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April 27 From the City at the proper time the return would have been sent in. I therefore trust that your Worshipful Court will consider the matter and for the reasons above given will not enforce the penalty which I state it was only intended to apply to those alone who would make no report or return

Yours gentlemen
Your obedient servant
By W. Dickson

"Postscript" I would further state to your Worshipful Court that I was only appointed Agent for the Liverpool & London Office in September and I was under the impression that the returns to be made were for one year business and not part of a year. I had no notice of the requirements under the Law last year, and therefore did not err knowingly or wilfully, but in reality absence from Town was the cause of the delay

Your obedient servant
By W. Dickson

To the Worshipful The Mayor and Corporation of the City of Halifax
The Petition of Richard Freeman Esq. & Son
of the Halifax Fire Insurance Company, Humbly Sheweth

That by an omission to comply with a law lately in force to make a return to the City Council on the 1st day of March your Petitioner has been notified by the City Clerk that he has subjected himself to a fine of ten pounds

That your Petitioner has to plead that the omission did not proceed from contempt of the Law of which he was ignorant or a want of respect to the Worshipful The Mayor and Corporation but entirely from ignorance that such a law existed as that it should be given in on that day, but on the contrary the moment he was made acquainted with it, he proceeded to make up the return which was completed sworn to before Alderman Tower and received by the 2nd of April who promised to deliver it to the proper Officer

From indisposition your Petitioner was unable to attend to the business of the Office for some months and without his attendance the return could not have been made

That on the 7th of this month five days after his return had been made, Petitioner was called upon by the

By

Memorial
R. Freeman
Esq. Agent
Fire Insurance
Co.

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April 27 City Clerk to pay a fine of Ten pounds. As no inconvenience could have been the result your Petitioner humbly trusts that your Honorable body will reconsider his case and remit the fine and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

J. Richard Remond
Solicitor At Law for the City

Malpas his Assurance Office
14 April 1832

Statement of the Real and Personal
Estate of the Washington County Mutual Assurance Company of Saratoga
State of New York doing business within the City of Malpas, and liable
to Assessment in Ward No Three

Net profits or Income derived
from the business done within
the City during the Year ending
Dec 31st 1831

\$14.6.6

Memorial
of G. Fuller ad.
to Assessment
Washington Co.
Mutual Ins Coy.

Malpas City. G. Fuller of the City of Malpas Juror sworn, swears that the above Statement is in all respects just and true and that to the best of his deponent's information and belief the sum of Fourteen pounds Six Shillings and Six is the full value of the net profits or income derived from the business done within the City during the year ending 31st December last, and that such net profits or income are truly set forth above

Sworn to this tenth day of
April A.D. 1832 before me
J. Allen Gibson J.P. J. G. Fuller

To His Honor the Mayor and the Members
of the City Council

The Memorial of William and George B Young
Agent for the Alliance Assurance Company Respectfully sheweth
That owing to the public avocations and
indisposition of one of your Memorialists and the absence of
the other the Statement of the Net income of said Company for
the Year 1831. Has not been sent in within the time limited
by the 19th Section of the Assessment Law Chapter 2nd the
Act of Incorporation. That such Statement has now
been duly rendered under oath. And your Memorialists
hope that any penalty to which said Company may be
legally

Memorial
of W. & G. Young ad.
to Assessment
Alliance Assn. Coy.

