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Meeting of the City Council held this evening
President His Worship the Mayor in the Chair,
Alderman Sinclair, Montgomery, Mahony, Usher,
Richardson, Duggan, Walsh, Flinn, Safford,
Stout and Smith.

Read over proceedings of last Meeting which were confirmed.

On Motion the letter of resignation from William Smith as supervisor of Messengers of Coal as submitted last Meeting be withdrawn.

Alderman Montgomery submits report of Special Committee on Sewerage &c

Alderman Richardson submits report Committee on License fee for ensuing year.

Alderman Walsh submits petition of William Evans Esqr relative to alterations to Building.

On Motion the order of the day is suspended to read the various papers handed in this evening

Read Report of the Special Committee on Sewerage &c

Read Report of Committee on Tariff of Liquor Law for ensuing year

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Report of Committee of

Report
Common Tariff
Liquor Law
for ensuing year

Part of Committee met this day. Present, Ald. Sinclair & Richardson. No. being a quorum. There was no business transacted. But recommended that the tariff for the ensuing year be the same as it was for the former year 1870.

Robt Richardson
Chairman

resolution is introduced,

when the following

Resolved, That the following Scale of fees for the sale of liquors be

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Reared
Seal of Liquor
seal

be adopted for ensuing year viz

For Shop License	\$40.00
Tavern	35.00
Amiral Tavern	50.00
Saloons	40.00
Hotels	50.00

and that the Clerk of License be authorized to have the same published as the information of license holders. Moved by Alderman Richardson seconded by Alderman Sinclair, which on being put is passed.

Read Petition of Wm Evans asking permission to alter a building near New Engine ~~House~~

same is referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges to report on

Letter from Alderman Power regarding his office as Chairman of Committee of Laws & Privileges.

On Motion the same is accepted and Alderman Duggan is appointed to said Committee in place of Alderman Power

Read Report of Special Committee on the Capitalizing of Common Lots or Rents

Committee Room
March 3rd/71

Special Committee on Common Lots. met this day. Present. Alderman Sinclair Duggan. Grant.

Report
Special Com
on the Capitalizing
of Common
Lots.

The special committee appointed to confer with the leases of Common Lots on Spring Garden Road relative to their leases by purchase, beg to report that they had an interview with some of those gentlemen, who offered to pay twenty years rental down up the City Authorities should purchase these leases and give them a clear title in fee simple for their lots. That the Committee think is a very fair offer inasmuch as it would give a larger sum of one fifth for each of the same premises as their rental at six cents would give two the annual rental is say seven hundred and eighty dollars, that sum multiplied by twenty gives fifteen thousand six hundred and eighty.

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The interest on which at six percent gives nine hundred and thirty six dollars a gain to the City of one hundred and fifty six dollars by amending the Committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and that His Honor the Recorder be requested to prepare a bill for the purpose of carrying out that object.

All of which is respectfully submitted

John A. Sinclair
Chairman

is adopted

On Motion the same

Act relative to the above.

Read Draft of an

Resolution No. 1 is introduced.

when the following

Resolved, That the Bill for the Capitalizing of Common Lots be adapted and that the same be fairly engrossed and sent to the Legislature. Moved by Alderman Sinclair seconded by Alderman Duggan to which the following amendment is introduced.

Res
The Bill for
Capitalizing
Common Lots

That the Bill lie on the table till next meeting of Council. when amendment on being put it took 5 votes for the same and 7 against it.

being put is passed

Original Motion on

Committee of Ways & Privileges relative to alteration in Building Act.

Read Report of

same is received and laid on the table for the present

On Motion the

Chairman of Commissioners of Goetzman Street Offense with statements of fees of arbitration

Read Report of the

resolution is introduced

when the following

Resolved, That

the sum of five dollars recommended by the Commissioners of the Goetzman Street Offense and arbitrators fee be sanctioned by this Council and

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Commissioners of the
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and that they be authorized to pay that amount per diem to all person so employed. Moved by Alderman Montgomery seconded by Alderman Blackadar which on being put is passed.

Read Letter from John H. Bell Chairman of Commissioners of Water Supply relative to Water Supply to Richmond. On Motion the same lies on the table for the present.

Read Petition of the Inhabitants of Agriola and other Streets relative to Slaughter Houses. when the following resolution is introduced.

