moved by Alderman Mc Bellan
seconded by Alderman O'Bryan that the following first clause
of proposed Water Rates be passed

1st clause The Board of City
Works shall annually hereafter report to the City Council the
estimated amount which will be required for the ensuing year
for the maintenance of the Water Service of the City of Halifax
to which the following amendment was introduced Moved by
Alderman Longard seconded by Alderman Bent, Resolved

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That the City Council do come to the following resolution as a basis for a law for the levy of the Water Rates. It further Resolved That the City Council shall have power to levy upon all lands and premises liable to be assessed for Water Rates a sum not exceeding _____ Thousand Dollars per annum which amendment on being put is lost 2 voting for the same 10 against it. The first clause on being put is passed.

Read following Second and Third clauses of Tariff Water Rates.

It will also be required to give the estimated revenue from Special Services in connection with Water Works such as water closets, extra fittings &c during said ensuing year.

The City Council shall there-upon after deducting estimated revenue from estimated cost as above stated in the Estimates for the said ensuing year and cause the same to be levied upon all real property in the City of Halifax, situate within the water pipe line as follow. Moved by Alderman McSollan seconded by Alderman O'Bryan That the said two clauses pass. Motion put and passed.

The following Fourth clause was then read.

On Dwellings with the lands appurtenant thereto a general rate and on buildings other than dwellings with the lands appurtenant thereto and vacant lands a general value in the proportion of two to three respectively. Moved by Alderman McSollan seconded by Alderman Sedgewick to which the following amendment is introduced.

(A) Five eights of said balance shall be levied upon the assessed value of all lands and premises as described for a Protection and Pipe Rate.

(b) In addition to the Protection and Pipe Rate three eights of said balance shall be levied upon the assessed value of all buildings used as dwellings as a Domestic rate for consumption. Moved by Alderman Langard seconded by Alderman McSweeney which amendment on being put is lost 4 voting for the same 9 against it and the names being called for appeared thus.

For the amendment.

Alderman Langard. Cad
4 McSweeney. O'Mullin

Against it.

Alderman O'Bryan. Rent.
McCormes, Shand
Sheakston, Sedgewick
McSollan. Stephens
Spelman 9

The following Second amendment is next introduced.

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Resolved that a protection rate of 19 cents in the \$100 be assessed upon all lands within the pipe lines and that an additional rate of 25 cents in the \$100 be assessed on Domestic property as a consumption rate. Moved by Alderman Longard seconded by Alderman Cad. which amendment on being put is lost 3 voting for and 10 against it. The original Motion to adopt Fourth clause on being put is passed.

Read following Fifth clause.

Provided always that if the owner of any house dwelling or property subject to the general rate shall comply with the conditions set out in the next clause of this resolution the said house, dwelling or property subject to the said general rate shall be exempt from said lien and the tenant occupying said house dwelling or property shall be liable for said general rate. Moved by Alderman Mac Sellan seconded by Alderman Shand which being put is passed.

Read following Sixth Section

That any owner of Real Estate assessed for a general rate whose premises are occupied by tenants for yearly or longer periods may on or before the 31st day of May in each and every year, file at the office of the Board of City Works a sworn statement (form to be supplied by the Board of City Works as approved by City Council) for each dwelling, shop, store, stable, building or premises owned by him liable to be assessed for Water Rates the purposes for which said buildings or premises are used, the number and kind of water fittings name of tenant or occupant in all cases of tenancy for a term of one year and upwards number of tenants in each of such dwellings, shop, store, stable, building or premises, and such other information as the Board of City Works may require in the form supplied as aforesaid. Moved by Alderman Mac Sellan seconded by Alderman Spelman.

Moved by Alderman O'Byrne seconded by Alderman Shand that the word "sworn" be struck out which Motion on being put is passed. 7 voting for the same 5 against it. The clause on being amended is passed.

Read following Seventh clause

That personal property of the tenant or occupant of the premises assessed for Water Rates shall be liable therefor and said rates shall be a lien thereupon. Moved by Alderman Mac Sellan seconded by Alderman Sedgewick which being put is passed.

The following additional clause was Moved by Alderman Mac Sellan seconded by Alderman O'Byrne. All Water Rates shall become due in advance on the first day of May in each year and shall be collected by the City Collector who shall have power to issue a general or individual warrants of distraint for the collection of Water Rates against persons who shall not have paid the amounts due by them and the

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On Motion of Alderman Sheahston seconded by Alderman Cad the Council Adjourn until Monday at Three O'clock to proceed with the further consideration of the Water Tariff. . .

