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Amount Due Forward			
12 Month Interest on Street Certificates		\$	526 14
Repairs to City Property	300 . .		510 . .
Contingencies	125 11 6		
City Treasurer Commission	250 . .	975 11 6	
		\$	744 12 10
Deduct			
Probable amount to be received by Treasurer from Assessment of 1849	244 12 10		
of Rent of City Property	700 . .		
of Fees Paid in Mayor's Court and Police Office	500 . .		
of License Money	210 . .	2144 12 10	
		\$	5000 . .

Sp. St. Riche, Chairman

When the following resolution is introduced
 Resolved that the foregoing report and estimate be adopted and the sum of Five thousand pounds be assessed on the Citizens agreeably to said Estimate this day submitted which on being put is passed

Read following report of Committee of Tenders
 Made for March 16th 1850

William Evans Tender for supplies of Meats and feet for the use of the Bridewell at 4th each for Meats and 3rd for each set of feet be accepted

There having been only one tender received for the General supplies of Bridewell and the Committee believing that the prices charged for Indian Meal, Barley and Peas, are much above the Market prices. On Motion it is resolved that Tenders for supplies of Corn Meal, Bread, Barley, Fish, Candles, and Soap be again advertised for, and that such Tenders will be received until the 25th day of this month

Resolved that the City Clerk be requested to communicate with Mr. Annand and Mr. August respecting advertising in the Chronicle and Sun by the Square and also the charge for continuances and that they be desired to send in Tenders on or before the 25th of this month if they think proper to do so

On Motion the Tender for supplying 400 feet running measure of Hemlock Timber from 5x10 to 6x12 at 24 per C Feet handed in by Henry Jennings under date of March 12th 1850 be accepted, and further that the offer for supplying all other description

Board's description of Timber & Lumber be confirmed respective of the limitations contained in proceedings of Committee under date of 1st March 1850

Sig^d Benj^r Smithes Chairman

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Resolved that R^m Frasers Tender for supplies of Bridwell be accepted

Resolved that Richard Sugents Tender for Printing be accepted

Sig^d Benj^r Smithes Chairman

March 1st 1850

M^r John Taylor to be Contractor for Iron Work

M^r J^r Jennings to be Contractor for Lumber when marked Dimension timber 6 to 12 inches, which is understood by Committee

W^m Thomas Boggess to be Contractor for Summery

James P^russ to be Contractor for Printing Blanks and Handbills

English & Blackader and Grants Tender for Advertising accepted, and Committee recommend that Tenders be again advertised for, as it is desirable that the City Directory should be printed in at least two of the tri-weekly papers of the City

M^r W^m Brown Contractor for Wheelwright Work

M^r W^m Gossip Contractor for Printing Stationary

Sig^d Benj^r Smithes Chairman

Which report on Motion is received and adopted the parties giving the necessary security

Read following report of Committee of Shab
Shelby March 23rd 1850

By Motion

Resolved that the Commissioners of Shab recommend to the City Council the propriety of continuing the following grant for Claiming of Shab during the present year

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Ward No 1 — \$20.00

" No 2 — 20.00

" No 3 — 30.00

" No 4 — 20.00

" No 5 — 30.00

" No 6 — 12.10

\$132.10

True Copy

— To E. Cabot Chairman —

When the following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the amount to be expended for cleaning of Streets be so far altered that the sum for

Ward No 3 be \$25.00

" No 4 be 25.00

A which following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the following scale be adopted

Ward No 1 — \$20.00

" No 2 — 20.00

" No 3 — 20.00

" No 4 — 20.00

" No 5 — 32.10

" No 6 — 12.10

\$124.10

Which amendment being put to test, the original is then put and carried nine voting for it, and seven against.

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the additional sum of Five pounds be added to Ward No 5 which on being put is passed.