Res
rel. Slaughter
of Cattle

Resolved, That the whole subject of Slaughtering Cattle within the City limits, be referred to the Committee of the City to consider the best place to establish one or more public Slaughter houses to be built by the City and conducted under its control and report to the Council as an early day. Moved by Alderman Montgomery seconded by Alderman Boyd which resolution on being put is passed.

The following resolution is next introduced. Whereas it is understood that certain statements unfounded in fact have been made respecting the amendments to the Act providing for the appointment of the Commissioners of the Poor Asylum and Hospital recently passed by the Council which are calculated, if not resisted to affect the passage of the bill through the Legislature it is expedient therefore that the Board pass its adherence to the principle there where it is required by Law to lay out the City's money for the support of any public institution it should have a voice in the direction of the affairs of that institution, and moreover that the representatives so appointed should hold seats on the Council and thus be directly responsible to the rate payers.

Res rel
to Comrs of
Poor Asylum

The act ought to be amended when passed by the Council a few years ago if generally believed embodied the important principle

March 13th or Thursday I would never have been in the same
 but my two good days through the regulations the
 particular slides was all cleared up under the
 impression of the general page and the present
 them and the regulations that is proposed to fill in the
 present have submitted to hold the regulations
 although no longer members of the City Council
 I hope the City Council will give second day
 the same of the slides which on being shut
 it would be unimpaired.

of Aldermen are appointed to be present the
 Council before the City Council of the
 in accordance with the resolution

Aldermen Woodbury, Duggan, Blackman
 and Hyde.

Resolution to be introduced.

Copy letters have been made from the
 same reflecting the law and regulations
 in relation to the regulations of the
 of them changes that should be put
 of the same.

That a Committee of the Council be appointed
 to ascertain the nature of said regulations
 and their expediency and report to the
 Council. Moved by Alderman Wood
 of Alderman Blackman when on being
 given to proceed. Committee Alderman
 Blackman and Duggan

In Witness Whereof
 Council do now

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A Motion is made that the prayer of petition be granted. That it be referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges to report on, which amendments on being put is passed.

Read Report of Committee of Laws & Privileges on various petitions

Petition of Geo. W. Creed relative to Taxes on Merchants
Chas. McLeod Reading Room
On Motion the same is referred to Committee on Taxes

Petition of William M. Gray asking leave to alter building
Wm. Gray on Collins St.
On Motion the same is referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges to report on

Ready return of Clerk of License duty collected for year ending 15th March 1871
On Motion the same is referred to License Committee

Letter from Secy of the Progress of Woman's Rights Association relative to prizes for girls' competition
The same is referred to Committee Public Accounts

Letter from Mathew H. Dechert Esq. Solicitor on behalf of James B. Graham relative to nuisance from water in Locustman Street extension

Letter from Comrs of Poor Asylum
The Commissioners of Poor Asylum property and Maintenance of Hospital
On Motion the same is referred to Committee of Public Accounts

Ready Order of summons in suit of Mellet vs the Shipht for damage done or sustained in falling into drain in Jacob Street

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March 14th relative to his Taxes on Merchants Exchange Reading Room.

Also Petition of Mr. Messrs Gray relative to alteration to building

The Chairman submits return of Clerk of Quence to 15th March 1871.

also Letter from Mr. H. P. Hayes Esq. solicitor on behalf of James G. Graham relative to nuisance from over flow water in Dockman Street.

also Letter from Alderman Ritchie, Secretary, on behalf of Provincial Rifle association

also Letter from Dr. Hill Esq. Chairman of Commissioners of Provincial & City Hospital & appeal for aid due Commissioners of Poor.

On Motion, the order of the day is suspended to read the various papers submitted this day.

Read Report of Committee of Taxes on petition of Mr. H. H. H. when the following Resolutions were introduced:

Resolved, That

The report of the Committee on Taxes just read be received, read and adapted in accordance therewith. Moved by Alderman Duggan seconded by Alderman [unclear] which resolution on being put, is passed.

Read Report of Committee of Common March 14th 1871 relative to the Petition of Quence Club.

Alderman McCallloch has leave to submit petitions of John Cronan and others relative to water supply to Lower Road

Petition of James Farguhar

Read Petition of James Farguhar relative to Taxes of St. Baros

On Motion the same is referred to Committee on Taxes

Petition of Charles Robson

Read Petition of Charles Robson relative to alteration to New Building Hallis Street

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Read Report
of Special Committee on Sewerage
when the
following Resolution No 3 is next introduced

Res
rel to Report
of Spec Com
on Sewerage

Resolved, That
the Report of the Special Committee on Sewerage
be received and adopted and the attention
of His Honor, the Recorder be directed to the
recommendations respecting the laws relating
to the opening and deepening of New Street,
Moved by Alderman Montgomery seconded
by Alderman Duggan which resolution on
being put is opposed.