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"Afternoon Session"

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Bent, Spelman, Stephen, Wilson, Sheakston, MacLellan, Cad. MacInnes, O'Bryan, Songard.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment to proceed with consideration of Water Tariff and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of Meeting held 12th March inst. which were confirmed.

His Worship the Mayor submits Draft of an Act in relation to Sinking Funds in the City of Halifax.

Also a Letter from the City Treasurer in reference to the donation received from Doctor Chas. Cogswell, London through B. G. Gray Esq of the Four Thousand Dollars toward the improvement on Grand Parade.

His Worship the Mayor also stated that His Honor the Recorder desired to acquaint the Council that he was informed that Mr. E. S. Stainer was applying for water lot which would seriously interfere with frontage of Steam Boat Wharf. and seriously impair the City's rights to the same.

Resol. rel to water frontage Steam Boat Wharf.

When it was Resolved that the subject of water frontage to City Property be referred to Committee of City Property (of the Board of Works) with His Honor the Recorder to take immediate steps to protect the interests of the City. Moved by Alderman Songard seconded by Alderman MacLellan which resolution on being put is passed.

On Motion of Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman MacLellan the "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Letter City Treasurer rel to donation from Dr. Cogswell.

Read Letter from E. S. St. Greenwood Esq. City Treasurer stating he had received a cheque for Four Thousand Dollars from B. G. Gray Esq. donated by Doctor Chas. Cogswell to the improvement of the Grand Parade.

When the following resolution

is introduced

Resol. of thanks to Dr. Cogswell in devoting the bequest of the late Miss Cogswell to be used in improving and ornamenting the City.

Resolved that the grateful thanks of the City Council of Halifax are due and are hereby recorded as due to Charles Cogswell Esq. M.P. for his kindness in devoting the bequest of the late Miss Cogswell to the City to be used in improving and ornamenting the Grand Parade and the City.

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the City Council would further record their indebtedness to Dr. Logswell for the kindly interest taken in his native City not only on this but on former occasions and further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. Logswell. Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Mac Bellan which resolution being put is passed unanimously.

Draft of an Act
in reference to
Sinking Funds.

Read Draft of an Act in reference to Sinking Funds of the City of Halifax.

On Motion of Alderman O'Byrne seconded by Alderman Mac Bellan the same is passed directed to be published, engrossed and sent to the Legislature for their approval.

On Motion of Alderman Longard seconded by Alderman Wilson the "Order of the Day" is suspended to take up Alderman Longard's resolution in reference to Sewerage Rates, No 7 on Order of the Day. The same was read and on Motion withdrawn.

Tariff of Water
Rates.

Council proceed to consider the "Order of the Day" The Water Tariff.

No 6 clause second page was amended by adding the word "or agent" on first line.

. Proposed tariff of Water Rates.

1st Section. After deducting special and extra rates as hereinafter provided a general water rate in the proportion of two to three shall be levied upon all Real property in the City of Halifax situated within the pipe line as follows. On Commercial Establishments that is stores or properties other than dwellings also on vacant lots $\frac{2}{5}$ and on dwellings $\frac{3}{5}$ of the amount required. Moved by Alderman Mac Bellan seconded by Alderman Stephen and passed. Alderman Longard dissenting

Section 2nd All buildings which are beyond the reach of water supply but within 1000 feet of any hydrant shall pay $\frac{1}{4}$ of one per cent on the assessed value. passed.

Section 3rd Properties, buildings, establishments or premises occupied by or for the Imperial, Dominion or Local Governments or by the County Municipality shall continue to pay the same rates as they do at present (and subject to existing agreements when such are in force) so long as no changes are made in or about the premises which affect the Water Supply. In case of any such changes being made or having been made since the old agreements were entered into, the rates shall be amended from time to time by the Board as in their judgment may seem right and equitable. passed.

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4th Section Breweries, distilleries mills, machine shops, foundaries, hotels and all other buildings or establishments where large quantities of water is consumed shall be specially rated by the Board for such consumption. passed

Section 5th Premises receiving a supply through a pipe of larger diameter than half an inch or through more than one supply pipe shall either be rated by meter or shall pay such additional charge over the general rate as the Board may decide as equitable. passed.