The following report of the Committee on Subject Mr. Alderman Ricker relative to Mr. Smith Collector of Road Taxes is read

Monday March 23rd 1830The Committee appointed by the City Council on the 14th ult. to investigate the account of the Road Tax Collector in reference to his statement made to the City Council on the 15th October last under Alderman Ricker's motion, have to report

They have had Mr. Smith before them with his Books at several meetings, and their proceedings will be found on the Table marked A Nos 1 & 2

— And

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And the reverse of Bonds M^r Pollock in papers
Marked B

Also the Treasurer whose Statement of the Amount
Collected in Money for the Years 1846: 1847: 1848 and from 1st May
1849 to 28th February 1850 in Papers Marked C

In making the comparative Statement of
collections made by the present and former Collector in Money
and Salary, which they understand to be the principal object
of this investigation they find

The amount by the Collector M^r Smith's
Statement Sec'd by M^r Willis for the Year from the first of
May 1848 to 1st May 1849 £ 1575. 0. 0

The amount paid the
Treasurer M^r Nathson for his Statement. £ 712. 18. 0

Amount of Labour
for Statement of the Commissioners of Stab £ 515. 15. 0 1258. 13. 0
Less Collected than Sec'd £ 316. 7. 0

The amount Sec'd by M^r Smith
1st May 1849 to 1st May 1850 £ 2113. 13. 9

The amount paid M^r Nathson
Treasurer for Statement to 28th February £ 877. 6. 11

Amount of Labour for Statement
of Commissioners of Stab £ 552. 3. 6 1429. 10. 5
£ 714. 3. 11

Amount Stated by M^r Smith as
Supposed good and expected to be Collected £ 220. 0. 0

This sum will be deficient if only £ 1494. 3. 11
the supposed sum good is collected

Contrasting these two Statements we find
M^r Willis had short Collected of amount named 316. 7. 0
M^r Smith ditto ditto 1494. 3. 11

The proportion of the amount will show
It's less as a difference for the Year 1848 than the proportion
Sec'd by the present Collector for the year 1849

But the sum Collected up to the 1st March
current being ten months by M^r Smith as compared with the
Year 1848 Sec'd in Money and Salary £ 770. 17. 5

The amount he states as that
is like to be Collected from the amount standing in his Hands 220. 0. 0
Expected except over 1848 £ 390. 17. 5

The present Collector gave as the reason of his not
having Collected so much by £ 128 up to the 15th October last
which

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March 25 as his predecessor in office, that he had done the whole of the duty himself, and was not then so well acquainted with the parties, whereas his predecessor was in the habit of employing an assistant a part of the time

The Committee find it stated in the first paragraph of the preamble to the resolution of the 14th February

"That the collector of Road Taxes within the City of Halifax would collect for the Year now last past Five hundred and sixty eight pounds more than the sum collected in the previous year 1848"

It would appear to your Committee from the investigation they have made, that the word "Lays" used by the collector McSmith, in the Statement there alluded to as made by him, was not intended to be used in the sense "Collect" or "Collected" nor does it in their estimation fully convey the meaning of the duty he had performed. He would have more clearly expressed himself if he had employed the word "summons" or "warned" for the amounts given out by him in the Comparative Statements for 1848 and 1849

If this had been done no misapprehensions could possibly have occurred

Sy. William Murdoch
W. Riche
John Maybin
J. M. Anderson
E. Collet

When on motion the said is resolved
Read following report of Committee on
Subject of Mr. Fairbanks's Petition as likewise Certificate
Halifax 23rd March 1850

The Committee appointed by the City Council to grant such a certificate to Mr. C. W. Fairbanks as they may think he is entitled to agreeably to his application, beg leave to submit the enclosed for their approval

Sy. William Caldwell
Joseph Semmings
George P. Mitchell

City of Halifax
Vice Secy

These are to certify that Charles W. Fairbanks Esquire of the City of Halifax, Civil Engineer, by his unassisted talent and industry originated the plan of the Halifax Water Works, and

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and superintended the carrying out of the same, and that it is chiefly owing to his persevering energy and skill that the inhabitants of this City are indebted for the invaluable blessing of a constant and abundant supply of pure soft water.

The efficiency of the works has been amply tested during a winter of uncommon severity and a summer of almost unprecedented drought, the successful completion is thus placed beyond doubt, and their vast utility during these seasons cannot but be gratefully acknowledged by every inhabitant of the City.

The Mayor and Aldermen therefore feel much pleasure in giving their testimony to the enterprise and talent the result of which is so permanently honorable to their Young Townsman, and so universally beneficial to the inhabitants of this his native City.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City the Twenty-fifth day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

By Henry Poyer
Mayor

Read following report of the Committee on subject of Victoria Street.

