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Your Committee appointed to make the half yearly inspection of Bridewell in the last week of December 1858 beg leave to Report.

That on the 30th day of December at 10 o'clock they visited the Bridewell and inspected the prisoners who on being questioned concerning their condition and treatment stated nothing worthy of particular notice. Your Committee also made an inspection of the house and of the bedding and clothing and have only to remark that the whole had a clean and orderly appearance the house itself as is well known being much out of repair. Your Committee think it right to mention that a few numbers of a periodical called the "British Workman" have lately been introduced into the establishment by one of the Aldermen and that they have been read with interest by the prisoners. The principle of thus informing the minds of these outcasts and inspiring them with hopes which may lead them to adopt honest and industrious habits on their release appears to the Committee to be a sound one and they therefore recommend that the above periodical be regularly taken at the Bridewell for the use of the prisoners and that it be paid for by the City. It is published in monthly numbers at a yearly expense of one shilling and three pence.

Report Committee
rel. to inspection
of Bridewell.

Halifax Nova Scotia
Dec^r 1858

(Signed) Charles Cogswell
Mathew H. Kichey

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved that four Copies of the Monthly Periodical called the British Workman be regularly taken by the Council for the use of the prisoners in the Bridewell, and that the keepers have them all filed. Moved by Alderman Thompson seconded by Alderman Jennings - passed.

Resol. rel. Report
Committee on inspec-
tion of Bridewell.

The Council proceed to take into consideration the Charter of Incorporation as prepared by the Committee the clauses for the alteration of Boundaries of Wards is read - when following resolution is next introduced -

Resol. rel. Committe
of revision as
respects boundary
lines of Wards

Resolved that the alterations recommended by the revising Committee as respects the boundary lines of the different wards within the City be not adopted. Moved by Alderman Conway seconded

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seconded by Alderman Caldwell which on being put is lost 4 voting for it and 9 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus.

For Resolution
Alderman Caldwell
Pugsley
Barnstead
Conway

Against it
Alderman Mignowitz
Lounds
Stinnings
Thompson
Horristall
Moir
Cogswell
Richey

Notice of reconsideration given by Alderman Caldwell.

Council next take up the Clause or amendment relative to Election of Mayor - the same is read when following resolution is introduced

Resol-rel. to the Election of Mayor

Resolved That on the first day of October next and thereafter on the same day Annually the Mayor be elected as at present - Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Caldwell - when there appeared for the same 4 against it 9 resolution lost - Names being called for they appeared thus -

For Resolution
Alderman Horristall
Caldwell
Barnstead
Conway

Against it
Alderman Lounds
Moir
Mignowitz
Stinnings
Cogswell
Richey
Thompson

Moved by Alderman Stinnings seconded by Alderman Moir that Council adjourn lost 4 voting for it and 9 against it

The Clause as amended as to vote by Ballot is next considered when following resolution is next introduced

Resol-rel. to vote By Ballot at Civic Elections

Whereas this Council are of opinion that a majority of the Electors would view with regret any attempt to deprive them of voting by Ballot. Resolved that the vote by Ballot be continued at the Civic Elections. Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Caldwell which resolution being put there appeared for same 8 against it 4 resolution carried - names called when they appeared thus -

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For Resolution
Aldermen Pugsley, Moir
Waldwell, Thompson
Barnstead, Horriestall
Conway " May (B)

Against it
Aldermen Mignowitz,
Lounds
Richey
Cogswell (A)

Notice of reconsideration given by
Alderman Lounds -

The following resolution is next
introduced

Resolved to the
printing fifty
copies of Act of
Incorporation.

Resolved that fifty copies of
the revised Act of Incorporation be printed for the
information of Council and
Moved by Alderman Mignowitz,
seconded by Alderman Conway & passed

On Motion
"Council rise"

Henry Poyor
Mayor

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Robert Motton Jun^r is this day
sworn into Office as a Measurer of Salt & Brim in the
presence of His Worship the Mayor -

Henry Poyor
Mayor

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February 21st

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Fay, Pugsley, Cogswell, Barnstead, Morrissey, Conway,

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the Act of Incorporation, and the transaction of other business.

There not being a quorum to do business.

Council list-

Henry Pryor
Mayor

February 24th

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Fay, Pugsley, Cogswell, Caldwell, Twisking Thompson, King, Mr. Mills, Morrissett, Conway, Jennings, Bell,

The City Council were summoned to take up business of last Meeting there not being a quorum to do business, and the transaction of other business.

