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September 23<sup>rd</sup>

## 'Afternoon Session'

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Bent, Mac Dougall, Stephen, Mac Sweeney Wilson, Mac Bellan, O'Mullin, Cad, Mac Innes, O'Bryan, Longard and Taylor.

The Council were summoned to consider the resolutions in re Act to secure a better attendance at Public Schools. To consider report of Committee on Dry Dock business standing over from previous meetings and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of Meeting held September 16<sup>th</sup> 1884 which were confirmed.

His Worship the Mayor submits a report from the City Clerk on several a/cs for consideration of Committee of Public Accounts.

Also Memorial of B.A. Hester President Rifle Association asking an annual grant \$100 to the prize fund of said Institution

Also a Letter from W. H. Kiewell the Secretary of Halifax Visiting Dispensary asking payment of the vote of last year to that Institution.

Alderman Longard submits a resolution by way of Notice in reference to Election of Mayor and Aldermen.

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

Report City Clerk on a/cs.

Read Report from the City Clerk on accounts for consideration of Committee of Public Accounts.

Office of City Clerk.  
Halifax Sept. 1884.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen

I have the honor to report for the consideration of the Committee of Public Accounts the following accounts.

Your Obedt. Servt.

Thos. Robind, City Clerk

No 1 Morning Herald P & Pub. Co advertising 1883-4 \$188.41

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1884-5 May to Augst

97.06

\$285.47.

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On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Longard the same is referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on.

Letter B. A. Weston President Provincial Rifle Association.

Read Letter from B. A. Weston Esq. President Provincial Rifle Association asking a grant of One hundred Dollars to the prize fund of that Institution.

On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman MacDougall the same is referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on.

Letter W. H. Kiewell, Secty. Halifax Visiting Dispensary.

Read Letter from W. H. Kiewell Esq. Secretary Halifax Visiting Dispensary in reference to sum due them on vote of Council and asking a new vote to that Institution.

On Motion of Alderman Longard seconded by Alderman Wilson the same is referred to the Committee of Public Accounts to report on.

Read Resolution submitted by Alderman Longard by way of Notice in re Election of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Council next proceed to take up

Draft of Act to secure a better attendance at Public Schools.

The "Order of the Day" better attendance at Public Schools" Chap. 17. 1883. Then following resolution is introduced.

Read Draft of "Act to secure a better attendance at Public Schools" Chap. 17. 1883. Then following resolution is introduced.

Resol. rel to Act to secure a better attendance at Public Schools.

Resolved that the provisions of Chapter 17 of the Act of 1883 entitled An Act to secure better attendance at Public Schools shall be made operative in this City of Halifax. Moved by Alderman MacSweeney seconded by Alderman O'Mullin to which it is Moved in amendment by Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Longard that the further consideration of this resolution be deferred until this day two weeks which amendment on being put is passed.

Letter City Engineer with report from Sub Committee on Dry Dock.

Read Letter from City Engineer covering a Report from the Sub Committee on the Dry Dock, as submitted and read the 16<sup>th</sup> September 1884.

City Engineer's Office.  
13<sup>th</sup> September 1884.

Thos. Robind Esq  
City Clerk.

Sir.

The following resolution was passed at a meeting of the joint Dry Dock Committee held in the City Council Chamber on the 11<sup>th</sup> September instant.

"Resolved That the Report of the Sub Committee dated Halifax 11<sup>th</sup> September 1884 be received

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September 23<sup>rd</sup> and adopted and that it be forwarded to the City Council for their information"

I have therefore the honor to enclose the report referred to in the above resolution with the request that you will lay it before the City Council at their next meeting.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your Obedt. Servt.

E. H. Keating

Secretary Joint Dry Dock  
Committee

Report of the Sub Committee  
on the proposed Dry Dock for the Port of Halifax

The Sub Committee having been requested to furnish a statement of their proceedings up to the present date, to the Joint or General Committee of Aldermen and Citizens, beg to state that immediately after reporting to that body on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March to the Halifax Members at Ottawa in accordance with instructions. The following resolution together with a copy of the letter referred to therein.

"Resolved that the suggestions of the Sub Committee as contained in their letter to Sir Charles Tupper, dated 1<sup>st</sup> February be approved and adopted by this Committee, and that our Members at Ottawa be requested to obtain from the Government a decision in regard to the matter at as early a date as possible."

