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Resolved that as there is no vacancy at present existing in the Sealers of Leather and as there is no Complaint preferred against any of the present Incumbents, the Sealers of Leather be continued in Office, which on being put is passed

Messrs Thomas McMurray, William Misell, and James Howard are appointed Highers and Sealers of Leather for ensuing year

The City Council next proceed to the appointment of Surveyors of Lumber

Read following return of Supervisor of Lumber.

The description and number of feet of Lumber surveyed at Halifax from 1st Dec 1848 to 1st Dec 1849

Return of Supervisor of Lumber

Merchantable Pine Deals	65,379
Refuse Pine do	47,670
Merchantable Spruce Sticks	664,881
Refuse Spruce do	113,154
Merchantable Birch, Birch, Maple do	12,895
Refuse do do do do	10,262
Clear Pine Boards About	2,160
Merchantable do do	1290,506
Refuse do do	1026,719
Merchantable Spruce do	431,464
Refuse do do	185,324
Merchantable Hemlock do	967,663
Refuse do do	386,206
Merch ^l Birch, Birch, Maple Boards & Plank	69,596
Refuse do do do do	32,000
Merchantable Oak do	6,443
Refuse do do	2,053
Merchantable Pine Weather Boards	2,664
Refuse do do do	5,125
Merchantable do pin Lumber do	65,854
Refuse do do do	13,433
Refuse Slab Boards	60,620
Mahogany	1,044
<u>Total number of feet</u>	<u>3400,645</u>

The description and amount of Lumber Surveyed at Halifax from Dec 1st 1848 to Dec 1st 1849

Merchantable

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Merchantable Pine & Spruce Timber	42.7
Refuse do do do	6.21
Merchantable Spruce do do	129.10
Refuse Spruce do do	5.10
Merchantable Hemlock do	39.7
Merchantable Oak do	18.19
<u>Total</u>	<u>240.34</u>

Merchantable Pine & Spruce Dimension Timber	10.140
Refuse do do do do	.30
Merchantable do do Ranging do	29.056
Refuse do do do do	1.563
Merchantable Scantling	67.346
Refuse do	2.802
Merchantable Set over Rafters	.330
Refuse do do do	.88
Hemlock Logs	.160
<u>Total</u>	<u>113.515</u>

Lathwood 1 Cord

Shingles

Merchantable Pine No 1	4 4/10
Refuse do	9 4/10
Merchantable Spruce No 2	8 3/4 1/10
Refuse do	11
<u>Total Amt of Shingles</u>	<u>32 3/4 4/10</u>

Account of each surveyor earnings and the Dividend from Dec 1st 1848 to Dec 1st 1849

William Lovett	57 18 10	William Lovett	58 12 6
William Henderson	55 5 11	William Henderson	57 10 5
John McPherson	58 8 7 1/2	John McPherson	58 12 6
James Sutton	66 13 10	James Sutton	56 6 1/2
David Rankin	2 9 1/2	David Rankin	3 14 6 1/2
James Graham	11 6 6 1/2	James Graham	10 1 1/2
Henry Spike	57 11 8 1/2	Henry Spike	58 12 6
		Paid for Contingencies	22 4 0 1/2
<u>Total</u>	<u>303 14 10</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>303 14 10</u>

Henry Spike
Supervisor

Read following letter from Supervisor of
Lumber

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His Worship the Mayor

Sir

I send the enclosed return of Lumber and Timber surveyed by us for the information of your Worship and City Council agreeable to your resolution and also beg leave to make a few remarks. You will perceive by my return that the difference in quality and amount in comparison with last year is very trifling, although the law has been altered and intended that all Lumber and Shingles brought into the market should be surveyed, and surveyors are only to survey when called upon, so that in many instances their services have not been required. Lumber has been brought in immense quantities and landed without surveying been taken at their own marks, which are frequently incorrect both in the number of feet and quality. In amending the Act, they omitted the penalty which has caused many to take advantage of it, and unless there are amendments where the law is defective several persons are ready to purchase Lumber on the same conditions as their neighbours. The Shingles are frequently inferior in size and quantity.

In behalf of the surveyors I trust your Honourable Council will consider the very low amount of our Dividend scarcely amounting on an average beyond 3^{rs} per Day, and it will be difficult to get surveyors if they can better their condition. I trust the City Council will recommend such measures as will give a more reasonable return for the surveyors and therefore give them a more constant employment. Should the City Council reappoint me, I beg leave to recommend the reappointment of those in office for the ensuing year.