The Committee appointed by the City Council and to whom was referred the letter of Mr. Ritchie Esquire Attorney of James Tremain Esquire relative to stoppage of Public Train in Victoria Street, and directing them to ascertain the best and most efficient way in which the evil complained of could be remedied, and the probable cost thereof, beg to report

That having received a letter from Mr. Tremain herewith stating that the heavy rain on the night of the 14th February had flooded the lower stories of his houses in that Street, they repaired thither on the following day, and found it as stated, the kitchens of these houses had been covered with water, and were then in a most miserable condition, they followed the drain to the end of the Street where it was stopped, by the Water Lot of Mr. Mann having been recently filled up, on application to him to allow it to be continued through his property to the Water, he very reluctantly consented on condition that the sum of One Hundred pounds be paid him for the privilege, (with interest). On learning however that the foundations of the houses in the Street were about on a level with the tide

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They were of opinion, that if permission was granted for a small sum, it would not be practicable, as the mouth would be liable to be filled up from the back. Learning also that all the proprietors wanted, was to have the Drain from Pleasant Street turned off from them, they considered that the request was not only reasonable but proper, they would therefore recommend that the Drain at the West side of Pleasant Street be continued to the Bridge. It will in their opinion be easily made the distance is about 230 Yards, the greater part of the way there is a gradual descent, and the probable cost they estimate at about Seventy five pounds.

They the more readily recommend this, as they are of opinion that it would not only be permanently beneficial to the owners of property in Victoria Street, but in the end a saving to the City, for in carrying out the present Drain, if even permission was allowed for a moderate sum and it was practicable it would cost a good deal (for Mr. Stann has filled up his property to a considerable distance from the present mouth) and would be of no benefit except to that Street.

Whereas the one recommended, would be equally satisfactory to them, and if not carried out now, must be at no distant day, when the lots on each side of the Street are built upon, and the owners then will have to contribute their proportion, making ultimately the cost but a small sum to the City.

The owners of Property in Victoria Street have also pledged themselves (as per accompanying letter) to pay towards the recommended Drain, the sum of Three pounds.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Subscribed 25 March 1830

By William Caldwell
George P. Mitchell
Thomas Laidlaw

When on Motion the said report be received to be taken up at the next meeting.

Read following report of the Committee of Common
The Committee of Common report that at a Meeting held on the 22nd March 1830, they passed the following resolutions.

Resolved that Messrs W & B Rogers offer of a rent of Ten Pounds per annum for the lot occupied by them be accepted, on condition that they bring the land into cultivation, and that they shut up the lane in the rear of Spring Garden lot No 1. 203 & do that

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That the lane be excluded from their lot, and that the use of the same be permitted to the proprietors of the said lots nos 1, 2 & 3 upon their severally paying a rent of one shilling per annum as an acknowledgement of the right of the City.

Resolved that the lot bounded east by the New Road, west by Morris Street, West by Summer Street, South by lots in occupation of Commissioners of the Poor and Messrs Rogers be leased to the Commissioners of the Poor at a rent of five shillings per annum on condition of their fencing in leveling and cultivating the same.

Resolved that application be made to the City Council for the sum of Twenty Five pounds from the General Road fund to extend Summer Street through the Ground Plot Morris Street, the old road having been rendered impassable from the excavation of gravel for the Road.

The Committee respectfully submit the above resolutions for the consideration of the City Council.

Jas John Hall Chairman

When on Motion said report is received and adopted.

Read following Bond of Joseph Keifer Keeper of the Protestant Cemetery.

Know all Men by these presents that we Joseph Keifer of the City of Halifax and Province of Nova Scotia Gentleman as principal and William Alexander McCoy of the said City Taylor and John Vills of the said City Paper Manufacturers are held and firmly bound to the City of Halifax in the sum of One hundred pounds of lawful money of the Province aforesaid that is to say the said Joseph Keifer as principal in the sum of Fifty pounds and the said William A. McCoy and John Vills as sureties for the said Joseph Keifer in the sum of Twenty Five pounds each to be paid to the said City of Halifax for which payment to be well and truly made, we bind ourselves our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals, and dated this ninth day of March in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

Whereas at a meeting of the City Council held at Halifax on the first day of October last past the said Joseph Keifer was duly elected and appointed to the Office of Keeper and Registrar of the Protestant Cemetery for said City.

