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January 9th

"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Mac Coy, Mackintosh, Sedgewick, Spelman, Smith, O'Mullin, Mac Sellow, Shand, Cad, O'Bryan and Long-ard.

The Council were summoned to consider "The report from the Special Committee in reference to letter from the Mayor of Quebec on the subject of making Halifax the Winter Terminus for Canada Pacific Railway. To proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of Meeting held on 31st December 1883 which was confirmed.

Alderman Mac Coy, Chairman submits report from Special Committee on letter from Mayor of Quebec in reference to making Halifax the Winter Terminus of Canada Pacific Railway.

Alderman O'Mullin, Chairman submits Report Committee City Prison on accounts for December 1883.

Alderman Mackintosh submits letter from Joseph P. Mear, Proprietor St. James Oyster and Dining Saloon in reference to damages to business in consequence of the public street being roped off to prevent an accident from Queen's Building.

His Worship the Mayor submits the copy of Assessment Book as prepared by the Relief Assessor for the use of the Revisors of Electoral Lists for 1884.

Also a Report from City Clerk covering a number of accounts received from the Board of Fire Wards.

Also a Report from City Collector of Rates & Taxes of the amount of Rates received for month of December 1883

Also a letter from Thomas Clarke, Fire in reference to new fire escape.

On Motion of Alderman Mac Coy seconded by Alderman Smith the "Order of the Day" is suspended to take up the papers handed in this day.

Report Committee in re letter from Mayor of Quebec.

Committee in reference to letter from the Mayor of Quebec on the subject of making Halifax the Winter Terminus for the Canadian Pacific Railway. (Report Printed see file)

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"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Mackintosh, Sedgewick, Mac Dougall, Spelman, Stephen, Mac Sweeney, O'Mullin, Theakston, MacLellan, Woodill, Cad, O'Bryan, Longard.

The Council were summoned to appoint Revisors of Electoral Lists for year 1884 and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of meeting held on 9th January inst. which were confirmed.

Alderman Woodill, Chairman of the Board of City Works submits a report from the Board of Works on proposed New Tariff of Water Rates.

His Worship the Mayor submits an account from the Board of Mines & Works for the support of Paupers in Poor Asylum and Hospital to 31st Decr. 1883.

Also a Report from His Honor the Recorder in reference to suits against the several parties for violation of the Building Act.

Also a letter from The Secretary of Halifax Visiting Dispensary in reference to annual grant to that Institution.

On Motion of Alderman Woodill seconded by Alderman MacLellan The 'Order of the Day' is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Report Board of Works in re new tariff for Water Rates.

Read Report from the Board of City Works, ^{on} the subject of the proposed new tariff for Water Rates

On Motion of Alderman Woodill seconded by Alderman MacLellan Resolved that the Report be considered at a special meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday the 22nd inst at 8 O'clock P.M. and that His Worship the Mayor be requested to call a meeting for that evening. Motion passed.

Account from Board of Public Charities

Read An Account from the Board of Public Charities for support of paupers in Poor Asylum and Hospital to 31st Decr. 1883.

On Motion of Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman Longard The same is referred to Committee of Public Accounts to examine and report on.

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The Mayor do issue a proclamation respectfully requesting all citizens on and after that date to adopt such "Standard Time".

December 7th 1884.

Respectfully Submitted.
Robt. Sedgewick.
Chairman.

Resol. rel.
to Standard
Time

Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman O'Mullin that the report just read be adopted. Moved in amendment by Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman O'Byrne and Resolved that the report be received and that instead of the recommendation therein made this Council so far as it has power to do so adopt as the time of the City "Standard Time" that is to say the time of the 60th Meridian shall on and after the first day of March next be considered and held as the Standard time of the City of Halifax and His Worship the Mayor is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation respectfully requesting all citizens on and after that date to adopt such "Standard Time" which amendment on being put is passed & voting for the same 4 against it. Alderman Sedgewick being excused from voting.

Report Mayor
& Recorder rel.
to Dalhousie
College grant.

Read Report from the Mayor and the Recorder on the subject of letter from George Thomson Secretary of Dalhousie College asking payment of \$500 grant to College as per agreement of settlement.

On Motion of Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman Woodill the said Report is received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor is authorized to pay said amount from Estimate of current year.

Report Comm-
ittee of Laws
& Privileges
on several
matters

Read Report from Committee of Laws & Privileges in reference to letter from David Barry Supervisor of Coal Measurers of Coal and other matters which were referred to them.

Halifax December 7th 1884

The Committee on Laws and Privileges to whom was referred a letter from David Barry Supervisor of Coal Measurers in reference to Supervisor of Coal Measuring beg to report as follows

(1)

Council pass the following Resolution.

They recommend that the City

Resolved that hereafter the Committee on Laws and Privileges the Chairman and Members thereof shall have the same authority in relation to Coal Measurers as are now vested in the Committee on Police the Chairman and Members thereof in relation to the Police Force of the City.

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can be provided no colored children shall be admitted into any other schools, and shortly thereafter the Board assigned separate schools for colored children. The Committee are of opinion that the School Board has power to rescind such resolution the order of the Council of Public Instruction being only permissive and not obligatory. They are further of opinion that, in this city, when white and colored citizens are equally taxed in proportion to their property for the support of public schools, and where from the nature of the case the colored schools so called not being graded or equipped as other schools can not be equally efficient or afford as advanced education as is provided for white children the discrimination authorized by the resolution in question is unjust and should be at once abolished. They therefore recommend that the Council adopt this report that a copy thereof be sent to the Council of Public Instruction with a respectful request from the City Council that the Minute of the 7th of November 1876 above referred to be rescinded and that a copy be also sent to the School Board this Council respectfully soliciting such Board to rescind the resolution authorizing and legalizing separate schools for white and colored children and to make such regulations as will enable the children of all citizens irrespective of color to enjoy the same privileges of education in the public schools of the city.