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legally liable for such unintentional omission may be permitted. And they will ever pray so

Halifax 13 April 1852
By Wm Geo R Young
Agent

When the following resolution is introduced

Resolution
rel. to Above
Memorials

Resolved that the fine imposed by law upon those Marine, Fire and Life Insurance Companies who have not filed their statements agreeably to law by the 1st March last be not proceeded with, which on being put is passed

The following Bond of Mr John Winters is submitted and approved of by the Council

Bond
John Winters
Weigher of Flour

Know all men by these presents that we John Winters of Halifax in the Province of Nova Scotia Gentleman principal and William Patterson of the said City Shipkeeper and Jeremiah Northup of the said City Merchant 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 John Winters as Principal in the sum of Four hundred pounds and the said William Patterson and Jeremiah Northup in the sum of Four hundred pounds 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 twenty fourth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two

Whereas at a Meeting of the City Council held at Halifax on the fourteenth day of April Instant the said John Winters 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 on the thirty first day of March 1851 entitled an Act Concerning the City of Halifax it was enacted that all Officers of the City shall give such security by Bonds with good sureties or otherwise as the Council shall direct and approve

Now the condition of this obligation, is such that if the said John Winters 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 By Laws of the said City Council as may be legally

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legally made relating thereto, as such Wishes of Board and that this obligation to be null and void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed and Delivered by John Martin
in the presence of William Pittman
J. S. Clarke Jeremiah Vothoff

The following amended return of Messrs. Payfield and Graham are submitted and passed

Massachusetts 1832

Timber Surveyed in 1831	525,000 feet	\$26.5.0
Timber	20,125 "	3.7.1
	502 "	0.16.9
		<u>\$30.8.10</u>

By Robert Graham Surveyor

Returns
Payfield & Graham
Surveyors of Timber
amended

Massachusetts Dec 23rd 1831
His Worship the Mayor and City Council

The following are the returns surveyed by me for the year 1831.

	229,537 1/4 feet	Timber
	37,921 "	Spruce do
	16,003 "	Hemlock do
	8,000 "	Hardwood do
<u>3,100 feet Timber</u>	<u>291,461 feet</u>	<u>Timber</u>

Timber at 4 th per thousand feet	\$44.11.6
Timber at 4 th per thousand feet	0.10.4
	<u>\$15.1.10</u>

Remain your humble servant
Wm. Payfield

Petition of
John McLeod
Appealment

Read Petition of John McLeod relative to his Appealment. Upon Mr. Motion the Same is referred to the Alderman of the Ward to report upon

Petition
John Hamman
Withdrawn

Read Petition of John Hamman relative to his suit for the Great Market Stall. On Motion Alderman King has leave to withdraw the Same

Read

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Tenders

Read following report of the Committee of

Tenders 19 April 1852

The Committee of Tenders met this day
Tenders for Horses and Carts with Drivers
12 in number were opened. Tenders accepted

Edw Warren	1	Horse Cart & Driver	5/6 per Day
John Magher	1	" "	5/9 "
Thos Kennedy	1	" "	5/10 "
Thomas McShane	1	" "	5/10 1/2 "
John Murphy	2	" "	6/ "
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Lordly Simpson Tender for Supplies of Buckwell (only tender in) was accepted.

William Evans Tender for Cabs and Feet (only tender in) was accepted.

J. Richard Nugent, Chairman

After some discussion the following resolution is introduced

Whereas Aldermen Knight Roche and O'Neil were appointed by this Council on the 15th October last Com^{rs} of Streets for the several Wards they represent have tendered their resignation of said Office to His Worship the Mayor for reasons stated by them. It is therefore resolved that as the appointments were made in the full confidence that those Aldermen would faithfully and satisfactorily carry on the duties appertaining to the Office, and the Council still having the utmost confidence in said Aldermen, cannot accept their resignation, which on being put is passed unanimously.