Now the condition of this obligation is such that if the said Joseph Keifer shall well and faithfully perform execute and discharge all the duties appertaining to the said Office

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of Keeper and Registrar of the Protestant Cemetery equally to law and such Ordinance of the said City Council as hereinafter or may hereafter be legally made relating thereto and shall duly account for and pay over all and every such sum or sums of money which shall come into his hands as such Keeper and Registrar of the Protestant Cemetery and shall not make default therein then this obligation to be null and void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue

Signed Seal and
Attest in Presence of
James S. Clarke

By Joseph Keefe
Wm. McCarty
John Wells

Which on being read is approved of

A vacancy having occurred in the Office of Assessor for Ward No 3 Alderman Taitano is appointed
Pending Officer

A vacancy having occurred in the Office of Assessor for Ward No 4 Alderman Gates is appointed
Pending Officer

Read returns of Elections of Assessors for Wards No 1 and 6

Read following return of the part of Committee on subject of Alderman Braine and N. Wats
to the Clerk of License

The Committee empowered by Resolution of Council at the request of Alderman Braine to investigate the transactions between the Clerk of License and Alderman Braine, met for that purpose on the nineteenth of February the Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty

The parties interested were present. The statements made were so dissimilar and N. Wats signifying his determination to have a Judicial settlement of accounts between him and Alderman Braine, and as we are of opinion the Council did not intend the Committee should examine into per upon their oaths, We deem it proper to decline pronouncing any Judgment, lest we might injure the Cause of either party

All of which your Committee respectfully submit

Wm. Bishop the Mayor
and City Council
Witnesses February 20 1850

By W. Roche CC
John Anderson
John Taylor
John Watt
J. H. Anderson

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Which report on Action is received

The following resolution is next introduced

The Chairman of Commissioners of the City having submitted a list of Defaulters

Resolved that the Commissioners of the City be authorized to take such steps for the recovery of the amount as they may deem expedient

Read following Bond of W. Morris City Clerk of License

Know all Men by these presents that William Morris of the City of Halifax and Province of Nova Scotia Gentleman as Principal and Samuel Caldwell of the said City Blacksmith and Matthew Mooney of the said City Shopkeeper are held and firmly bound to the City of Halifax in the sum of Three hundred pounds of Lawfull Money of Nova Scotia, that is to say the said William Morris as Principal in the sum of Four hundred pounds, and the said Samuel Caldwell and Matthew Mooney as sureties for the said William Morris in the sum of Four hundred pounds each to be paid to the said 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 this twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty

Whereas at a meeting of the City Council held on the twelfth day of February Instant the said William Morris was duly elected and appointed to the Office of City Clerk of License for said City

Now the condition of this obligation is such that if the said William Morris shall well and faithfully perform execute and discharge all the duties appertaining to the said Office of City Clerk of License agreeably to Law and such Ordinances of the said City Council as have been or may 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 City Clerk of License, and shall not make default thereof then this obligation to be null and void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of James Clarke

W. Morris Samuel Caldwell Matthew Mooney

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Edward Jones and Joshua Bush
having taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance and
the Oath of Office prescribed by law, on this day sworn into
Office as Ward Assessors, in presence of His Worship the Mayor

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John Clouston Junior, having taken and
subscribed the oath of Office prescribed by law, on this day sworn
into Office as Ward Assessor, for Ward No. 1, 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 Alderman
W. G. Anderson, Lieutenant Mitchell James I. Kirk
Coles, Hall, Caldwell, Muddick
Taylor, Northrup, Johns, Reach, Jennings, King and
J. H. Anderson

The City Council were summoned to take
into consideration the report of Committee of City Property,
a Letter from Hon. J. M. Johnston Counsel of Mr. John Willis
late Collector of Road Taxes - The Bonds submitted by Wighams
of Thur. Return of Assessors for Wards 1, 3 and 4