The Secretary by direction also enclosed the following communication

"The Sub Committee request me to say that they trust you will use your best efforts to secure the construction of the dock, without unnecessary delay, by the Federal Government as one of the public works of the Country, or in the same manner as the docks at Quebec and Esquimaux are being built: but that if this should prove impracticable they are in hopes you will be able to procure for this port a loan of at least \$300,000 towards the project as suggested by Sir Hector Langevin.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of March a reply was received from our representatives in Parliament at Ottawa to the effect that they had been unable up to that date to obtain any definite answer from the Government, but that they were "still pressing the claims of Halifax upon the Ministry" They have however subsequently given us to understand that at their last interview with the Minister of Public Works (held shortly before the close of the Session) they were informed that the Dominion Government was not prepared under the circumstances then existing to

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September 23<sup>rd</sup> undertake the construction of the work or to increase its subsidy towards the undertaking beyond the amount mentioned in the Act.

No tender or offer to construct and operate the dock has yet been before the Sub-Committee or brought to their notice, which is in conformity with the terms of the Acts of Parliament relating thereto excepting one from Messrs. Darley Bentley, dated 11<sup>th</sup> September 1883 which was rejected by the General Committee at a meeting held on the same date.

Application was made in June last by the Vice Consul for Belgium at London, for a specification of the work required to be done, in order to enable certain capitalists or contractors to make an offer for the undertaking but the Sub-Committee not being in possession of this information were of course unable to furnish it. In their reply they referred the Vice Consul to the existing Dominion and Local Acts bearing upon the subject and expressed their readiness to forward all other information in their power upon application. No further enquiry has however been made.

The Sub-Committee regret that their recommendation made in July 1883 was not adopted viz. to send the City Engineer or some other competent person to England for the purpose of collecting all necessary information regarding the relative advantages of stone, wooden and iron docks, and to cooperate with the Canadian High Commissioner in ascertaining definitely the views of the Lords of the Admiralty and the full extent of the aid which could be relied upon from the Home Government.

The Sub-Committee are of opinion that had this course been followed, the questions as to the nature, description and size of dock best suited for the necessities of the Port of Halifax besides other matters affecting the undertaking, which have for many months been occupying the attention of the Committee would have been settled long ago.

Under all the circumstances the Sub-Committee consider it would yet be judicious to adopt the above recommendation, as they do not see how an undertaking of the nature and magnitude of our proposed Dry Dock can be constructed and operated in a perfectly satisfactory manner without the fullest information on the subject having been first obtained.

Halifax 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1884

J. G. Mackintosh, Chairman.

John Dull.

J. G. Kenny.

Gas. J. Bremner.

A. G. Jones.

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Alderman Pearson has Special leave to submit a Petition from A. J. Smith & other Rate Payers of City and Fenwick Streets asking the name of said Street be changed.

Moved by Alderman O'Bryan seconded by Alderman Wilson that the said report of Dry Dock Sub Committee be received and adopted to which the following amendment is introduced.

Resol. rel to

report of Dry Dock Comm-tee & appointment of a new committee.

Resolved in amendment that the report of the Dry Dock Committee be received, and as it would appear that the object we have in view is not likely to be further advanced by said Committee they having made a somewhat similar report a year ago. Therefore Resolved that they receive the thanks of this Council for what they have accomplished and that they be relieved from further service and further resolved that this Council proceed to deal with the matter at once and that a Committee of six be now appointed to determine what kind of dock is best adapted to our wants and to formulate a scheme for putting the same under construction at an early day said Committee to use all diligence and report up to this Council without delay.

Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman O'Mullin which amendment on being put is passed 9 voting for the same 4 against and the names being called for appeared thus:

For the amendment.

Aldermen Taylor, Longard.

McC Sweeney, McC Dougall

Ead. Pearson, Bent.

O'Mullin, Stephen. 9

Against it.

Aldermen O'Bryan, Hoesslein

4 McC Bellan, Wilson.

Committee Aldermen Sedgewick

McC Dougall, Stephen, O'Mullin, Shand and Taylor.

On Motion of Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Pearson.

"The Council Adjourn"

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## "Afternoon Session."

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the behair Aldermen Reut. Sedgewick. Spelman. Stephen. McC Sweeney, Wilson. Sheakston. McC Bellan. O'Mullin. Shand. Cad. McC James. O'Byan, Songard and Taylor.