The Commissioners of Streets having requested permission to withdraw return into Council with the following resolution

The Commissioners of Streets are willing in the unpleasant position their resignation would place the Citizens for want of regularly persons to Superintend the Streets Service, and in consideration of the unanimous vote of the Council approving of their conduct, consent to perform their duties as hitherto which resolution being read, A Motion is made that the said Resolution of Commissioners of Streets as likewise that of the City

Report of Committee Tenders rel: Employment of Scavengers

Resolutions rel: to Resignation of Comm^{rs} of Streets

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April 27th City Council previously passed be published, which on Motion being put is passed unanimously

On Motion that part of the report of the Committee of Tenders relative to employment of Horses and Carts with Drivers be referred to the Commissioners of Streets, which on being put is passed

On Motion that the other part of the Committee of Tenders relative to supplies for the Bridewell Establishment is confirmed

On Motion the Tenders received by the Committee to obtain Plans of the Levels, Grades, &c of the City are opened and read

Resolved, undertake to make a Survey and Plan of the City of Halifax from Fresh Water Bridge to Richmond to the extent of ascertaining the length and breadth of each block and the present width of each Street, also the levels of the Streets and situation of Tanks, Sewers, Hydrants, Fire Plugs and Drains for the sum of £200,000

Halifax 24 April 1852

Tenders for Plans of the City

To the Chairman of Committee for surveying of the City

By William Mackay

To the Committee on Plans & Grading, I have carefully considered the Extract from the Minutes of the City Council of 20th inst regarding the conditions upon which my tender for Surveying, Grading &c would be accepted. I regret to find that the Service required in addition to the original Specification & materially alters the amount of labour to be performed that a new tender is indispensable. The Council desire me to express my opinion respecting the additional cost of Surveying and Planning that portion of the City not included in my plan, meaning I presume the whole Peninsula. I beg to say that without entering into minute calculations I am not prepared to speak decidedly but have some tangible reasons for believing that a new survey of the City Planned correctly 200 feet to an inch will cost over £200

Apr 23 April 1852

James H. Jones

J.

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Baltimore April 23rd 1852

I herelby tender to construct a Plan of the City of Baltimore on a scale of not less than 200 to an inch (a scale of 30 feet to an inch would be the best) for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, the Grades of the Streets cannot be laid down on the Plan in a proper manner. Sections of the Streets should be made, the cost of the Sections say for a distance of 15 Miles would be fifty Pounds. The Water Lot, Wharves &c cannot be laid down properly unless at a great cost

Wm Anderson
Chairman of Com^{tee}
to examine tenders for Plans

Charles W Fairbanks
Civil Engineer

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved that C W Fairbanks tender for Skeleton Plans amounting to fifty Pounds be accepted provided such Plans be correct showing the lines of Streets likewise the various sewers belonging to the City their outlets into the harbour, Drains Situation of Tanks, Fire Plugs and Hydrants and the Measurement of the different Streets and Blocks, which resolution being put is lost 3 voting for it and 10 against it, and the names being called for they stand thus

Resolution
rel: to Plans of
the City

In the Resolution

- Alderman Scott
- " Mitchell
- " Anderson

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Against the Resolution

- Alderman W Anderson, Morrissey
- " Knight, Roche
- " Ornd, Egan
- " Power, Gathers
- Gibson, Taylor 10

Andrew D. Kuyler
Mayor

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April 28

Patrick Moore
Ward Apepor
Ward No 5
Sworn

Mrs William Woodie and Patrick Moore
having met this day in the Mayors Room to ballot for Ward
Apepor for Ward No 5. and Mr Patrick Moore having been
chosen or elected for said Ward. He is sworn to make a fair
and impartial apsement of his Ward agreeably to law
in presence of His Worship the Mayor

By Andrew Macinday
Mayor

Patrick Moore sworn into office this day
as Ward Apepor for Ward No 5 in presence of His Worship
the Mayor

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James Dollock
and
James Irons
Overseers of Street
Sworn

Mr James Irons is this day sworn into Office
as Overseer of Street for Wards No. 1, 2 and 3 in the presence
of His Worship the Mayor

Mr James Dollock is this day sworn into Office
as Overseer of Street for Wards No. 4, 5 and 6 in the presence
of His Worship the Mayor

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Office of City Clerk
Halifax 3 May 1852