Section 6th In case any dispute should arise respecting the classification of any building, establishments or premises or respecting the rate to be paid by any property owner, agent, tenant or consumer, the decision of the Board shall be final and conclusive. passed.

7th Section. For building purposes ordinary wooden buildings 20 cents per 1000 cubic feet.
Ordinary brick or stone 30 cents per 1000 cubic feet.

Wooden buildings of the warehouse class requiring no plastering therein 5 cents per 1000 cubic feet.
Brick or stone Do 10 cents per 1000 cubic.

Special or Extra Rates.

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| 1 | Water closets for one closet per annum | \$4.00 |
| 2 | Each additional | \$2.00 |
| 3 | Urinals \$2 per an. for one and \$1 for each additional per annum | |
| 4 | Each tap from which water can be drawn in any building (other than a dwelling house) barn, stable, outbuilding or outhouse | \$0.50 |
| 5 | Domestic hydrants if of an improved kind when used for domestic supply in preference to an inside tap. per annum. | \$2.00 |
| 6 | Struck out. On Motion passed. | |
| 7 | Fountains in shops or other buildings for $\frac{1}{16}$ inch of jet or less | \$3.00. |
| 8 | Jets from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch. | \$10.00. |
| 9 | Fittings and other fixtures not enumerated herein to be voted by the Board | |
| 10 | Steam Engines or boilers per H. P. | \$3.00 |
| 11 | Bar rooms. | \$10.00 |
| 12 | Livery Stables for each stall occupied | \$1.00 |
| | Vacant stall | .50 |
| 13 | Horses other than those in Livery Stables each. | \$1.00 |
| 14 | Cows. each. | \$1.00 |

(all the above passed)

(An amendment making cows 50c was lost on division.)

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Meter Rules and Regulations

1st The City Board of Works may at any time they deem proper order a Water Meter to be affixed on any premises and the charge shall not exceed the rate of 3c per hundred gallons.

Premises upon which Meters are used shall however in no case pay less than the general rate as herembefore provided. passed.

Second. The occupant of the premises shall be responsible for the care of the metre, and in case any person injures or tampers with a meter in any way the occupant shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$10. nor more than \$100⁰⁰ passed.

Third. Persons wishing to supply their own meters may do so on the written sanction of the Board. passed.

Miscellaneous Rules and Regulations.

1st Any authorized official of the City shall have the right to enter upon any premises between the hours of 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. for the purpose of ascertaining the number or state of the water fittings or pipes or for fixing or examining any meter or to see if the water is unlawfully taken or used and he may remain therein for such reasonable length of time as may be necessary. Any unnecessary damage he may do or occasion shall be made good by the City: and any person who after two hours notice shall prevent his entry into any house, hall passage, cellar, or other place where water pipes or fittings are supposed to be or who may at any time interfere with him in the proper discharge of his duty, the Board may order the water to be turned off from the premises of the offender and in addition thereto shall upon conviction before the Stipendiary Magistrate pay a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$20⁰⁰ passed.

Second. Where more than one tenant occupies the same house, and the water is supplied through one pipe, in all such cases the landlord shall be liable for the Water Rates. On debate, the above section was laid over for the present

Third. The waste of water under any circumstances is prohibited and when detected the water shall be turned off, from the premises and a fine of one dollar paid before it is again turned on. For the second offence a fine of \$2.00 will be paid before it is again turned on and one dollar shall be added to the fine on each succeeding occasion before the water is let on to any premises where waste is repeatedly detected. passed.

Fourth. No person unauthorized by the Board of Works or Fire Department shall draw water from open, close, cut, break or in any way injure or interfere with any fire hydrant, water main or water pipe under a penalty of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100⁰⁰ passed.

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Fifth. The City Collector may at any time after the water rates become due cause a general notice to be inserted in any two of the Halifax daily papers requiring all delinquents to pay the same within a period of ten days from the date of notice; and such general notice shall be taken and considered as a personal notice to each delinquent. After the expiration of the ten days notice if the rates shall remain unpaid the Collector shall have full power to cause the water to be turned off from the premises upon which they are due, and he shall also if necessary take such legal proceedings against the debtor or debtors for the purpose of recovering the full rates as in his judgment may seem advisable. The City shall not be held liable for any loss or damage which may result from the water having been turned off, either for waste or the nonpayment of rates and no deduction in the rates will be made or allowed on account of the water having been so turned off. passed.