The City Council were summoned to consider the report of the Board of City Works in re supply of broken stone from City Prison. Matters standing over and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of Meeting held Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> which were confirmed.

Alderman Taylor, Chairman submits Report from Committee of Public Accounts on several matters with accounts referred to them.

His Worship the Mayor submits Letter from E. H. Keating Esq. City Engineer as Secretary of Dry Dock Committee to City Clerk covering sundry letters and other correspondence of Ex Committee on Dry Dock.

Also a Letter from Herbert J. Rose, Secty. of Vice Admiral in re smoke nuisance from Sugar Refinery.

Also a Letter from Joseph Coombes Solicitor of Joseph Moore in reference to being excluded from entering Public Gardens.

His Worship the Mayor having called the attention of the Council to the fact that His Excellency the Governor General would visit this City on or about the 11<sup>th</sup> October next.

Resol<sup>n</sup> to address to His Excellency the Governor General

On Motion of Alderman McC Bellan seconded by Alderman Songard. Resolved that a Special Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Sedgewick and Taylor with His Honor the Recorder be a Committee to draft an address to His Excellency and also make the necessary arrangements to receive him on his arrival in this City.

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

Read Report from Committee of Public Accounts submitted this day.

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Report Committee Public Accounts on accounts

Committee Room  
City Building  
September 29<sup>th</sup> 1884.

A Meeting of the Committee of Public Accounts held this day Present Aldermen McC James, Rent, and Taylor Chairman.

The following accounts from the Fire Department were considered and carefully examined viz:

	1883-4	1884-5		1883-4	1884-5
George Rent	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.95	John Ead		\$ 15.30
Austin Bros.	8.17	6.96	A. Mc. Bell		1.50
J. D. Spike		3.00	Holstead & Brunning	\$ 3.50	
H. H. Fuller & Co		52.35	Thos. Spelman	100.00	20.00
Do	2.30	8.41	Macdonald & Co		6.60
Brown & Webb.		16.75	Isaac Sallis		12.00
Do		12.50	W. E. Newell		2.50
Do		35.97	John Monsey jr		16.00
John Connolly.		.78	Macdonald & Co		40.35
H. B. Fidler.	9.30	1.50	H & A. Kaufflo	35.35	2.70
Mrs Roche jr.		10.00		\$ 173.62	\$ 362.37
S. Leonard & Co	7.00	15.75	Printing & Stationery:		
A. Sampier		45.00	Herald Printing Co	\$ 188.41	
Sheakston & Angwin		18.00	Do		\$ 97.06
John Ead		12.50	Contingent Account:		
			Dispensary	\$ 250.00	

The Committee recommend the following Resolution  
That the portion of the accounts of the Fire Department for the present year amounting to the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty Two Dollars and Thirty Seven cents and the account of the Herald Printing Company for the present year of \$97.06 on Printing & Stationery appropriation be paid from funds on this years Estimate. Also that Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars be paid the Dispensary out of the balance of the Contingent Account for 1883 & 84 as per vote of Council in January 1884.  
2<sup>ndly</sup> That Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars be voted to the Dispensary from this years Contingent Fund.

And 3<sup>rdly</sup> that One Hundred Dollars be voted from Contingent Account of this year to the funds of the Halifax County Rifle Association in response to the application submitted from the President of that body.

The Committee submit to the Council for consideration and disposal those accounts and portions of accounts of the Fire Department amounting to the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Three Dollars and Sixty Two cents

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September 30<sup>th</sup> Also the account of the Herald Printing Company of Arse  
 Hundred and Eighty Dollars and Forty One cents all belonging  
 to appropriations of 1883 & 84. which appropriations your Committee  
 find have been already expended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Halifax 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1884.

Wm Taylor.  
 Chairman.

When the following Resolution

No 1 is introduced.

Resolved that the accounts and  
 portions of accounts of the Fire Department as recommended by  
 Committee of Public Accounts being amounts coming within the  
 appropriation of 1884 and 1885 and amounting to the sum of  
 Three Hundred and Sixty Two Dollars and Thirty Seven cents  
 also that the accounts of the Herald Printing Company amount-  
 ing to Ninety Seven Dollars and six cents coming within  
 the appropriation of 1884-85 for Printing and Stationery be all  
 paid and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to issue his  
 warrants for the payment of the accounts and portions of accounts  
 above referred to. Moved by Alderman Taylor seconded by Alder-  
 man Langard which resolution on being put is passed.