All of which is respectfully submitted
 Robt. Sedgewick
 Chairman

up Seriatim.

On Motion the same is taken

to Letter from 'Supervisor of Measures of Coal.'

On Motion of Alderman

Macintosh seconded by Alderman Sedgewick The said clause is received and adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause (No 2) in reference to Letter from "The Evangelical Alliance" on the subject of "Sabbath Desecration" &c.

On Motion of Alderman

Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Mac Sweney The said report is received and adopted.

Read clause (No 3) on the subject of letter from Henry H. Johnson & others in reference to system of having separate Schools for "colored children" and complaining thereof.

On Motion of Alderman

Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Mac Sweney The said clause is adopted.

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On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman McC Sweeney The report of the Committee as amended is adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

On Motion of Alderman O'Byron seconded by Alderman Sedgewick.

"The Council Adjourn"

"Evening Session"

1884

January 22nd

At a Special Meeting of the City Council summoned for this evening Present Aldermen Mcackintosh, McC Dargall, Hesselin, Smith, McC Sweeney O'Mullin, Cheakston, McC Lellow, and O'Byron.

The Council were summoned for consider the Report of Board of City Works on proposed new tariff of Water Rates.

There being no 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 Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Mackintosh, Sedgewick, Mac Donnell, Hesselev, Stephen, O'Mullin, Sheehy, Mac Lellan, Woodill, Shand, Cad, O'Bryan and Langard.

The Council were summoned to consider "Report from the Board of City Works on proposed new tariff Water Rates" and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of Meetings held on 15th and 22nd January inst. which were confirmed.

Alderman Mackintosh, Chairman submits Report from Committee of Public Accounts on certain a/c's from Fire Department.

Alderman Mackintosh, submits Petition of Thos. G. Johnson v. the Watchmakers and Jewellers in reference to illicit sale of watches on streets of the City of Halifax.

Alderman Mackintosh, submits two Notices of resolution in reference to the preparation of certain Acts for the Legislature.

His Worship the Mayor submits Letter from H. G. Hamilton, City Collector in reference to preparation of list of the defaulters for City Taxes under clause 77 of New Assessment Law.

Also a Letter E. F. Pittman in reference to Fire Escape invented by him.

Also a Letter from Arthur Dwydale, Solicitor in reference to suit in Supreme Court Mooney vs Mooney.

Also Report of City Auditor in the Letter from Rueben J. Hart in re Sidewalk Sinking Fund.

Also Letter from William Bilby in reference to vacancy in Local Measuring Department.

Moved by Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman Woodill The "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Report Committee Public Accounts.

Public Accounts in reference to certain a/c's for Fire Dept. services.

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Letter E. St.

Pittman re to the Board of Firewards
Fire Escapes

Letter Mr. Bilby

man in reference to Fire Escape invented by him.

in reference to vacancy in Civil Measuring Department.

Read letter from E. St. Pitt-
On Motion the same is referred

Read letter from Mr. Bilby

Read following Resolution

Resol. rel to
Bill for various
city loans.

No one as submitted by Alderman Mackintosh Resolved that
His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare a Bill to be submit-
ed to the Legislature to cover the following:

1st To borrow on short loan Debentures repayable in three yearly instalments to be included in Assessments for years 1885, 6, 7 for the purchase of 3000 feet of hose for the Fire Department.

2nd To borrow \$2,300 to be added to amount of next years to pay the following arrearages and over expenditures with one years interest viz: Interest due Association for the Relief of the Poor on purchase of broken stone. Sundry bills for labor on account Board of City Works. Sundry bills for over expenditure on Fire Department.

3rd To reduce salary of City Treasurer to \$1500. Moved by Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman Sedgewick that the above resolution be referred to the Committee of Laws and Privileges to report on.

Resol. rel to
salaries of City
Engineer and
others

Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare a bill to be submitted to the Legislature to allow the City Council to include a sum in the assessment of 1885, 6, 7, 8. sufficient to repay to the City Engineer and other Civic Officials and Members of the Police force the amount deducted from the Salaries in the years 1880-81-82.

Moved by Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman O'Mullin that the said resolution be referred to Committee of Laws and Privileges to report on.

"Order of the Day" taken up.

Report Board
of Works in re
new tariff of
Water Rates.

Read Report from the Board of City Works on the proposed new tariff of Water Rates.

Office of Commissioners.
Board of City Works.
Jan. 14th 1884.

The Commissioners of the Board of City Works beg leave to report for the information of the City

January 29th

"Afternoon Session"

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair, Aldermen Mac Kay, Mackintosh, Spelman, Stephen, Mac Sweeney, O'Mullin, Mac Lellan, Woodill, Shand, Cad, Mac Pherson, O'Bryan and Longard.

The Council were summoned to proceed with the consideration of the proposed new tariff of State Routes, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 25th January 1884 which were confirmed.

Letter Mayor of Quebec in re Winter Terminus C.P. Railway

Moved by Alderman Mac Kay seconded by Alderman Stephen That the Letter from "The Mayor of Quebec addressed to Alderman Mac Kay on the subject of making Halifax the Winter Terminus of Canada Pacific Railway and as to the appointment of a delegation to Ottawa on the said subject be now considered. Motion put and passed. Read said Letter when the following resolution No one is then introduced,

Resol in re Terminus Canada Pacific Railway.