Sixth. In addition to the foregoing rules and regulations the Board of City Works under the sanction of the City Council shall have the power from time to time as circumstances may require to alter and amend the foregoing rates, rules and regulations and to issue printed instructions for the guidance of water takers, and to impose such conditions, terms and penalties as in the judgment may seem to be in the best interests of the public, the Water Department or the City, for the more effectual prevention of the waste of water and for the prevention of fraud. passed.

7th The Board may affix such rates as they deem proper under the sanction of the City Council to all fittings or fixtures not specially provided for under "Extra Rates" and any person guilty of violating any of the rules or conditions of the Board shall be liable to the same penalties as are set out in Section 4

The following as an 8th Section was Moved by Alderman Sengard seconded by Alderman McCollon and passed.

The Commissioners shall annually submit to the City Council a statement made up to the 30th day of April shewing whole amount assessed for water rates amount collected, and actual cost of maintenance for the year, shewing amount paid for Salaries, labor and material, also number of water closets and other fittings and specials, assessed for and amount derived from each. The names of parties and corporations with whom special agreements have been made and amount paid by each, which statement shall be printed in the Annual Report.

Alderman McCollon, submitted an additional clause but after conversation it was decided to have the same printed and submitted at next Meeting for consideration.

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On Motion of Alderman
 Stephen seconded by Alderman Sheakston "Council Adjourn"
 6 voting for 5 against it.

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Charles Henderson Smith hav-
 ing been returned as duly Elected an Alderman for Ward No
 Two and having taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance
 the oath of office as Alderman as well as that of Justice of
 the Peace signs the roll and takes his seat as an Alderman
 of the City of Halifax in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

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"Evening Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair, Aldermen Sedgewick, Spelman, Smith, McC Sweeney, Sheakston, McC Sellan, O'Mullin, Cad. McC James, O'Bryan and Songard.

The Council were summoned to receive the returns of Election in Ward No 2 for Alderman To proceed with the further consideration of the Water Tariff and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of Meeting held on the 16th March inst. which were confirmed

Alderman McC Sellan, Chairman of the Board of City Works submits a report from the Board in reference to the sale of brick building on Market Wharf.

Also a report from the Board in reference to proposed grant of Water Lot applied for by Messrs Stayner of water privilege near Steam Ferry Wharf.

Alderman Sedgewick makes an explanation in reference to Bill now before the Legislature in re certain sums due Board of Public Charities.

His Worship the Mayor submits a letter from City Auditor to Hon. Dr. Parker, M. L. C. in reference to City Finances (copy of which was given to the Doctor for information of the Council.

Also copy of a Bill with letter from John Starr on the subject of an amendment to Street Railway.

Alderman Sedgewick submits two resolutions by way of Notice in reference to changes in various Committees

On Motion of Alderman McC Sellan seconded by Alderman O'Bryan The "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Report Board of Works in re sale of brick building Market Wharf.

Read Report from the Board of City Works in reference to sale of brick building on Market Wharf so called.

Office of Commissioners
Board of City Works.
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The Board of City Works beg

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March 20th leave to report that this day they sold at Public Auction the City brick building on South Ferry Slip to H. W. Brown the present occupant for the sum of Ten Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$10,600 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀) ten per cent of the purchase money having been paid in the remainder will be forthcoming on the delivery of the deed. The Board therefore recommend that the City Council instruct the City Recorder to prepare the deed and have the same duly executed so that the transaction can be finally closed up.

Respectfully Submitted.
Geo. McCallan.
Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman McCallan seconded by Alderman Songard the same is received and adopted. (Motion passed.)

Report Board of Works in re grant of water lot near Steam Boat Wharf.

Read Report from the Board of City Works in reference to the grant of water lot near Steam Boat Wharf applied for by Messrs Stayner.

Office of Commissioners.
Board of City Works.
March 18th 1885.

The Committee of City Property of the Board of City Works together with His Honor the City Recorder beg to report with reference to the annexed minutes of Council that at a Meeting held this day they had submitted to them the plan of G. G. Stayner in their application for increased water grant and on examination it was found that it far exceeds in area their present lot, which was granted by the local Legislature, and will if they obtain it seriously interfere with and necessitate the cutting away of half of the pier on the north side of the entrance to the Steam Ferry Dock thereby infringing on the vested rights of the City and causing great inconvenience and impediment in the entrance to said Dock. The Committee therefore beg to recommend to the City Council that His Worship the Mayor be requested to present, on behalf of the City, a strong and emphatic protest against the granting of said application.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Geo. McCallan
Chairman

On Motion of Alderman McCallan seconded by Alderman O'Brien the said report is received and adopted.

