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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen N. G. Anderson, Gaidlaw, Mitchell Braine, Smither, Matt. Caldwell, King, Murdoch, Naylor, Johns, Roche, Jennings, King and J. H. Anderson

The Council were summoned to receive the report of His Worship the Mayor, the return of Ward Assessments, to take into consideration a report of Cemetery Committee, a communication from the Fire Wards, to appoint a Measurer of Wood, and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 16 July

Read following Letter from Alderman Caldwell for a small quantity of gravel from one of the Pits of the Common

Letter from
Waldwell for
Gravel from Pit

His Worship the Mayor and City Council

Gentlemen

Requiring a small quantity of gravel for my own private use, I respectfully ask permission to take a few loads from one of the pits on the Common by complying with my request you will much oblige

Your obedient Servant
Waldwell

When in Motion said application is complied with

Read following report of His Worship the Mayor on the subject of His Delegation to Portland

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That in fulfillment of the mission to which I had the honor of being appointed by the unanimous vote of the City Council, I proceeded as their Delegate to the Convention which was held at Portland on the 31st of July last and the two following days; Before entering into an account of the business transacted at the Convention, I seize the present moment as the earliest opportunity offered me of expressing to the Representatives

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Representatives of my fellow Citizens were in Council assembled the very courteous, kind and hospitable manner in which I as your Delegate together with the other members of the Delegation from the Purines had been treated by the members of the Committee who originated the measure and the other Citizens of Portland, and as Mayor, of the City I must not omit mentioning to my fellow Citizens similar courtesies and attentions which I received while in Boston from His Honor, Mayor Pierce, Alderman Grant and other members of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of that beautiful City.

After the meeting had been duly inaugurated and an able address delivered by His Excellency Governor Hubbard, the President of the Convention, the Rev. Mr. Chittering was called upon by that Gentleman to ask the blessing of the Most High upon the work which we had in hand, the prayer was most appropriate, and the harmonious manner in which the business was conducted seemed as it were an answer to that prayer.

The Convention then proceeded to the appointment of a business Committee; pending the Report of that Committee, numerous Documents, Statistics, and memorials were presented by different gentlemen to the Convention and generally referred to the business Committee, who thus had laid before them a large field of information for their guidance. There were also read to the Convention by John A. West Esquire of Portland one of the originators of this movement whose arduous labours in arranging the business of the Convention were suitably acknowledged by the Convention before its close, a very large number of letters received from different influential persons in the United States and Canada among the number were letters from the President of the United States, Honorable Edward Everett and many others expressing a warm interest in the successful issue of the undertaking. After an animated and full discussion the report of the Business Committee contained in the following Resolutions was received and adopted.

Resolved that the spirit of the Age and the impetus of the modern improvement, demand the most rapid and certain means of intercommunication between the people of the Old World and those of the New.

Resolved that this object can be best effected
by the

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by the construction of a line of railway, leading from the great seat of population and business in the United States and Canada through Maine and the Province of New Brunswick to some convenient Port on the Atlantic Coast of Nova Scotia

Resolved as the firm and deliberate opinion of this Convention, that the time has arrived when the construction of such a line of railway shall be commenced, and that it shall be designated **The European and North American Railway**

Resolved that this great Railway, connected as it will be with Ocean Steam Navigation and the railway systems of the whole of Europe and America which traverse Empires, Kingdoms, Colonies, and States for the advantage of all, deserves to be regarded, not by the commercial world alone, but by the Statesman, the Sailor, and the Philanthropist, as one of the greatest links of that mighty Chain which is fast encircling the whole earth, strengthening the bands of brotherhood and Christian fellowship, multiplying the ties of lineage, and bidding fair to constitute of all mankind, but one great Commonwealth of Nations

Resolved that as a network of Railways now overspreads a great portion of the United States and Canada, and extends from the Far West to the valley of the Kennebec in one unbroken and continuous line, it is expected that the European and North American Railway should consist of an uninterrupted line of communication by land from the valley of the Kennebec Eastwardly through New Brunswick to the Eastern Coast of Nova Scotia from whence the Ocean may be crossed by Steam Ships to the Western Coast of Ireland as the shortest ferry across the Atlantic

Resolved, that as a means of communication for all time between the Nations of Europe, and the whole of North America, the Railway should be built in a durable and substantial manner

Resolved that by shortening the time of transit across the Atlantic Ocean by at least one third, the entire business between Europe and America will be eventually drawn over this line of railway.