Resolved That a delegation be appointed to proceed to Ottawa in conjunction with delegations from the Cities of Quebec and St. John with the view of pressing upon the Dominion Government the great necessity of having the outlet of the Canada Pacific Railway within the Dominion of Canada. Moved by Alderman Mac Kay and seconded by Alderman Stephen which resolution on being put is passed 10 voting for the same 3 against it and the names being called for appeared thus:

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| For the Resolution | | Against it. |
| Ald. Mac Pherson. | Shand. Longard. | Ald. O'Bryan. Cad. |
| Spelman. Mac Kay. | O'Mullin. | Mac Sweeney. 3 |
| Stephen. Mackintosh. | Woodill | |
| Mac Lellan. 10 | | |

Resol. rel. to delegation to Ottawa

On Motion of Alderman Mac Kay seconded by Alderman O'Mullin Resolved That three delegates from the Council and two from the citizens be appointed by this Council. Motion put and passed.

Appt. delegation to Ottawa

On Motion Alderman Mac Kay, Stephen, and Shand are appointed the delegates, Alderman O'Bryan and Mac Sweeney dissenting.

Resol. in re appt. delegation to Ottawa

The following Resolution No Two is introduced. Resolved That the Honl. A. G. Jones and Thos. E. Kenny Esq. be appointed as citizens delegates to accompany delegates from City Council and if either of those

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Report Board
of Works on
proposed tariff
of Water Rates

Resol. in re
proposed tariff
of Water Rates

of City Works on proposed Tariff of Water Rates.
one as entered last Meeting.

Resolved that the principle of
the Bill be adopted and that it be considered clause by clause.
Moved by Alderman Woodill seconded by Alderman MacCollom to
which the following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that the Old Scale of
Rates which has hitherto been in use by the Water Department be
amended by substituting a rate of $\frac{1}{5}$ of one per cent on the assessed
value for a "Fire protection Rate" the same to be levied upon the owner.
Also a rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ of one per cent on the valuations as a general usage rate
the same to be levied on the tenant.

All special rates as laid down by
the Old Scale to be considered and if found necessary amended clause
by clause. Where the rate for protection is unfair to Real Estate
Owners if levied on Real Estate on which there are no buildings a
reduced rate be adopted which shall make it equitable and that the scale
and report be referred to the Board of City Works to amend in accord-
ance with the foregoing and reported up to the Council. Moved by
Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman O'Bryan which
amendment on being put is passed by voting for the same 5 against it
Alderman MacPherson gives notice of reconsideration of amendment.

On Motion of Alderman
O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Shand.

"The Council Adjourn"

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February 27th

"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Mackintosh, McCaugall, Stephen, McCweeney, O'Mullin, Sheakston, McCollum, Woodill, Shand, Esq. McCPherson, O'Bryan, and Langard.

The Council were summoned to receive a report of Committee of Laws and Privileges. To proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 29th January 1884, to Alderman McCPherson's Notice of reconsideration in reference to the amendment on proposed Tariff for Water Rates Moved by Alderman McCPherson seconded by Alderman McCollum That the said amendment be re-considered which Motion on being put is passed.

Read Minutes of City Council of Feb. 5th, 15th and 19th which were confirmed.

On Motion of Alderman McCPherson seconded by Alderman McCollum Resolved That the Report of the Scale of Water Rates be referred back to Board of City Works to amend and arrange and report to City Council as early as possible.

Alderman O'Mullin Chairman submits a report from Committee of City Prison on a/c for month of January 1884.

Alderman McCweeney submits a petition from J. Oland & Sons and other License Liquor Dealers in reference to the New Dominion License Law.

Alderman Woodill, Chairman of Board of City Works submits an Extract from the Minutes of Board of City Works in reference to loan for Water Extension with resolution thereon.

Alderman McCweeney, Acting Chairman submits a report from Committee of Laws & Privileges on the several matters referred to them

His Worship the Mayor submits report from City Clerk on several accounts for various services for consideration of Committee of Public Accounts.

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No 1 is introduced.

Resolved That the report of the City Prison Committee be received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for payment of the same in all \$190.74. Moved by Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Stephen which resolution on being put is passed.

An Motion of Alderman Shand seconded by Alderman Mac Pherson The "Order of the Day" is suspended to take up item No 3 on the said "Order" viz: Petition of S. Smedley & al. in reference to Moulgrave Park.

Petition Smedley
Smedley & others
in re Moulgrave
Park.

Read Petition of Samuel Smedley and others in reference to certain improvements required in Moulgrave Park.

Resol. rel. to
Richmond
Park.

Read following resolution as submitted by Alderman O'Bryan.

Resolved That an Act of the Legislature be applied for, to borrow the sum of Two thousand dollars for the purposes of fencing in and improving Richmond Park and His Honor the Recorder is hereby requested to prepare an Act in accordance herewith. Moved by Alderman O'Bryan seconded by Alderman Longard which resolution on being put is passed 11 voting for the same 11 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus:

For the Resolution

Aldermen Mac Sweney. O'Mullin.
Smith. Spelman.
Mac Pherson. Cad.
O'Bryan. Theakston.
Woodill. Mac Lellan.
Stephen. 11

Against it

Aldermen Mac Donnell.
O'Mullin. Shand.
Macintosh 4

The following resolution submitted by Alderman Mac Sweney by way of Notice is taken up under the suspension of "The Order of the Day"

Resol. in re
repairs to
Grand Parade

Resolved That the sum of Five thousand dollars be borrowed for the purpose of repairs re to Grand Parade and that the Recorder prepare An Act to be submitted to the next Session of the Legislature for that purpose Moved by Alderman Mac Lellan seconded by Alderman Stephen which resolution on being put is passed.

introduced.

The following resolution is next

Resol. rel. to
fencing Public
Gardens.

Resolved That the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars be placed in the Bill to go to the Legislature for the purpose of completing the fencing of the Public Gardens. Moved by Alderman Mac Lellan seconded by Alderman

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On Motion of Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Woodill The "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Petition Sign-
now Dealers. Read Petition of a Number of Signor Dealers and others in reference to the issuing of license under the Dominion License Act.