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Read letter addressed by John A. Bell Esq. City Auditor to Hon. Dr. Parker. M. L. C. on the subject of Civic Finances with copies of last statements.

Read letter from John Starr Esq. with copy of an Act to amend the incorporation of the Halifax Railway Company Act. Also a letter from Hon. W. S. Fielding, Provincial Secretary on same subject.

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Spelman the same is referred to the Board of City Works to report on.

The following resolutions submitted by Alderman Sedgewick are next taken up.
Resolved that Alderman Smith be appointed to serve on Standing Committees in room of Ex. Ald. Mac Dougall. Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Mac Lellan and passed.

Resolved that Alderman Spelman be appointed to serve on Committee on Dry Dock and Short Line Railway Committee. Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman O'Mullin which on being put is passed.

"Order of the Day" taken up.

Tariff Water Rates.

Water Rates Tariff.

Read Section Two of "Miscellaneous Rules and Regulations" as entered at last Meeting, and which on being put is passed unanimously.

Read additional Ninth clause as submitted by Board of Works (Chairman) at last Meeting and printed as follows

No new water pipes or fixtures or extensions or additions to any old water pipes or fixtures shall be made in or on or about any premises or private property, except by written permission from the Board of City Works, under a penalty of not less than \$10⁰⁰ nor more than \$100 recoverable both from the owner or party ordering the work and from the plumber who performs the same. Moved by Alderman Mac Lellan seconded by Alderman Spelman

Moved in amendment by Alderman Douglass seconded by Alderman Sheakston that the words "both and from plumber who performs the same" be struck out which amendment on being put is lost

Moved by Alderman O'Bryan seconded by Alderman Sheakston that the words (to any old water pipes or fixtures) be struck out and the following inserted "with the

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exception of repairs" and the word "and" in second last line be changed to "or". which amendment on being put is lost 5 voting for 6 against it.

The original Motion to adopt the clause on being put is lost 5 voting for the same and six against it.

The following Section is next read.

All new water pipes and fixtures and all extensive alterations or additions to old pipes or fixtures shall be kept well clear of any external wall or exposed or dangerous position liable to be affected by the action of frost or where the waste of water could occur without being easily detected and all such pipes and fixtures shall be thoroughly protected from the action of frost to the satisfaction of the said Board otherwise the water shall not be let on to the premises. Moved by Alderman McCollom seconded by Alderman Spelman and passed.

The following Section is next read.

Whenever any authorized officer of the Board shall report that the water pipes or fixtures or fittings in or on or about any premises or private property are in bad conditions or in improper or dangerous positions or insufficiently protected from the action of frost so that in the opinion of the Board the waste of water is liable to occur, the Board may in all such cases, at its option, either charge twenty five per cent extra on the water rates on such premises or private property, or may decline to furnish water to the premises so reported until the pipe and fixtures are put in satisfactory conditions. Moved by Alderman McCollom seconded by Alderman Spelman and passed.

Moved by Alderman McCollom seconded by Alderman Spelman that item 5 in Special or Extra Rates be amended by inserting all other hydrants \$10.00. passed.

The following resolution No 3 is next introduced.

Resolved that the Water Tariff and Regulations as a whole be now passed and that it be referred to His Honor the Recorder to report if he shall consider it necessary to Draft Bill to be submitted to the Legislature to give to such Tariff and Regulations the force of Law. Moved by Alderman McCollom seconded by Alderman Sedgewick which resolution on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman McCollom seconded by Alderman O'Mullin that the "Order of the Day" be suspended to take up item No 3 viz. The Report of License Committee 1st clause

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Read said clause as entered

Sweeney seconded by Alderman O'Mullin that the clause be adopted.

Moved by Alderman McC-

O'Mullin that the clause

When the following amendment

is introduced thereto.

Whereas the local license law at present in force in Halifax is not effective for the purpose of preventing the illicit sale of intoxicating liquors or for the purpose of protecting license holders.

Resol. rel. to liquor license Act.

And Whereas in the opinion of this Council the Dominion Mc Carthy Act (so called) as a whole would if enacted by the local legislature be more efficient for the purpose aforesaid.