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Resolved That the through business which the proposed line of railway must command, independently of way of local traffic, will render it a most profitable undertaking and cause the commercial value of its stock to be equal to that of any Railway in the world

Resolved, That from the valley of the Kennebec in Maine to the Eastern terminus on the Atlantic Coast of Nova Scotia, the proposed line of Railway will traverse a Country abounding in natural resources and possessing all the elements of wealth and Commercial greatness in an unusual degree; that although now sparsely populated this line of Country under railway influence will soon become densely populated, and every species of industry will be called into existence among its inhabitants

Resolved That this railway demands for its completion the united and vigorous action of Citizens of the United States - of all British Subjects - and of all who desire to promote Agriculture, Commerce, and Manufactures and the progress of the Arts and Sciences in connection with the firm establishment of Peace and good will upon Earth.

Resolved That the State of Maine, and the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick shall be called upon to grant Concurrent Charters for the incorporation of Companies to construct the proposed Railway from the Valley of the Penobscot to the Eastern terminus in Nova Scotia

Resolved, That in addition to individual subscriptions for shares in the proposed Companies the aid of the public resources of Maine, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, shall be solicited to the extent of one half the cost of this line of Railway, that grants of the public lands near the line shall also be asked, and that the Province of Canada shall also be solicited to contribute towards the construction of a work of such great importance to its public and private interests

Resolved that a special appeal shall be made to the stockholders of all railroads between New York and London, for aid to this railway, which to them will be
of much

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much pecuniary advantage, by promoting an endless stream of travel and traffic

Resolved That application shall be made to the Governments of Great Britain and the United States respectively for Conditional Contracts for transporting the European and North American Mail over this railway for a long period at remunerating rates.

Resolved That no subscriptions for Shares shall be asked, until Acts of Incorporation are first secured, and the necessary aids of Public Credit and of public lands are first obtained

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Resolved That the Legislature of Maine now in Session, shall be called upon to grant a Charter forthwith for the incorporation of a Company to construct that portion of the line between the valley of the Penobscot and the eastern boundary of the State

Resolved That a Central Executive Committee of seven shall be chosen for carrying out the various measures indicated in the foregoing resolutions, and effecting such other objects as will best ensure the speedy commencement of the work

Resolved That in order to facilitate the progress of the work, the members of the Central Committee be requested to correspond with the local committees to be appointed along the proposed line

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Convention be carefully and authentically drawn up and published in convenient form for general circulation in Europe and America

To the fifth resolution, Hon. Mr. Johnston offered the following, by way of amendment.

Whereas several routes have been suggested for the proposed Railroad through the Province of Nova Scotia and it is desirable that the most certain information within the means of the Convention should be obtained before the particular line be selected in an adventure of such magnitude Resolved

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Resolved, Therefore that a Committee be appointed of Gentlemen from the United States uninterested in any of the local considerations that affect the inhabitants the inhabitants of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and in the question indicated in the above Preamble, whose Office it shall be personally to inspect the different routes proposed for traversing Nova Scotia with the following objects concerning each especially in view

The distance and time of transit by each the physical advantages and disadvantages; the population resources, and nature of the Country, including the means of providing for the work, the probable and way passage and traffic and the amount of subscriptions from the inhabitants that might be justly relied on, and most particularly the general cost of raising the necessary funds within a reasonable period, and the time when the undertaking may be brought into effective operation by each route

And that the Committee report on these and other points of comparison which they may deem important as respects each line, to the Standing Committee, and such report finally to determine the route to be accepted as final, by Maine, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia

A proposition to have a committee appointed to survey a line of Road from Halifax to Digby thereby rendering it necessary to cross the Bay of Fundy by Steamer was negatived almost unanimously. It is due however to the advocates of the Bay route to say that after the very able and eloquent addresses made by them in favor of that line, finding the feeling of the Convention strongly exhibited in favour of the continuous land route, they retired from the contest in a right manly and sensible manner and stated their determination to go heart and hand in favoring the Railway at all events.