Letter Secty.
School Com- Wilson, Secretary of Board of School Commissioners in reference to sum required to be assessed for School purposes for 1884-85.

Letter Secty.
Board of Wilson, Secretary of Board of School Commissioners covering resolu- tion of School Board in reference to Assessment on property of School Board.

in re property
of School Board On Motion of Alderman McC Sweeney seconded by Alderman Heeslin The same is referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges to report on.

Report Com-
mittee of Laws
Privileges Read Report from Committee of Laws and Privileges in reference to License fees of Insurance Companies and other matters which were referred to them

On Motion of Alderman McC Sweeney seconded by Alderman Songard The said Report is received and adopted

Letter J. N.
Byron on beh- Read Letter from J. N. Lyons Solicitor on behalf of the Young Men's Literary Association on the subject of Taxation of their property

Young Men's
Literary Association Read Draft of an Act to amend the Act Incorporating the Young Men's Literary Association.

On Motion of Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Shand The same is referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges to report on.

Letter Chief
Assessor in Barry, Chief Assessor in reference to City Assessment matters & a Assessment matters Moved by Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman McC Sellow The same is referred to Committee of Laws and Privileges to report on.

Extract Min-
utes Board of Board of City Works in reference to funds required for Water of Works. on Supply extension.

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Extract from Minutes of Board of City Works.
February 11th 1884.

On Motion the Chairman is authorized to submit a resolution at next meeting of the City Council requesting that Body to instruct the City Recorder to prepare a Bill for the ensuing session of the Legislature to enable the City to borrow the sum of Twenty thousand dollars for water extension the said amount to be obtained from time to time in such sums as may be necessary.

A. True Extract

J. B. Johnston.
Clerk of Works.

When the following resolution

No 5 is introduced.

Resol. in re
Bill to borrow
for water exten-
sion.

Resolved That His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare a Bill to present to the Legislature in accordance with the accompanying Extract. Moved by Alderman Woodill seconded by Alderman Longard which resolution on being put is passed.

Report City
Clerk in re a/c

Read Report from the City Clerk in reference to several accounts for printing, stationery &c for consideration of Committee of Public Accounts.

Office of City Clerk.
Halifax Feb 27th 1884.

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Committee of Public Accounts the following a/c for advertising, printing and other services

Your Obedt. Servt.

Thomas Robind
City Clerk.

Stationery		Contingent	
Buckley & Allen	\$159.79	George W. Newell.	\$ 20.00
G. & J. Philips 2 a/c	40.20	Fire Dept.	
Printing		Hex. Gas Light Co.	214.75
Blackadar Bros	71.48	City Building	
Advertising		Hex. Gas Light Co.	120.75
Blackadar Bros.	69.79	Citizens Library	
Chas. Ammond.	6.00	Hex. Gas Light Co	9.50
			<u>\$ 712.26</u>

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March 7th

"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Mac Coy, Macintosh, Sedgewick, Mac Dargall, Heeslin Stephen, Mac Sweeney, O'Mullin, Sheakston, Mac Bellan, Woodill, Shand, Cad, Mac Pherson, O'Bryan and Sargard

The Council were summoned to receive the report of Committee of Delegation in re Winter Port. To proceed with the business standing over and the transaction of other business.

Read proceedings of Meeting held on February 27th which are confirmed.

Alderman Mac Coy, Chairman submits report from Committee of Delegation to Ottawa on Winter Port question.

Alderman Sedgewick, Chairman submits report from Committee of Laws and Privileges on various matters submitted to them.

Alderman Woodill, Chairman submits Report from Board of City Works on an amended Scale of Water Rates.

Alderman Shand submits Petition of Charles Inglis in reference to fine imposed on him in Police Court for violation of Ordinance relative to removal of snow.

Alderman Mac Coy submits a resolution by way of Notice in reference to obtaining a loan for Extension of Fresh Water Bridge Sewer, and also for Extension of South Park Street.

His Worship the Mayor submits a Draft of an Act in reference to authorizing a loan for the City of Halifax and for other purposes, as prepared by His Honor the Recorder under resolution of City Council.

Also a Letter from John Menger Secretary of Church of England Institute with Draft of An Act to amend the Act Incorporating said Association.

Also a Letter from Messrs Motton and Sargley, Solicitors for William Peddle complaining of an illegal distraint on his goods for Taxes

Also the Monthly returns from Collector of Taxes of City Rates and Taxes collected in February 1884.

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On Motion of Alderman Mac
boy seconded by Alderman Mac Pherson The same is referred to His
Honor the Recorder to report on.

Read Resolution (No 1) as
submitted by Alderman Mac boy which being objected to is laid
over

Account from
Mrs Harrison

Harrison for a pane of glass broken in giving an alarm of fire at
Mer Duffus 12th January 1884.

On Motion of Alderman Mac
boy seconded by Alderman East The "Order of the Day" is suspended
to allow Alderman Mac boy to bring up his resolution relative to
license fee for sale of intoxicating liquors. Motion passed.

Resol. rel to
license fee for
sale of liquors

Read following resolution subm-
itted by Alderman Mac boy by way of Notice.
Whereas it appears by a recent
decision of the Honorable the Privy Council of England that the
Local Legislature has the power to grant license for sale of Intox-
icating liquors and may limit its sale:

Therefore Resolved That the
Recorder be instructed to draw a Bill to be submitted to the Leg-
islature at its next Meeting for its approval embodying the following
First That hereafter the City
Council shall charge a license fee of not less than One hundred
and fifty dollars.

Second. That the City Clerk shall
advertise the name of every applicant for a liquor license for the
space of seven days.