Alderman Thompson Chairman submits report of Committee of Public Accounts of May 11 1859.

Alderman Pugsley submits report of Special Committee on appeals.

His Worship the Mayor submits Letter of Edward Billing Jun^r the same is read. (see file)

His Worship the Mayor submits report of Superintendant of Streets on the subject the same is read.

Streets Office
Halifax 7th February 1859

The Superintendant of Streets begs leave to Report for the information of His Worship the Mayor and the City Council relative to encroachment on the line of Granville Street by Mr Frost's new Building. That nearly all the Buildings on the West side of Granville Street would project in a right line from Buckingham Street to Duke Street, and that the

Report Committee of Public Accounts

Report Special Committee on appeals

Report Superintendant of Streets relative to Mr Frost's Building

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the continuance of a line parallel with the Stone Building on the corner of Duke and Granville Streets - and Buildings north of the corner, would if extended to Buckingham Street clear the front of Mr Frost's Building and Messrs Troplets on the corner of Buckingham Street.

The line which I gave Mr Hill was not quite parallel with either of the Buildings on the corners alluded to but one which he thinks would be a more uniform line if conformed to. The Pilasters is on the line which he gave Mr Hill, the principal part of the Structure receding back some inches - the Window Sills is the only encroachment which appears to be seven inches on the Street all of which is respectfully submitted

Signed James Pollock
Superintendent of Streets-

Letter from Henry B Hill the Architect is next read when following resolution is next introduced (See File)

Resolved that the communication of H. O. Frost just received, and all obligations necessary to protect the interests of the City now and for all time hereafter be taken by His Worship the Mayor. Moved by Alderman Caldwell seconded by Alderman Jennings, passed 12 voting for and 1 against it.

Notice of reconsideration given by Alderman Wills-

Resol-rel to the Letter of H. O. Frost and H. B. Hill.

Letter War Department of 1st Feb 1859

His Worship the Mayor submits and reads a Letter from the War Department of 1st February 1859 (See File)

Memo of S. Forman and J. Hopper rel to their Assessment

His Worship the Mayor submits Memorial of S. R. Forman and Francis Hopper relative to their Assessment when it is Moved by Dr. Cogswell seconded by Alderman Caldwell that the same be referred to the Committee which on being put is lost 3 voting for it and 11 against it

Memo of William Henderson et al. rel to their Assessment

Read following Memorials of William Henderson, Peter Killakass, Robert Evens, and James M. Wilson relative to their Assessments when the following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the various Petitions this day submitted to the Council respecting relief from taxation cannot be entertained by the Council and that the same be considered disposed of Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Thompson, Passed-

Resol-rel Petition for relief from Taxation-

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No 3 by way of Notice

Alderman Pugsley introduces resolution

His Worship the Mayor submits and reads a Letter from Committee of Fire Wards of 23rd February relative to Gun Powder

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Letter from the Committee of Fire Wards of 23rd Feb-1859 relative to Gun Powder-

To His Worship
The Mayor
Sir

We the undersigned, being a Committee of Fire Wardens appointed to take into consideration the subject of your Worship's communication of 14th ulto addressed to the Chairman and enclosing a letter from several Presidents and Agents of Fire Insurance Companies relative to large and unlawful quantities of Gunpowder supposed to be stored within the limits of the City under their control beg to report that although such may be and probably is the fact, that of their own knowledge they are unaware of it, and without specific information as to the individual localities they do not conceive their power extends to making an investigation on private properties but at the same time if the Gentlemen signing the Letter referred to, or any other person will state that they have reason to believe that such unlawful quantities are stored in any particular place, they will lose no time in investigating such case, and take care that the law is carried out.

They are perfectly aware of the danger both to life and property from the incautious manner of storing and disposing of Gunpowder, and as the most effectual mode of obviating the danger are of opinion that the City should without any delay provide a safe and proper Magazine for storing powder to be erected as near the City as prudent so as to afford all possible convenience to the public that a person should be appointed to take charge of the same giving his personal attendance two hours in each and every working day, that powder should be delivered at no other time and by no other person, that all necessary accounts of receipt and delivery should be regularly kept specifying particularly by whose order and to whom delivered and as far as possible its destination, to meet the expense that a remunerative rate of storage be fixed, and that every person dealing in Powder in the City obtain a license for that purpose for which the charge should be _____ pounds per annum, that any other person retailing the article without license should be liable to a fine of _____ pounds for each offence, and in every case where a larger quantity should be found stored in any premises than twenty five pounds a penalty of Ten shillings per pound for

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if such excess be imposed, the whole of said License money -
penalties and fines be applied towards the maintenance
of the Magazine and Keeper.