The line thus agreed upon and adopted will I trust meet with the approval of the people of Nova Scotia, once establish this great trunk line and you will find that branches from it will extend throughout the Province such has been the case in other Countries and surely there is nothing to prevent the same occurrences here

From the Statistics exhibited and read at the Convention by Mr Dickie a Delegate from Cumberland and other members of the Delegation, which would be too lengthy to insert in this report, many of which are in the

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The Public through the report of Major Robinson and Captain Henderson and other documents submitted to our Legislature on the subject of the Halifax and Quebec Railroad, it would appear that the local traffic on this line will be sufficient to pay the expenses of the Road and yield a profit of 5 per Cent on the Expenditure

Report Continued

The Call upon us is to raise our proportion of the means for the construction of about 124 miles of Rail Road over a Route in every way with but a slight exception favorable which at \$300 per mile being a liberal and fair allowance will amount to the sum of \$36,800. And what is the road contemplated to become. The Highway from the Old to the New World to make our City the terminus of the Atlantic Steamers and to render it the Emporium of the Canadas and the Greater Proportion of the Western Country. To speak of any other terminus than the Port of Halifax is perfectly beside the question, the able report of Major Robinson and Captain Henderson fully shows the impracticability of White Star being advantageously made so, and the experience of all nautical men engaged in the navigation of our Waters will prove that no Steamer can from the month of February to May in safety approach the Coast to the Eastward of Halifax

No sacrifice therefore on our part can be too great to insure the immediate building of this Road. The matter is so simple and plain to the practical eyes of the business world that the want of due diligence and cooperation on the part of the owners of Real Estate, Merchants, Mechanics, Capitalists and Traders to improve this opportunity will be looked upon hereafter as a sad mistake and render us guilty of culpable negligence

Sig Henry Poyer
Mayor

His Worship the Mayor leaves the Chair and Alderman J. H. Anderson having taken the same. The following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the report of His Worship the Mayor just read be received, and that the thanks of the City Council are due and now tendered to the Mayor for his very able report, and the manner in which he fulfilled

Resolution
Vote of thanks to
Mayor for report
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Fulfilled the duties devolving upon him as the Delegate of the City Council to the late Portland Convention, which on being put is passed unanimously

His Worship the Mayor ^{on passing the change} brings to the notice of the City Council a communication from Hon^{ble} Mr Cogswell Chairman of the Eastern Railroad Committee which following resolution is introduced

Resolution
rel to Public
Meeting Subject
Rail Road

Resolved that the City Council heartily concurring in the resolution passed by the Provisional Committee of the Halifax and Quebec Railway to His Worship the Mayor, requesting His Worship forthwith to call a Public Meeting to receive the Reports of the Delegates, and for the transaction of other matters connected with this great and important undertaking, which on being put is passed.

The City Assessors having made a return of Assessment Books for the different wards, the following Resolution is introduced.

Resolution
Committee appt. to
Examine Ward
Assessment Books

Resolved that Alderman Roche, Braine, and Caldwell, be a Committee to take up said Ward Books and report upon the same at a Meeting of Council to be held tomorrow, which on being put is passed

Read following Report of Sub-committee of Cemetery relative to the Trees planted by Mr Harris in the Cemetery

Report of
Sub Committee
of Cemetery rel
Trees planted by
F L Harris

We the sub-committee of the Cemetery Committee appointed by them for the purpose of getting two practical gardeners acquainted with Trees to examine those planted in the Cemetery with the contract entered into with Mr Harris having had recommended to us as well qualified to perform that duty, John McNeil and James McKay and having furnished them with a copy of the contract with Mr Harris and a copy of your resolution of the 22nd June, we now enclose you their report dated the 11th July being the earliest period we could get this accomplished. This report states that they commenced at the South East Corner up to the North Corner continuing round the square to the South West Corner and in this distance they found