Third That every objection to a
license shall be handed in writing containing the grounds of said
objection to the City Clerk for consideration by the License Committee
and subject to review by the City Council in case the license is
granted, and the grounds of the said objections shall be the same as
that mentioned in Sub Section 1, 2 & 3 of Section 17 of the liquor
license Act of 1883 all such objections shall be held openly and a
copy of the objections shall be served on the applicant who shall
be required to negative the same.

The number of licenses hereafter
to be granted shall be limited to one for each two hundred and fifty
of the first one thousand of the population and one for each five
hundred over one thousand of the population

Every person who makes any
false affidavit or declaration of the fact that each and every of the
persons signing a petition for the granting of a license shall be guilty
of perjury and punished accordingly. Moved by Alderman Mac
boy seconded by Alderman Sheakston.

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Rodger O'Brien having been appointed Captain of "The Union Engine Company" and by virtue thereof a Fire Ward of the City of Halifax was this day sworn into office by His Worship the Mayor

March 11th

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Sedgewick, MacDougall, Hesketh, O'Mullin, Theakston, MacLellan, Cad. O'Bryan and Langard.

The Council were summoned to consider the Acts to go before the Legislature, also the amended Scale of Water Rates and the transaction of other business of importance

The being no 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 Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Mac Coy, Macintosh, Mac Dougall, Hesselev, Spelman, Mac Bellan, Woodill, Cad. O'Byrne, Longard.

The Council were summoned to consider the Acts to go before the Legislature, also the amended Scale of Water Rates and the transaction of other business of importance.

Read over proceedings of Meeting held on 7th and 11th March instant which were confirmed

His Worship the Mayor submits Report from His Honor the Recorder or Letter from John Menger, Solicitor of Church of England Institute in reference to Draft of an Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of said Institute.

Also a Report from His Honor the Recorder in reference to Letter from Messrs Motton and Longley, Solicitors of Mrs Piddle.

Also Resignation of William Nesbit as "Commissioner of Public Schools" for the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman O'Byrne seconded by Alderman Mac Coy that this Council adjourn until 1/2 past seven this evening to afford an opportunity to the members to attend the funeral of late Alexander Stephen Esq. Motion put and passed unanimously.

2 days O'Byrne having been
Council Company, and the votes
of 4 votes was this day sworn into

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March 14th

"Evening Session"

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this evening Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Macintosh, Sedgewick, MacDougall, Smith, Sheakston, MacLellan, Woodill, Shand, Cad. O'Byrne and Langard

The Council met pursuant to adjournment from "this afternoon" The Minutes of afternoon Session read.

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Macintosh The "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Report His Honor the Recorder.

Read Report from His Honor the Recorder on the Letter or Notice of action from Messrs Mottan and Langley, Solicitors for William Peddle in reference to the distraint upon his property for City Taxes.

Report His Honor the Recorder.

Read Report from His Honor the Recorder on Letter from John Menger, Solicitor of Church of England Institute in reference to taxation of their property.

Resignation W. Nisbet as Commr. of Schools.

Read Resignation from William Nisbet Esq. of his office as Commissioner of Schools for the City of Halifax.

On Motion of Alderman Woodill seconded by Alderman Sheakston Resolved that the resignation of William Nisbet be accepted, and the Council be notified that at the next meeting the vacancy will be filled up.

The "Order of the Day" is then taken up.

Resol. in re liquor licenses. fees

Read the Resolution as entered at last Meeting submitted by Alderman MacLay in reference to Licenses in the City of Halifax with the amendment as introduced by Alderman Langard.

On Motion of Alderman Langard seconded by Alderman Sheakston, Alderman Langard has leave to withdraw his amendment and allow Alderman Sedgewick to introduce the following in lieu thereof.

Resolved that the resolution of the 27th day of February last respecting licenses be rescinded and that a petition be addressed to the local Legislature requesting that an Act be passed authorizing the City Council to collect from persons applying for license under the Liquor License Act of 1883 for civic purposes the following fees. For Vessel License \$50⁰⁰

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3rd The Committee report that they have considered the advisability of applying to the legislature for leave to borrow money to recompense certain City Officials the ten per cent alleged to have been kept back for their salaries under previous resolutions of the Council and they recommend that no such application be made. They have given special consideration to the claim of the City Engineer and are of opinion that the City is liable to pay him \$400⁰⁰ that amount having been deducted illegally from his salary. The contract between him and the City provided that his yearly salary should be \$2000⁰⁰ and no deduction could be made from such salary without his consent which was never given. The Committee therefore recommend that provision be made in next years estimates for payment of the amount due and they are of opinion that no legislative enactment is necessary to enable the Council to pay this claim.

4th Committee have carefully considered the letter of the City Assessor in respect to the salaries of the two Assistant Assessors referred to the Committee by the Council. The Committee are of opinion that in view of the very great and onerous and responsible duties performed by the Assessors and in view also of the fact that a large amount of work is imposed on them by the Statute in consequence of their being obliged to levy a poll tax and ascertain the names of all persons liable in the City therefor the salary of \$800⁰⁰ allowed by law to be paid each of them is altogether inadequate and should be considerably increased. The Committee do not however deem it advisable that at the present time a change in the law should be applied for but recommend that at the next session of the legislature application be made giving the Council full authority to deal with the question and pay the officials in question salaries proportionate to the work and responsibilities of their office.

5th The Committee recommend that the resolution of the Board of School Commissioners be complied with and that application be made to the legislature placing the property of the Board upon the same footing in regard to taxation as City Property.

6th The Committee recommend that the request of the Young Men's Literary Association be complied with and that the City Council offer no opposition to the Bill submitted providing that certain property of such Association be exempt from taxation.

The Committee submit herewith a draft Bill which they recommend should be approved of by the Recorder and Council and sent to the legislature for enactment.

