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February 26 generally managing the Street, said Superintendent
 to be elected annually and to receive a salary of \$
 per annum and to be subject to the controul, authority
 and direction of the City Council or such Board of
 Aldermen as the Council may appoint from time to time
 in manner and form as the Commissioners as the Com^{rs}
 now are appointed whose duties (being Chiefly of Swallowing
 appeal and reference) shall be particularly described by
 By law hereafter to be decided on said supplementary Act
 to provide further that all moneys accruing from penalties
 arising out of the nonperformance of Statute labour shall
 constitute a special fund to be designated "the City Street
 fund and shall be appropriated and applied as the City
 Council shall deem fit, consonant with the purposes
 of the Act.

After considerable debate on the foregoing
 resolution. On Motion Council adjourns until tomorrow
 at Two O'clock

Andrew M. Kinsley -
 Mayor

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At an adjourned meeting of the City Council held this day Present: His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Mitchell, W. Anderson, Smithers, Noble, Holt, W. W. Morrissey, Gibson, Taylor, O'Neil Roche, Nugent, W. Anderson, Knight and King

Read over proceedings of yesterday

Read following Memorial of the Committee for a general Hospital.

To His Worship the Mayor the Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Halifax

The representation of the undersigned respectfully sheweth that several years ago the Provincial Legislature granted the sum of \$600 towards the establishment of a public Hospital in the City of Halifax on condition that the additional sum of \$900 were raised by a bequest for effecting that object, that no available measures having been taken for the fulfilment of that condition, and several circumstances having from time to time occurred showing the indispensable necessity for such an institution, in the month of October last at the instance of several of the benevolent institutions in this City in conjunction with the Health Officer for this port, and other persons desirous of effecting the object, a public meeting was called, at which a large number of the Citizens attended and several resolutions were there passed favourable to the object, among which was the following "Resolved that a Committee be now appointed to solicit and obtain donations from the inhabitants of the City and other persons, according to the discretion of the Committee for the purpose already expressed and that the same committee make application in the usual manner to the Provincial Legislature during its next session to pass such enactments and regulations as may be requisite to effect the establishment of such public Hospital and for ensuring its effectual and beneficial support." That the Committee appointed under the foregoing resolution being now engaged in making the said collections with the prospect of obtaining the amount required consider that they are now in a position, and feel it to be proper to apply to the City Authorities to adopt such measures as they may deem

respectful

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Committee rel: to
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expedient under all the circumstances, such as calling a Public Meeting, and addressing the Legislature at its approaching next session and otherwise for the accomplishment of the object proposed.

We the undersigned therefore being a special Committee, duly appointed by the said General Committee to address the City Authorities on the Subject have now the honor of Submitting to your Worship and the Aldermen and Common Council of the City the foregoing representation for your consideration and action thereon, as may be deemed expedient and proper

By John G. Marshall Chm
A. F. Sawers Secy
W. C. Silver

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The following resolution is introduced

Whereas the City Council fully concur in the propriety of the Resolution passed at the Public Meeting referred to in the foregoing Memorial, and being persuaded that an urgent necessity exists for the establishment and Support of a Hospital.

Resolution rel:
to above
Memorial

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be authorized on behalf of the City Council to affix his signature to any application which the Committee named at the Public Meeting may deem it expedient to make to the Legislature for and towards the erection of a Building suitable for an Hospital and likewise for assistance for supporting the same either by imposing a tonnage duty upon vessels entering the Port or otherwise, which on being put is passed

The City Council next proceed to take into consideration the resolution standing over from yesterday when on Motion Alderman Nugent has permission to withdraw said resolution when the following is introduced

Resolution 2nd
rel: to Statute
Labour Law

Whereas it is desirable that the Commissioners of Street who are members of this Council should be relieved from the onerous and unpleasant duties devolving upon them under the Act Chap 64. 65. Title 19 of the Revised Statutes as applied to the City of Halifax, touching the mode of justification for labour, the collection and application of penalties accruing from the nonperformance thereof, and the management of the Streets generally by Commissioners