I remain your most Obedt

Humble Servt

H^{ry} Henry Spike
Surveyor

The Ballot is then proceeded with when thus appeared for

Graham	13
James Gutton	12
McPherson	12
Henry Spike	5
Henderson	6

and

Letter of
Henry Spike
rel to Survey
of Lumber

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Messrs Graham, James Cotton, and McPherson having received a clear majority of votes of the members present are elected as Measurers of Lumber for ensuing year

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that notice be given in the papers for applicants for situation of Surveyors of Lumber to file their applications on or before the 10th January next which on being put is passed

The Council then adjourn until Wednesday next at Two o'clock

Henry Hester Mayor
Halifax Dec 26th 1849

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At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen W. E. Anderson, Laidlaw, Mitchell, Hunt & Keith Cabot, Wall, Caldwell, King, Murdoch Taylor, Northup, Johns, Roche, Jennings, & King

Read over proceedings of 24th December

The City Council next proceed with the appointment of Measurers

Read following return of Wigher of Pickled Beef and Pork

Number of Barrels of Beef and Pork Inspected by me in the Year 1849

June 2.	7	Barrels	Prime	Pork
"	10	do	Cargo	do
"	4	2	do	Prime do
"	3	do	Cargo	do
November 8.	12	do	Prime	Beef
"	3	do	Cargo	do
"	9	20	do	Prime do
"	13	5	do	do do
"	14	do	Cargo	do
"	14	10	do	Prime do
"	3	do	Cargo	do
"	28	2	do	Prime do
"	3	do	Cargo	do
"	1	do	Prime	Pork

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When the following resolution is introduced
Resolved that Thomas O'Bearnish and James Mooney
be inspectors of Pickled Beef and Pork

On Motion Nicholas Wright, Robert Malcolm
and James Reid are appointed or appointed Surveyors
of Brick and Lime and Inspectors of Masons Work

On Motion Andrew Richardson is appointed
City Gauger

On Motion George Smithers, James H. Smythe
and Emanuel Defreytas are appointed Inspectors of Painters
Work

On Motion Henry Keith, George Fisher, and
John Kline Junior are appointed Fence Viewers for
ensuing year

On Motion James Almon, William M. Campbell
Francis Douell, James Memon and George Piers are
appointed Goat and Hog Reeves for ensuing year

The City Council next proceeded to appoint
Fire Wards for ensuing year, when following appointments
are made

Ward No. 1

W. G. Anderson
Jonathan Allison
Joseph Mier

Ward No. 2

Robert Richardson
Henry Spike
G. F. B. Smith

Ward No. 3

Archibald Sinclair
Adam Reid
Benjamin H. Crox

Ward No. 4

Robert Romans
John Esson
John Richardson

Ward No. 5

G. A. S. Brighton
William Wiswell
Richard August

Ward No. 6

John Longard
Alexander McDonald
Joseph Bell

The City Council next proceed to appoint Fire
Constables for the ensuing Year when following
appointments are made

Ward No. 1

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Ward No 1
 John Grant
 John Sinclair
 James Poyer
 J. C. Cleary
 Wm. Kandick
 Wm. Lancelaw

Ward No 4
 James Scott
 Patrick McCreath
 R. H. Melmore
 Robert Beake
 William Ackhurst
 James Phalen

Ward No 2
 Findlay McLean
 Samuel Noble
 John Gibson
 F. A. Subien
 Archibald Scott
 Edward Lawson

Ward No 5
 Abel Johns
 James Darby
 John Dillie
 Henry Marshall
 Thomas Donnan
 John A. Bauer

Ward No 3
 John Flowers
 William Dunbar
 John McCulloch
 James Crosthill
 Samuel Morton
 William Campbell

Ward No 6
 William Marvin
 John F. Mignowich
 Edward Clarke
 William A. Rudolph
 F. L. Harris
 William Clarke

Read following Bond from William Smith
 Collector of Road Taxes for the City

Bond of
 Collector of
 Road Taxes

Know all men by these presents that we William
 Smith of the City of Halifax German as principal and
 James Smith of the same City German and William
 Glais of the said City of Halifax are held and firmly
 bound to the City of Halifax in the sum of Four Hundred
 pounds of Lawfull money of the Province of Nova Scotia
 that is to say, the said William Smith as principal in
 the sum of Two Hundred Pounds and the said James Smith
 and Noble William Glais as sureties, for the said William
 Smith in the sum of One Hundred pounds each to be paid
 to the City of Halifax for which payment well and truly
 to be made. We bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and
 administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals
 and dated at Halifax this Fifteenth day of October in the
 year One thousand eight hundred and forty nine

