

February 21st making out his Estimate for the present year, and presuming that the City Council
1163 do not intend to sanction the idea of paying Interest with Principals. I beg to suggest
to the Council the propriety of making a new Scale of Water Rates that will be sufficient
to meet all demands upon it - and I shall to inform your Worship that the Committee
are prepared to submit such a Scale

As the Water is now led into almost every House in the
Central parts of the City, and the Citizens are already saving a large sum in the
item of Insurance there can be no longer any fair or reasonable ground why the Water
Works should not be made to bear all the expences properly belonging to them

In addition to these Remarks I might add that the present
Water Rate, though not large is extremely troublesome, owing to the difficulty -
I may say impossibility of coming at any thing like accuracy in the Numbers assessed
a considerable portion of our population are weekly tenants who are changing their abodes
constantly while the assessment by law can only be made once in each year. The amount
of writing and other work caused by the present assessment is nearly double what it ought
to be - and what it might be, with a more simple mode

By John A. Bell Chairman

Office of Commissioners of Water Supply

The Commissioners having
arranged for the purchase of a piece of Real Estate from Charles Cogswell Esq I
take this opportunity of making some explanations while submitting the transaction for the approval
of the City Council

The Committee who negotiated the sale and transfer of the Water Com^y
Works and Property to the City, will remember that Dr Cogswell had a claim upon the
said property, for which the Company had been paying Dr Cogswell Five pounds per annum
this sum being for Ground Rent of a Pipe House erected by the Company, the City bought
the works &c. subject to said claim

The Commissioners having found in the progress of their operations
that it was indispensable for the City to own the property alluded to, agreed to give Dr Cogswell
Five Hundred and forty pounds, for the whole of his rights in the Chain Lakes to include Sixty
Acres of Land in the vicinity

As the price decided upon may appear large I may explain once
that the owner would take no less, and at first demanded considerably more, in the next place
there was no sort of agreement binding the Doctor to continue the annual charge of five
pounds per annum for aout. it was optional with him to raise the charge at any time,
nor had the Commissioners power to put up another Pipe House, or indeed any sort of
Building whatever, without paying for the privilege. There were rights also connected with
the flow of Water through the outlet of the Chain Lakes which had an important bearing on the
case, and there was further the possibility that the present owner would sue to other parties
when the consequences might be very serious, upon the whole the Commissioners felt that after
a large an outlay, it was not a safe position for the City to occupy, and deemed it to
be their duty to get possession of the property without delay. The Sixty acres of Land
included run over the adjacent hill, and although in one sense of little value, yet in
connection with future operations I doubt not this part of the purchase will be worth
to the City a very large sum

I would have submitted this matter for the consideration and
approval of the Council sooner, but there were strong reasons in which the interests
of the City were concerned, which prevented that course from being adopted

By John A. Bell

Chairman. C. W. S.

Report of Chairman
of Water Commission
etc.

February 6th
1863

On motion the foregoing Communications are referred to a Special Committee to report upon and the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Report of the Chairman of the Water Commission, with the exception of the portion referring to the Water Sheriff, be referred to a Special Committee to examine and report, and that they have power to examine and report upon the management and the general state of the Water Works

Moved by Alderman McCulloch seconded by Alderman Ackhurst, which on being put is passed

Committee Alderman Compton, McCulloch, Ackhurst, Coleman, Conway & Stekey

Read draft of act to further restrain the erection of Wooden Buildings within certain limits

On motion Alderman Jennings, McCulloch and Roche, with His Honor the Recorder, are appointed a Committee to prepare an address of congratulation to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on his approaching marriage

Ordinance rel. to
Stacks & Trucks

Read Ordinance relative to Stacks & Trucks a third time

On motion the same is ordered to be fairly engrossed and transmitted to His Excellency and Council for approval

Read Resolution of Alderman Ironneman relative to Hay Scales at Richmond Depot as entered on 24. April 1862 - when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Resolution be referred to a Committee to report on at an early day. Moved by Alderman Ironneman seconded by Alderman Coleman, which on being put is passed