Therefore Resolved that this Council intimate to the Government that in its judgment a repeal of the present license law and the adoption as a whole of the provisions of the Mc Carthy Act so far as such provisions are within the competency of the local Parliament would be for the interest of the public. Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Sheakston which amendment on being put is passed 6 voting for the same and 5 against it and the names being called for appeared thus:

For the amendment.

Against it.

Alderman Sheakston. McC James
O'Byron. Sedgewick
Spelman. McC Bellan

Alderman Smith. Cad.
Langard. O'Mullin
McC Sweeney.

Resignation of Police Sergt. N. McEagher.

of reconsideration

Alderman Smith gives notice

the resignation of Sergt. N. McEagher from the Police Force. The same is read, and on Motion of Alderman Sheakston seconded by Alderman O'Mullin (accepted)

On Motion of Alderman

O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Sheakston the City Clerk is requested to advertise for applicants for situation on Police Force for Monday evening next.

On Motion of Alderman

McC Bellan seconded by Alderman Sedgewick the Council Adjourn.

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"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Sedgewick, Spelman, Smith, Stephen, McC Sweeney, Wilson, Sheakston, McC Lellan, O'Mullin, Ed McC James, O'Bryan.

The City Council was summoned to receive report from Police Committee on filling vacancies on Police Force. Report Board of City Works on Elevated Railway. The revision of the City Charter and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of last Meeting up to Alderman Smith's Notice of reconsideration on License amendment.

Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman McC Sweeney that the same be reconsidered, which Motion on being put is lost 5 voting for the same 7 against it and the names being called for appeared thus:

For the reconsideration.	Against it.
Aldermen McC Sweeney, Smith, Ed. O'Mullin.	Aldermen O'Bryan, McC James, Sheakston, Sedgewick, Stephen, Spelman.
Wilson 5	McC Lellan 7

Minutes read and confirmed

Alderman McC Lellan, Chairman Board of City Works submits Report of Board on the proposed Elevated Railway.

Alderman McC Sweeney, Chairman submits report from License Committee on a number of applications for license.

Alderman McC Sweeney, submits report from Committee on License in reference to amendment to License Law.

Alderman O'Mullin, Chairman submits report from Committee of Police in re appointment of a Sergt. &c.

Alderman Stephen, Chairman submits a Report from the Committee of Camp Hill Cemetery on the erection of a new fence and lodge.

On Motion of Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman McC Lellan the "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day

Report Board of Works.

Read Report from the Board of City Works in reference to proposed Elevated Railway.

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Report Committee on License in re licenses.

Read Report Committee on License in reference to granting license to a number of persons mentioned in report, to sell liquors under the City Act
On Motion of Alderman McC Sweeney seconded by Alderman Cad The said report is received and adopted.

Report Committee on License.

Read Supplementary Report from the Committee on License in reference to the amendment to the Act.

Report Committee on Police in re appointment of a Sergeant & Policemen

Read Report from Committee on Police in reference to appointment of a Sergt. and Policeman.

City Building.
March 23rd 1885.

At a meeting of Committee on Police held this evening the following were present Aldermen Sedgwick, Smith, Longard and O'Mullin.

Your Committee met to select a suitable person to fill the vacancy of Sergeant on the Police Force caused by the resignation of Sergt. McLaughler. Seven applications were received and after due consideration the name of Policeman Thos. Gordon was selected to fill said vacancy and recommended to be sent to the Council for approval.

Your Committee then proceeded to fill the vacancy of Policeman made vacant by the appointment of Thos. Gordon to the Sergeantship. Fourteen applications were received and John H. Baker was selected to fill said vacancy and recommended to the Council for approval.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Patrick O'Mullin
Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Longard The said report is received and adopted.

Report Committee on Cemetery of Cemetery in re proposed Cemetery.

Read Report from Committee of Cemetery in reference to new fence and lodge at Camp Hill Cemetery.
"The Order of the Day"

Moved by Alderman McC Sweeney seconded by Alderman Spelman that the "Order of the Day" be suspended to take up the Report of the Board of City Works in re proposed Elevated Railway.

Report Board of Works on the Bill in re proposed Elevated Railway

Read Report of Board of City Works on the Bill in reference to proposed Elevated Railway.
Read Draft of Bill

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Board of City Works.
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The Board of City Works beg leave to report for the information of the City Council that at a meeting held this day they had before them the accompanying draft of an Act relative to the Halifax Railway Company and it was resolved after due consideration to amend the 2nd clause by striking out the words "not to exceed thirty six inches" and in substituting the words Board of Works for Engineer in two places. The Board also recommend the insertion in the Act of the saving clause annexed hereto for the purpose of more thoroughly protecting the interests of the City.