Whereas at a Meeting of the City Council held at Halifax
 on the fifteenth day of October instant, the said William
 Smith was duly elected and appointed to the Office of
 Collector of Road Taxes for Ward number one No Two
 No three, No four, No five and No six of said City

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Now the condition of this obligation is such that if the said William Smith shall well and faithfully execute and discharge all the duties appertaining to the said Office of Collector of Road Taxes for the said Bonds Number One, Two Three Four Five and Six agreeably to Law and such Ordinances of the said City Council as have been, or hereafter be legally made relating thereto and shall duly account for all and every sum or sums of money which shall come into his hands as such Collector of Road Taxes as aforesaid, and shall not make default therein, then this obligation to be null and void, otherwise to be and remain in full force virtue and effect

Signed Seal and Delivered by
in presence of
The James Clarke

Wm. William Smith
Wm. James Smith
Wm. William Harris

The last line on the second page and the two first lines on the top of third page now inserted after execution and acknowledged by the said parties respectively in my presence
J. M. Clarke

When in Motion the same is opposed of

Mr. Murdoch as Chairman of the Committee of Public Property submits the subject of Insurance on the Court House when following resolution is introduced.

Resolved to insurance on Court House

Resolved that a Committee of City Property be requested to have the sum of one thousand pounds insured on the Court House in such Office as they may think proper which on being put is passed

Resolved that the Committee of City Property effect Insurance in an amount not exceeding One thousand pounds on the Meat Market and other City Property

The City Council next proceed to take into consideration Mr. James Mc Chamberlain's Petition on the subject of his Auction License Duty

To the Worshipfull
The Mayor Aldermen and Council of the City of Halifax
The Petition

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The petition of James M Chamberlain Humbly Sheweth
That in October 1848 an Auction License was granted to him for
which in return whatever has been received by him not having
sold at Auction disposed of or advertised for sale any goods
or description of Property whatever at Public Sale, since the
date of that License

That your petitioner shortly after he received said
License concluded that it would be useless to him for
the sale of his goods, and made application last fall to
His Worship the Mayor to have it cancelled, and notified
the City Treasurer and the Clerk of License, that he would
not make use of said License, the Year having now
nearly expired since the date of it and no sales of
Property whatever has been attempted at Auction, by
your petitioner the whole time, and he being confident
that when application would be made to the City Council
his appeal would receive that kind Consideration, he
therefore took the necessary precaution when on occasion
last Spring to order sold at Public Auction a Indigment
to have the goods sent to the Auction room of a Licensed
Auctioneer Mr Daniel Star who sold the goods at Auction
on his Commission for account of your petitioner as well
appear by a certificate hereto annexed signed by the
Auctioneer

Your Petitioner now solicits the consideration of
your Worshipfull Court to remit him the amount demanded
for said License Twenty Pounds, Considering it to be unreason-
able and unfair for one individual Citizen with limited
means to have to contribute so largely and out of all proportion
to the Public Taxes, and in addition to a higher assessment for
Poor and County rates, that has been yearly paid by him than is
consistent with the true valuation of his real property within
this City, but which he has yearly paid without hesitation

He also thought it advisable in this matter to
acquaint your Worshipfull Court as will appear by Eleven
Auction Licenses up to the Year 1843 which are herein enclosed
for your inspection, that the large sum of £225.10.0 Duties
therefor have already been by him paid, for the Public Support
beside the yearly Poor and County rates

That your Worshipfull Court having full power
and authority to remit the demand for the Licenses not used,
Twenty Pounds, exclusive of the License Fees which he is deemed
to pay, your petitioner respectfully requests your Compliance
and as in duty bound will ever pray

Halifax Oct 26 1849
By James M Chamberlain

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I hereby certify that notification was given last fall by James M Chamberlain to the City authority by application made to me in order to have cancelled an Auction License granted to him 17th October 1848 which I understood from him had not been used, and under which License I believe he has not offered for sale or sold at Public Vendue any property whatever in this City

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By A. Merriman

Halifax Oct 13th 1849

I hereby declare that I have not sold or attempted to sell within the City of Halifax any description of Goods or property whatever at Public Auction since the date of a License granted to me dated the seventeenth day of October 1848 to use me as a public Vendue Master

Done at Halifax
the 15th day of Oct 1849
before

By A. Mackindlay M.