Committee Alderman Jennings, Ironneman & Maynard
The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that in future all the Carts carrying Hay & Straw, which are in the habit of blocking up Blufford Row and other streets in the City, be allowed to stand on the Grand Parade, Moved by Alderman McCulloch seconded by Alderman Smalay, to which the following Amendment is introduced

Resolved that the Resolution just read having reference to the placing all Hay and Straw coming to market for sale on the Grand Parade be deferred for three months

Moved by Alderman Conway, seconded by Alderman Ackhurst, which on being put is lost

An amendment is next moved and lost and a call of Council made at City Hall

Read petition of Jas. Foster "see file" when the following Resolution is introduced

Whereas Mr. Foster has petitioned this Council asking to be relieved from his present position as a tenant holding a lease of property under the City M. at Market

Therefore Resolved that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that the said property be let at Public Auction in the usual way

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Leahy which on being put is passed

704
1863
February 6th

A. Motion of adjournment is next made, and lost

Read Communication from J. C. Craigie Clerk of Streets "in File"

upon
On Motion the same is referred to a Committee of three to report
Committee Alderman Ackhurst, Compton & Roche

Read Communication from Dr. Master General relative
to locating City Hospital

Commissariat Nova Scotia

Califax 10 January 1863

Comm. from Dr. General. rel. to
vacating City Hospital

I have the honor to state in reference to your recent
conversation with me on the subject of the City Hospital at present under lease to Her
Majesty's Gov. to 14 April next, that I have received the commands of the Major
General to inform you that the Building in question will not be required by H. M. G.
after the expiration of the present lease, namely 14 April next, on which date the
Building will accordingly be surrendered to the Corporation by the Military Authorities

I have the honor to be

J. Roubt D. S.

To the Chairman of the
Hospital Committee }

Read Statement of Commissioners of Poor. with Estimate
On Motion the same is referred to Committee of Public accounts

Read Quarterly Return of Clerk of Licences

Read Petition of J. P. Mitchell and others for a
Sewer. on Motion the same is referred to the Committee of Streets to report upon

The hour having expired since the call of the Council
on the Resolution, the same is again read when the following amendment is
introduced

Resolved that in future no Hay Carts or Waggon
laden with Hay or straw shall be allowed to stand on any of the public Streets or
Lanes of the City. Moved by Alderman Jennings and seconded by Alderman
Conway - which amendment on being put is lost and the names being called for they
appeared thus

For the amendment
Alderman Ackhurst
Conway
Jennings 3

against it
Alderman Cogan, M. Cullach
Compton Boggis
Jenneman Roche
Imlay Mahan &

On Motion the Council adjourn until to morrow at 3 o'clock

1863
July 7th

Martin P. Black is this day sworn into office as Fire Ward for Ward No 6

Thomas McCulloch and J. M. Margeson are this day sworn into office as Fire Constable for Ward No 6

At an adjourned meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Hill, McCulloch & Conway

There not being a Quorum to do business the Council stands ipso facto adjourned

The Committee appointed to consider that portion of the City Medical Officers Report relating to the proper care and treatment of the poor and the sick beg leave to report

That they placed themselves in communication with the Medical Society, in order to ascertain their views of the proposed changes, and received from that Body a Report so fully entering into the subject that your Committee deemed it unnecessary to do any more than submit the document to the Board "See File"

In reference to the Surgeon to the Poor Asylum the Committee fully agree with the Medical Society, that the office could not at present be abolished

With respect to the manner in which funds could be raised for the support of a General Hospital, the Committee do not deem that a subject for their consideration, as all financial schemes can only be dealt with by the City Council

The Committee are unanimously of the opinion of the City Medical Officer that a change is necessary, in the case of the sick and the poor and that the former in all cases should receive the benefit of Hospital treatment, while the latter alone should be inmates of the Poor Asylum

William Compton Chairman

On motion the same is referred to a Committee to report upon
Committee Alderman Compton, Dunbar, Egan, Ironman, Leaky & Jennings