The Committee report that they have examined the claim of Joseph P. Mear for damages and in conjunction with His Honor the Recorder they find that the City is not responsible for the alleged damages and cannot recommend

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Read clause Seventh in reference to claim of Joseph P. Moarr for alleged damages
On Motion of Alderman Shand seconded by Alderman Sedgewick The said clause is passed.

Read Eighth clause in reference to Chapter 35 of the Acts of 1874 and Chapter 28 of the Acts of 1883 to which the following amendment is introduced to be added thereto.

Resol. rel to City Property

Resolved that a clause added by the Recorder to the proposed Bill authorizing the Sale by the City of the lands held in trust for the City of Halifax by ^{the} Ashurst et al at Freshwater also the building and lands on the Market Slip and that upon such clause being added the bill be sent to the Legislature. Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Woodill which amendment on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman O'Bryan That clause as amended be passed Motion put and passed

The Ball of Council having expired on the Resolution No 1 the same is now before the Council.

The following amendment is Moved by Alderman Longard seconded by Alderman Mac Coy.

Resol. rel to the issue of licenses.

Resolved that the License Committee be requested to have an advertisement published notifying liquor dealers that licenses will if desired be issued to applicants under the provisions of the present local law for the ensuing year and also that if any of the present license holders desire to have their licenses renewed or extended until the 1st May next they will be extended on payment of \$6⁰⁰ This advertisement to cancel all previous ones on this subject.

After Debate 11.15 P.M.

Moved by Alderman Woodill seconded by Alderman Mac Dougall The the Council adjourn Motion put and lost.

The original resolution No 1 having been withdrawn the amendment is now before the Council as the original resolution and on being put is passed 10 voting for the same 3 against it and the names being called for appeared thus:

For the Resolution

Aldermen Smith, Sheakston
Sedgewick, O'Bryan
Shand, Longard.
Mac Dougall, Cad.
Mac Bellon, Mac Coy 10

Aldermen Woodill, Spelman
Macintosh 3

Alderman Mac Coy tenders his resignation as Chairman of License Committee

March 18th

"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Mackintosh, Sedgewick, Mac Dougall, Hesselein, Spelman, O'Mullin, Sheakston, Mac Lellan, Woodill, MacPherson, O'Bryan and Langard.

The Council were summoned to appoint a Commissioner of Schools for the City of Halifax and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of last Meeting to Alderman Woodill's Notice of reconsideration of Resolution in reference to Licenses.

Moved by Alderman Woodill seconded by Alderman MacPherson That said resolution be reconsidered Motion put and lost 5 voting for the reconsideration 7 against it

Read Balance of Minutes which were confirmed.

His Worship the Mayor submits Monthly Statement of Expenditure and Income in the City Treasurers Office for Month of February 1884

Draft of an Act rel to license duty.

Also a Draft of an Act prepared by His Honor the Recorder entitled an Act to impose a duty for Municipal purposes on licenses granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Halifax with Petition to the House of Assembly. The same are read and approved of.

Appointment of a School Commissioner.

The "Order of the Day" is taken up viz: "The Appointment of a School Commissioner" to fill the vacancy of William Kiebet Esq.

Moved by Alderman O'Bryan seconded by Alderman Mackintosh That Alderman Sheakston be appointed School Commissioner. Moved by Alderman MacPherson seconded by Alderman Langard That Henry D. Blackadar be appointed School Commissioner

The names are taken with the following result.

For Alderman Sheakston.	For H. D. Blackadar.
Aldermen Mackintosh, Spelman, Sedgewick, O'Mullin, Hesselein, Mac Dougall, O'Bryan, Mac Lellan. 8	Aldermen Woodill, Langard, MacPherson 3

Alderman Sheakston declared Elected the School Commissioner for the City of Halifax

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March 21st

'Afternoon Session'

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Macintosh, Sedgewick, MacDougall, Spelman, Stephen, O'Mullin, MacLellan, Woodill, Cad. O'Bryan and Longard.

The Council were summoned to receive and consider the Draft of An Act to enable the City Council of Halifax to alter and regulate the Assessment of Water Rates in the City of Halifax and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 18th March 1884 which were confirmed.

Alderman O'Mullin, Chairman submits report from Police Committee on the Petition of residents of Robie and other Streets West side of Common.

His Worship the Mayor submits Draft of An Act to enable the City Council of Halifax to alter and regulate the Assessment of Water Rates in the City of Halifax as prepared by His Honor the Recorder.

Also a letter from B. A. Weston President of Halifax County Rifle Association asking a grant toward the Prize fund.

Also a Petition of George W. Henry and other Victuallers in reference to Sale of Produce, meats &c. on Streets by Hawkers.

On Motion of Alderman Longard seconded by Alderman Macintosh The "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Report Police Committee on Petition from residents West. Robie and other Streets West in re additional of Common asking two additional Police.

City Building
November 20th 1884.

At a Meeting of the Committee on Police, held this day the following were present Aldermen Stephen Shand, MacDougall, Longard and the Chairman.

Your Committee beg to report on the petition of the residents of Robie, Oxford, and Jubilee Streets, as follows, that we recommend that the prayers of the petitioners be granted as soon as the Council is in a position to do so.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Patrick O'Mullin, Chairman.

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Letter Recor-
-der in re suits
for violation of
Building Act.

the Recorder in reference to the several suits in Supreme Court for
violation of Building Act.

Read Letter from His Honor
the Recorder in reference to the several suits in Supreme Court for

Recorder's Office
Halifax Jan. 14th 1884.

Gentlemen

In accordance with the resolution of Council I have taken proceedings against all persons who were reported for a violation of the Building Acts within the past five years viz: Michael White, William Gaul, Stephen Tobin. (Rennsey, Johnston & Co) J. H. Jenkins and P. McCerron (Thomas & Co) Charles Myzett Alfred Graves, John Walker, with the following result. White, Gaul, Tobin, have been convicted by the Judge and the building in each case declared a nuisance and I enclose herewith copies of the Judges order so that the Council may take action thereon.

