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Jeremiah Conway Esquire
having this day taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance the oath
of office and the oath of Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax is
this day sworn into office as Alderman and Justice of the Peace
for the City of Halifax

D. C. Hill Esquire having taken
and subscribed the oaths office prescribed by law is this day sworn
into office as Mayor of the City of Halifax for ensuing year in
presence of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor

P. Cartaret Hill Esquire having
this day taken and subscribed the oath of Justice of Peace is this
sworn into office by the City Clerk, _____ agreeably to Law

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held this day Present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman John Duggan, Compton, Inlay, Nash, Mculloch, James Duggan, Ackhurst, Egan, Pallister, Coleman, Trennaman, Plome, Leahy, Conway, Jennings, Kaye and Richey.

at a special meeting of the City

to appoint the various standing committees for ensuing year, and the transaction of other business.

The City Council were appointed

October and the 4th from Committee of City Prison

Read over proceedings of 2nd - Alderman John Duggan Reports On Motion the same is Received

Committee on Petition of Rev. W. D. Steele,

Alderman Nash Reports from. On Motion the same is Received.

memorial E. Hayden relative to his taxes

Alderman Trennaman Submits on motion the same is Received

Communication from City Medical Officer,

His Worship the Mayor Submits

Case of City in late Halifax Water Company,

also award of arbitration in

Prison submitted this day.

Read Report of Committee of City

Report of the Committee of City Prison

Committee Room
City Prison 30th Sept 1861.

The Committee met, Present Alderman John Duggan, Barnstead, Walsh, and the Chairman.

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The Following accounts were submitted

1	M. Hennessy	\$ 273. 52
2	Boggs & Ross	126. 12
3	J. Parker.	195. 60
4	J. Jennings	37. 80
5	J. Doherty.	13. 17
6	James Black	5. 10
7	A. J. Richie	5. 00
8	W. Frider	4. 50
9	Thomas Leahy	3. 60
10	James Duggan	2. 50
11	Thos. Durphy	2. 40
12	W. K. Reynolds	2. 31
13	James Hennessy	1. 00
14	C. Barnsteaft	28. 50½
15	S. W. Caldwell.	3. 92
16	Thomas O'Brien	22. 50

All the above accounts were found to be correct and ordered to be certified for payment. The Chairman read the ~~(report)~~ draft of a report which was approved of with some additions which he was authorized to make

(Signed) M. H. Richie
Chairman

When following Resolution was introduced

Resolved that the accounts just read incurred on behalf of City Prison be paid and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw cheques for the same, moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Ackhurst, which on being put is passed

Alderman Nash in absence of the Chairman submits Report of Committee on Taxes.

On motion the same is Received

On motion John Doull Esquire is appointed one of ^{the City} Auditors, for ensuing year.

On motion William P. West Esquire is appointed one of the City auditors, for ensuing year.

Res to pay the accounts of City Prison

Report of Committee on Taxes

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The following Resolution no 9 as-
entered on the 27th September is read,

Read Reports
of the City
Architect

Read Report of City Architect
on the same Subject, of 17th September 1861.

Subject,

Read Report of Committee on same

Read the 9th August last.

on same Subject of the 9th August last.

Read Resolution of City Council

Resolution no 9 passed

And the names being called
for they appeared thus

For The Resolution		Against it.	
Alderman	Eagan	alderman	Roome
	Jno Duggan		Imlay
	McBulloch.		Kash
	Conway		Premiaman,
	Richey		
	Kay		
	Compton		
	Pallister		
	Jennings		
	Leahy		
	Jas. Duggan		
	Ashurst. 12		4

Res. to draft a
a Committee to
draft the standing
Committees

next introduced

Size consisting of one alderman for each ward be appointed to
draft the special standing Committees for the ensuing year -
that said Committee be authorised to nominate at their discretion
three or more alderman, to several committees and that this Council
on its adjournment, to adjourn to Wednesday next at 2 o'clock P.M.
then to meet to receive the Report of the said Committee, moved by al-
derman James Duggan seconded by alderman Richey.

moved by alderman Richey seconded by alderman James Duggan.

ment is introduced

The following Resolution no 2 is -

Resolved that a Committee of
To which the following amend-

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Resolved that the Standing Committees be appointed forthwith and that a Committee of one from each ward now proceed to the ante Room and name the Committee moved by alderman Nash seconded by alderman Smlay which amendment on being put is lost 4 voting for the same, and 12 against it

The Resolution is therefore passed
Committee, alderman Compton, McLulloch, Ackhurst, Freeman, Room, and Kichey

Draft of the address to Major General Pollope

Pollope

Read draft of address to Major General

When following Resolution No 3 is introduced

Resolved that the address prepared by the Committee on whom was given, the duty to prepare the same be received, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Council do present the same, moved by alderman Nash, seconded by alderman Ackhurst, which on being put is passed.