The following
Resolution No 5 is next introduced

Resolved, That
the City Treasurer be instructed to place to
the credit of the Committee of Streets the
sum of Five Thousand dollars to enable them
to commence work immediately. Moved
by Alderman Plum seconded by Alderman
Dove which resolution on being put is
passed.

On Motion Council adjourn

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Mails sworn in as
Police constable by Mayor this day

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same is referred to His Honor the Mayor the Chairman of Commissioners of Loecman Street with instructions to defend the same.

of John Gorman & others

of John Gorman & others relating to supply of water to Lower Road & Victoria Road.

Read Petition

same is referred to Commissioners of Water Supply to report on

On Motion the

from Commissioners of Poor Hospital and Hospitals for support of Paupers for 1870 also an account of Balance due by the City on ac. of Building funds

Read Accounts

same are referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on

On Motion the

of Halifax Yacht Club relating to coming carnival

Read Memorial

when the following Resolution No 2 is introduced,

Resolved,

That the memorial of the Royal Halifax Yacht Club be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts to report on the proposed appropriation for assisting carrying out the proposed aquatic carnival to be held in the harbor of Halifax and the Committee of Public Accounts be instructed and are hereby authorized to place the sum of one thousand dollars in the General Estimate of the current year for that object. Moved by Alderman Wolfe seconded by Alderman Macbratton which resolution on being put is passed.

The following Resolution No 3 is next introduced

Resolved,

That the Resolution referring the memorial of Provincial Rifle Association to the Committee of Public Accounts be rescinded and further,

Resolved that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated to the Provincial Rifle Association in answer to their memorial to the Council moved by Alderman Montgomery seconded by Alderman McCulloch which resolution on being put is passed unanimously

the memorial of Provincial Rifle Association

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Also Letters from
Chairman of Fire Boards and Messrs. Cornes &
Thompson on behalf of Messrs. Martin & Fenwick
relating to fire corner of Saeville & Granville
Streets

Also Letter from
John Conran relative to erection of Pound near his
premises

Also Letter from
Clerk of Peace relative to Quarter assessments for
1871.

Also Letter from
Robert Boyd of Bellairs Esq. relative to
removal of an Ordnance.

Also Letter from
Abalyn Jones relative to Cattle going at large
at Richmond

Also Petition
of Charles J. Math relative to a nuisance
near his property

Also Letter from
Dr. Hill Esq. Chairman of Commissioners of
Poor Appeal relative to a continuation of
Lease of Common Lots.

Also Letter from
George Spook Chairman of Commissioners
of Greenwood Street Extension relative to
Letter from James Thomson on behalf of
Alexander Hair

Regd Report
Committee of City Prison with accounts
for month March 1871.
City Prison, Halifax
April 5th 1871

The Commissioners of
the City Prison beg leave to report that
at a meeting of the Commissioners held
Committee of this day. Present the Chairman Alderman
City Prison Sinclair, Mahony, Walsh and Davis
with acc^t
for month of accounts were submitted and examined
March 1871

No	1	Alfred Son & Co (hardware)	19 02
	2	Davis & Co (hardware)	42 60
	3	John H. Dent (Drugs)	70
	4	J. J. Greening (Drugs)	31 25
	5	Conlon Bros (hardware)	3 00
	6	Alfred Son & Co (hardware)	2 10
	7	Thos Walsh (groceries)	53 35

over

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Afternoon Session

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Sinclair, Montgomery, Mathom, Uylde, Richardson, Gray, Duggan, Walsh, Blackadar, Graham, Taylor, Davis & Smith.

The Council were summoned to appoint 3 Commissioners for Poor Relief and Hospital and the transaction of other business.

Read over minutes of last Meeting which were confirmed.

Alderman Sinclair submits report of revisors of Electoral Lists with the Lists for Election 1871.

Alderman Gray submits report of Committee of City Prison with a/cs for month of March

Alderman Uylde submits report Committee on Taxes.