By James M Chamberlain

I hereby certify that I sold at Public Auction a quantity of Merchandise in April 1849 at my Sales Rooms by order and for account of Mr. J. M Chamberlain for which he paid me commission, and I have been requested by him to state as I truly believe, that he has not sold any property whatever in this City at Auction during more than a Year past

Halifax 13th Oct 1849

By Daniel Starr
his Attorney
Albert Starr

I hereby certify that I was notified by Mr. J. M Chamberlain last fall that the Auction License issued to him dated 17th October 1848 would not be used by him for Public Sales at Auction, I believe he has not sold any property whatever in this City at Vendue under said License having requested that the same be cancelled

Halifax 13 Oct 1849

By J. Hartshorn
City Treasurer

I hereby certify that Mr. M Chamberlain notified me last fall that the Auction License given him last fall dated 17th October 1848 would not be used by him for Public Sales, and he applied to have it cancelled and I believe he has not

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he has not sold any property whatever in this City at vendue
under said License

Geo. C. Weeks

Halifax 13th Oct 1849 ——— City Clerk of Licenses ———

To His Worship ———

Henry Poyer Esquire

Mayor of the City of Halifax ———

Si ———

I beg to make an application to the Civil authorities
of the City in order to have remitted to me the demand of Twenty
Pounds for an Auction License dated 17th October 1848, which
has not been used for any sales of Property whatever since I
received it. I made application very soon after it was granted
to Adam Memmeon Esquire then Mayor of the City, soliciting him
to have the License cancelled, to lay my request before the
City Council, but His Worship having expressed his unwillingness
to recommend it altho' having admitted to me the propriety
of my application he stated to me his only objection that "if
remitted to A that B might on some future occasion make
a similar petition. I did not therefore at the time prep
my petition for a hearing before the City Council, but made
my notification to Laurence Southorn Esquire City Treasurer
and to Otto Weeks Esquire Clerk of License that I should not
use the License and resolved to await untill a year for
for which it was granted had nearly expired and accordingly
I now beg to have my request to come before Your Worship and
the City Council craving what must be consider just and reasonable,
and I cannot hesitate to suggest that it would be unfair and
out of all proportion together with a very high assessment
on me for Poor and City rates in proportion to the real amount
of my property within the City as will appear by the enclosed
receipt therefore £3.7.5. to have required from Your petitioner
the large sum of Twenty Pounds, and from one individual
Citizen of limited means and in return for which sum he
has received no consideration, or benefit whatever by any
sale at Auction for which purpose the License was granted
and intended

Without wishing to advert to any Comparison
as to fines on some occasions being remitted to other Citizens
by Your Worshipfull Court Your petitioner expects as his claim
on Your consideration is not from any but founded alone
on justice between man and man to have remitted to him
the Twenty Pounds, which he considers your Worshipfull Court
having

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having full power and authority to grant, will not
reject it or refuse to him that Justice without which he
cannot rest satisfied. He therefore humbly requests
your Worshipfull Court to take his appeal into your
favourable Consideration and, requests His Worship
the Mayor will lay these his Applications before the
City Council for remittance of the said Demand

Most respectfully

Your most Obedt Servt

Jⁿ M Chamberlain

Halspar 11th October 1849

When following resolution is introduced

Whereas M^r Jⁿ M Chamberlain has paid into
the City Treasurer £20 for annum for one Year License as
Auctioneer which has not been used as such by him

Resolved that it be recommended to His Worship
the Mayor and Aldermen to grant to the said James M
Chamberlain a licence to act as Auctioneer for of Charge
of the same for one year from date, which on being put
is passed 13 being for it and two against it, and the
names being called for they stand thus

For the Resolution

Against it

- Aldermen Taylor
- Mordick
- Mitchell
- Northup
- Riche
- W Anderson
- Johns
- Watt
- Caldwell
- Laidlaw
- Ring
- Ring
- Wm Keith

- Alderman Jennings
- Cabot 2

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The City Council next proceed to the Subject
of election of Watchmen when following resolution is
introduced

Resolved that a Committee of an Alderman
from each ward be appointed to select from the present
applicants such persons as they may deem most efficient
to