Read over proceedings of 25th March

Read following memorial of Clerks of Market
as introduced on 25th March

To His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen
of the City of Halifax
Gentlemen

For a long time past great
inconvenience and difficulty has been felt by the Clerks of
Market and retailers of Potatoes, in consequence of their not
having two Bushell measures in use, this is felt by owners of
Cargoes. The undersigned have been in the habit of cutting a
Bushel as near the size as possible, but this has been often
unsatisfactory, we pray your Honourable Body to allow us to
get Twenty Two Bushells measures made to two Parties
requiring, at a sum per one hundred Bushells, as you in
your wisdom may think judicious, the cost of each measure
will be Two pounds, your Compliance will oblige your

Humble Servant

Wm. J. Hall
B. W. Cochran

Halifax March 25th 1830

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved it is not in the power of the City Council
under the Law to comply with the Memorial of the Clerks of
Market which on being put is past

Read report of Committee on Subject of Victoria
Sheet as introduced on 25th March

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Read following letter from James Fermanin
Equine addressed to the Committee

Halifax February 15th 1850

Wm Caldwell

Mitchell & Committee for Drain in Victoria Street

Gentlemen

Gentlemen

I regret being obliged to inform
you that the four houses in Victoria Street have been flooded
in the lower flat since about 11 o'clock this morning, during
the heavy rain of last night, so soon as the drain is filled it
forces its way up through the foundation

I beg to call your earliest attention
to this great nuisance, as the tenants are compelled to desert the
the first floor, so soon as the rain commences. The houses have
been occupied seven years and have never even been damp
until the closing up of the mouth of the drain lately

I am

Gentleman

Yours respectfully

Jas James Fermanin

Read following letter from W. Mann

Halifax 15 March 25th 1850

Dear Sir

After due consideration of the subject you
mentioned to us of wishing to cut a drain through our
premises we have come to the conclusion that the sum of One
hundred pounds would be a fair equivalent for the said right

W. Mann

Yours truly

Jas James & W. Mann

Wm Caldwell Esq

Read following subscriptions relative to
making Drain from Victoria Street to Fresh Water Bridge

March 18th 1850

Gentlemen

We the subscribers hereby bind
ourselves to pay the several sums set opposite to our names
to assist in making a drain on the west side of Pleasant St
from the head of Victoria Street to the Fresh Water Bridge
that the water now flowing down Victoria Street flooding
the properties and creating a nuisance may be conveyed
to the

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The Harbour through that Channel

James Fineman	£ 10.0
Robert Malcolm	1.0.0
James Spike	0.10.0
William Bennett	0.10.0
M ^r Bate	0.10.0
Edward Hamey	0.10.0
Patrick McCarthy	0.10.0
	<u>£ 12.0.0</u>

_____ The amount would have been greater, but it is the second subscription made by some of the subscribers to be relieved of this nuisance, and their houses being deserted by their tenants in some instances have rendered parties unable to subscribe _____

Yours respectfully _____
 Sir James Fineman

By
 Wm Caldwell

Mitchell } Com^r in Charge of the Harbour
 Taitner }

_____ When following resolution is introduced _____

Resolved that tenders to be taken by the Commissioners of Street for completing a Drain from Victoria Street to Fresh Water Bridge, to be submitted to the Council at their next meeting for their approval. The specifications for the work to be prepared by the Engineer of Street, and submitted to the parties tendering which on being put is past _____

_____ Read following letter from Mr. McShurton
 Counsel for Mr. Mills relative to suit now pending between
 the City of Halifax and Mr. Mills _____

Halifax 9th April 1850

Gentlemen _____

As Counsel for Mr. Mills I am desirous to terminate the litigation pending between the City and him and incident thereto his suit against Mr. McShurton _____

I propose that Mr. Mills should agree to pay the amount of the verdict passed against him and discontinue the Cause against Mr. McShurton the several parties paying their own cost _____

_____ Please afford me an early reply as the argument will come on in a few days, and if a personal conference can aid an adjustment I shall be happy to meet _____ the

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The Council in a Committee

Thomas M. Smith

Gentleman

The Honorable

Genl. W. Smith

Major and Alderman

of M. S. S. S.