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82 Elms	2 Horse Chestnut
28 Mountain Ash	23 European Ash
21 Poplars	8 Pines
9 Limes	

173 Trees all under 173

The Dimensions

From the South West Corner East to the South Gate they are all up to the Dimensions

From the said Gate to the South East Corner where they commenced are

13 Elms
7 Ash
2 Horse Chestnut

22 under dimensions on the right hand side of the walk

And on the left hand side all of them under $\times \times \times$ 22

The second Crop Walk from the South line to the Centre 29 Pines

2 Limes	
31 Under the Dimensions	31

From the South Gate to the North Gate Centre walk

15 Mountain Ash
14 Elm
1 Horse Chestnut

17 Under the Dimensions	17
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From the West Gate to the Circle

1 Mountain Ash	
4 Common European Ash	
5 Under the Dimensions	5

The East side of the on the same line all are in good order and up to the Dimens.

In all around the Circle are

20 Spruce
13 Pine
2 Mountain Ash
1 Horse Chestnut

36 Under Dimensions	36
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South Line

The third Crop Walk from the

16 Mountain Ash
17 Spruce
2 Elm
7 Pine

42 Under Dimensions	42
Thus the total will be under Dimensions	356

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and also the left hand walk from the South Gate to the South East Corner all are under the dimensions and not including any of those that are dead.

The Inspectors also add they are anxious that the Plantation is in fair order

Halifax 15 July 1850

By William Maudslack

W. G. Anderson

John Watt

A. Alderman

W. Anderson

Chairman, Cemetery

Letter from
F. L. Harris
to Chairman of Cemetery

Read following Letter from F. L. Harris addressed to the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee (see file for day) when the following resolution is introduced

Resolution
rel. to Harris's
Letter

Resolved the offer of Mr Harris be acceded to and upon his giving an undertaking to plant one Hundred trees at such time and in such places as may be pointed out by the Committee, that the amount of his tender be paid by check on City Treasurer, which on being put is passed

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolution
Granting £50 for
Design Plan &c of
Meat Market

Resolved that the Committee of City Property be allowed to expend the sum of Fifty pounds to enable them to obtain a Design - Plans & specification of a Meat Market so to cost a sum not exceeding five thousand pounds. passed unanimously

Read following Petition of Inhabitants of Ward No 6 for assistance to sink a Well

Petition from
Ward No 6 for
assistance to
sink a Well

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

The Petition of the undersigned residing at Richmond in Ward No 6.

Sheweth, That your Petitioners are put to sad inconvenience in procuring Water for daily use there being no public well or other resource for supplying their wants, except resorting to the few private wells in the district, which in dry seasons are barely sufficient for their owners use

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray

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pray that a sum of money may be applied for sinking a Well in some Central part of the district, to relieve them from their present necessities, and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

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By Francis Barrett and 13 Others
When the following resolution is introduced

Resolution
Granting £10 to Comr
of Street to Sink a
Well Ward No 6

Resolved that the sum of Ten pounds be granted to Commissioner of Street for Ward No 6. to enable him to complete a Well for the benefit of Petitioners

To which the following amendment is introduced

Resolution
Amendment of above
Granting £5.

Resolved that the sum of Five pounds be granted to Commissioner of Street for Ward No 6 to enable him to complete a Well for the benefit of Petitioners which Amendment being put is Carried & Voting for it and 6 Against it, the Rese Original resolution is therefore lost

The Council adjourn until tomorrow at Two o'clock

Henry Taylor
Mayor

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At an adjourned meeting of the
City Council held this day present His Worship the
Mayor, Aldermen W. G. Anderson, Laidlaw,
Mitchell, Braine, How North, Cabot, Watt
Caldwell, King, Mendenhall, Taylor, Mrs. Roche
Sumner and J. H. Anderson

Read over proceedings of yesterday

Read following Letter from S. L.
Shannon Esq. Secretary of the Halifax and Windsor Rail
Road

Halifax August 19th 1850

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for the
consideration of the City Council a Resolution which was
adopted at a Public Meeting of the Citizens at the
Temperance Hall on the 20th day of April last on the
subject of the Halifax and Windsor Railroad