We would also recommend that
all powder in quantity or exceeding one keg of Twenty five lbs
in being removed from one part of the City to another, should
be cased with bagging, and conveying only in covered carts
lined with Copper and that no other article be suffered
to be conveyed at the same time in the said Carts under
penalty of pounds for each offence

We have the honor to be

Your Worships

Most obedient Servants

(Signed) C. Murray
Joseph Fairbanks
John McCulloch
John C. Nash

On Motion the order of the day is
suspended, and the report of Special Committee relative
to appeals is taken up and read

Report Special
Committee rel to appeals
from City Taxes

Committee Room

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The Committee to whom were referred
petitions and appeals on Assessment. Report that they have
carefully considered them, and have unanimously agreed to the
following recommendations to the Council.

First the favorable consideration of
Alex^r Warrs application Secondly. That the complaints of
Charles Wallis is a subject for a full Council to deal with.
Thirdly That Thomas Doyle is not liable for the Tax of
which he complains but the Committee refer his Memorial
to the Recorder for his opinion. Fourthly. That George
Anderson is not liable to pay taxes for property which he is
neither the owner of, occupier, or agent, and recommend that
the amount of his own taxes, which he has proffered be
received. Fifthly The Committee cannot recommend
any relief, in the case of Job Cornhill altho accompanied by
certificates of Doctor Black which merely states that he
is the subject of paralysis, but as it appears that he is the
owner of property, they think it unwise to establish a
precedent which may be taken advantage of in numerous
other cases. Sixthly. That the appeals of S. C. Sawyer
Esq^r and H. E. Pugsley be accepted, as they are only
legally liable for the amount thereof. and lastly
That

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That the amount of the taxes (as per assessors notice) of Mr Charles & Brown and Capt'n Percy, be enforced as Mr Brown was in possession of both the properties, and therefore liable under the law, and as Captain Percy is in error in supposing that only property owners are liable to pay tax, and has made himself so by letter to the City Assessor dated 7th June 58, wherein he states that he is not the owner of any property and that he pays to Mr Johnston a high rent for the property in question.

Respectfully submitted
(Signed) Henry W. Pugsley
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Wills that said report be adopted (which on being put is passed)

On Motion the order of the day is suspended and the report of the Committee of Public Accounts this day submitted is taken up read.

Report Committee
Public Accounts
Feb'y 11th 1859.

The Committee of Public Accounts met this day Present Aldermen Bell, Hay, Hoarstall, Caldwell and the Chairman

The following accounts were presented

Street Service

John Taylor, Blacksmith work to 31 st Octr	14-3-0	
Wm Murray Wheelwrights work to 11 Jan'y 1859	3-15-5	
Dechezeau Crow Turnsmith work to 1 Jan'y	"-15-6	
A. W. McKinlay Stationary to 27 Novr 1858	3-6-9	31-18-8

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Wm Murray Rep Night Carts to 8 Novr	1-10-0	
John Taylor Co Do " 30	2-18-5	
High Water Company Repz Plugs &c to 31 Octr	18-2-8	
John Longard Turnsmith work to 10. March	6-3	
Wm Compton for Blanks &c to 31 Octr	88-0-0	
Thos Anonand Printing to 31 Octr	4-7-2	
A. Grant for Advertising in Colonist to 31 Octr	1-0-0	
Do for Do in Gazette " "	1-10-0	
Ritchie & Bulger Do in Sun " "	3-5-0	
Compton & Bowden Do in Express " "	43-8-1	
H. W. Blackadar Do in Recorder " "	35-11-9	
W. A. Penney Do in Journal	4-2-6	
Thos Mitchell Iron Work Jan'y 1858	"-15-0	
Dechezeau Crow Lamps &c to 30 Sept	1-7-1	
James Fraser Carpenter Work to 24 th Augt	1-6-0	
J. W. Caldwell Blacksmith Work Market	2-1-11	
Do Do Police Office	3-14-9	
		31-18-8