Alderman Mathom submits Letter from William McLeod relative to placing pleasure boats on Duffin Pond

Alderman Walsh submits Petition of Stephen P. Phelanrel to an alteration to his building

also Petitions of James Sutherland, Patrick Coleman and Henry P. Burton relative to alterations to Buildings.

Alderman Richardson submits Petition of Mathew Gama asking leave to alter building

Alderman Blackadar submits Petition of Harris Brothers relative to an alteration to Building

The Mayor submits Letter from Secretary of Halfway Beach Club with resolution passed at a Meeting of the Club

Also Letter from John B. Duffus resigning his office of City Auditor

Also Letter from John A. Pell Esq. Chairman of Commissioners of Water Supply with annual report to Decr 31st 1870

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Read act, relating to appointment of Commissioners of Poor Asylum and Hospital as passed last Session of the Legislature
Council proceed to appoint 3 Commissioners
On Motion of Alderman Byrde seconded by Alderman Duggan, Alderman Richardson, is appointed Commissioner.

On Motion of Alderman Kishik seconded by Alderman McCulloch, Alderman Duggan is appointed Commissioner

On Motion of Alderman Plac Kadaj seconded by Alderman Murphy, Alderman Taylor is appointed Commissioner

On Motion The order of the day is suspended to read the various papers handed in to day.

Read Report of Committee for revising Electoral Lists

Read Report of Committee on Taxes

Letter from Wm McLeod relating to placing pleasure boat on Griffins Pond.

The same is referred to the Committee of Common to report on.

Petition of S.P. Phelan relating to an alteration to his building

The same is referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges to report on.

Petition of James Sutherland, Patrick Young & Matthew Young relating to alterations to their buildings

The same are referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges to report on

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accts

8	John Farish	bro. ford	
9	A. G. Crowe	(straw)	2 89
10	Rich ^d Dawson	(fish)	40 63
11	John Parson	(lab hire)	4 00
12	Houlet & Co	(ox heads)	33 20
13	R. G. Frazer	(dry goods)	14 63
14	Conolly & Kelly	(oil)	3 35
15	Geo Hogan & Son	(stationer)	2 30
16	John F. Smith	(Lumber)	16 42
17	Ordinance Sale	(old bills)	9 49
18	Hospital	(sundries)	22 50
		(blankets)	3337 334.81

Employees

A	Ino. Mahan	19 00
B	M. Sullivan	18 00
C	J. H. Bell	18 00
D	Jas Doyle	18 00
E	Mar Doyle	10 00
F	Jes. Supt	10 00
G	Wm Cooper	30 00
H	Jas O'Brien	27 00
I	Geo Small	6 00
J	Harbo	2 00
K	Edw Evans	1 50
M	Subbt	8 00
J	D Sullivan	4 00
		<u>171.50</u>
		<u>\$506.31</u>

Amounting in the whole to the sum of Five hundred & Six dollars, and thirty one cents which accounts being found correct are recommended to the Council for payment.

Wm Myers Gray
Chairman

Resolved that when the following Resolution No. 1 is introduced the Report of the Commissioners of the City Prison read this day be adopted and that the account therein referred to be paid amounting to five hundred and six dollars and thirty one cents and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw a cheque for the same. Moved by Alderman Gray seconded by Alderman Sinclair which resolution on being put it passed.

Pres
Alderman
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Also Letters from
Chairman of Fire Boards and Messrs. Cornes & Thompson on behalf of Messrs. Martin & Fenwick relative to fire corner of Saeville & Granville Streets

Also Letter from John Conran relative to erection of Pound near his premises

Also Letter from Clerk of Peace relative to Quarter assessments for 1871.

Also Letter from Robert Boyd of Bellairs Esq. relative to removal of an Ordnance.

Also Letter from Abatye Jones relative to Cattle going at large at Richmond

Also Petition of Charles J. Math relative to a nuisance near his property

Also Letter from Dr. Hill Esq. Chairman of Commissioners of Poor Appeal relative to a continuation of Lease of Common Lots.

Also Letter from George Spook Chairman of Commissioners of Corporation Street Extension relative to Letter from James Thomson on behalf of Alexander Hair

Regd Report of Committee of City Prison with accounts for month March 1871.
City Prison, Halifax
April 5th 1871

The Commissioners of the City Prison beg leave to report that at a meeting of the Commissioners held at the City Prison on the 27th inst. the Chairman Alderman City Prison Sinclair, Mahony, Walsh and Davis with accounts were submitted and examined for month of March 1871.