Letter from Joseph  
 Coombes.

Read Letter from Joseph Coombes  
 Solicitor of Patrick Moore in reference to his being excluded from  
 the Public Gardens and claiming damages therefor. (to sit on  
 the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst.)

Read Letter from Herbert St.

Letter H. St.

Roe Esq. Secretary to Vice Admiral Commerall in reference to  
 nuisance from smoke at Sugar Refinery.

Sugar Refinery

On Motion of Alderman O'B-  
 nyan seconded by Alderman Sheakston the said Letter is referred  
 to the Committee of Laws and Privileges to report on.

Letter from City  
 Engineers.

Read Letter from City Engineer  
 as the Secretary of Dry Dock Committee with copies of correspon-  
 dence in re Dry Dock Ex. Committee

Petition A. J.  
 Smith others.

Read Petition from A. J. Smith  
 others asking change of name of Artz Street on South end to  
 Henwick Street.

On Motion of Alderman  
 Sedgewick seconded by Alderman O'Mullin the "Order of the  
 Day" is suspended to allow Alderman Sedgewick to introduce  
 a resolution as follows:..

Resol. rel. to  
 unpaid accounts.

Resolved that all unpaid  
 accounts against the City for all years previous to the present



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September 30<sup>th</sup> levie year be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts to report to this Council a full statement thereof and of the means available to meet them, and also a scheme for their payment. Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Taylor which being objected to was laid over.

Council proceed to take up the "Order of Day"

Report Board of Works in re purchase of broken stone City Prison.

Read Report from the Board of City Works in reference to purchase of broken stone from City Prison as read the 4<sup>th</sup> Sept inst.

Moved by Alderman McClellan seconded by Alderman Spelman that said report be received and adopted to which the following amendment is introduced

Resol. rel to purchase of broken stone City Prison.

Resolved that the report be received and inasmuch as there is a difference of opinion between the Board of City Works and the City Prison Committee as to the price to be paid for the broken stone of the City Prison the report be referred back to the Board of Works with instructions to have a conference with the City Prison Committee and endeavour to arrange a price satisfactory to all parties and to report their findings to this Council. Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Sheakston which amendment on being put is passed 9 voting for 4 against it.

Draft of an Ordinance in re Public Health.

Read Draft of an "Ordinance in relation to the Public Health" a third time.

On Motion of Alderman McClellan seconded by Alderman Sedgewick Resolved that said Ordinance do now pass, be engrossed and transmitted to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Honorable Executive Council for their approval. Motion put and passed.

Resol. rel to Ordinance in re Public Health

On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Stephen the "Order of the Day" is suspended, to allow a Motion that Alderman O'Bryan's name be substituted for Alderman Taylor's on the Dry Dock Committee to be made. Motion passed, and the transfer of names passed.

Appointment His Worship the Mayor & Ald. O'Bryan on Dry Dock Committee.

On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman O'Bryan the name of His Worship the Mayor is added to the said Committee on Dry Dock.

Alderman Pearson has Special leave to submit a Petition from John Taylor & others asking Water Supply to be Marchant Street.

"On Motion"

"Council Adjourn"

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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 Pent. Heeslein, Spelman, Stephen, Wilson, Mac Sellow, O'Mullin, Cad. Mac James, O'Byron, Songard and Taylor.

The City Council were summoned to consider resolution in "Act to secure better attendance at Public Schools. To consider Act to prevent loss of life by fire &c. Matters standing over from previous meetings and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of Meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> September 1884 (confirmed)

Alderman O'Mullin, Chairman submits a Report from Committee City Prison with a/c for September 1884.

Alderman Sheakston, Chairman submits report from Committee on Oil Lamps on Petition of William J. Almon others asking oil lamps Jubilee Road.

Alderman Songard in absence of the Chairman submits report of Committee on Licenses in re granting license.

His Worship the Mayor hands in the Ordinance in reference to the Public Health the same having been approved by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Council.

Also Communication from Mayor O'Brien (for Commanding R.C.) in reference to allowance by Secty. of State for War of the encroachment on Brunswick Street on the usual conditions.

Also Letter from John Starr, Secty. of Halifax Electric Light Company (limited) asking permission to erect posts &c in the Streets of the City of Halifax.

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

Read Report from Committee of City Prison with a/c for the month of September 1884 and also in reference to the sale of broken stone at City Prison

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Halifax Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1884

The Committee on City Prison

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Petition Dr W. J. Almon & others

Report Committee on License granting 2 licenses

Letter John Star Secty. of Halifax Electric Light Company.