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Be it therefore Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare a Bill to be submitted to the Legislature at its present Session providing for the appointment by the City Council of a Superintendent or Superintendants of Streets, who shall under and by the authority and directions of the City Council devise and prepare plans and estimates in connection therewith, enter into contracts for the performance of work, and to discharge such other services pertaining to the general Superintendance of the Streets, in making, repairing, altering and improving the same, as may be required, and that the City Council shall exercise their authority in respect of Streets through a Committee of this Council, one from each ward whose duties shall be chiefly of surveillance, approval and reference to be particularly described by a By Law agreed upon hereafter their acts to be subject to revision of the Council, Said Act further to provide that all moneys accruing from penalties arising out of the nonperformance of Statute Labour shall constitute a Special fund to be appropriated as the City Council shall deem proper consonant with the purposes of of this Act, which on being put is passed Eleven voting For it and Four against it, and the names being called for they stood thus

For the Resolution	Against the Resolution
Alderman Emil, Mitchell	Alderman King
Morrissey, Noble	Roche
Gibson, Smithers	Knight
Moore, Scott	W. Anderson
Mugent, Taylor	
J. A. Anderson. 11	4

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolution rel:
to Grading &
Plan of City

The necessity of having the streets of the City graded with an accurate plan setting forth the levels of the streets as well as the different sewers built by and now in the possession of the City authorities having been frequently urged upon the City Council

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to ascertain the probable amount that will be required to accomplish such service and to furnish such plan, and Report

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The following Gentlemen are appointed to carry
the foregoing into effect. Alderman H Anderson, Scott,
and Tugent.

Read following Communication from the Board
of Fire Wards of 11 February 1852

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Communication
Board of Fire Wards
rel: servitude and
annual grant to
Engine Companies

At a Special meeting of Fire Wards held at the
Engine House on Monday Evening the 9th instant to consider
what further privileges might be extended to the Engine and
Axe Companies. As an inducement for young men to join
them it was Resolved that it be recommended to the
City Council to reduce the term of servitude in those Companies
to twelve years in place of sixteen as at present required

Also that it be recommended to the Council
that the sum of pounds be annually granted to the
Engine and Axe Companies in aid of their Contingent Fund

By order of the Board

Edw D. B. Debnw Secy

When following Resolution is introduced

In order that greater inducements might be held out
to individuals in this Community to join the Union Engine
Company and Axe Company

Resolved that the term of servitude of 16 years be
reduced to years and that there be annually allowed
to the Union Engine Company the sum of and to the
Axe Company the sum of pounds when on the question
being taken there appeared for the same Eleven against it
Three passed

Resolutions
rel: to above
Communication

A motion is then made that the first blank as to
term of servitude be filled up Twelve years, which on being
put is passed 12 voting for it and 2 against it

A motion is then made that the other blanks
be filled up as follows, to the Union Engine Company Forty pounds
and to the Axe Company Ten pounds, which on being put is
passed

The Resolution as then filled up and put as
follows

In order that greater inducements might be held
out to individuals in this Community to join the Union Engine
Company

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Company and Axe Company. Resolved that the term of servitude of 16 years be reduced to 12 years, and that there be annually allowed to the Union Engine Company the sum of Forty pounds and to the Axe Company Ten pounds, which on being put is passed 12 voting for it, and 1 against, and the names being called for they stood thus

For the Resolution	Against the Resolution
Aldermen Sugent, King	Alderman O'Neil
Knight, Roche	
Morrisey, Mitchell	
Gibson, Noble	
More, Scott	
J. A. Anderson, Taylor 12	1

On Motion Council until tomorrow at Two O'Clock

Andrew Wood Knibley
A. W. K. Mayor

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An adjourned Meeting of the City Council held
this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen,
Power, Noble, Scott, Moore, Morrissey, Gibson
Taylor, Yon, Ouel, August, M Anderson, Knight
and King

Petitions of
Dr. McLann re:
his appointment

and
John Deafe others
rel: to Stalls
lie on the Table

Read over proceedings of yesterday

Alderman Taylor submits Petition of Jeremiah
McLann relative to his Appointment. On Motion received
and ordered to lie on the table