I have the honor to be

Sir

To His Worship
The Mayor

Your most Obedt Servt
S. L. Shannon Secy

Read following Resolution of the
Halifax and Windsor Railroad

Whereas the construction of a Railroad
to Windsor, would greatly facilitate and extend the intercourse
between the Capital and the midland Counties of this
Province, and whereas by the completion of such
Railroad the value of Real Estate in the City of Halifax would
be enhanced, and the condition of all classes would be
improved, and whereas the Provincial Legislature has
pledged the Public funds of the Province to the extent of one
half the cost of constructing such work

Therefore Resolved that His Worship the
Mayor and the City Council be respectfully requested to apply
to the Legislature for an Act to authorize the City of Halifax
to issue Debentures to the extent of £20,000 and to subscribe
that amount of Stock in the Company about to be formed
for the construction of a Railroad from Halifax to Windsor

When the following Resolution is introduced
Resolved

Letter from S. L. Shannon
Subject of Halifax
and Windsor Rail
Road

Resolution of
Committee of
Halifax and Windsor
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Resolution of Council rel to Windsor Rail Road

Resolved that it is inexpedient at the present period for the City Council to take any action upon the resolution submitted for their consideration relative to the Windsor Railroad, until full enquiry is made into the practicality of carrying the Eastern Rail road into effect, the agitation of which is now before the Public. which on being put is passed

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolution rel to those entrusted with City Funds

Resolved that a detailed account of Expenditure to be returned to the City Council by each individual employed or entrusted with the management of money granted for special purposes from the City Funds this present year, which on being put is passed

The following report of Committee on subject of Ward Assessment Books is read

Report of Committee on subject of Ward Assessment Books

Saturday Aug 21st 1850
The Committee chosen by the City Council to examine and report on the Ward Assessment Books for this present year, have examined the same and now beg leave to report that the said Books are all signed agreeably to the Act of Incorporation Clause Twenty Third

J. H. Marsh
The Mayor and City Council
J. Pollock Braine
W. Caldwell

The report on the same is received
The following resolution is ^{then} introduced

Assessment Books approved of by Council

Whereas the City and Ward Assessors have returned the Ward Assessment Books for the respective Wards, Resolved that the same be approved of by the City Council as being made agreeably to the Act of Incorporation of 12 Victoria Chapter 14 and the Act in amendment thereof and that the City Assessors proceed to make up the Assessment Books and return the same agreeably to Law

Resolution City Treasurer to give notice to parties of their Assessment

Resolved that the City Treasurer be required to give notice to the Persons, Companies or Corporate Bodies assessed or their Agents of the Amount of their respective assessments for Poor, City and County Rates for the present year, and that they are required to pay the amount of said Rates at his Office on or before the 10 day of September next

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August 22 next, and if the same be not then paid, an additional 2 1/2 per Cent will be added thereto. But if the increased amount remain unpaid on the 30 day of September next a further addition of ten per Cent will be added thereto agreeably to Law, and process issued to compel the payment without notice, which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolution
Committee on Subject
of Collector of Road
Taxes

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to take up the subject relative to Collector of Road Taxes into consideration, with the papers now submitted by Mr Alderman Roche and report the same to the Council, and that Alderman Roche, Murdoch and Taylor be the Committee which on being put is passed

Read following communication from Board of Fire wards of 24 July

Extract from Minutes of Board of Fire wards at a Meeting held at the Engine House on Wednesday Evening 24th July 1850

Communication
Board of Fire Wards
rel to ill use of
Fire Plugs &c

Resolved unanimously that in consequence of the persons in charge of the water carts having the privilege of using the Fire plugs to water the streets, that this Body do not hold themselves responsible for the well working of the same in case of Fire, especially when it has come to their notice that several of them in consequence of being improperly used would scarcely have been available in the event of Fire

Resolved that it be recommended to His Worship the Mayor, and City Council to have a Fire Plug and Hydrant placed near the north corner of the Engine House for the general use of the City and convenience of the Engine Company