Memorial from Mrs Uniacke relative to her taxes

Relative to her Taxes

Read memorial from Mrs Uniacke

Introduced

When following Resolution No 4 is next

Resolved that Mrs Uniacke be respectfully notified that this Council have no power to grant her request she not having complied with the law prescribed, moved by alderman Nash seconded by alderman McLulloch which on being put is passed

On motion His Worship the Mayor is requested, to cause the usual advertisements for City officers to be issued, resolution relative to payment of Taxes to be assessed thereto

Report of the committee on Memorial of Rev. H. D. Steele

Read Report of Committee on memorial of Rev. H. D. Steele submitted this day

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The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Rev. H. D. Steele charging a sum of Money on acc of damages sustained, beg leave to report, that they at their first meeting, deputed alderman Nash Chairman, to have an interview with Mr Steele on the subject, he having that interview is well satisfied that this Council should immediately order the prayer of Petitioner to be complied with and as so doing they have good reason to believe that Petitioner is not meaning what might be termed damages but only refunding the money expended and lost by the petitioner on account of the injurious Receipts

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The Committee would also beg leave to bring to the Special notice of the Council, the gross carelessness on the part of those who have charge or superintendance of the various sewers now open in different parts of the City in not having them properly guarded and lanterns alight during the night and would also notice the manner in which various parts of the streets are blocked up with granite cut stone and Bricks and no proper guards or lights at night to shew parties what is in front of them, and would suggest that the party whose duty it is to attend to these matters be at once instructed to have them properly attended to otherwise the sum now asked for will be but a small portion of what we may be expected to be called upon to pay, as damages for injuries sustained on account of proper guards not being had in such places by the City, they feel that there is an immediate necessity, this matter should be attended to at once.

Respectfully Yours,
John D. Nash,

Chairman

When following resolution No 5 is introduced
Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to draw a cheque for ten pounds in favor of Revd H D Steele and have the same presented to him as a full recompence for his claims against the City of Halifax for damages sustained by him as per reference to his petition, moved by alderman Nash seconded by alderman Calkhast, which on being put is passed.

On motion the Council adjourn until Wednesday next at 2 o'clock.

Res- to draw a cheque for Revd H. D. Steele for the sum of £10

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at an adjourned meeting of the Council held this day Present his Worship the Mayor, aldermen John Duggan, Compton, Smlay, Nash, McCulloch, James Duggan, Ackhurst, Cagan, Callister, Coleman, Trennaman, Roome, Leahy, Conway, Jennings Kaye and Richey.

7th October 1861

of report of Committee on Standing Committees,
from S. B Allison Esquire.

Read Over proceedings of the -
Alderman Richey hands in draft

alderman Ackhurst, presents Petition
On Motion the same is received -

Public accounts

Draft of the
Committee on
Standing
Committees

Committees, for ensuing year.

Read following drafts of Standing

Public accounts,

alderman Nash
Callister
Ackhurst, Chairman

Tenders

alderman John Duggan
Conway
Kaye.

Common

alderman McCulloch
Leahy
Trennaman
Jennings

Hacks and Trucks

alderman Smlay
Jas. Duggan
Callister,
Compton

Cemetry

alderman Smlay
Coleman
Jennings

City Hospital

alderman Compton, Chairman
Cagan
Roome,

City Prison

alderman Richey, Chairman
Jno Duggan,
Coleman,
Conway,
Nash,
Jas. Duggan

Juries.

alderman Nash,
Jno Duggan
Conway.

City Property

alderman Jno Duggan
Kingdon
Ackhurst, Chairman,
Trennaman,
Leahy,
Jennings

Internal Health.

alderman Compton
Cagan
Kaye.

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Laws and Privileges.

alderman Compton
 " Kinkare
 " Ackhurst
 " Coleman
 " Roome
 " Richey

It was moved by alderman Nash
Seconded by alderman Pallister that said draft be adopted

is introduced.