of

The following resolution introduced

Resolved that it be communicated to the Hon. W. Smith that his letter was this day submitted to the Council and after due consideration the Council are of opinion that the suits now pending between the City of Halifax and W. Smith be left to take the course the Law points out, which on being put is passed

The City Council next proceed to take into consideration the subject of amount of security required from the Highways of Plum and Meal, and the following Bonds having been submitted,

Know all Men by these presents that we Samuel Cartier of the City of Halifax and Province of Nova Scotia Tutor as Principal and Patrick Mahony of the said City Carpenter and John Stuart of the said City Shopkeeper are held and firmly bound to the City of Halifax in the sum of Eight Hundred pounds of lawful money of the Province aforesaid that is to say the said Samuel Cartier as Principal in the sum of Four Hundred pounds and the said Patrick Mahony and John Stuart as Sureties for the said Samuel Cartier in the sum of Two Hundred ^{pounds} each to be paid to the said City of Halifax for which payment to be well and truly made we bind ourselves our Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated the sixth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty

Whereas at a meeting of the City Council held at Halifax on the fifteenth day of October last past, the said Samuel Cartier was duly elected and appointed to the Office of Highways of Plum and Meal for the City of Halifax, and Whereas by an act passed at the last meeting of the Legislature it was enacted that all Highways of Plum and Meal appointed by the City Council, shall before entering upon the duties of their Office give security by Bond to the City of Halifax in such penal sum and with two sufficient securities, as may be approved of by the City Council conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties

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Now the condition of this obligation is such that if the said Samuel Carter shall well and faithfully perform execute and discharge all the duties appertaining to the said Office of Weigher of Flour and Meal agreeably to Law and such Ordinances or Bye Laws of the said City Council as may be legally made relating thereto as such Weigher of Flour and Meal, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to be and remain in full force virtue and effect.

Agreed sealed and Delivered by Samuel Carter D.
in presence of Patrick Mahony D.
James S. Clarke 3. John Stewart D.

Know all men by these presents that we John Parker of the City of Halifax and Province of Nova Scotia Gentleman as Principal and Thompson Woodill of the said City Butcher and John Rodgers of the said City Butcher are held and firmly bound to the City of Halifax in the sum of Eight Hundred Pounds of Lawfull money of the Province aforesaid, that is to say, the said John Parker as Principal in the sum of Four Hundred pounds and the said Thompson Woodill and John Rodgers as sureties for the said John Parker in the sum of Two Hundred pounds each to be paid to the said City of Halifax for which payment to be well and truly made, We bind ourselves our Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated this fifth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and fifty.

Whereas at a meeting of the City Council held at Halifax on the fifteenth day of October last past, the said John Parker was duly elected and appointed to the Office of Weigher of Flour and Meal for the City of Halifax, and whereas by an Act passed at the last meeting of the Legislature it was enacted that all Weighers of Flour and Meal appointed by the City Council shall before entering upon the duties of their Office give security by Bond to the City of Halifax in such penal Sum and with the such sufficient Securities as may be approved of by the City Council conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties.

Now the condition of this obligation is such that if the said John Parker shall well and faithfully perform execute and discharge all the duties appertaining to the said Office of Weigher of Flour and Meal agreeably to Law and such Ordinances

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Ordinance or Bye Law of the said City Council as may be
 Legally made relating thereto as such Wighor of Flour
 and Meal. Then this obligation to be null and void
 otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue
 Signed sealed and _____
 Delivered in presence of _____
 James S. Clarke _____
 _____ John Parker (D)
 _____ William S. Woodie (D)
 _____ John Rodgers (D)

The following resolution is introduced

Whereas the Legislature at its last meeting
 having passed a Bill regulating the Weighing of Flour and
 Meal in this City and authorized the City Council to take Bonds
 in such sum as they may deem necessary

Resolved that the security required from each
 of the Weighors of Flour and Meal be four hundred pounds each
 and sureties in the sum of Two hundred pounds each in all Eight
 hundred pounds; and that Bonds now submitted be approved
 of and after being filled up with such sum and duly executed
 by His Worship the Mayor be authorized to administer the Oath
 of Office as required by the act, which on being put is passed