Respectfully Submitted

Geo Mac Sellow.
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman MacSellow seconded by Alderman Spelman. That said report be received and adopted. to which the following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that where any changes are made in the laying out of the route of the proposed City Railroad or any other changes that all such changes shall be approved of by the City Council instead of the City Board of Works. Moved by Alderman MacSweeney seconded by Alderman MacInnes which amendment on being put is lost. The original Motion to adopt the Report of Board of City Works on being put is passed.

On Motion of Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Sheakston The "Order of the Day" is suspended to take up Report of Committee of Cemetery. The same is read.

At a meeting of the Cemetery Committee held this day present Aldermen MacInnes, Langard, Sheakston, and the Chairman

The accompanying plans and specification for a new Fence & Lodge House were submitted and approved of, and it was resolved to ask for tenders at once for the construction of the same, it being a very necessary work and there being ample funds at the credit of the Committee to meet the expenditure.

Respectfully Submitted.
Alex. Stephens.
Chairman.

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On Motion of Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman the said report is received and adopted.

On Motion of Alderman Smith the "Order of the Day" is suspended to allow him to lay a resolution by way of Notice in reference to Assessment Law on the table for consideration at next Meeting.

On Motion of Alderman Mac Sweeney seconded by Alderman O'Moullin the "Order of the Day" is suspended to take up the Supplementary Report of Committee on License.

Read Report of Committee on

Report Committee on License in re amendment to the Law.

License in reference to amendment to the Law.

Committee Room

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The License Committee beg to submit to the City Council the following amendment to the present License Act in the City of Halifax to be sent to the Legislature for enactment

An Act to alter and amend the Law relating to Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Halifax.

Be it enacted by the Governor Council and Assembly as follows:

In the case of an application for an hotel, saloon, tavern, or shop license in the City of Halifax by a person who is not, at the time of the making of such application a licensee under any Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia or as to premises which are not then licensed the petition must be signed by one half of the Rate Payers of the licensing district approved by the City Council, in which the license is proposed to be granted.

So much of any Act as is inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed.

W. B. Mac Sweeney, Chairman
Patk. O'Moullin.

John Cad.
G. H. Smith.

Moved by Alderman Mac Sweeney seconded by Alderman O'Moullin that the same be received and adopted which Motion on being put is passed 7 voting for the same 5 against it, and the names being called for appeared thus:

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For the Motion	Against it
Aldermen Smith, McInnes, Ed. Wilson, McC Sweeney, O'Mullin, Langard y	Aldermen O'Bryan, Stephen Theakston, Spelman McC Sellow. 5

Draft of an Act to amend Chapter 28 of the Acts of 1883

Read Draft of an Act to amend Chapter 28 of the Acts of 1883 entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 28 of the Acts of 1864 entitled an Act concerning the City of Halifax and the Acts in amendment thereof (in re Insurance Companies) When the following Resolution No one is introduced.

Resol. rel to Insurance Companies

Resolved that the Bill be amended by inserting a provision that all Insurance Companies be called on to pay as taxes in addition to the assessment upon their real and personal property three per cent on the gross receipts from risks taken in the City of Halifax and that the Schedule to the Bill be amended accordingly. Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Theakston which resolution on being put is passed.

On Motion of Alderman Theakston seconded by Alderman Sedgewick the said Bill as amended is passed, directed to be published engrossed and sent to the Legislature for their approval.

His Worship the Mayor submits a letter from Hon. W. S. Fielding, Prov. Secretary informing him of the action the Government intend taking in reference to loan to provide a new Poor Asylum Building which will cause the City to contribute about \$10,000 to its erection

On Motion the same is to come up next Meeting for consideration

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Spelman.

"The Council Adjourn"

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"Evening Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this evening Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Pearson, Spelman, Smith, Mc Sweeney, Sheakston, Mc Bellan, O'Mullin, Cad, Mc Innes and Longard.

The City Council was summoned to consider the letter from Honl. Provincial Secretary in re sum required to be contributed by City for building new Poor Asylum. The Revision of the City Charter and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of Meeting held 24th March instant which were confirmed.

Alderman Mc Sweeney, Chairman of License Committee submits report from that Committee recommending the granting of a number of licenses.