I have it in command from the City Council to direct you to proceed forthwith and make an assessment upon the respective Wards in the sum of Four thousand pounds for and towards City Purposes and the further sum of One thousand pounds for and towards the Support of the Poor for the Current year, making together the sum of Five thousand pounds. I am also directed agreeably to resolution of Court of Quarter Sessions to require you to make an Assessment upon the respective Wards in the sum of Five hundred and ninety pounds for and towards County purposes for the Current year. I am also directed to state that you are required by the Act to complete your valuation within sixty days from the date hereof, and make immediate return of the Books of Valuation, one for each Ward to this Office duly and correctly made up in Writing agreeably to Law

I am gentlemen

Your obedient servant

By James S Clarke
City Clerk

Mr Francis Stevens

William McKay City Clerks

John Pinder Assessor for Ward No One

Abul Young Assessor for Ward No Two

Thomas White Assessor for Ward No Three

John Richardson Assessor for Ward No Four

Patrick Moran Assessor for Ward No Five

William Jordan Assessor for Ward No Six

Order for
Assessment
to Clerks

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May 19

At a Special meeting of the City Council held
this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen W. Anderson
, M. L., , Morrissey, Gibson, Taylor,
, Roche, , Nugent, ,
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The City Council were summoned to appoint
a collector of Road Taxes for Wards Nos. 2, 3 and 4 to take into
consideration several petitions relative to the Fish Market,
the report of the Committee of Commerce, also of the Comm^{rs}
of Streets. Payment of several accounts and the transactions
of other business

There not being a sufficient number of
Gentlemen to do business, Council on Motion adjourned
until tomorrow at Two o'clock

Andrew MacKenzie
A.M.C. Mayor

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May 20

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day. Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Mitchell, W. Anderson, Power, Noble, Stone, Morrissey, Gibson, Maylor, Evans, O'Neil, Roche, Sturminway, Nugent, Knight.

That on proceedings of 27 April and 19 May as likewise the order of City Clerk to City and Ward Clerks of 5 May 1852

Read Minutes of proceedings of Cemetery Committee of 11 May when following resolution is introduced

Resolution
rel: to Bonds for
Trees in Cemetery

Mexas Messrs Harrington and Fraser securities for Contractor who furnished the Trees at the Cemetery having fulfilled their contract, and now offer to plant a nursery of one Hundred and fifty Trees as a reserve providing they are released from their bonds

Resolved therefore that the said Messrs Harrington and Fraser be relieved providing they carry out their arrangements satisfactorily to the Committee, which on being put is passed

The following resolution is not introduced

Resolution
rel: to Roll Call

Resolved that here in future the Roll be called at a Quarter of an hour after the hour mentioned in the Summons, and if at an half an hour after the hour notified, there should not be a sufficient number of Gentlemen present to transact business, that the Council adjourn, which on being put is passed

Council next proceed to take into consideration the appointment of collector of Road Taxes for Wards 1.2.3 and 4

Res: Com^{rs} of Street
rel: to Mr Scott
Col. Road Taxes

Read Extracts of Proceedings of Commissioners of Streets of 20 February, 30 April 7 May and letter of Mr James Scott dated Friday morning

Read proceedings of Commissioners of Streets relative to Mr Scott.

Read

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Respected Sir

Monday 10th May 1852

Resignation
of Jas Scott
Collector of
Road Taxes

The resolutions of the Commissioners of Streets of York having, imputed to me an evasive line of Conduct which I pronounce to be incorrect. I feel that it would not consist with what is due to myself, to continue any longer in an office which subjects me to such unworthy treatment after my explanatory notes; and in one particular, as in point of emolument, it is inferior to that of Constable altho attended with great responsibility. I therefore most respectfully beg Your Worship to accept my resignation of Collector of Road Taxes for Wards No. 1. 2. 3 & 4. In retiring from the Corporate Body, I would tender my best thanks to Your Worship and other friends in the Council from whom I have received many marks of kindness, and to the City Clerk and other City Officers who have always treated me respectfully. As early as possible I will hand over my Books and furnish every requisite document, and in the meantime afford every information pertaining to the Office so that the City will not be inconvenienced by my retirement.