Read Bill entitled an act to establish a City Court

Read first Clause which on being put is passed
I voting for the same and O against it and the names being called for they stood thus

For the Clause
Alderman Conway
McCulloch
Meynell
Rickey
Jennings
Pauster
Peggs &

against it
Ackhurst
Egan
Coleman
Imlay
Leaky
Ironman O

Alderman Ackhurst gives notice of reconsideration
On motion the Council rise

1863

February 13th

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present
His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Imlay, Hill, Mr. Cutcock, Dunbar, Meagher,
Ackhurst, Cagan, Alderman, Ironneman, Fallister, Leahy, Conway, Roche, Mynell,
Pichey & Jennings

Read over Proceedings of 8th & 9th February

The City Council were summoned to take up the business
standing over from last meeting and the transaction of other business

Alderman Meagher hands in report of Committee of
Hacks and Trucks received

Alderman Imlay hands in Petition from Rate Payers
Spring Gardens relative to drains "received"

Communication from
Board of Health Board of Health
Slaughter House

His Worship the Mayor hands in Communication from
Also Proposition from W A McAggy on subject of site for a
Also Communication from W Gibbs relative to his Taxes

Memorial from
Mr. Thompson

Also Memorial from Mr. Thomson Reporter on motion
same is referred to the Committee on Mr. Thomsons account to report upon

Draft of an address
to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on his approaching nuptials

Alderman Jennings hands in a draft of address
on motion the same is received and ordered to be fairly
engrossed for presentation

On motion His Worship the Mayor is unanimously
granted three months leave of absence to proceed to Europe and present the address

Petition of
Rate Payers.

this day "see file"
to report upon

Read Petition of Rate payers in Spring Gardens submitted
On motion said petition is referred to Committee of streets

Petition of Wm
Gibbs rel. to his Taxes

Motion said petition is referred to Committee of Taxes to report upon
Read Petition of Wm McAggy on subject of Slaughter
houses to report upon

Report of Com
of Hacks & Trucks this day

Read report of Committee of Hacks & Trucks submitted
On motion the same is referred to His Honor the Recorder
to prepare a Bye Law relative to Hacks & Trucks

1863

The City Council next proceed to the order of the day, and take up February 7th the Resolution relating to Hay Carts introduced last meeting

The said Resolution is read with amendments

On motion Alderman McCulloch has leave to withdraw his Resolution introduced last meeting, and the following Resolution introduced in its stead

Resolved that Carts, Waggon or Sleighs, with Hay, Straw &c be not permitted to obstruct the streets of this City, or to stand or remain thereon waiting for a purchaser

And be it further Resolved that until a purchaser is obtained the said Vehicles shall remain at Westings Country Market, or such other places appointed for the weighing of Hay &c, as can afford the requisite space for their accommodation

Moved by Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman McCulloch, which Resolution on being put is passed

Read Report of Committee of City property submitted this day

On motion the Chairman of Committee of City Property has leave to withdraw the same

Report of Com. of City Property

Ord. rel. to further restriction of Wooden Buildings

Read Bill relative to the further restriction of Wooden Buildings, within the City of Halifax

On motion the same is ordered to be fairly Engrossed and presented for approval

On motion the Council rise

February 19th
1863

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day present His
Worship the Mayor Alderman Smay. Hill. McCulloch Dunbar. Meagher
Ackhurst. Egan. Roggs. Frenneman. Hallister. Leaty. Conway. Roche. Meyner
Richey Jennings & Compton

Read over Proceedings of 12th February

The City Council were summoned to take up the business
standing over from last meeting, and the transaction of other business

Alderman Richey hands in report of Committee on
Communication of Commissioners of Water Supply received

Com. from Messrs
Williams & Loveman

Alderman Dunbar hands in a communication from
Messrs. Williams & Loveman, relative to their taxes received

Ordinance rel to
Stacks & Trucks

Alderman Meagher hands in additional Ordinance
relative to Stacks & Trucks received

His Worship the Mayor hands in Communication from
Chairman of Commissioners of Water Supply received