Alderman Taylor submits petition of John
Deafe and others relative to Stalls in the Fish Market. On
Motion is received and ordered to lie on the table

Read following Communication from W. C.
Fairbanks on Subject of Canal

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

Having on a former occasion solicited
an interview with the City Authorities to explain my plans
relating to the introduction of water into this City the success of
which is now well known. I again crave your permission
to bring under your notice a project in which I have for
some time been engaged, I allude to the completion of a line
of inland navigation from the Harbour of Halifax to the Basin
of Minas the great importance of which to the present and
future prosperity of this City is perhaps not fully understood. I
have therefore to request your consent to present the plans of this
work and to offer such explanation as may be required to
Your Worship and Aldermen. This work is now under the
Control of the Provincial Government and I am Engineer
in Charge. I trust should you be pleased to grant my request
that I will be able to convince the City Authorities of the great
benefits to be derived to the trade and Commerce of this City
by the construction of this most useful internal Water Commu-
nication

Communication
from W. C. Fairbanks
rel: to Canal

I am Your obedient servant
Wm Charles Fairbanks Engineer
where

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Resolution re
rel. to Suspension of
Coal measurer
O'Connell

His Worship the Mayor next brings to the notice of the City Council his having suspended John O'Connell one of the Measurers of Coal for improper Conduct.

Read Letter from Supervisor of Coal
Read Affidavit of James Mason of 28 January 1832 on subject of O'Connell's Conduct. (Rel. file)

Read Petition of John O'Connell to be reinstated to Office. when following resolution is introduced Resolved that the suspension of John O'Connell be continued for the space of two months from this date and should no further complaint be made against him, that he be then reinstated and the same being put there appeared for the resolution C. against it C. His Worship having given his casting vote in favour of the resolution the same is passed

Vacancy in
Office of Salt &
Grain Measurer

His Worship the Mayor next brings to the notice of the City Council a vacancy in the Office of Salt and Grain Measurer by the death of Mr John Jennings. when a Motion is made that the usual notice be given previous to the Quarterly meeting next month

Statute Labour
Act read 1st time

Read Act relative to Statute Labour 1st time

The City Council next proceed to take into consideration the payment of Sundry accounts

Read following letter from Secretary of Water Company of 27 February
Salford Water Company Office
February 27th 1832

Letter from
Water Company
rel. to payment of
their account

Sir I have been requested by the Directors of the Salford Water Company to mention to you the subject of the account due the Company by the City on the date, The Directors consider that as they are under the necessity of paying interest for monies it is but just that they should receive interest on amounts due them and they therefore require me formally to notify you that they shall expect interest to be paid on the amount due

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I remain

To His Worship
The Mayor

Dear Sir,
Yours obedient servant
J. S. Shannon

When on Motion His Worship the Mayor
is requested to draw a check in favour of the Halifax Water
Company for the sum of £484. 15/- being amount of their
demand up to

Read following report of Committee of
Public Accounts of 3 January 1852 the following amounts
were submitted

Fire Department

Robert Morton	12.0.3
John Bell	2.15.0
John McKay	0.7.6
William Stevens	14.0.0
William Bayford	2.8.6
The Baggots Co.	0.12.0
Wm Brown	3.11.3
	<u>35.14.6</u>

Bridewell

William McDonald for Oct	8.6.10
ditto for Nov	8.16.9
ditto for Dec	10.17.7
D. Smithers	..6.6
Wm Stairs & Sons	7.17.9
W. Silcox & Sons	2.16.11
	<u>39.2.4</u>

Gas Company

for 1851 396.11.9

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John Taylor & Co. for fuel	28.15.6
ditto	29.3.3
Daniel Lutherland	3.14.10
William Stairs & Sons	2.6.11
	<u>64.0.6</u>

Bridewell

Elizabeth Stanger	3.19.2
William Evans	19.5.4
J. Jennings	5.6.8
	<u>28.11.2</u>

Payment
of
accounts

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Bridewell Contd.	28. 11. 2
Jebina & Hall	34. 16. 11
Smith & Taylor	2. 11. 8
J. H. Name	<u>16. 13. 4</u> 72. 13. 1