So which, the following amendment,

Resolved that the Report be
Received and adopted, except the Committee of Streets and that
the Committee consist of alderman James Duggan, Kaye and
McCulloch, Moved by alderman Kaye Ackhurst Seconded
by alderman Leahy, which on being put is first 10 voting for the
same and 7 against it and the names being called for they
appeared, Thus.

Res- to change
the names
on the Street
Committee

<u>For the amendment</u>	<u>Against it,</u>
alderman Conway,	alderman Nash,
Amlop,	Mcnaman,
Eagan,	Roome
Coleman,	Pallister
Richey,	Jno Duggan,
Kaye,	Compton,
Jennings,	McCulloch.
James Duggan,	
Leahy,	
Ackhurst, 10	7

alderman James Duggan has
leave to retire from the Committee of Hacks and trucks

alderman Eagan is appointed,
one of the Committee of Hacks and trucks Vice Duggan.

alderman Compton is appointed
to the Committee of Hacks and trucks

alderman Roome is appointed
on the internal Health Committee vice Kaye, appointed on
the Street Committee,

of Reconsideration

alderman Nash gives notice

to the Committee of Common.

alderman Jennings is added

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Prison.

Read Report of Committee of City

Report of the
Committee
of City Prison

City Prison

Committee Rom 30th Sept 1861

The Committee of City Prison for the year now terminating deeming it desirable to place on record for the information of the City Council, the principal facts connected with the institution and their management of its affairs during the past year and to offer for consideration such suggestions as are dictated by the experience already acquired, beg leave to report as follows—

The Committee was appointed in October last, and has continued as then constituted, with the exception of the change occasioned in December last, by the resignation of Alderman Jennings and the appointment of another Alderman, in his place, it will not be irrelevant to remark here that in consequence of the mode adopted in the selection of this Committee, it might have happened that the City Prison would be left without the supervision of any Committee, or Commissioners from this date until after the nomination of the Committee for the ensuing year, your Committee having been entirely drawn from Aldermen of two and one years standing and it will in fact occur that but one of the present Committee will remain in office after this date four members going out by seniority and one by resignation the ordinance for the regulation of the City Prison seems to require the appointment to the Committee of three Senior Aldermen, and of three who have served in the Council one year, but to guard against the inconvenience which has been adverted to, it would be expedient that the Junior members of the Council, should also be represented and that the ordinance if necessary should be so amended as to secure this result.

The past year having been the first of the existence of the present Institution, the duties of your Committee, have been anxious and their measures somewhat experimental whilst expenses have necessarily been incurred and labours directed to the production of permanent improvements which must preclude the consideration of the past as a test of the self supporting capabilities of the Institution in future years it will however be no doubt, acceptable to the Council to have presented in a summary view the outlay involved in the maintenance of the Prison and also of the amount of Labour performed by those in custody there.

The expenditure including the salaries of officers, fuel and provisions and outfit of establishment from the 1st of November last to this date has been, \$5837.54

During the eleven months ending at this date there has been 567 committals to the City Prison 242 of which were for 30 days or under 79 were for from 30 to 60 days exclusive of the former and inclusive of the latter, number 237 for from 60 to 90 days and 9 persons were by cumulative sentences condemned to a longer period of imprisonment—

Divided by sexes there have been 390 males and 177 females committed one here died and nineteen of the prisoners have been re-committed, 65 of these twice 32 three times 13 four times 5 five times 2 six times and 2 seven times

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City Prison
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Of the offences for which they were Punished 312 were cases of drunkenness or disorderly conduct, or both 182 were cases of larceny 36 of assault 88 of Vagrancy 32 of lewd conduct 5 of abusive or profane language and 4 for keeping disorderly houses. The remainder were cases of desertion from Her Majesty's service Contempt of Court &c, &c.

The largest number of prisoners in charge at one time was 93 which was reached on the 16th instant and the lowest 48 on the second day of March last the average number may be set down at 67 the number in confinement at the date of this report is 74.

The case of illness occurring in the establishment have not been registered until recently this therefore is an item in the statistics of the institution on which your Committee cannot afford full information in the present report, it is however proper to mention that there have been three cases in which symptoms of insanity have been developed after committal of prisoners and there has been one death resulting from delirium tremens at the time of imprisonment.