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City	\$ 257 ¹ / ₂ 11	21 15 8
W. Williamson Rep. House to 7 th Oct	1 2 6	
J. B. Smithers Locksmiths work P. Office	9 9	
Do Do Do Meat Mark	1 2 7	
Do Do Do Meat Mark	1 4 3	
Edw. R. S. Ast Venetian Blinds	1 10 0	
R. G. Fraser for Oil	" 11 9	
Wm. Hurrell & Son Blazing at Market	2 12 9	
Do Do Printing	4 15 6	
Owen Kearns for Ale 23 rd Oct	0 10 0	251 9 0

Bridewell

John Bell esnaburg & Co to 6 Aug	2 15 7	
Chas Barnstead Leather &c	7 0 0	
Ch. Calder Carpenter Work	12 12 1	
Geo Taylor Blacksmith work	4 5 10	
Wm Murray Pick Handles &c	1 2 6	
Dr. Hume Salary to 31 st Oct	30 0 0	
R. Malcolm Mason Work	5 5 0	
Wm McDonald keeper balance Aug	6 7 4	69 8 4

City Prison

John Taylor Blacksmith work		14 12 9
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Common

Joseph Jennings Lumber to 19 June	6 7 0	
John Murphy Hauling 445 Loads	43 8 1	19 15 1

Fire Department

Mich. Lomergan Repairing Hose &c	1 3 1 1/2	
Hope Water Compt. Pipes &c	6 7 7	
W. St. Penny Advertising to 2 nd Oct	2 0 7	
Ch. Calder Carpenter Work	5 15 2	
Thos. Humand Advertising to 31 st Oct	1 15 7	
Ritchie & Bulger Do to 2 nd	1 10 0	
H. W. Blackadar Do to 25	2 0 0	
James Bowes & Son Printing &c	1 12 6	
M. H. Crighton Envelopes	0 2 11	
R. C. Wetmore Pictures in frames	7 10 0	
R. G. Fraser Lamps &c	1 11 9	
Robt. Malcolm Mason Work	4 14 3	
J. W. Caldwell Iron Work Am Co	" 9 9	
Do Do Engines	28 17 0	
John Hettler Repg Pumps &c	38 17 8	
James Norwood Cab Wire	1 1 3	
M. & Longard Plumbers Work	10 1 7	
Wm Murray Sundries Work to Engines	7 10 3	
John Taylor Blacksmith work	5 9 6	
James Lawlor Carpenters Work	9 6 1	
Muir & Blackadar Ropes &c to Aug	2 1 0	
Lewis Wilson Blacksmith Work	1 16 3	

Carried over - £ 313 15 9 379 3 10

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Amount Brought Forward	313 ⁶ / ₉	377 ³ / ₁₀
<u>Fire Department</u>	" " "	" " "
Smith & Mitchell Repy Branch	5 ⁵ / ₁₁	
Geo Smithers & Son Printing	7 ⁶ / ₁₁	
R. T. Roome Repy Tanks &c	50 ⁵ / ₁₁	
Donald Watson Gas Mittings &c	27 ¹¹ / ₀	
S. B. Smithers Locksmiths Work	1 ⁷ / ₁₁	
Wm. Merricks & Son Glazing & Painting	4 ² / ₃	
John Erwin Repy Tanks	2 ¹⁰ / ₀	
Robert Erwin Ringing N ^o 4 Bell 1858	4 ¹⁵ / ₀	
E. Albro & Co Measuring Tape	4 ⁶ / ₁₁	
James Hillier Placing Fire Bell	5 ⁰ / ₀	
	<u>358⁸/₅</u>	
		<u>376²/₁₃</u>

Amounting to Seven Hundred and Sixty two Pounds twelve shillings & Sixpence, and being found correct are recommended to be paid.

The Committee have to notice, that there has been a considerable decrease on two items of expenditure for the past year viz on Printing £10⁴/₁₅ and on Stationary £21¹⁸/₁ being a total decrease on the preceding year in this department of One Hundred and twenty eight pounds thirteen shillings and sevenpence.

By a Resolution of this Council passed on 14th May last to refer it back to this Committee to report upon the return of the Commissioners of the Poor as regards the amount of claim for the support of the City Poor, and whether the extra sum of One hundred and fifty five pounds should not be taken out of the Contingent Fund.