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Water Company	1. 0. 0
Wm Merrick & Son	5. 9. 6
Wm Bayfield	1. 14. 0
J. M. Taylor	10. 11. 9
Frederick & Bacon	3. 15. 0
Engl. & Blackador	16. 10. 9
Alpin Grant	26. 6. 7
John Stull	40. 17. 1
W. Stans & Son	1. 11. 1
Thomas Pegg & Co.	1. 15. 7
William Gosup	23. 2. 2
William Gossip	<u>22. 6. 0</u> 154. 11. 6
	£762. 13. 8

The above accounts having been examined and found correct amounting to Seven Hundred and Sixty-two pounds, thirteen shillings and eight pence, which when funds are provided recommend being paid. On Motion His Worship the Mayor is requested to draw checks for the above amounts.

His Worship the Mayor is likewise requested to draw a check for Mr Joseph Jennings account amounting to 85. 0. 2 for lumber supplied the various Wards of the City. The same to be charged to the Ward obtaining the same.

Payment of Mr Jennings account.

Council next take up the report of the Committee relative to removal of Pump in Cranville Street.

Report of Comtee rel: to Pump in Cranville St.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council
The Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Rodgers and others relative to the removal of a pump in Cranville Street, having ascertained that it is the unanimous wish of the inhabitants in that neighbourhood that the same should be removed. Recommend to the Council that it should be done under the directions of the Commissioner of Streets for the ward, and that the curb surrounding the

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Sig. William I. Wood
John Gibson Aldermen
Peter Morrissey
Alexander Bain
George McKenzie Fire Wards.

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When on Motion said report is adopted and the Commissioner of Streets for the Ward requested to carry the same into effect

Treasurers return of Defaulters for 1851.

City Treasurers return of defaulters for year 1851 is laid before the Council when on motion the same is referred to the Committee of Public Accounts to examine and report upon, which on being put is passed (See ~~February~~ file)

The Petition of the Industrial Exhibition submitted 26 February is ordered to lie on the table for next meeting

Petitions of J. Lepine & Edw. Small rel: to their taxes relieved

Read the Petition of J. Lepine to be relieved from a Tax placed upon him in George Street, when on Motion he is relieved and the City Treasurer requested to discharge the same (See ~~February~~ file)

Read Petition of Edward Small to be relieved from his tax in Ward he having paid his tax in Ward 5 M. Motion granted and City Treasurer requested to discharge the same (See ~~February~~ file)

The Memorial of _____ for a Hydrant in Ward Number Three stands over

Read report of Committee relative to Fire Plug in Ward No Two

Report of Comtee to Fire Plug Ward No 2

The Committee of Aldermen and Fire Wards of No 2 Ward appointed at last Meeting to ascertain the site and necessity of a Fire Plug near the Mason Hall, beg to report that they have attended to that duty, and the site determined by the Committee to be corner of Birmingham and Tatter Streets to be supplied from the six inch pipe down Spring garden road. They further report that the Directors of the Water Company agree to place the Fire Plug there for the price of \$5 per

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per Annum. And this Committee beg leave respectfully to report that it is their opinion that said Fire Plug should be placed down as soon as possible

Respectfully Submitted
Edw. Arch Scott
D. Smithers
Robt Noble
Henry Spike

Salfrs. H.
26 Feb. 1852

Petition of
Mrs. B. Gray
rel. to Taxes
Prayer granted

Read Memorial of Mrs. Catherine Gray relative to her taxes for the years 1850 and 1851. When on Motion the prayer of Petition is granted Mrs. Gray setting forth in her affidavit her amount of mortgage for 1850, and upon the same being complied with, the City Treasurer be directed to deduct the amount, which on being put is passed (See ~~to file~~ file for February)

Jerem. McCann
relieved
from his tax

On Motion Jeremiah McCann's application to be relieved from his tax is granted (See February file)

On Motion the Council rise

Andrew M. K. Day
Mayor

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March 5

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Mitchell, Noble, Scott, Moore, Morrissey, Taylor, O'Neil, Shimmings, J. Anderson, and King

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the School Act.