Letter Mayor O'Brien R. E. in re encroachment Brunswick St.

Ordinance in Relation to Public Health

Return

Committee on Oil Lamps on Petition of Dr. W. J. Almon & others asking the erection of lamps on Jubilee Road

License granting two licenses.

end that a license for a saloon be granted to James G. Watkins at No 136 Argyle St.

license for J. A. MacNeill

a return of license monies to Patrick Slattery, W. Logewell, and G. Della Torre

Read Report from the Comm.

Read Report from Committee

Halifax Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1884.

The License Committee recommend the license be granted to James G. Watkins at

The Committee recommend a

The Committee do not recommend

H. B. MacSweeney, Chairman.  
P. O'Mullin.  
Jno. P. Longard.  
John Cad.

and seconded by Alderman Cad The said report is received and adopted.

Read Letter from John Star as Secretary of Halifax Electric Light Company (limited)

James seconded by Alderman Longard The said letter is referred to the Board of City Works with His Honor the Recorder to report on.

Read Letter from Mayor O'Brien R. E. for commanding Royal Engineers in reference to the encroachment on Brunswick Street being permitted by the Secretary of State for War under certain conditions.

On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman O'Mullin His Worship the Mayor is authorized to acknowledge the receipt of the said letter and to sign the necessary documents for carrying the arrangement (entered into) into effect.

The Ordinance in relation to Public Health having received the approval of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and the Honorable the Executive Council.

On Motion of Alderman James seconded by Alderman Taylor The same is directed to be published for the information of Citizens in the papers advertising for the City.

His Worship the Mayor submits Return from Collector of Rates & Taxes, of Taxes collected in September and also the amount of Water Rates collected in September.

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The Council proceed to consider the "Order of the Day".

Resol. in re compulsory attendance at Schools.

Read Resolution No 2 in reference compulsory attendance at Schools as entered 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 1884. and the resolution on being put is lost.

Act in re prevention of loss of life by fire &c

The Act in reference to prevention of loss of life by fire, and the establishment of Fire Escapes is taken up and considered.

On Motion of Alderman Mac James seconded by Alderman Taylor the same is referred to the Board of City Works for consideration and to report on, to Council what Salary should be paid the Board of Management.

Report Committee on Public Accounts in re of Graham & Thompson.

Read Report from Committee of Public Accounts in reference to account of Graham & Thompson in re suit of Greenwood & Co.

On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman seconded by Alderman O'Bryan the said Report is referred back to Committee of Public Accounts to be taken up with any subsequent resolution for payment of old accounts

Resol. in re appt. of Commission to revise the City Charter

Read Resolution of April 1<sup>st</sup> 1884 in reference to appointment of a Commission to revise the City Charter. when the following Gentlemen were appointed the Commissioners viz: His Honor the Recorder, Aldermen Pearson and Sedgewick.

Appt. Commission to revise the City Charter

On Motion of Alderman Songard seconded by Alderman Taylor the sum named in the said resolution as compensation for the services of said Commission is referred to the Committee of Public Accounts to have placed in the Estimate of next year.

Resol. rel to Election of Mayor & Aldermen and authorizing the Recorder to prepare an Act.

Read following resolution submitted by Alderman Songard at last meeting.

Resolved hereafter when a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor or Aldermen between the first day of May and the first day of August in any year, and an Election to fill such vacancy is ordered and takes place before the last mentioned date, it shall be lawful to make up the voters lists for such election from the assessment roll of the preceding year.

And Whereas some doubt exists as to the intent or meaning of the latter part of Sect. 115 Chap. 28 Acts 1883 be it further Resolved that such section be amended by adding the following words "at least 30 days before said Election" and be it further Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be authorized to prepare the draft of an Act in accordance with the foregoing resolution. Moved by Alderman Songard seconded

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A Motion that the Council adjourn on being put is lost & voting for the same 7 against it.

Report Committee of Public Accounts on several matters.

Read part of the first clause of Report of Committee of Public Accounts as submitted and read 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1884. as follows:

Resolved that Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars be paid the Dispensary out of the balance of the Contingent Account for 1883-84 as per vote of Council in January 1884. Moved by Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Longard which being put is passed.

The second clause that \$750 be voted to the Dispensary from this Contingent Fund. On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Mac James was put and passed.