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Dec. 26th to perform the duties of Watchmen, and upon such selection the parties be sworn into office, and to make enquiry into the conduct and behavior of present Watchmen and remove any of such should they deem it advisable to which following amendment is introduced —

Resolved that the Council proceed to the selection of Watchmen, which amendment being put is lost the original is then put and carried —

Resolved that Aldermen Laidlaw, South A. Keith, Cabot, Murdoch, Southup and Jennings be that Committee which on being put is passed —

Resolved that the time for entering on duty be extended to 7th January which on being put is passed —

The following resolution is next introduced —

Resolved that a committee of seven be appointed to take up the Act of Incorporation and suggest to the City Council such amendments as may be deemed necessary which on being put is passed —

Resolved that Alderman Mitchell, South A. Keith, Watt, Taylor, Southup Jennings and Murdoch be that Committee, which on being put is passed —

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to take up the License Act, and propose such Bye Law as may be deemed necessary to carrying out a more strict observance of the same, which on being put is passed —

Resolved that Messrs Taylor Caldwell & Roche be that Committee, which on being put is passed —

Resolved that the Committee of City Property be authorized to introduce Gas and Water into the establishment for the use and benefit of the Council which on being put is passed —

Read rules and Regulations for Government of City Council as far as to 31, which on motion are passed — and

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and the Committee's term for finally reprinting extended to next Quarterly Meeting on Motion the Council rise —
Henry J. P. Mayor

Dec 27

Eddy Tupper and John A. Bell having taken and subscribed the Oath subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law are this day sworn into Office as City Auditors for ensuing year in presence of His Worship the Mayor —

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Samuel Pucham, Jacob Housner and Ebenezer McShab, having taken the Oath prescribed by Law are sworn into Office as Measurers of Wood in presence of His Worship the Mayor. —

Halifax January 1850

January 7

J. H. Smith, having taken the Oath of Office prescribed by Law is this day sworn into Office as Fire Ward for the City in presence of His Worship the Mayor. —

Jan 7

Michael Clinton sworn into Office as Superintendent and Captain of Watch in presence of the Mayor —

George Pucham, Maurice White, Jeremiah Connolly, Grant Dollard, Thomas McKee, Jeremiah Dinevan, John Sheehan, Thomas Mulchie, Edward McDade, William Taylor, Patrick Martin and Thomas Ravel, are sworn into Office as special Constables and Watchmen in presence of the Mayor. —

Jan 8

Joseph Bell having taken the Oath of Office prescribed by Law is this day sworn into Office as Fire Ward for the City in presence of His Worship the Mayor —

Jan 9

Benjamin Crew having taken the Oath of Office prescribed by Law is this day sworn into Office as Fire Ward for the City in presence of His Worship the Mayor —

John Kelly Supervisor, Thomas McCann, William Robt. John McKay, James Aull, John Jennings, John Martin and Ambrose Keating having taken the Oath of Office prescribed by Law, are this day sworn into Office, as Measurers and Weighers of Salt and Grain in presence of His Worship the Mayor —

John

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John Richardson having taken the Oath of Office prescribed by Law is this day taken sworn into Office as Fire Ward for the City of Halifax in presence of His Worship the Mayor

Jan 16

James Almon and James Memmear having taken the oath of Office prescribed by Law. on this day sworn into office as Goat and Hog Reeves for the City of Halifax in presence of His Worship the Mayor

Jan 16

Henry Peish having taken the oath of Office prescribed by Law. is this day sworn into Office as Fence Viewer for the City in the presence of His Worship the Mayor

Jan 18

William Campbell, James Duffus and Francis Doull having taken the Oath of Office prescribed by Law, are this day sworn into Office as Goat and Hog Reeves for the City in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Jan 19

John Mine Junion. having taken the Oath of Office prescribed by Law. is this day sworn into Office as one of the Fence Viewers of the City in presence of His Worship the Mayor

Jan 23

J. F. Smythe and Emanuel Desjardis having taken the oath prescribed by Law are this day sworn into office as Inspectors and Measurers of Painted Work for the City in presence of His Worship the Mayor

Thomas O'Beamish and James Murray having taken the Oath prescribed by Law are this day sworn into Office as Inspectors of Pickled Beef and Pork for the City in presence of His Worship the Mayor

James Reid and Robert Malcolm having taken the Oath of Office prescribed by Law are this day sworn in as Inspectors and Measurers of Brick and Lime and Masons work for the City for the ensuing year in presence of His Worship the Mayor