With the highest respect
I remain Your humble servant
Jas Scott
Attest
Mackenzie
Mayor

And foregoing resignation of Mr Scott, when the following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Commissioners of Streets of Wards No. 1. 2. 3 & 4 be a committee to examine into the accounts of James Scott late Collector of Road Taxes for those Wards, and reports their proceedings to the Council. to which following amendment is introduced

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to examine into the accounts of James Scott late Collector of Road Taxes for Wards No. 1. 2. 3 and 4 and report to the Council, which amendment being put is carried. the original is therefore lost

The following Gentlemen are next appointed the Committee to carry out the foregoing. Alderman Taylor Gibson and Power

The

Resolution
rel: to Accounts
of Jas Scott

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The City Council next proceed to elect a collector of Road Taxes for Wards 1. 2. 3 and 4

Collector of Road Tax
John C Craigew
elected for
Wards 1. 2. 3 & 4

Read over the various applications, the names are then taken when there appeared for Robert Barrett 2 John C Craigew 8 Edward McGuire 4 John Smith 1. Mr John C Craigew having a clear majority of votes of Members present is elected Collector of Road Taxes for Ward No 1. Collector of Road Taxes for Ward No 2. Collector of Road Taxes for Ward No 3 and Collector of Road Taxes for Ward No 4. and the names being called for they stood thus

For R. M. Barrett	For John C Craigew	For Edward McGuire
Alderman W. Anderson	Alderman Knight	Alderman O'Neil
" Noble 2	" Gibson	" Power
	" Skimmings	" Egan
	" Morrissey	" Taylor
For John Smith	" More	4
Alderman Nugent 1	" Mitchell	
	" Roche	
	" Smothers 8	

Petitions rel:
to Fish Market
Stalls

Read following petitions relative to Fish Market Stalls, when on Motion the same stands over until next meeting of Council (See Petitions in May file 1852)

Read following Report of the Committee of Common

Dated 5 May 1852.

The Committee of Common, met at 2 1/2 Clock P.M. Present Aldermen Nugent, Scott, More, Taylor and King

Report of Com^{tee}
of Common

Correspondence between City Clerk and sundry persons holding Common Lots under lease submitted to
 1st City Clerk's note to holders of lots (front) Nos 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6 & 7. announcing the resolve of the City Council at a recent meeting to let for a term of 15 Years at a rent of Five pounds per annum the Common Lot (rear) Nos 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6 & 7
 2nd The replies from the several individuals so addressed
 3rd A memorial from Mr John Skennedy claiming a right of Way in the rear of Lot No 2 (front) held

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May 20 Held by him, from the Lower Road, and protesting against any interference in the leasing of the rear lot to close the same.

Alderman W. Anderson Holder of Lots would agree to the terms proposed

Mr Williamson would take the two Lots in the rear of his Gardens for the time mentioned at \$5 per Annum i.e \$2.50 each

Mr Clarke did not intend to hire Lot Nos. 1.2.3.4.5.6 & 7 that is the lot or lots in the rear of his property

John Metzger thought the rent proposed to him when compared with that of the lot he now held and the privilege of building thereon confirmed, he would take it at a proportionate rent

Mr Rodgers Holder of Lot No. did not reply to the note of the City Clerk. It was however understood by the Committee that Mr Rodgers claimed to hold his Lot under a lease or agreement for three years, and in view of the right which this gave had planted the ground. The Committee have no knowledge or record of such lease or agreement and in consideration of the unsatisfactory answers given to the communications made to the City Clerk, recommend that the arrangements now existing be continued

The Committee do not recognize the right of May set up by Mr Skunsey and desire that he be notified to that effect.