The following

No 1	Alfred Son & Co (hardware)	19 02
2	James J. Co (hardware)	42 60
3	John H. Dent (Drugs)	70
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Letter from Henry Peabody & Harris Brothers relative to alterations to Buildings. On Motion the same are referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges.

Letter from Clerk of Peace relative to County assessment for current year. On Motion the same is referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on.

Letter from George Groves Esqr Chairman of Goebing Street Extension, relative to letter from James Thompson solicitor on behalf of Mr Alexander Moir.

On Motion the City Clerk is directed to furnish Mr Thompson with a copy of Mr Groves Letter and the Engineers Report on that subject.

Letter from P. Hill Esqr, Chairman of Commissioners of Poor Asylum relative to lease of lots on Common.

On Motion the same is referred to Committee of Common to report on.

Letter from John Cronan Esqr against placing of cattle pound near his residence. On Motion the same is referred to Committee of City Property.

Letter from Secretary of Halifax Cash Club with copy of resolutions passed at a Meeting of the Club.

Read Letter from James P. Duffus Esqr asking to be relieved from serving as City Auditor, on consequence of ill health.

On Motion Mr Duffus is excused, and Thomas Dalton is appointed auditor in his place.

Read Letter from John Esson & Robert Road Administrators of Estate of Late John Esson relative to the removal of a Herdrant.

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Read act, relative to appointment of Commissioners of Poor Asylum and Hospital as passed last Session of the Legislature
Council proceed to appoint 3 Commissioners
On Motion of Alderman Byrde seconded by Alderman Duggan, Alderman Richardson, is appointed Commissioner.

On Motion of Alderman Kishik seconded by Alderman McCulloch, Alderman Duggan is appointed Commissioner

On Motion of Alderman Plac Kadaj seconded by Alderman Murphy, Alderman Taylor is appointed Commissioner

On Motion the order of the day is suspended to read the various papers handed in to day.

Read Report of Committee for revising Electoral Lists

Read Report of Committee on Taxes

Read Letter from John McLeod relative to placing pleasure boat on Griffins Pond.

The same is referred to the Committee of Common to report on.

Read Petition of S.P. Phelan relative to an alteration to his building

The same is referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges to report on.

Read Petition of James Sutherland, Patrick & Matthew Young relative to alterations to their buildings

The same are referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges to report on

Letter from John McLeod

Petition of S.P. Phelan

Petition of James Sutherland, Patrick & Matthew Young

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On Motion The Report is adopted with the exception of that part which refers to the Young Men's Catholic Club which Motion on being put is passed

The following Resolution No 2 is next introduced.

Res
ref to Petition
Young Men Club

Resolved, That while this Council would be disposed to grant the prayer of the petition of the Young Men's Catholic Club for permission to erect a wooden building with the eaves district of the City they are advised that such building would be a violation of law and consequently that this Council having power to grant such permission Moved by Alderman Gray seconded by Alderman Nash which resolution on being put is passed

The following resolution No 3 is next introduced

Resolved, That the opinion of His Honor the Recorder in regard to the Electoral Lists prepared by the revisors, and the amendments made by the Legislature, disfranchising Dominion Officials and whether the Revisors should not amend the lists laid on the table as required by Law and that said opinion be made in writing and submitted to the City Council on or before the 18th inst. Moved by Alderman McCulloch seconded by Alderman Taylor which resolution on being put is passed.

On Motion
Council Adjourn

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Afternoon Session

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Sinclair, Montgomery, Childs, Blackadar, Taylor & Fish. There not being a quorum to do business the Council stands adjourned until tomorrow at same hour.

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Afternoon Session

At an adjourned Meeting of City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman McCulloch, Cahony, Richardson, Murphy, Blackadar & Fish. There not being a quorum to do business the Council stands adjourned until further notice.

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Afternoon Session.

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Honor the Mayor in the Chair Alderman Sinclair, Northcote, McCulloch Napton, Bylde, Richardson, Gray, Power Walsh, Taylor, Story, Davis, and Nesbit.

The Council were summoned to proceed with business standing over from previous Meeting and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of last Meeting which were confirmed.

Alderman Gray Chairman of Special Committee on letters from Messrs Combes & Thompson on behalf of Hartens & Co & Thomas Stewart relative to damages, submits report of that Committee.

Alderman Sinclair submits petition of Thomas Payne & Dykes relative to drain on Board One Splice Street.