Andrew Richardson having taken the Oath prescribed by Law is this day sworn into Office as Grazer for the City in presence of His Worship the Mayor

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council
held this day Present. His Worship the Mayor Aldermen W. G.
Anderson Gaidlaw Mitchell J. A. Keith Smithes, Cabot,
Hall, Caldwell, King, Hardwick, Taylor, Northrup Roche
Sennings, J. H. Anderson

The City Council were summoned to appoint
Surveyors of Lumber a Grout and Hog Reere for Ward No. 6.
a Measure of Wood. to take into consideration the report of
various Committees, the resignation of the City Clerk of License
a Communication from J. W. Ritchie Esquire Attorney of
James Therman Esquire relative to Public Drain in Victoria
Street and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 26th December 1849

Mr Alderman Roche submits the following
Statement relative to Collector of Road Taxes

Halifax February 4th 1850
Whereas the Collector of Taxes levied on persons
liable to the performance of Statute Labour within the City of
Halifax did exhibit to the City Council on the 15th October 1849
a Statement in writing, wherein it did appear, that he would
collect for the year now last past Five hundred and sixty
eight pounds more, than the sum collected in the previous Year
1848 and Whereas, it doth appear from the Treasurers
Books that, one hundred and twenty eight pounds less than
the sum received, in the previous year has been paid in,
leaving the sum of Six Hundred and ninety pounds to be
accounted for, by the Collector of Road Taxes, and such
reliance has been placed in the Statement of the Collector
that the Speaker of the Assembly gave it as his opinion, before
the Citizens, in the Supreme Court, that the City Funds would
gain Five thousand Five hundred and thirty pounds this year, Doubtless many of the Citizens entertained
the hope that this large anticipated sum, would be used
as the commencement of a sinking fund to pay off the debt
contracted by the Commissioners of Streets, the interest of
which the Citizens are now annually taxed, Therefore

Resolved That a committee be appointed to investigate
the subject and after having examined the accounts of
the Tax Collector and the Treasurers Books relating thereto
they be requested to report proceedings to this Council

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved

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Resolved that a Committee be appointed to investigate this subject and after having examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, and the Treasurers Books relating thereto, they be requested to report proceedings to this Council, which on being put is passed

Resolved that Aldermen Roche, W. Anderson, Murdoch, Cabot and Taylor be that Committee, which on being put is passed

Read following Statement of M^r Smith Collector of Road Taxes submitted in October last

A Statement of the amount of Money levied on the City of Halifax for Repairing Roads and Bridges for the Year 1848 viz

Ward No 1	\$ 247. 17. 0	
Ward No 2	209. 9. 0	
Ward No 3	305. 17. 0	
Ward No 4	170. 3. 0	
Ward No 5	446. 0. 0	
Ward No 6	195. 14. 0	1575. 0. 0

A Statement of the Amount of Money levied on the City of Halifax for Repairing Roads and Bridges for the Year 1849 viz

Ward No 1	\$ 320. 5. 0	
Ward No 2	336. 10. 0	
Ward No 3	407. 14. 9	
Ward No 4	219. 3. 0	
Ward No 5	638. 10. 0	
Ward No 6	222. 1. 0	2143. 13. 9
Amount for 1848		1575. 0. 0
Diff		\$ 568. 13. 9

Halifax October 13th 1849

The City Council next proceed to appoint three Surveyors of Lumber

Read over various applications and recommendations. The ballot is then proceeded with when there appeared for

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Mr Henry Spite 10 | Mr Power 5 |
| " Lovett 11 | " Sanson 6 |
| " Anderson 7 | " John Punter 1 |
| " Fraser 5 | |

Mr Spite

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Messrs Spike and Lovell having received a clear majority of votes are elected two of the Surveyors of Lumber

The Ballot is again proceeded with when there appeared for

Mr Henderson 8. Mr Starin 5. Mr Power 2

Mr Henderson having received a clear majority of votes is elected the other Surveyor of Lumber for the City—

On Motion Mr William S Black is appointed Seat and Hog Reeve for Ward No 6

The City Council next proceed to elect a Measurer of Wood.