The Committee desire that Mr Rodgers be notified that the lots now held by him be surrendered at the close of the present year of occupancy

The Committee recommend the appointment of Mr James Arms as Superintendent of the Common and that he be paid the sum of thirty pounds from the Common Fund as a remuneration for his services as such, for the current year

The Committee will be happy to receive any suggestions from the City Council to promote the intended improvements on the Common

By Richard Nugent
Chairman

When on Motion the same is received and adopted

On.

Report of
Committee of
Common

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Sup^t of Common
Law
appointed

On Motion Mr James Irons is appointed
Superintendent of Common Law his Salary for this Year to be
Thirty pounds.

Read Extract from Minutes of Commissioners
of Streets of 30 April 1852

Resolution
rel: Employing
Horses & Carts

The Tenders for Horses and Carts the Board
decline to accept as not having emanated from them
and defer their opinion until the meeting of Council
True Copy

Read Extract from Minutes of Commissioners
of Streets of 14 May 1852

Resolution
rel: Employment
Watchmen
on Streets

The Commissioners are of opinion that the
Watch should be filled up to twelve, with the distinct
understanding that they are to work until Seven
O'clock in the Morning in lieu of Eight and that if any
do not perform the Work pointed out by the Captain
or Overseer a proportionate deduction will be made
from their wages, and that refusal to work by any
of them will be the cause of their immediate discharge
True Copy

When on Motion the Resolution of 30 April
is ordered to lie on the Table

On Motion the Resolution of 14 May is
received and adopted

City Watch
appointed

On Motion Donald Fraser is appointed
one of the City Watch

On Motion David Barry is appointed
one of the City Watch

Payment of
Accounts

The following accounts having been passed
by the Committee of Public Accounts and recommended
for payment. His Worship the Mayor is requested to
draw checks for the same

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City John Munroe 12.16.9	Gas Gas Company 21.2.11
W. Casey 1.10.0	Water, Water Company 1.0.0
The Puggs for 9.0.0	
Fire Department	Andrewell
John Lee 34.18.4	William Pennells 19.6.10
George Wells 15.0.0	Freddy Johnson 1.5.0
	W. B. Donald for Feb 6.3.7
	Att. March 7. 19.1
	Att. April 8. 11.11

Letter Capt of Engine Co. rel. to Fire Equipments

Had following letter from Captain of Engine Company relative to taking charge of Fire Equipments

James S. Clark Esq. City Clerk
Recd. Sep. 1 May 1852

In answer to your communication relative to inspection of Hoses and articles supplied by contract for the Fire Department. I beg to state that I will attend to the duties

Yours obedient servant
By Thomas Alloway

Measurer of Wood Saml Borcham resigned. Jos Findlay appointed

On Motion Samuel Borcham's resignation as Measurer of Wood is received

On Motion Joseph Findlay is appointed Measurer of Cord Wood in place of Samuel Borcham resigned

Watchmen Sworn

Donald Fraser and David Barry sworn into Office as Watchmen and Special Constables for the City in the Presence of His Worship the Mayor

Andrew Mackenzie,
A.M.C. Mayor

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John C. Craigew
Sworn

Mr. John C. Craigew having filed his Bond as collector of Road Taxes for Wards Nos. 2, 3 and 4 is this day sworn into Office in presence of His Worship the Mayor

June 2
James Innes
Sworn

James Innes having filed his Bond as Superintendent of Common is this day sworn into Office in presence of His Worship the Mayor

June 19

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Mitchell, Power, Morrissey, Gibson, Taylor

The City Council were summoned to examine the various valuation Books submitted for approval.

There not being a sufficient number of Gentlemen present to do business Council adjourn until Monday next at Two o'clock

Andrew Mackenzie
Mayor

June 21

At an adjourned meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Mitchell,

There not being a sufficient number of Gentlemen to do business Council adjourn until tomorrow at Two o'clock

Andrew Mackenzie
Mayor