On Motion the Council adjourn until tomorrow at Two O'Clock then to adjourn until Monday at Two O'Clock then to meet for business, and the gentlemen absent notified that in consequence of their absence the Council had to rise

Andrew McKeeney
Mayor

March 6

At an adjourned of the City Council held this day present Alderman O'Neil, Scott and Gibson

On Motion Alderman O'Neil is called to the Chair

A Motion is then made that the Council adjourn until Monday next at Two O'Clock which on being put is passed

Andrew McKeeney
Mayor

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An adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day. Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Mitchell, W. Anderson, Power, Smithers, Noble, More, Morrissey, Gibson, Taylor, Egan, O'Neil, Roche, Munnings, Nugent, H. Anderson, Knight & King

His Worship the Mayor brings to the notice of the City Council the subject for which they were convened. Viz the Act relative to Schools of the City of Halifax

Alderman O'Neil gives notice of recording Res: rel: to pay of Engine Company

Alderman O'Neil gives notice that at the next meeting of the City Council, he will move for the recording of the resolution passed on 2^d February relative to granting the sum of money to the Union Engine Company and Cox Company and asks permission to do so. which on motion is granted

Read School act relative to Schools of the City of Halifax

Schools of the City of Halifax

1st At the time of holding the Municipal elections in each Ward, two fit and proper persons shall be elected to be School trustees by a majority of the rateable inhabitants of such Ward and the trustee first nominated shall go out of office at the ensuing election, and another shall be appointed in his place and so on in rotation, such elections shall be conducted in the same manner as ordinary Municipal elections and the retiring trustee may be re-elected with his own consent

2nd The school trustees of the City shall be a corporation under the name of the Board of School Trustees of the City of Halifax the first meeting whereof shall be called in the _____ by the _____ within two weeks preceding the election, and it shall be the duty of such Board

1st To appoint annually a Chairman Secretary and Collector (if required) and to pay to the Secretary and collectors such salaries as may be necessary, and to appoint the times and places of their meetings manner of conducting and recording their proceedings and of keeping their accounts

2nd To prepare and lay before the Municipal Council as soon as possible after their appointment and thereafter annually, an estimate of the sums required for providing free schools for all the children of the City between of five and _____ systems

School Act rel: to the City of Halifax

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Sixteen years. And it shall be the duty of the Council to provide such sum or sums in such manner as it may deem expedient, but the council shall have no power to reduce the amount of the estimate of the trustees, except with their consent given at a meeting or conference called for that purpose.

3rd To draw from the City Treasurer the sums provided as above and to expend the same for the benefit of the Schools, and to receive and pay to the teachers the sums appointed to them by the Commissioners of Schools.

4th To employ and contract with licensed teachers take possession of and as a corporation all school property of the City, or which may be acquired for school purposes determine the number sites kinds and grades of schools, build hire, furnish and repair school houses, prepare and forward to the Comm^r Semiannual returns according to the forms issued to the Superintendent call public meetings of the rateable inhabitants of the City if required, visit each school quarterly, and take charge of the School Libraries in accordance with the rules issued by the Governor in Council.

5th To prepare and publish in one of the City papers or otherwise, an annual report of their proceedings, and of the receipts and expenditures of School moneys.

6th To encourage and support as public schools the existing public schools of the City, or such of them as may be willing to come under the provisions of this act, with their existing constitutions and arrangements, except in so far as the same may be modified and improved with the consent of their trustees and other managers.

3rd The provisions of this Act relating to the Provincial Normal School County Department, Superintendent of Education, Commissioners of Schools, School visitors of Schools, Inspectors of Schools and Teachers, shall apply to the City of Halifax in the same manner as to other districts.