In Graves case the violation was slight and if the case is intended to be pressed the Judge will require further evidence I think however that the matter can be arranged to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Buildings and nothing further has been done pending a probable arrangement.

The information given me that Walker was the owner of the building altered proved wrong and I was obliged in consequence to abandon proceedings against him just before the trial which will involve payment of his costs (about \$18) by the City on discovery of the owners name Mrs Margaret Hood. I took proceedings against her for the violation for which Walker was reported and which are now pending.

On the trial of Gauls information it appeared that he was the owner of only one half the building altered the Northern half belonging to the Estate of Kearney are proceedings to be taken against the owners of that part of the building.

The Counsel of Jenkins and McCerron have stated their intention to appeal from the order declaring the building at the corner of Barrington and Sachville Streets a nuisance and have obtained from the Judge further time for putting in security.

Your Obedt Servt.

J. N. Ritchie.

Recorder.

No 3 is introduced.

When the following Resolution

Resol. rel to
violations of
Building Act

reported by His Honor the Recorder that certain Buildings erected by the following persons viz Michael White, William Gaul, Stephen Tobin, Thomas H. Jenkins and Peter McCerron and Charles Myzett have been declared by a Judge of the Supreme Court to be nuisances under the provisions of the City Charter. It is hereby directed and ordered

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On Motion of Alderman Woodill seconded by Alderman Stephen The same is passed and ordered to be engrossed and sent to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Council for approval.

Alderman Woodill has leave to lay upon the table of the Council a resolution by way of Notice in reference to appointing three Commissioners to revise the City Charter, and prepare a bill in accordance therewith.

Several items on the "Order of the Day" having been considered passed upon were struck off the said order.

Read following resolution submitted by Alderman Longard some time since.

Resol. rel to extension of water pipes to Cotton Factory

Resolved that the City Board of Works be directed to furnish this Council at its next meeting with a statement of the cost of Extension of Water pipes to Cotton Factory. Statement to give length and size of Main and number of Fire Hydrants (if any) included in cost and to say whether excavation was through rock or soil, and also if length of pipe for which cost is given terminated at Cotton Factory's line or Hemp Road or not. Moved by Alderman Longard seconded by Alderman Sedgewick which resolution on being put is passed.

Petition Charles Fairbanks.

On Motion of Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman Sedgewick The Petition of Charles Fairbanks in reference to his services in re Water Supply is referred to the Board of City Works to report on.

On Motion of Alderman Longard seconded by Alderman Woodill

"The Council Adjourn"

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April 1st

Committee held this day the following were present Aldermen
Macintosh, Woodill, Heeslein, Stephen and the Chairman.

The following accounts were received found correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

J. Allen & Sons	\$ 8.00	Sheakston & Angwin	\$ 2.29
G. P. Henry	9.90	in Repairs Account	
H. D. Harrington	31.10	Macintosh & McC James	2.72

Respectfully Submitted.
Patrick O'Mullin,
Chairman.

When the following resolution
No 1 is introduced.

Resolved that the report of the
Committee on City Prison be received and adopted and His Worship
the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for payment of
same in all \$ 54.08. Moved by Alderman O'Mullin seconded
by Alderman Stephen which resolution on being put is passed.

On Motion of Alderman McC
Sollon seconded by Alderman Stephen the "Order of the Day" is
suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Report Board
of Works in re
Grand Parade.

of City Works. in reference to Grand Parade and Dr Logswell's offer
toward its improvement.

Read Report from The Board

No 2 is introduced.

Resol. rel.
to Grand
Parade

Resolved that His Worship
the Mayor renew negotiations with B. G. Gray Esq. Agent for Doctor
Charles Logswell. (London) to ascertain if the Four Thousand Dollars
previously offered by Doctor Logswell to ornament the Grand Parade
cannot be secured to be used with the Five Thousand Dollars expected
to be voted by the Legislature. Moved by Alderman McC Sweeney
seconded by Alderman Stephen which resolution on being put is
passed.

Report Board
of Works

of City Works on cost of Water Extension to the Cotton Factory (per
resolution of Council)

Read Report from The Board

Letter Inspec-
tor of Buildings
in re violation
of Building
Act by G. J. Fluck

Johnston Esq. Inspector of Buildings in reference to violation of
Building Act by G. J. Fluck Hollis Street.

On Motion of Alderman McC
Sweeney seconded by Alderman O'Mullin the said letter is
referred to His Honor the Recorder to take immediate steps against
Mr Fluck for said violation

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Report Board of Works.

Read Report from the Board of City Works on letter from Chas. Fairbanks.

Letter Secty. Fire Wards in re a/c.

Read letter from R. Sutcliffe Secretary of Board of Fire Wards covering a number of a/c from Fire Dept.

Letter John Starr in re Railway.

On Motion of Alderman Cad seconded by Alderman Mac Donnell the same are referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on.

Read letter from John Starr Esq with a Draft of an Act to incorporate the Halifax Railway Company also the Report from the City Engineer thereon.

On Motion of Alderman Mac Sweeney seconded by Alderman Sheakston the same is referred to Committee of Laws and Privileges with his Honor the Recorder and City Engineer to report thereon as early as possible

The 'Order of the Day' is taken up

Draft of an Act rel to liquor license duties

Read Draft of an Act to impose duties on license issued under the Dominion License Act 1883 as published in the paper and now before the Legislature.

Resol rel to liquor license duties

When the following resolution No 3 is introduced.

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor with the Senior Alderman for each Ward be a Committee to wait on the Legislative Council and to request them to so alter the recent License Act passed by the House of Assembly as to give to this Council the whole amount of fees to be imposed under said Act. Moved by Alderman Sheakston seconded by Alderman Mac Bellan which resolution on being put.