Alderman Smith submits petition from Hackmen in reference to change in law.

His Worship the Mayor submits a letter from His Honor the Recorder covering Draft of an Act in reference to Water Rates Tariff.

Also a communication from Hon. A. G. Archibald, Chairman of Governors of Dalhousie College asking a conference with a Committee of City Council.

Alderman Smith submits a resolution by way of Notice in reference to Assessment Law.

On Motion of Alderman Mc Bellan seconded by Alderman O'Mullin the "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Report Committee on License in re licenses

Committee on License recommending the granting of a number of licenses.

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The License Committee recommend that licenses be granted to the persons whose names are attached hereto for Hotel, Saloon or Tavern licenses as marked opposite their respective names.

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Ward One.	John Courtney.	Tavern.	Michael McMahon.	Tavern.
Ward Two.	Archibald Nelson.	Hotel.	Margt. Mouraine.	Saloon.
	Philip Taple.	Saloon.	Mrs J. Craigen.	"
	Louis Heeselein.	Hotel.	Michl. Goulding.	"
	William Smith.	Saloon.	Garret Roache.	Tavern.
	Daniel Bird	Hotel.	Andrew Chalmers.	Saloon.
Ward Three.			Mrs. Saunders.	Hotel
	Edwd. Wetherdon.	Saloon.	Elizabeth Watkins.	"
	Chas. Bagness.	"	Abraham Young.	Saloon.
	William Gaul.	Tavern.	Isaac Hillier	Tavern.
	Felix J. Quinn.	Saloon	Ward Six	
	John Goulding.	"	Malcolm McDonald.	Tavern.
	Philip Habie	"		

On Motion of Alderman McC Sweeney seconded by Alderman O'Mullin said report is received and adopted and the city clerk of license authorized to issue licenses to the parties therein named.

Communication
in Chairman
Governors of
Dalhousie College
thereof.

Read Communication from Honl. A. G. Archibald, Chairman of Governors of Dalhousie College asking a conference with city Council or a committee thereof.

On Motion of Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Spelman The said letter is received and referred to the Board of City Works with His Honor the Recorder and City Engineer who shall form a committee to confer with the Governors and report to the city Council the result of such conference

Petition James
Adams and a
number of Hack-
men.

Read Petition from James Adams and a number of Hackmen in reference to irresponsible persons obtaining license for hacks &c.
On Motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman McC Sweeney The said Petition is referred to committee of Hacks & Trucks to report on.

Letter Recorder
Draft of an Act

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder with Draft of an Act in reference to Water Rates Tariff as prepared by him.
Read Draft of an Act in reference to Water Tariff.

Resol. Ald.
Smith.

Read Resolution submitted by Alderman Smith by way of Notice in reference to Assessment Law amendment.

Before proceeding with the "Order of the Day" The Mayor informed the Council that the Meeting of the Board of Health summoned for this afternoon to consider the matter of opening the Small Pox Hospital for a patient from the Steamship City of York which vessel arrived this

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this morning and was now at quarantine. having proved a failure there being no quorum present to do business and the City Medical Officer and Dr. Wickwire. The Health Officer being now present would explain the situation: The patient having been removed to Hospital at Sawlors Island, it might be possible to allow the Steamer to come up and land her cargo, the crew being kept in quarantine at the wharf and other necessary precautions taken.

After hearing the opinions of Dr. Wickwire and the City Medical Officer and after some conversation on the subject it was Moved by Alderman McCInnes seconded by Alderman McCollan that the Steamship be allowed to land cargo. That the crew be quarantined on board and Stevedores from the City who are employed in unloading have no unnecessary communication with the crew and that the same be done under the special directions of the City Medical Officer. Motion put and passed.

"Order of the Day" taken up.

Letter Provincial Secretary

The Letter from Honl. H. S. Fielding Prov^l Secretary in reference to sum required to be contributed by the City for building a Poor Asylum is withdrawn

Water Tariff Bill.

On Motion of Alderman McCollan seconded by Alderman Spelman the "Order of the Day" is suspended to take up the Water Tariff Bill. The same is read.

On Motion of Alderman McCollan seconded by Alderman Spelman the said Bill is passed directed to be engrossed published and sent to the Legislature for their approval.

On Motion of Alderman O'Mullin, the Council adjourn 6 voting for the same 4 against it.

"Council Adjourn"