His Worship the Mayor leaves the Chair and Alderman
Dunbar takes the Chair

Read additional New Law relative to Stacks and trucks
submitted this day the same is read a first time
on motion the same is
handed back to the Committee for amendments

Read Report of Committee on Communications of the
Chairman of Commissioners of Water Supply

Committee Room B. Feb. 1863

The Committee to whom were referred the
communications from the Commissioners of Water Supply, submitted to the City Council
on the 6th instant beg leave to report

Report of Com.
on Com. of the
Chairman of Com.
of Water Supply

That they have carefully investigated the circumstances
of the purchase proposed to be made from Dr. Cogswell and have visited and examined
the property

They are of opinion upon full consideration that it is
desirable that the agreement made by the Commissioners with Dr. Cogswell should be
ratified

provided His Honor the Recorder upon full examination of the title
shall be satisfied of Dr. Cogswell's good right to convey an indefeasible estate in
accordance with the terms of the agreement

By M. H. Richey, Chairman

When the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Report just read
be received and adopted, and that His Honor the Recorder be requested to make
the necessary examinations of the title and report thereon to this Council

Moved by Alderman Richey seconded by Alderman Conway, which on being put is passed

1863
February 19th to their taxes

Read petition of Mr. Lawrence and Williams relative

report upon

On motion the same is referred to the Committee of Taxes to

Read Report of Committee on amendment of the acts

Read Bill entitled an act to establish a City Court

Meeting of Council

On motion the consideration of the same is deferred until next

submitted this day

Read communication from Chairman of Water Commissioners

Office of Commissioners of Water Supply
New York 14. July 1863

Sir

I have to inform your Worship that the Commissioners of Water Supply have not as yet been able to make a satisfactory arrangement with Mrs. Debin, the poor woman who was injured by falling into a trench in Grafton Street on the night of 15. Sep 1862

Communication from Chairman of Water Commissioners.

As there appeared to be considerable discrepancy with regard to statements of the facts relating to this case, the Commissioners have obtained the accompanying information collected by two Gentlemen of Character & Standing Messrs Philip Thompson and Patrick Power who have kindly consented to act in the matter

The notes of evidence thus taken though not up on Oath, will I trust assist in arriving at a fair conclusion

As your Worship had taken action in this affair some months since, I did not consider it necessary formally to report it, but of course the City Council alone must finally decide what compensation if any shall be given to the person chiefly interested

J. John A. DeW
Chairman C. W. S.

His Worship the Mayor

On motion the same is referred to a Committee to report upon
Committee Alderman Compton, Roche, and Pehey
On motion the Council rise

1863

February 20th At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present Alderman Meagher Chairman Alderman Compton Imray W^o Cullock Dunbar Ackhurst Egan Poggis Alderman Ironsman Wallister Leahy Conway Mayne Riehy & Jennings

Read over Proceedings of 19th February

The City Council were summoned to take up the business standing over from last meeting, and the transaction of other business

Alderman Meagher was appointed Chairman

Alderman Imray hands in Report of Committee of Stacks & Trucks

Alderman Ackhurst hands in Report of Committee of Public accounts

Alderman Jennings hands in Petition of Halifax Visiting Dispensary with report

Com. from

W. J. Almon Almon relative to his Taxes

Com. from His Honor the Recorder

The Chairman hands in communication from His Honor the Recorder relative to title of Land purchased from Dr Cogswell also communication from Chairman of Water Commission

Alderman Compton hands in draft of a Bill relative to incorporation of Halifax Street Railway

Com. from Mr. Crockett

The Chairman hands in a communication from Mr. Crockett claiming exemption from serving as Jure Constable
On motion an answer is requested to be sent to Mr Crockett that this Council has no right to interfere

Petition of G. Fulby to his Taxes
Report of Com of Stacks & Trucks

Alderman Wallister hands in petition of George Fulby relative to his Taxes

Read Report of Committee of Stacks & Trucks
on motion the same is referred back to the Committee for amendment

Read Report of Committee of Public Accounts

Alderman's Office 20. February 1863

The Committee of Public accounts met this day. present Alderman Conway. Wallister Compton & Chairman
Committee the Memorial of Mr. J. S. Thomson