Alderman Richardson submits petition of Messrs Thomas & Co asking leave to alter building.

Alderman Power submits petition of James Adams asking permission to alter building.

Alderman Gray submits Letter from Charles Reed re: tax on Reading Room.

His Honor the Mayor submits quarterly petitions of neighbors of St. Paul & Neal to 31st March 1871.

Also opinions of Recorder on Electoral Lists prepared by Revisors.

Also Letter John LeDarr City assessor relative to appointment of additional Board Assessors on Board Five.

On Motion the order of the day is suspended. To read the various papers submitted this day.

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Read Report
Special Committee on Letters from Messrs
Coombes & Thompson relative to damage to
Messrs Martin & Co premises.

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City Court House
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The Committee appointed
by the City Council to investigate and
examine into the various circumstances
connected with the claims made upon the
City by Thomas Fenwick Esq and Messrs Martin
and Company for damages alleged to have been
sustained by them in consequence of the
breaching into and carrying of hose through the

Report
Special Com
on letters
from Messrs
Coombes &
Thompson
relative to
damages to
Messrs
& Co premises

Report that on George Street owned by Mr Fenwick and
Special Com occupied by Messrs Martin and Company. On
the night of Saturday the 1st or morning of
Sunday the 2nd of April instant they leave the
Thompson report as follows.

Your Committee examined
several witnesses who were present at the
of the alleged breaching and entering and find
the facts to be that some time after the fire
broke out in Durtons building at the corner
of Granville and George Streets, it was found
that ample water could be thrown on the rear
of the building the fire could not be checked,
the access could be gained by the firemen to the
attic of the building through the building
itself, as there was no communication to the
that way and the only passage to it being
through Mr Gates shoe factory having been
impassable from the apertures of smoke
that filled the building, it was unanimously
decided by Ald Duggan chairman of the Fire
Board Mr Power, John Slum, and Charles Donald
Eggs all fire wardens and Alderman Mc Gulloch
that passage should be taken of Messrs
Martin & Co store and the hose carried through
it in order that the fire might be attacked
on the rear. One Mr Martin was on his way from
England and the other lived in Dartmouth
and the Alder Mr Hemford who had the
keys of the store could not be found, so the
firewards had the door forced open and
the hose led through the building and out
of a

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of a sky light in the base roof on to a flat roof of a projection at the rear of the building whence the firemen could command the rear of the burning premises and by which means they effectually extinguished the fire. All parties agree that the move was a wise one and the bringing under of the fire in so short a time afterwards was the result of the gaining so commanding a position by the firemen.

Continued Great care seems to have been taken by the officials that no extraordinary damage should be done the building or goods for hose bursts in the shop and police men were stationed at the door to prevent any but properly authorized persons from entering the building: but all hose will leak or speak more or less and as a consequence some of the floors in the shop were considerably wetted and holes were cut through them to allow the water to run off. The sky light through which the hose was passed out in the rear was guarded with iron bars and in removing them some damage was done to the window frame and the plaster adjoining it and a small hole was made by the jaws apparently through the zinc of the roof. Some of the plaster on the ceilings from being wetted was discoloured and possibly some of the zinc on the flat room where the men stood may have been scratched by the nails in getting boots. Your Committee regret to say that there was produced on behalf of Mr. Smith an appraisement signed by three respectable mechanics estimating the damage to the building at two hundred and twenty five dollars as your Committee after a sitting and carefully examining the building cannot divine where such an amount of money could be expended in repairing all the damage that was done the building on the occasion referred to.

Three gentlemen in the same business as Messrs. Martyn & Co have estimated the damage at seventy five dollars and thirty cents and your Committee are of opinion that the estimate is a fair one. Your Committee are not prepared to give an opinion upon the law in this matter but should it be decided by

April 21 of this Council to make good such losses as were incurred in these particulars added. Your Committee would recommend that as Messrs Martin & Co business was stopped for a week in consequence of the use of fire premises were put to on this occasion they should receive the full amount above referred to as appraised at Seventy five dollars and thirty cents. But as to Mr. Tenert's claim your Committee would recommend the sum of Seventy five dollars be tendered him in full of all damage, and to save trouble; but should the same not be accepted, your Committee recommend that the repairs be made at the expense of the City as they feel convinced that the same could be done to the entire satisfaction of the proprietor for something less than one third that amount of money.