Read over the various applications, the Ballot is then proceeded with when there appeared for

Brown 7. Percival 6. Gilfele 2
and neither having a clear majority of votes the Ballot is again proceeded with when there appeared for

Mr Brown 9
Percival 6

Brown having received a clear majority of votes is elected a Measurer of Wood for the City

Read following letter from Mr O S Weeks late City Clerk of Licenses

Salisbury January 30th 1850

To His Worship the Mayor
Sir

You will please tender to the City Council, the resignation of my Office as City Clerk of Licenses, the motives to this step remain for future publicity

I have the Honor to be
Sir

Your obedient Servant
O S Weeks

When on Motion said resignation is received

The following resolutions are next introduced

Resolved that notice be given in the Papers that applicants for the situation of City Clerk of Licenses file the same on or before Saturday next at 12 o'clock which on being put is passed

And be it

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And be it further resolved that to insure the claims of applicants being taken into consideration by the Council and to prevent all unnecessary delay in the successful party entering upon his duties; each candidate be required to furnish the names of the responsible persons who will engage to become surety in the penal sum of £500 each for the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office by the applicant. which on being put is passed

Read following report of Committee of City Property relative to Petition of John Power Halifax July 4th 1850

The Committee of City Property having had before them the Petition of John Power claiming deduction from his Rent, in consideration of a large amount laid out by him on the Property in the last few years it has been occupied by him

The Committee would recommend provided he pays all the rent due to the City at the rate of Sixty pounds per annum up to the 1st February instant a deduction of the quarters Rent to run to the 1st of May next be allowed to him in consideration expended by him in improving the property

Wm. Murdoch
Chairman

When on Motion the same is received and adopted

The following resolution is then introduced

Resolved that the Committee of City Property be authorised to introduce Gas into the City Building and have a Cistern from the Ceiling agreeably to their report, and also have a Water Closet agreeably to their report, which on being put is passed

On Motion Alderman Laidlaw is added to the Committee of City Property in place of Alderman Braine

Read following report of Committee on Subject of Assessment

Halifax 31 January 1850

The Committee appointed by the City Council to take up the statement handed in by the City Treasurer and examine into the reasons why parties refuse to pay their City assessment for 1849, having met and duly considered the matter, beg to recommend as follows

That the

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That the tenders made by the undermentioned parties be accepted —

Colonel Bazelgette	£ 5. 0. 0
Alexander Elliott	17. 3
Malpas Fire Ins Co.	50. 0. 0
James Finchard	2. 9
George Retchie	4. 1/2
Francis Stevens Senr.	10. 14. 6
Estate of Mr Forsythe	3. 17. 0
	<u>£ 70. 17. 7 1/2</u>

That the following claims be abandoned — as they are of opinion that all Buildings belonging to the Provincial or Imperial Governments, should be exempt from taxation, as well as all Officers Military or Naval, residing within the same —

Colonel Farguason	£ 11. 0. 0
" Garage	1. 14. 9
" Willis	1. 14. 9
Alexander Elliot for Duties	35. 6. 9
Commissioners of Public Buildings	53. 7. 6
	<u>£ 132. 3. 9</u>

That the Horticultural Society pay upon their Real Estate only say — £ 3. 3. 3

With regard to assessments against several Estates, Life Insurance Companies, Steam Boat Company & they would ask permission, to be allowed to meet again —

All of which is respectfully submitted —

Sigs George P. Mitchell

A Keith

W Anderson

Mr Taylor

W Roche

W Caldwell

When on motion said report is received —

Read following report of the Cemetery Committee —

The Committee of the Cemetery beg to report that they have had several meetings since their appointment in order to attend to the duties committed to their charge —

The Committee regret to find a large amount due for Cemetery Lots. A list of the defaulters has been made out and handed to the City Clerk, in order that the necessary steps may be taken to recover the amounts —

At a meeting

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At a meeting held on the 3rd November it was thought desirable to have some ornamental Trees planted, the Committee therefore met Mr. Snow the Superintendent of the Horticultural Gardens, at the Cemetery, in order to decide as to the number and description of Trees required. Tenders for which having since been received from Messrs Snow and Harris

The Committee finding that about One Hundred Pounds will be required for the necessary improvements of the Cemetery, passed the following resolution at a Meeting held 19th January 1850

Resolved that permission be asked of the City Council to expend One Hundred pounds in purchasing and planting ornamental Trees and for other improvements required for the Cemetery

All of which is respectfully submitted

Halifax Feb 14th 1850

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When on Motion said report is received and adopted

Read following report of Committee on Subject of Alderman Riche's Statement relative to Mr. Necker late City Clerk of Licenses

The Committee appointed to investigate the accounts of the City Clerk of Licenses, now beg leave to report that the examination of these accounts has been accomplished