By B. C. Behm Secy

When on Motion the same is received and ordered to lie on the Table

Read following report of Committee on Subject of a site for Engine No 5

San Francisco July 29 1850

We the undersigned Committee from the Board of Fire Wardens to select a site for No 5 Engine Report as follows

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follows. Having carefully examined many places find it difficult to obtain a site, but beg leave to recommend the following places

Report of Committee on Subject Site for No 5 Engine

- No 1 in the rear of the Grammar School opposite Andrew Mc Macarty Esquire
- No 2 in the Poor House Burying Ground
- No 3 in the Government Grounds leading to the Commandant's Quarters
- No 4 in the old Burying Ground known as St Paul Burying Ground
- No 5 at the Head of Millers Wharf known as a Public Dock belonging to the City

We further report the present engine house is too small and that the bottom of it is in a bad state of repair and would recommend that a new one should be erected the same size as the one on the Bridwell Ground

By Robert Richardson Chairman
Thomas Mullaney
John Richardson

then the following resolution is introduced

Resolution Mayor to obtain a site for No 5 Engine

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be requested to ascertain if it is practicable to obtain either of the situations for Engine No 5, as pointed out by the Sub Committee of Fire Ward with the Exception of the one alluded to at Millers Wharf, which on being put is passed

The Council next proceed to elect a Measure of Wood

Measure of Wood appointed W. Bally

William Bally having been proposed and having received a majority of votes is duly elected Measure of Wood for the City

Petition of Grant ordered to be amended

The Petition of Peter Grant and others for Drain in Ward No 1 is not taken up when on Motion the same is handed over to Alderman Mitchell to get amended

Resolution Granting R H Farm Com^{ty} £7.10.0

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that a sum not exceeding seven pounds ten shillings be placed in the hands of the Committee in Charge

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in charge of the Rock Head Building to enable them to protect the same from the effect of the weather, which on being put is passed

Resolution Granting £7.10.0 to Com^r of Street. bal due on Drain Maitland St

On Motion the sum of seven pounds ten shillings is directed to be paid Com^r of Street for Ward No 5 being balance due for completion of Drain from Corner of Maitland to Göttingen Street

Read Petition from and other Inhabitants of Ward No 1 for Hydrant

To the Worshipful the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax

The Petition of the undersigned most humbly sheweth, that your petitioners residing in Pleasant Street and Victoria Street Ward No 1 beg to state to your Honourable Board that they are badly in want of water, not having any fit for use within two blocks of the Settlement

Now that the Water Company have continued waterpipes to the Corner of those Streets, Petitioners humbly solicit the favourable consideration of your Honourable Body, that you may order a Hydrant to be put down in some convenient place for the use of the Settlement. And your Petitioners as in duty bound will Ever pray

Halifax 24th August 1850

By M^r Water and 37 others

When on Motion the same is received and ordered to lie on the table until Alderman Mundock makes his report. On Motion Alderman Anderson and Roche are added to the Committee to act with M^r Mundock

Read Specification for Building of Drains from Maitland Street to Brunswick Street, when the following resolution is introduced

Resolved that Tenders be taken for the completion of the Drain set forth in the foregoing Specification and that the same be submitted to the Council which on being put is passed

Read Bond from J. L. Harris and others relative to Trees planted in the Cemetery which on Motion

Petition for Hydrant. Ward No 1.

Above Petition lies on table

Resolutions rd to Tenders for Drain from Maitland to Brunswick Street

Bond J. L. Harris

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The Council then read

Henry Taylor

N P Mayor

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At a Special meeting of the City Council
held this day Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen
W. Anderson, Laidlaw, Mitchell
Cabet, Caldwell, King, Muddick,
Naylor, Kattup, Johns, Roche, Jennings, and
J. W. Anderson,

The Council were summoned to choose Presiding
Officers for holding the Elections in the respective wards on the
1st day of October next, and to appoint three Inspectors for
holding Elections in the respective wards for ensuing year and
the transaction of other business

Read following resolution passed at a
Public Meeting held on the 24 day of August Instant relative
to the Rail Road