The Chairman laid before the referring to his engagements as Reporter to the City Council after due consideration it was voted that his account be recommended for payment

Report of Com of Public Accounts

The following accounts were then submitted for examination

City	59. 25
Fire Department	131. 91
City property	14. 03
	<u>\$ 205. 19</u>

1863
February 23^d.

The Committee of Public accounts feel it to be their duty, to call the attention of the Council again to the system of advertising, the expenditure for the same is rapidly increasing, and they are of opinion, that all advertisements should be confined to those papers advertising for the City by Contract. The Committee have carefully examined the vouchers, representing the foregoing amounts, find them correct, and recommend that the same be paid.
Sij William Ackhurst, Chairman

Resolved that the Report of Committee of Public accounts be received and adopted, and that the Presiding Alderman be authorized to draw checks for the same

Moved by Alderman Paolster seconded by Alderman Ackhurst, which on being put is passed

Read Report from Board of Health

712
March 6th
1863

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day. present
Alderman Ashhurst Chairman, Compton, Smithey, Hill, Mr. Cuddeback, Dunbar
Meagher, Egan, Pegg, Coleman, Pennington, Pallett, Leaty, Conway, Roche
Meyner, Richey & Jennings

Alderman Ashhurst is appointed Chairman

Read Proceedings of 19th February & 23rd February

The City Council were summoned to take up a Bill to alter the
Franchise, and the transaction of other business

Alderman Compton hands in Report of Committee on petition
of Mrs. Dorn received

Alderman Roche reports from Committee on petition of J. B.
Crayon received

Alderman Hill presents petition from inhabitants of Warr /
for a Fire Engine received

The Chairman hands in Quarterly Returns of Weighers of Flour
and meal from 30. June to 30. Sep received also yearly return of
Commissioners of the Poor received

Also Communication from Secretary of Lancashire Relief Fund
acknowledging receipt of £1000 Sterling

Also letter from Duke of Devonshire enclosing account
Also a Bill entitled an act to alter the Franchise lately
presented to the Legislature received

Alderman Richey hands in Report of Committee of
City Prison with accounts for February. Received

Alderman Meagher hands in Report of Committee of
Hacks & Trucks received

Report of Com.
of City Prison

Read Report of Committee of City Prison submitted
this day when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the accounts of the City Prison just read
be paid and that the presiding Alderman be authorized to draw checks for the same
moved by Alderman Conway. seconded by Alderman
Richey which on being put is passed

The City Council next take up Alderman Ashhurst's
notice for reconsideration given last meeting

Reconsideration passed 8 voting for and 6 against it

On motion the further consideration of the Bill is deferred
until next meeting of Council

1863
March 6th

Read Report of Committee on Mrs John's Petition

Report of Com. on Mrs John's Petition

The Committee to whom were referred the letter of the Chairman of Water Supply in reference to the accident to Mrs John caused by her falling into a trench in Grafton Street opened up by the Commissioners for the purpose of laying down Water pipes beg leave to report as follows

That they have carefully read the Minutes of Evidence taken before Mr Patrick Power and Philip Thompson which evidence is annexed

That they have had before them Mr Power who gave it as his opinion that Mrs John is entitled to the sum of at least five hundred pounds or an annuity representing that sum

The Chairman of Commissioners of Water Supply and Mr Thompson were also before the Committee. Mr Bell suggested the annual sum of twenty five pounds as a fair compensation

The Committee then made the offer of twenty pounds per annum. but this sum was rejected on the part of Mrs John by Power as will be seen by the correspondence also hereto annexed

However upon a careful review of all the circumstances connected with the case the Committee feel bound to recommend Mrs John to the favorable consideration of the Council

Before closing the Committee beg to state that they did not fail to recommend to the Chairman of the Commissioners the necessity of exercising the greatest degree of caution in the prosecution of the Works under their control in order to prevent the possibility of any future similar occurrence and it was suggested to Mr Bell the propriety of having a rope along the side line of any trench left unprotected by earth &c and the placing of lighted lanterns at certain intervals on said rope during the night in order to warn passers by