A "ball of council" is made by Alderman Mac Sweeney at 5 o'clock P.M.

Report in re extension South Park Street.

Moved by Alderman Stephens seconded by Alderman Mac Donnell that the Council adjourn Motion put and lost 5 for 6 against it

Read Report from the Appraisers appointed to value land for extension of South Park Street

Read following Resolution as submitted by Alderman Woodill in reference to New Building Act.

Handwritten notes in the left margin, including names like 'Alderman Mac Sweeney', 'Alderman Sheakston', and dates like 'April 1st'. Some notes are partially obscured or written in a cursive script.

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Resol. Appt.
Committee to
frame a new
Building Act.

Resolved That a Committee from this Council in conjunction with a number of Builders be appointed to frame a New Building Act and report to this Council
Moved by Alderman Woodill seconded by Alderman Spelman which resolution on being put is passed.

Committee Aldermen Sedgewick Spelman, Mc Sweeney, Mc Lellan. Woodill and O'Bryan also Messrs S. Mc. Brookfield, W. G. Kisswell, S. D. Marshall, William Kismet with John B. Johnston. Clerk of Works.

Resol. in re
revision of
City Charter.

Read following resolution submitted by Alderman Stephen in reference to revision of City Charter.

Resolved that Three Commissioners be appointed by this Council to revise the City Charter and prepare a bill to be submitted to the Legislature at its next session and that sum of One Thousand Dollars be set apart from the Contingent to pay therefor as follows \$250 to each Commissioner and \$250 for incidental expenses. Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Mc Sweeney which resolution on being put is passed.

Alderman Mac Coy and Alderman Sedgewick comes in under "Call of Council"

Moved by Alderman Mc Dougall seconded by Alderman Ead That the Council adjourn.
Moved put and lost 6 voting for 7 against it

Alderman Shand comes in.

6 P.M. The "Call of Council" having expired the Resolution No 3 is now before the Council and on being put is passed 9 voting for the same 4 against it and the names being called for appeared thus:

For the Resolution.

Aldermen Sheakston, Shand.
O'Bryan, Woodill.
Sedgewick, Spelman.
Mc Lellan, Mackintosh.
Stephen 9

Against it.

Aldermen Hessler, Mc Sweeney
Mc Dougall, Ead 4

excused from voting

Alderman Mac Coy on motion

On Motion of Alderman O'Bryan seconded by Alderman Sheakston.

"The Council Adjourn"

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The Committee on Laws and Privileges to whom was referred the Draft of Bill to Incorporate the Halifax Railway Company beg to report as follows:.

1. Inasmuch as a Horse Railway through the City will be a great public convenience they approve of the principle of the Bill.

2. They recommend however that the City Council take measures to have the Bill amended in several important details such necessary amendments being set out in the report of the City Engineer hereto annexed.

3. The Committee call the attention of the Council to the difficulties experienced by the City authorities with the old City Railway Company and are of opinion that if the amendments suggested by the Engineer be inserted in the Bill no such difficulties will be likely to occur again.

4. They recommend that a copy of this report with the City Engineers statement be sent to Mr Starr and that His Worship the Mayor, His Honor the Recorder and the Chairmen of the Committee with the City Engineer be requested by the Council to watch the proposed Bill and obtain such amendments to it as are hereby recommended.

Respectfully Submitted.

Robt. Sedgewick.
Chairman

Present at Committee
when above report was adopted.

John P. Longard.

Robt. Sedgewick.

Patk. O'Mullin.

W. B. McCweeney.

Thos Spelman.

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman O'Mullin the said report is received and adopted.

Report City Clerk.

Read Report from the City Clerk in reference to three boys sentenced to Halifax Industrial School.

Petition G. J. Luck

Read Petition from George J. Luck in reference to the action against him for a violation of Building Act.

On Motion of Alderman Mac Coy seconded by Alderman Stephen the same is referred to the Board of City Works in conjunction with His Honor the Recorder to report on.

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On Motion of Alderman Langard seconded by Alderman O'Byrne that the Council adjourn on being put is lost.

On Motion of Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Mac Coy the 'Order of the Day' is suspended to allow Alderman Stephen to introduce the following resolution (No one).

Resol. in re City Treasurer Salary.

Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare a bill to be sent to the Legislature reducing the City Treasurer's Salary to \$1500. Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Mac Sweeney.

"Ball of Council" is made at 1/4 to 5 by Alderman Langard on above.

On Motion of Alderman Mac Sweeney seconded by Alderman Mac Coy the Order of the Day is suspended to allow Alderman Mac Sweeney to introduce a resolution as follows:

Resol. rel to property opposite the Exhibition Building

Resolved that the Commissioners of the Public Gardens do not rent the field South of Spring Garden Road and opposite the Exhibition Building this year but sell the hay to be cut and carried off when so cut and to cooperate with the citizens who will subscribe money to improve said field. Moved by Alderman Mac Sweeney seconded by Alderman Mac Coy which resolution on being put is passed 10 voting for the same 2 against it

Moved by Alderman Mac Donnell seconded by Alderman Ead that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost 3 voting for 9 against it.

Read Report from the Appraisers appointed to value land for extension of South Park Street. when the following resolution No 3 is introduced.

Resol. rel. to extension of South Park Street.

Resolved that the City Clerk be directed to give notice of the appraisement now read in relation to the extension of South Park Street to the owners of said land and that the same will be taken into consideration by this Council on this day fortnight. Moved by Alderman Mac Coy seconded by Mac Sweeney.

1/4 to six "Ball of Council" on resolution No one having expired, the same is now before the Council and on being put is passed.

On Motion of Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Stephen.

"The Council Adjourn"