Read the Letter addressed to His Worship the Mayor from Mr Dawson Superintendent of School dated -
3 March 1852

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A. McKinlay Esq
Dear Sir

I beg leave to enclose for the information of the City Council, a rough sketch of a method of regulating the City Schools in conformity with the provisions of the School Bill now before the Legislature

The details of this method have been borrowed with little change from the clauses relating to cities and incorporated towns in the School Act of Upper Canada. It places the Schools of the City under the management of a Board of Trustees elected by the rateable inhabitants, and subject only to the control exercised by the Superintendent of Education and the Com^{rs} of Schools under the general provisions of the Bill

Letter
W. Dawson
Sup^t of Education

Under the general provisions of the Bill the City will receive through the Commissioners of Schools its proportion of the Provincial grant say \$400 and of the County Tax say \$700 additional, these two sums are equal to the whole amount paid for the support of public schools of the City last year, by the people and the province as returned in the Commissioners Report.

The additional sums to be received by the City trustees to establish free schools, may be roughly estimated, as follows. The present schools estimate about 1700 children at an annual expence of about \$1400 to this we may add \$700 to put the existing schools in an efficient state by furnishing apartments &c if under a free school system the number of children in the City Schools should immediately increase by one half, teachers would be required for about 850 children at a cost of say \$1100 making a total of about \$1800 exclusive of cost or rent of buildings which might be required. If the school attendance should be doubled, which it might easily be if the parents be disposed to take advantage of the benefits offered to them, of course the sum for additional children would amount to \$2200 exclusive of buildings. All these estimates suppose a low rate of remuneration to teachers

It is to be observed that the law will leave the amount to be raised entirely to the decision of the trustees who as representatives of the people, will be bound to consult the wishes of the constituency. It is also to be observed

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observed that the sums to be raised, are to be expended only for value received in the form of education, which if obtained in private schools, must be much more costly than under a well managed system of free schools

Your obedient Servant
J. W. Dawson
Supt. of Education

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved that this Council are not prepared to approve the School act presented to them in its present shape. One reason among many others is, that it is contemplated to raise large sums of money for Educational purposes from the Citizens by Taxation over the amount of which this Council would have no control
to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the City Council approve the principle of a system of Common School Education but do not approve the mode in which the matter is now presented as applicable to this City, which amendment being put is lost 5 Voting for it, and 11 against it, and the names being called for they stood thus

Resolutions
rel: to School Act

For the Amendment	Against the Amendment
Alderman Taylor	Alderman Mitchell, M. Anderson
August	Smithers, Moore
Noble	Roche, Morrissey
Gibson	King, Power
O'Neil	M. Anderson, Stimmings
5	Knight 11

The original resolution is then put and carried 12 Voting for it and 4 against it and the names being called for they stood thus

For the Resolution	Against the Resolution
Alderman Taylor, M. Anderson	Alderman August
" Mitchell, Morrissey	" Noble
" Smithers, Power	" Gibson
" Roche, Stimmings	" O'Neil
" King, Knight	
" Moore, M. Anderson	
12	4

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The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to Memorialise the House in accordance with the resolution of the City Council, put and passed 10 voting for it and 5 against.

Resolution
Com^{to} to Memorialise
House rel: to School
Act

The following Gentlemen are then appointed the Committee, Aldermen Roche, J. H. Anderson and Mitchell on Motion said Memorial to be submitted to the Council

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that this Council approve the principles of a Bill for Common School Education as applicable to this City and will be prepared to consider any future proposition which may be submitted if based on principles of equity which on being put is passed nine voting for it and 6 against and the names being called for they stood thus

Resolution
approving the
Principle of a Bill
for Common Schools

For the Resolution		Against the Resolution	
Alderman Taylor	Morrissey	Alderman Mitchell	
" Nugent	Gibson	" Smithers	
" Noble	Power	" Roche	
" King	O'Neil	" J. H. Anderson	
" More		" Munnings	
		" Knight	
	9		6

Council adjourn until tomorrow at Two o'clock, then to adjourn until Monday at Two o'clock for business

Andrew Mackenzie
Mayor

March 9

At an adjourned meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Spaw and Nugent
On Motion Council adjourn until tomorrow at Two o'clock

Andrew Mackenzie
Mayor