Committee Room 6. March 1863

J. M. Corbett

The following letter was then read

Naupasa July 13. 1863

John A. Bell Esq Sir

Having been requested by you to make enquiry into and endeavour to arrive at the facts relating to the unfortunate accident which occurred to a Mrs John on the night of the 15. Sep last by falling into the Trench in Grafton Street excavated for the purpose of laying down new Water pipes for supplying an additional quantity of Water for the use of the City, whereby the said Mrs John received serious bodily injury, and to report the same to you in a fair and impartial manner

We therefore in accordance with your request proceeded to make the necessary enquiries, and now beg to enclose you a Report of the evidence resulting therefrom - it is the result of diligent and careful enquiry from persons living in the immediate neighbourhood where the accident occurred, and from such other persons as we could ascertain were in any way cognizant of the facts relating thereto. The Witnesses were all examined separately and apart, with the exception of Mrs Coolan and daughter and Mrs John and her daughter, and the most of them were examined on two separate and distinct occasions, with but little or no variation in their statements - we may also add that the evidence appeared to us to be given in a truthful manner

There may possibly have been others who witnessed the accident if so we have been unable to hear of them, we have therefore endeavoured to give as concisely as possible the evidence which we have been able to collect, regarding the whole matter which as you are aware, we were not empowered to take under oath, but which we trust will enable you to arrive at a definite conclusion for the settlement of the difficulty

Philip Thompson
Patrick Power

Letter to A. Bell Esq. re. to accident to Mrs John.

1863
March 6th

Read Statement of Witness taken before Messrs Flower & Thompson
The following letter was then read

Hampden 10. February 1864

Sir

In answer to your enquiries regarding
State of Drain excavated in Crafton Street during the summer of 1862, and more
particularly on the night of 15. September

I can merely state that the usual precautions
were taken of placing fences and keeping lights at all ends of excavations and intersections
of streets - a Watchman being on duty to see that none of the Lamps were meddled with
and to keep them trimmed and burning

Sy. Wm. P. Muir

Read Letter from Alderman Compton to Patrick Power

Hampden 2 March 1863

P. Power Esq

Sir

The Committee on the case of Mrs Dobson thought of recommending
to the Council the giving of the sum of Twenty pounds annually to her. do you think as
acting on Mrs Dobson's behalf. that this would be a satisfactory arrangement

Sy. Wm. Compton

Hampden March 4. 1863

W. Compton Esq

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your note of 2. Inst. saying that
the Committee on the case of Mrs Dobson thought of recommending the Council to give her
the sum of Twenty pounds annually, and asking if I thought it would be satisfactory
In reply I beg respectfully to say that this sum is too small being very little over one
shilling per day. It is my opinion that she ought to get few hundred pounds, but believe
that sooner than cause any difficulty she would take four hundred in hand, or
an annuity of Thirty pounds, and when it is considered that she is not only deprived
of the power of earning more than this, but is prevented from looking after her children
and rendered a severe sufferer for life, the sum named by me ought to appear very
reasonable

Sy. P. Power

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Report presented to this Council
by the Committee to whom was referred the case of Mrs Dobson. be referred back to the
Water Commissioners. together with all papers connected therewith in order to give
their reply to the document, and report to the Council without delay

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Jennings
which on being put is passed

Read Report upon Petition of J. C. Craigen

The Committee has the honor to lay before the Council
the correspondence with the City Treasurer on the subject of J. C. Craigen's petition
referred to them, in which he requests that the sum of fifty pounds be granted them for
services he would perform in collecting that portion of the taxes upon the Veterans
called Poor Tax, which appears to be uncollected by the present system

The Committee recommend a slight alteration in the
Assessment act. which it thinks will accomplish the object desired by the
Council. the draft of which amendments is here submitted

W. Roche Chairman
W. Camp

Report of Com.
on Petition of
Mrs Dobson

Report upon
the Petition
of J. C. Craigen.

J. C. Craigen