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The employment of the male prisoners has been chiefly in breaking stones of which 15,416 bushels have been supplied to the Superintendent of Streets the present season, and in working on the Common or Rockhead Farm. 319 days labour having been performed upon the former whilst on the latter 4 acres of land have been cleared and sown with potatoes and oats, and an acre of fallow has been grubbed and prepared for spring planting the yield of Potatoes from the land thus cleared has been 100 bushels and of oats 45 Bushels exclusive of one acre of oats suitable for fodder.

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Although the labour of prisoners competent for the respective tasks your Committee have had constructed 4 substantial Cut Stone piers for the entrance gates 6 feet high by 4 feet broad 136 perches of Stone Wall 7 1/2 feet high with coping, a picket fence inclining the ground in front of the Prison and an excellent well 29 feet deep. Have removed an old Barn that formerly stood at some distance from the Yard to a convenient position and converted it into commodious Waggan house and stable with three stalls, have build a large shed and Piggery and have effected other important and necessary building improvements.

In addition to the works already enumerated, the productive industry of the male prisoners in connexion with the Blacksmith employed by your Committee is represented by the manufacture of 18 pick-axes 7 spades 3 wheelbarrows 300 lbs Nails and Spikes of various sizes 219 yards of home spun 62 Slop Buckets for Prison use 44 Buckets and tubs for sale 75 pair of Shoes, 5 Herring nets 77 Vegetable nets and 39 foot mats.

The value of the work performed by the male prisoners is estimated by the Governor in a return appended hereto at \$1981.60

The female prisoners have been employed in Carding and Spinning Wool and Cotton, making and mending prisoners clothing and in washing and scrubbing &c from a return furnished by the Matrons your Committee find that the female prisoners have performed the following amount of work from November 1st 1860 up to date

Cotton,

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Cotton Carded and Spun	37 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs
Cotton Doubled and Twisted	145 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs
Wool Carded and Spun	328 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs
Mens and boys Trowsers made	44 pair
Mens jackets	8
Mens Shirts	91
Mens Socks	152 pair,
Womens garments	138
Womens and Childrens Stockings made	96 pair
Socks and Stockings footed	
otherwise Repaired	83
Sundrie small articles made.	17

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The Committee have constantly endeavoured to maintain a correct surveillance over the establishment to see that proper discipline was observed and at the same time they have exercised as much as liberty towards the prisoners as was consistent with the strictness requisite in such an establishment, bearing in mind that one grand object to be ever regarded in such an establishment is the reclamation if possible to virtuous society of such offenders as are yet unhardened in iniquity, there have been cases in which to great severity was found to be indispensable but these have happily been but few.

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Religious services are held in the building every Sunday at 9 and 11 O'clock, a.m. and at 3 P.M. no prisoner is required to attend the ministrations of any clergyman, but are of his own denomination while are free to receive if they wish religious instructions from any person admitted for the purpose of celebrating Divine worship.

The Committee feel it incumbent upon them to draw the attention of the Council to the inadequacy in number of the underkeepers engaged for the duties devolving upon them the desire of the Committee to carry on the establishment on the next economical plan has led them to refrain hitherto from pressing upon the Council the necessity for a larger staff, but looking at the increase which has been steadily taking place in the number of prisoners, the violent dispositions of some of those committed and the general necessities of the institution your Committee would urgently recommend that the next Committee should be invested with authority to obtain the services of one or more assistant underkeepers, as from time to time exigency may in their opinion cause two overseers, one constantly required in the yard it is not safe that all the prisoners there employed should be left in charge of but one man, as they generally were in the past season, nor is it prudent that any prisoners should be put to work outside the Prison without efficient oversight, as has hitherto been too frequently and unavoidably the case.

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It will not occasion surprise to those who are acquainted with the difficulties which present themselves in the management of such an establishment with an insufficient staff that several escapes have been made from the prison during the past year, these are much to be regretted, and the effect produced by the reports respecting them in the newspapers is injurious of such there have been since the appointment of the present Governor 26, nineteen of whom however, were recaptured within a very short time after their escape. This number of escapes in eleven Months

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Months, would however appear from a Statement furnished by the Governor nearly equalled by those which occurred in the four months preceding his appointment there being set down for that period 23.

The Committee in conclusion would avail themselves of the opportunity now afforded and their retirement from office to tender their thanks to the Council for the consideration which their suggestions have invariably received, and they trust that those in the interest of the Institution they now venture to make will also commend themselves to your approval.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) M. H. Richey
Chairman

and adopted. _____ On motion said report is received

_____ On motion the Council adjourn _____