Moved by the Hon Joseph Howe seconded by
Thomas Gasie Esquire

Resolutions
relative to
Rail Road

Resolved, That as it is the first duty of
Government to construct and to maintain the great highways
of a Country, a respectful address be prepared and
presented to the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His
Excellency would recommend to the Provincial Parliament
to undertake the construction of that portion of this
important work which is to pass through Nova Scotia on
a line between Halifax and the frontier of New Brunswick,

and 3 June 1854

Moved by the Hon William Young seconded
by the Hon Hugh Bell

That His Worship the Mayor and the City
Council be a Committee to prepare and present an address
to His Excellency under the foregoing resolution

When the following resolution is introduced

In accordance with the above Resolved
That His Worship the Mayor and the City Council be a
Committee to prepare and present an address to His
Excellency under the foregoing resolution

Resolution appointing
Committee to
Draft an Address
Rel to Rail Road

Resolved that a Committee consisting
of one Alderman from each ward be appointed to draft an
address to the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the European
and American Railroad, which when submitted and
approved be presented forthwith to His Excellency by the
Mayor

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Mayor, accompanied by all the Aldermen of the City and that Alderman Mitchell, Men McKeith, Caldwell, Taylor, Roche and M. Anderson be that Committee, which on being put is passed.

The Committee having withdrawn return into Council with the following address

To His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir John Harvey Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of New Scotland and its Dependencies

Address to
Lieut Governor
on Subject of
Rail Road

Read 3 times 1850

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax, now in Common Council convened respectfully request to bring to the notice of your Excellency the accompanying Resolution, which was passed unanimously at a very large and influential meeting of the Citizens of Halifax, held on Saturday last in this City, to consider the subject of the proposed European and North American Railway. They would respectfully urge upon Your Excellency the importance of the subject, as one more worthy than any other in the present aspect of affairs in Nova Scotia to engage the attention and enlist the sympathies and exertions of the Government. The completion of the Great work contemplated by the Resolution will not only elevate this Province to the most conspicuous and important position on the Western Continent, by rendering it the direct Channel of Communication between our Parent Country and the United States on the most enlarged and magnificent scale; but the rich though now unproductive resources of our Province both Mineral and Agricultural will become developed and made available for the public good, its Commercial interests rapidly advanced, and its revenues materially aided and increased. They therefore cordially concur with the sentiments contained in the enclosed Resolution and doubting not that Your Excellency takes a deep interest in every project which has a tendency to advance the interest of the Province, they respectfully pray that Your Excellency would recommend to the Provincial Parliament to undertake the construction of that portion of this important work which is to pass through Nova Scotia in a line between Halifax and the frontier of New Brunswick.

And the Mayor and the City Council would earnestly press upon Your Excellency the propriety of calling together the Legislature at as early a period as practicable,

in order

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in order that their sentiment may be ascertained on this important subject

By and on behalf of the City Council
By Henry Fryer
Mayor

Having been Read the same is passed unanimously

On Motion Four o'clock this day is named to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,

The following Resolutions are next introduced

Committee appointed to report on Subject of Rail Road

Resolved that a Committee of Six be appointed to take the subject relative to the Railroad into consideration and report their proceedings to this Council at their next meeting which on being put is passed

Appointment of Committee postponed

Resolved that the appointment of the Committee be for the present postponed, which on being put is passed

Resolution to place Hydrant in Pleasant Street

Resolved that a Fire Plug and Hydrant be placed in Pleasant Street at the head of Victoria Street which on being put is passed

Resolution rel to Drain in Lockman Street

Whereas the Drain in Lockman Street Ward No 6 having been advertised and tenders called for the same on Friday the 30 Instant and one half of the amount of cost of said Drain subscribed by the Inhabitants of the above Street having been paid into the Treasury, and whereas great inconvenience might ensue in consequence of referring said tenders to this Council for their approval at its next meeting as by resolution required

Therefore Resolved that the Commissioners of Streets be authorized to accept the Tenders of such persons as they may think entitled to perform the work, with leave to proceed forthwith and report the same at next meeting of Council, which on being put is passed

Read following Communication of Water Company of 26 August 1850 relative to Hydrants and Fire Plugs

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