All of which is respectfully submitted
 Wm. J. Gray
 Chairman

Petition
 The same is received and adopted Read *Petition*
 The Payne, Hoag, Payne & others relative to Drain required
 in Ingle Street Ward one.

Petition
 The same is referred to Committee of Streets
 of William Thomas relative to Building alteration

Petition
 The same is referred to the Committee of Laws and Privileges
 asks leave to present Petition from William Gans Esqr against Petition of Stephen R. Pelham who is seeking further building Privileges

Petition
 The same is referred to Committee of Laws and Privileges
 James Adams asking permission to alter a building

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Letter from Chas McCred
Reading Room

Read Letter from Chas McCred relative to Taxes on Exchanges
On Motion the same lies on the table for the present.

Letter John S. Parry Esq.
City assessor relative to the
appointment of two additional assessors
for Board Five.

Read Letter from John S. Parry Esq. City assessor relative to the appointment of two additional assessors for Board Five.
On Motion the Letter is referred to special Committee on revision of assessments
Sawyer

Petition
of William Evans Esq.
Stephen P. Phelan

Read Petition of William Evans Esq. relative to building of Stephen P. Phelan
On Motion the same is referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges.

Returns of Weighers of Flour & Meal to 31st March 1871
Read, quarterly

The following Resolution No. 1 is next introduced
Resolved, that Alderman Sinclair act as Mayor during the next ensuing absence of His Majesty from the City. Moved by Alderman Hubbit, seconded by Alderman Power, which on being put is passed.

Read Opinion of His Honor the Recorder relative to Electoral Exits

Read Report of the Committee on Taxes of 29th March 1871

Committee Room
Halifax 27th Mar 1871

Committee on City Rates and Taxes met this day. present.

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Committee
on Taxes

Alderman Duggan
Alderman Taylor, and the Chairman
Eliza Campbell. The petition of Eliza Campbell having had due consideration of the Committee recommend that the prayer of the same be granted to the extent of two thirds of the amount assessed

Jay Sarguhay
agent
John B. Ware

The Committee cannot recommend the

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agent for
John W. BabesReport
Com. Sales
continued

The application of James Sarguham agent of John W. Babes for a remission of a year's property on Goodman St. the inconspicuous incidental to the alteration and improvements on said street having already had due consideration; and owners of property having been reimbursed for any loss sustained; the Committee do not feel warranted in recommending any abatement in this case.

Chas McCreed The petition of Chas McCreed requesting a remission of taxes on his Reading Room appears as he states to be founded on a practice of the City Council. The Committee on referring to the Statute cannot find any exemption in favor of such an institution and would respectfully leave the matter to the decision of the Council.

Mrs O Bryan On further consideration of the petition and affidavit of Ellen May O Bryan the Committee recommends that the time be extended for making the usual affidavit in due form and when the same is submitted the Committee will be able to report as to the merits of the petition.

All of which is respectfully
submitted

John D. Wolfe
Chairman

On Motion
The Clauses 1 & 2 relative to Miss Campbell and John W. Babes petitions are passed and adopted

On the Clauses
relating to Mr Charles McCreed's petition being read the following resolution No. 2 is introduced

Resolved,
That

Petition of McCreed asking a remission of
the

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to be taxed upon the Merchants Exchange Reading Room be granted, upon conditions that Mr Wood will in future keep posted in a conspicuous place in the Reading Room a list of persons entitled to the use of the same. Moved by Alderman Gray seconded by Alderman Power which on being put is passed.

The Clause in report relative to Mrs Ellen O'Brien Taxes is received & adapted.

Chas. J. Math

Read Petition of Charles J. Math relative to nuisance near his premises.

On Motion the same is referred to Internal Health Committee.

Alderman Montgomery resolution by way of Notice relative to order of business of Council is next taken up and read as follows.

Resolved.

That reports of Committees petitions from Citizens notice of resolutions and all other matters requiring the action of the Council be taken up in the order in which they are presented and numbered on the general order of business 1. 2. 3. & 4 as the Case may be and that this general order shall not be suspended without unanimous consent of the Council. Moved by Alderman Montgomery seconded by Ald. Hyde which resolution on being put is passed.

Read Report Committee of Laws & Privileges relative to various suggestions and alterations in Building Act.

The same is adopted, and His Honor the Recorder is requested to prepare a Bill in accordance therewith, and also consult the Committee of Laws & Privileges.

A Motion that the Council adjourn on being put is passed & voting for the same 4 against