Read return of assessor for Ward No 4

Mr. Martin Alderman Tindal is
 appointed presiding Officer for holding Election for Assessors
 in Ward No 3

The following resolutions are next introduced

Resolved that Mr. Wm. H. Recorder be
 requested to draw up a Deed from the Hon. M^{rs} Bell of the Rock
 Head Farm, and that a Bond be executed by His Worship the
 Mayor in the name of the City, securing to Mrs. M^{rs} Bell the
 sum of Two Hundred pounds being the original purchase money
 with interest for the same at and after the rate of Six per Centum
 per Annum, which on being put is passed

Resolved that a Committee of City Property
 be authorized to obtain if practicable a Grant of the Water Set
 at the foot of the Street leading past Longards Mill, and at
 the foot of Gillingen Street. Which on being put is passed

Resolved

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Resolved that a committee be appointed to make the necessary enquiries, as to the amount the Water Company will require for the use of the Fire plugs to Water the Street with the Cleansing the Drains specifying each, and also the probable amount of cost for said work, and report upon the same to the City Council - which on being put is past Committee Alderman Caldwell and Rock and Wall

Read following report of Committee of City Property

Halifax 5 April 1850

The Committee of City property having got the list of their number to go through the present occupants, to ascertain their intention as to whether they would remain at present rent, report they all offer a much less rent, except the following

Charles Bainsstead	whose rent is £30	Contd
James Duggan	do	40 do
Philip Nelson	do	30 do
John Munnice	do	27 do
Reading Room	do	15 do

The Committee recommend the whole to be let at Auction and advertised immediately for the 20th instant possession to be given the first of May for one Year

The reason the Committee suggest One Year is the contemplated Building of a new Market

The laying out Stone round the building and the probable improvement of the Market Shop as likely to increase the value of Rental

The Committee have had under their Consideration the repairs to be made in the Market Shop, and a plan has been suggested by three of their body to have it done in a more permanent manner of Stone, and estimates of the supposed expence has been got by them

The plan recommended and the estimates of Expence are submitted for the Consideration of the Council

The filling up is not included in the estimate

Wm. Hurdock
Chairman

When following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Committee of City property be authorized to let all the City Property at Public Auction for the price

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April 5 period of One Year from 1st May next taking sufficient security for the payment, with the exception of the property attached to the North Fish Market which the Committee are empowered to let Thomas Sangrave for the period of Three Years at Ten pounds per Annum 1st Quarter rent to be expended by him in repairs, which on being put is past

Read following report of Subcommittee of City Property

Messrs Messrs Lusham, Mitchell and Roche having been named in Committee of Public Property to examine the state of Market Wharf and Slip, before tenders for repairing and improving the same be taken, did this day March 27th 1850 examine the premises, and report that The wooden Spiles opposite the east end of the Wharf are nearly all either eaten through by worms or decayed, the first gate from the S.E. will probably undergo the unsightly ruin, On investigating this part of the property with a boat we find commencing about fourteen or fifteen feet from the end of the probable Stone Wall. A considerable part of the Dock has been filled up with rocks, and if it be determined to build out until a sufficient depth of Water be found for a vessel to be afloat the Wharf would require to be extended east thirty six feet beyond the Old Wall, here we find clear bottom, and sufficient depth of Water for that purpose

This more extensive plan than the one at first contemplated will be attended with considerably greater expense would we think be most judicious using only Stone as the material, the structure would remain without needing outlay for repair a very long time

There is however part of this plan which may now be carried out leaving the completion until the Corporation are disposed to spend more money thereon

We recommend the South Wall to be in line with the North front of the City building on the Wharf that commencing forty feet from the junction with the North and South line (where the House stands) and extending thirty feet on the same line. A landing of Granite Steps nine in number be built, as per accompanying Sketch. From the east abutment of these Steps, would remain a level space of ten feet which would prove a great convenience for vessels to land on

We would propose the East end Wall to extend from this lower until it meet the erection of the South side the Steam boat Dock a space of about forty feet

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From thence proceeding West, a Wall be built along said line until the whole Space is enclosed, The South Wall commencing with the Stairs and ending by the turn of the N.E. Corner the surface must be Granite above - say two feet above low water mark - and that the two upper Courses of the whole East end be of Granite - The remainder of the Wall large Slabs of Iron Stone