This Committee upon due consideration of the matter are fully satisfied of the justness of the claim, and therefore recommend, that the sum of One Hundred and fifty five pounds eight shillings & eight pence (being the amount claimed) be paid out of the Contingent Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted
(Signed) Philip Thompson
Chairman
Committee Room
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Moved by Alderman Wills seconded by Alderman Bell that said report be adopted and that His Worship the Mayor draw checks for the various amounts, which Motion on being put is passed -

Mr John Taylor elected Fire Ward in place of C. W. Dickson Esq^r deceased -

Fire Ward
Elected -

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Resol. rel. to Committee
to confer with the
Commissioners of Lunatic
Asylum.

On Motion Alderman Cogswell, Hay
and Thompson are appointed a Committee to confer with
Commissioners of Lunatic Asylum in Public Matters.

Order of the day is proceeded with.

Alderman Caldwell's notice of
reconsideration is next taken up, relative to the Boundaries
of Wards - when following resolution is introduced (N^o 4)

Resol. rel. to the
revised Incorpora-
tion Act.

Resolved that the proposal to
submit the whole body of the revised Incorporation Act to the
Legislature be deferred for the present and that the portions
relative to assessment and the prohibition of Wooden
Houses within certain limits be taken up for the purpose
of being submitted to the Legislature. Moved by Alderman
Cogswell seconded by Alderman Pugsley To which the
following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that the
present revised Act now before the Council be deferred for
three Months - which amendment being put is lost 5 Voting
for and 8 against it - The original is then put and
there appearing for same 8 against it 5 same is passed
and the names being called for appeared thus -

For Resolution		Against it	
Aldermen Pugsley	" Ring	Aldermen Caldwell	
" Barnstead	" Bell	" Wills	
" Jennings	" Hay	" Agir	
" Thompson	" Cogswell	" Horrihall	
		" Conway	

Council proceed to take into consid-
eration the clause relative to the limits of Wooden Buildings
when resolution (N^o 5) is introduced

Resol. rel. to erection
of Wooden Buildings
within certain parts
of the City.

Resolved that this Council
approve of the principle of prohibiting the erection of Wooden
Buildings within certain parts of the City. Moved by
Alderman Cogswell seconded by Alderman Jennings which
on being put is passed 7 Voting for it and 5 against it and
the names being called for they appeared thus -

For Resolution		Against it	
Aldermen Pugsley	" Thompson	Alderman Caldwell	
" Barnstead	" Hay	" Wills	
" Cogswell	" Bell	" Agir	
" Jennings	"	" Horrihall	
		" Conway	

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The Clause relative to limits of erection of Wooden Buildings is next considered - limits submitted to the Council by Alderman Cogswell.

The following limits having been submitted to Council by Alderman Fugstey the same is passed of Voting for it and against it and the names being called for they appeared thus -

For Resolution	Against it
Alderman Fugstey	Aldermen Wills
Horriestall	Jennings
Caldwell	Cogswell
Hay	
Conway	
Thompson	
Barnstead	

Resolved to limits for erection of Wooden Houses

Resolved that the limits for the erection of Wooden Buildings shall be from the foot of Gatter Street along the West side of Water Street up South side of Jacob Street to the East Side of Argyle Street to the South side of the Parade thence to the east side of Barrington Street thence South along the said Street to the North side of Gatter thence east to the place of beginning.

Which makes the first Clause read thus

Sec 1 - No Wooden buildings over Ten feet in height shall hereafter be erected in the portions of the City of Halifax contained within the following boundaries Begin Beginning at the foot of Gatter Street and thence Northwardly by the side line of the West or upper side of Water Street to the foot of Jacobs Street, thence along the South side line of Jacobs Street to the corner of Argyle Street, thence along the East side line of Argyle to the South West corner of the Grand Parade thence along the South side line of said Parade to Barrington Street and crossing Barrington Street and following the East side line thereof until it meets Gatter Street at Mason hall corner, thence along the North side line of Gatter Street to the place of beginning.

Act relative to erection of Wooden Buildings -

The Clause relative to construction of Buildings is next considered when the following is adopted -

Sec 2 - Within these limits all buildings hereafter to be erected shall be constructed of Stone or brick, with brick or Stone Walls, of not less than fifteen inches thickness of stone, and not less than twelve inches of thickness for brick walls and having a parapet of same materials above the roof of at least two feet high between each separate building or tenement along the whole depth thereof.

The Clause relative to penalties is next considered when following is considered -

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No existing wooden buildings within the above limits shall be enlarged, raised, or added to.

Clauses relative to infringements are next considered.

— 324 — Any building erected, or any addition made to a building contrary to any of the foregoing regulations shall be deemed a public nuisance and shall be forthwith abated by order of the Mayor or of any Alderman of the City.