The third clause voting One Hundred Dollars to the Halifax County Rifle Association from Contingent Fund. On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman O'Byrne was put and passed

The fourth clause in reference to the disposal of accounts of Fire Department and Printing for which appropriations were all expended for 1883-84 was considered and the resolution of Alderman Sedgewick in reference to unpaid accounts as entered at last Meeting was again read and on being put was passed.

On Motion of Alderman Longard seconded by Alderman Taylor the last clause of the Report of Committee of Public Accounts is referred back to Committee to consider and place in connection with resolution No 4 of this meeting.

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

"The Council Adjourn"

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## "Evening Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this evening Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Robert Sedgewick, Pearson, Hoeselein, Stephen, McC Sweeney, Wilson, Sheakston, McC Lellan, O'Mullin, Shand, McC Innes, O'Byrne, Longard, and Taylor.

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

Read Minutes of last Meeting of October 7<sup>th</sup> which were confirmed.

Alderman McC Lellan, Chairman of Board of City Works submits report from Board on conference with City Prison Committee in re broken stone

Also report from Board of City Works in reference to letter from John Starr on the subject of erection of Posts for Electric Light.

His Worship the Mayor submits letter from Alderman Sedgewick declining to serve as one of the Commission to revise the City Charter &c

Also letter from the Commanding R.E. acceding to application of City for sidewalk at Glacie on Logswell Street by the Secretary of State for War.

Also an Account from His Honor the Recorder in reference to amount due him as a member of Court of Appeal.

Also a letter from B.A. Weston President of County Rifle Association thanking the Council for its donation to the funds.

Also a letter from City Clerk in reference to Frank Short having been sentenced to the Halifax Industrial School.

Also an account from Department of Public Charities for support of paupers in Poor Asylum to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1884.

On Motion of Alderman Longard seconded by Alderman McC Innes The "Order of the Day" is suspended to take up and read the papers handed in this day.

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Report Board of Works.

Read Report from the Board of City Works on joint conference with the Committee of City Prison in reference to purchase of broken stone.

Report Board of Works on privileges asked for by John Starr Secty Electric Light Compny.

Read Report of Board of City Works in reference to privileges asked for by John Starr, Secretary of Electric Light Company in lighting the Streets and Stores in the City.  
On Motion of Alderman McCollom seconded by Alderman McJames the said report is received and adopted.

Letter Mayor O'Brien R.E. in re. sidewalk on Bogswell St.

Read Letter from Mayor E.D. O'Brien R.E. for Commanding Royal Engineer in reference to the sidewalk on Bogswell Street being allowed by the Secretary of State for War, on certain conditions.  
On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Sedgewick that the letter of Mayor O'Brien be received and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Letter Alderman Sedgewick

Read Letter from Alderman Sedgewick resigning the appointment of Commissioner to revise the City Charter.

Letter B.A. Heston.

Read Letter from B.A. Heston President of County Rifle Association thanking the Council for their donation to the prize fund.

Letter City Clerk.

Read Letter from City Clerk in reference to boy Frank Short sentenced to Halifax Industrial School for two years.

Account from Board of Public Charities

Read Account from Board of Public Charities for support of paupers in Poor Asylum to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1884.  
On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Pearson the same is referred to the Committee of Public Accounts to report on.

Account Recorder for services of Appeal.

Read Account from His Honor the Recorder in reference to his claim for services as a member of the Court of Appeal.  
On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Pearson that the same be referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on. (Motion passed.)

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the Citizens Library

Read Report of Committee of the Citizens Library in reference to present state of funds the amount due for old apcs &c



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To His Worship the Mayor  
and the City Council

Report Com-

mittee on

Library on state

of funds and

old acs. &amp;c

beg to report as follows.

The City Library Committee

They regret to have to report that the money allotted by the estimates for the support of the City Library is altogether inadequate for the purpose.

While the amount authorized by the Legislature to be assessed upon the City for its maintenance is only \$1200<sup>00</sup> \$2000<sup>00</sup> at least are required for absolutely necessary purposes. A Bill giving the City power to assess this amount was submitted by the Council a few years ago to the Legislature but it was rejected by the Upper House, the necessity for the change not having been made apparent to that Chamber. The Committee have reason to believe that a renewed application for the necessary legislation would not be futile.