From the irregular and unsystematical manner in which the accounts of this Department are kept much mistification has ensued and consequently a hasty Conclusion drawn from the first accounts exhibited, could not have given satisfaction to our own minds or perfectly convinced you that we had done all such a committee was expected to perform

We refer you to the minutes and documents connected therewith for explanation of the method and progress of the investigation, the result of which is very unsatisfactory

We find that the City Clerk of Licenses is a defaulter to the extent of Three Hundred pounds and upwards of which fact we have notified His Worship the Mayor

All of which your Committee respectfully submit

Wm. Riche

William Maudoch
Mr. Taylor

His Worship
The Mayor
and City Council

Read

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Read following Statement of above Committee
Sums collected by Mr. S. Weeks the Clerk of Licenses
taken from the Alphabetical Book returned by Mr. Weeks as
containing the whole of the names from whom he has collected
money in account of Licenses up to January 28th 1850

A	45.10.0
B	119.4.2
C	108.10.10
D	128.5.0
F	53.5.0
E	30.1.8
G	22.1.8
H	51.15.0
I	26.15.0
Mc	142.12.6
K	85.1.8
L	79.1.8
M	93.16.8
N	27.11.8
O	39.13.11
P	51.10.0
Q	1.7.6
R	85.7.6
S	76.5.0
T	76.15.0
W	32.1.8

The Committee have not deducted from the sum of £115.19.2 the
Commission which Mr. Weeks will be entitled to receive when that sum
is paid to the Treasurer
The amount charged to Mr. Weeks by you and by Mr. G. B.
Russell Esq and Lockhart Esq. he is responsible for, but has not yet
collected as he pretends Mr. G. B.
Russell will amount to

5.15.11	Commission
10.0.0	due from G. B. R.
15.0.0	" " G. B. Russell
10.0.0	" " Lockhart
<u>40.15.11</u>	

£ 316. 11. 5
£ 40. 15. 11
£ 275. 15. 6

1376.12.6
82.14.2. New Licenses January 1849
174.0.0 Amalgams
60.5.0 City Clerk's Fees
<u>£ 1693.1.8</u>

Sig^o William Murdoch
John Taylor
W Roche C.C.

1693.1.8
<u>84.13.0</u> Commission of the sum
1608.8.8
<u>115.19.2</u> add first page
1724.7.10
<u>1407.16.5</u> G ^o paid Treasurer
<u>£ 316. 11. 5</u>

Read following minutes of the Committee
Held for January 15th 1850

The Committee to investigate all the Clerk of Licenses accounts
met this day Present Alderman Murdoch Taylor and Roche, the
minutes of the preceding meeting January 12th were read. Mr. Weeks was present
with his Cash Book, he is desired to retire until the minutes are read,
and the Cash Book examined

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Mr. Clarke is called and the following questions are put to him A

B Mr. Weeks is called and the following questions are put to him

In the Cash Book of Mr. Weeks we find the License fund received from auctioneers has been partly loaned to Mr. Braine

Mr. Clarke furnished list of the Hundred and ninety four Bonds for Licenses

Mr. Weeks has on his Books One Hundred and Eighty names

Fourteen names are examined from Twelve of which Money has been received by Mr. Weeks for which Credit is not given in his Books See Letter B and Memo. at Murdoch 15 January C

Geo W. Roche

£214.0.0 Paid to the Treasurer since 15th Instant

316.11.5 Amount of deficiency as notified to the Mayor on 29 Jan 1850

£330.11.5 The whole sum collected by Mr. Weeks and which was not paid in at the Treasury when this minutes were written 15 January

Five pounds of the £316.11.5 were collected by Mr. Weeks from Mr. Ackhurst in anticipation on auction License not yet granted for 1850 Charged to Mr. Weeks by the Committee

Geo W. Roche

The following statement of Mr. Otto Weeks Junior is next read.

Halifax February 1st 1850

Otto Weeks Junior states that the notes and documents now produced by him are proof of the final settlement between his Father O. Weeks Senior and Alderman Braine relative to the License Money as a compromise

A note dated Aug ^r 28 th 1849	£50.0.0
Enclosed O. Weeks in back this note	27.0.0
	£23.0.0
Note January 11 th 1850 3 mo ^s for	35.0.0
	£58.0.0
Plate Spuns and Gold Watch, also Cash	20.0.0

Monday Morning
Dear Sir

I will be in Town at 11 O'Clock and will