— 325 — Any person infringing this law by erecting or causing to be erected any building hereby forbidden or by any addition or enlargement of a building contrary to this act shall forfeit a sum not to exceed fifty pounds for such offence, and a further sum of five pounds for every month such prohibited building or addition shall remain and continue. The owner of the ground or building, whether for life, in fee simple, term of years or otherwise shall be liable to such fines.

— 326 — Any Contractor, builder or workmen engaged therein who shall persist in erecting such building or addition after notice from the Mayor to the contrary shall be liable to a fine not to exceed twenty shillings a day, for every day he shall so act or persist.

— 327 — All fines under this act are to be recoverable in the name of the City of Halifax and for its benefit, in like manner and form as civil debts may be recovered.

— 328 — This law is not to extend to any contracts already made in good faith for buildings and signed before the passing of this act.

— 329 — The provisions of ~~the~~ Chapter 35 Acts of 1857 respecting wooden buildings in Halifax City are not to be considered as repealed hereby but shall remain in force as to the parts of the City therein limited and not included in the bounds pointed out in this act.

The limits of erection of Buildings is again read.

The Clause relative to erection of Buildings is again read.

The Clause as to the recovery of Penalties is again read.

The Clause relative to any Buildings becoming a nuisance and penalties therefore is again read.

When following resolution No 6 is introduced.

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Resol. rel. to Recorder
preparing a Bill
rel. to erection of
Wooden Buildings

Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be requested to prepare a Bill in accordance with the resolutions this day passed relative to erection of Wooden Buildings, and that His Worship the Mayor be respectfully requested to cause the same to be submitted to the Honorable the Legislature for their consideration. Moved by Alderman Moir seconded by Alderman Horriestall passed 11 Voting for and 1 against it.

The following Resolution (No. 1) is next introduced -

Resol. rel. Petition
for opening Hollis
Street and Grafton
Street -

Resolved that the attention of the Committee to whom was referred the Petition for the opening up the enclosed portions of Hollis Street be called to the reported obstruction on Grafton Street and to report thereon to the Council. Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Barnstead. Passed.

The following resolution (No. 2) is next introduced

Resol. rel. to Non
payment of City
Rates before 31st
December

Resolved that the Non payment of City Rates before the thirty first day of December in the year previous to any Civic election shall not disqualify persons from serving as Mayor, Alderman or Assessor elected to fill such office provided they are otherwise qualified as the Law directs. Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Conway. Passed.

On Motion
Council adjourn until Monday
next at Two o'clock

Henry Peyer
Mayor

February 28th

At an adjourned Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen May. Cogswell, May Barnstead, Thompson Moir, Horriestall Jennings, Bell.

There not being a quorum to do business.

Council rise

Henry Peyer
Mayor

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March 1st

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present Aldermen May - Pugsley, Cogswell Caldwell, Lounds - Barnstead - Morrisey, Twining, Moir Thompson Mignowitz - Horriestall - Conway and Bell -

Read over proceedings of 24th and 28th February last.

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration The New Assessment Act - The Act relative to quorum in City Council - Communication from Fire Wards - and the transaction of other business -

Report Committee
Wacks & Trucks

Alderman Twining Chairman submits report of Committee of Wacks and Trucks. On Motion same is received -

Report Superintendant of Streets relative to Grafton Street

Alderman Cogswell submits a report of Superintendant of Streets relative to the extension of Grafton Street. On Motion the same is received -

Alderman Morrisey submits report of Committee of Common relative to names of Streets on Common. On Motion the same is received

On Motion the law relative to Quorum of Council is next taken up and considered. When following resolution is introduced (No 11) -

Resol - rel. Quorum of Council =

Resolved that Section 24 of the printed Draft of the New Act leaving out "and at Election of Officers twelve" be adopted as a law in lieu of Clause 14 of the present City Act. and that the Recorder be requested to draw up a Bill to be sent to the Legislature by the Mayor to that effect. Moved by Alderman Cogswell seconded by Alderman Conway which on being put is passed,

Act rel. to Assessment in the City of Halifax -

The City Council next take into consideration Part 12 of the New Incorporation act entitled - Assessment in the City of Halifax,

Read first clause which is passed unanimously -
Read Second clause which is passed unanimously -
Read Third clause which is passed with certain additions (See revised act)
Read Fourth clause which is passed unanimously -