In the meantime the amount expressly assessed for Library purposes for the year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of April last has been exhausted leaving unpaid civic liabilities in connection with the Library amounting to \$380.31 the particulars of which appear in the Schedule annexed. It will be noted that the salaries of the Librarian and his assistant for the last quarter of the last civic year still remain unpaid as well as other accounts to mechanics and others for necessary expenditure. The Committee feel that it would be a disgrace to the City to allow the library to go down. It has many friends among the reading classes of the City. Its existence has been an immense boon to them. And its value as a means of literary culture will go on increasing. While Toronto and other Canadian Cities are endeavouring to emulate Halifax in the possession of institutions that are its boast and its pride feel what a benefit public charities are to the reading poor and are now beginning to spend enormous sums of money for their establishment and support. Halifax must not be allowed to go behind. This Committee confidently look to the City Council to use its influence to place the library upon a firm and enduring basis.

They therefore recommend as follows:

1 That the amount to the credit of the Contingent Account for the year 1883-4 viz \$263.52 be transferred to the credit of the library for that year and that the outstanding Library liabilities as indicated in the schedule be paid out of such fund and of the Contingent fund of this year

2 That application be made to the legislature for a change in the law as above suggested and that His Honor the Recorder and the Committee of Laws and Privileges be requested to have the necessary bill drafted and submitted to the Council.

Respectfully Submitted.

Robt. Sedgewick  
Chairman.

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~ Schedule ~

Gr. J. Phillips binding from Oct. 1878 to Aug. 83.	\$138.70	Mac Donald & Co since 1879	\$24.87
James Bowes & Son		Wm Robertson, hardware 1878	3.70
3 years old	13.00	1/4 salary Max Reed	125.00
Reilly & Davidson		Do Miss Harew	62.50
3 years old	12.54		<u>\$380.31</u>

Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Wilson that the first clause in reference to providing funds from contingent a/c be submitted to the Committee of Public Accounts to report on. (Motion put and passed)

Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Wilson that the second clause in reference to making application to the Legislature for change in the law be adopted. Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 3 against and the names being called for appeared thus:

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| For the Motion.   | Against it.                                 |
| Aldermen Sheahston, Wilson, Longard, O'Byrne, Heeslin, O'Mullin, Rent, Sedgewick, Mac Sellow, Shand, Pearson. 11. | Aldermen Mac James, Stephen, Mac Sweeney. 3 |

Report Committee of City Prison on broken stones.

Read Report from Committee of City Prison in reference to broken stone supplied to the Board of City Works. as entered 7<sup>th</sup> October 1884.

Report Board of Works on conference with City Prison Committee.

Read Report from the Board of City Works as submitted and entered this day on the subject of conference with the City Prison Committee.

Moved by Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Mac Sweeney that the report of the City Prison Committee be received and adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mac Sellow seconded by Alderman O'Byrne that the report of the Board of City Works be received and adopted, which amendment on being put is passed, 7 voting for the same 7 against it. His Worship the Mayor giving his casting vote in favor of the amendment.

A Motion by Alderman Stephen that the Council adjourn on being put is lost.

Report Committee on Oil Lamps on petition of W. J. Almon & others

Read Report from the Committee on Oil Lamps in reference to Petition from W. J. Almon & others for lighting Jubilee Road &c.

Halifax, October 6<sup>th</sup> 1884

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

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to whom was referred the Petition of W. J. Almon & other residents of the Western suburbs beg to report that they have erected several new lamps in Wards Two and Five and that while there is still a great need for more lamps in the Western suburbs yet your Committee are unable to meet the requirements, unless the Council can see their way clear to provide us with a special grant of say \$100 from the Contingent Fund we can do nothing more out of this years appropriation.

Signed on behalf of Committee.

Robert Sheakston.

Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Mc Innes the said report is received and adopted (passed)

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Pearson "Order of the Day" is suspended to allow Alderman Sedgewick to introduce the following resolution.

Resol. rel to  
annual grant  
to Fire Com-  
panies

Resolved that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay the amount of annual grant to the several Fire Companies as follows: Six Hundred Dollars to the Union Engine Co. Six Hundred Dollars to the Union Protection Co. Two Hundred Dollars to the Union Axe Co. Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Pearson which resolution on being put is passed.

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

"The Council Adjourn"

William Henry Fredericks was this day sworn into office as a Supernumerary Measurer and Weigher of Salt and Grain in place of William Blyth (who is unable to attend to duty) by His Worship the Mayor.