The builder must be strictly prohibited from going any further East than the present Wall (if the latter plan be adopted) otherwise he will make the end of the Wharf useless - You will perceive by the Sketch that there is only a ^{Space} of Fourteen ^{feet} clear between the end of the wharf and the reef formed by throwing ballast among the Spiles South of the Steam Boat Dock - vessels running for the end of the Dock would ground on this, unless at high Tide

If the South side Wall were commenced immediately and this and the landing place completed the East and North wall and filling up might be accomplished afterwards. You would thus afford to the Public all the conveniences of a safe, convenient, spacious, and permanent landing place in the Centre of the City

The present ruin is a disgrace and a nuisance, which all who take an interest in the welfare of the City, and desire the Comfort, Convenience and Prosperity of the Citizens must desire to see immediately remedied

We therefore recommend that Tenders be immediately taken for commencing this Work

By W. Roche
 J. S. Garland
 G. B. Mitchell

Read following estimates of Mr Malcolm and Mr Davis

Calcutta 15th April 1850

Gentlemen

Having carefully examined the plan and Extent of the proposed City Wharf. I beg to state as nearly as I can possibly ascertain the probable Cost of the proposed Wharf Built with the Materials mentioned agreeable to specification shown viz the Cost agreeable to inside plan about £315. Three hundred and fifteen pounds, and if agreeable to outside plan the sum of Three hundred and thirty five pounds additional.

Respectfully
 Wm. Mackenzie

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I am

Gentlemen

The Committee of
City Property

Yours respectfully
S^r Robert Davis

The Committee of
Public Works

April 5th 1850

Gentlemen

I have read your report respecting the New Market Wharf, and I do think to build the same as per plan 8 feet long by 30 feet wide will cost £300 to extend the length 3 feet by 38 feet wide will cost £330 more a leg

Yours most respectfully

S^r W. Malcolm

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Committee of City Property be requested to have a proper specification prepared and tenders taken for completing the repairs of the Market Wharf and report thereon which on being put is passed

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Gentlemen last appointed to select the watch for duty last Fall be requested to select the men now to be continued in office which on being put is passed

Read following communication from Judge Whip, as also from W^m L. Silver and others relative to the State of their Streets

Sir

I am desirous of directing the particular attention of the City Corporation to the state of the Streets in my immediate neighbourhood, at the best of times they are extremely bad, and in some seasons almost impassible. The street leading up the Hill has been made chiefly by private aid, I have myself laid out upon it in money and labour about fifty pounds, but unless it is immediately attended to

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April 5 attended to great part of this will be lost, and the expense, for it must sooner or later be made, at the foot of it the Gully is so steep that I have already broken the spring of my Carriage in jolting over it, and I never cross it without fear of further accident. The South end of Queen Street is in a still worse condition I am sure there is not another like it I may say and I mean no offence by it that it is a disgrace to the City. It is in fact one half of the Year more like a quagmire than a road, all who have occasion to use it can tell, and it requires only to be seen and no further remark need then be made. I should be sorry indeed if the Gentlemen of the Corporation had no better accept to their own homes than such as I have had to put up with for the last five years, and yet I cannot think that those who have built on this hill have deserved this. I believe that in no other Street in the City has an equal sum been expended in the last five years in buildings and improvements as in this. I submit to the justice and good feelings of the Corporation whether it is right towards us, towards the public whether it is creditable to themselves that the present state of things should be suffered to continue and I respectfully suggest to them whether it is ruling in a sound and correct principle to go on year after year improving Streets which are already comparatively good and leaving those which are confessedly in a wretched condition without amendment and almost unnoticed. For I have understood that on this part of Queen Street not a Shilling of the Public Money has been expended. It is the System which is in fault not individuals, and I call the attention of the Corporation thus early to the subject before their arrangements are made for the road work and improvements of the Street in the fullest confidence that this appeal will not be in vain.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

W B Bliss
 Fort Massey 3 April 1850

Halifax 4th April 1850

Sir
 The Mayor

Gentlemen

We are induced again to bring to your notice the condition of the Street leading from Pleasant St past our residences to Fort Massey. Nearly Six Years have elapsed