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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 Whipman, Pearson, Bent, Spelman, Smith, Delaney, McCawney, Wilson, McCollan, O'Mullin, Sheakster, Cad, McCummes, Longard, Taylor and Cornwall.

The City Council was summoned to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

Alderman Delaney in the absence of Alderman Pearson, Chairman submits a report from Committee on revision of the City Charter.

Alderman Longard, Chairman submits a report from Committee of City Prison on a/c for month of Novr. 1885.

His Worship the Mayor submits a letter from John Dempsey making certain charges against Daniel Keating, one of the Under Keepers of City Prison.

Also a letter from Colonel Bremner late Commanding the Provisional Battalion to the North West presenting the flag of the Battalion to the City of Halifax.

Also a letter from Messrs Merryweather, Greenwich Road, London in reference to furnishing Steam Fire Engines, for the use of Fire Departments.

Also a list of a number of accounts passed by the Board of Fire Wardens for Fire Department Services.

Also a Return from the City Collector of Taxes of Water Taxes amounting to \$18,701.79 collected in the month of November 1885.

Also a Return of Rates & Taxes for General Assessment purposes amounting to \$23,758.29 collected in the month of Novr. 1885.

Also the Accounts of the City Treasurer for the month of Novr. 1885.

Also the Annual Address of the Mayor and general Review of the affairs of the City Government 1885.

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

Read Report from Committee of City Prison on a/c for month of November 1885 and other matters.

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Report Committee
on City Prison
in repairs and
other matters.

City Prison
Halifax Dec. 3rd 1885.

To His Worship the Mayor
and the City Council.

Gentlemen

Your Committee beg leave to report that at a meeting held at the Prison on the above date present Ald. Spelman and the Chairman and Ald. Cad. visitor. the following accounts were submitted by the Governor and on being examined were found correct and ordered to be recommended to the City Council for payment viz:

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| Burns & Murray. | \$ 87.00 | Theakston & Angwin. | \$ 22.44. |
| G. Morrison & Co. | 1.80 | H. D. Harrington. | 41.40. |
| R. Babot & Son. | 8.30 | J. Allen & Sons. | 6.00. |
| G. P. Henry. | 10.80 | Fred. Denton. | 3.00. |
| | | | <u>\$ 180.74</u> |

Your Committee would also respectfully inform you that while the expenditure of the \$900.00 borrowed under an Act of the last Session of the Legislature has made considerable improvements. yet a much larger amount will be required before the Prison and out buildings can be put in a thorough state of repair. The roof of the Prison which is shingled is in a bad condition and when renewed should be covered with slates. All the window sashes and frames in the west wing and most of those in the main building are rotten and require to be renewed. The eave gutters are a thing of the past: and as a consequence the water which falls on the roof and which should be caught and stored for use runs down the walls and finds its way in considerable quantities (through the cracks and crevices of the stone work) to the inside. much to the discomfort of the inmates and to the injury of the building. Your Committee would also call your attention to Sections 10 and 21 of the Ordinance relating to the City Prison and would say that in this respect it would be very difficult if not almost impossible to comply with the law if they were called upon to do so. Your Committee would also remind you that they are likely to be called upon to erect a system of Fire Escapes at the Prison and would suggest that a sum be placed in the Estimate or otherwise provided for this purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Jno. P. Longard.
Chairman.

When the following resolution No

One is introduced.

Resolved that the report of the City Prison Committee be received and that portion relating to the payment of the accounts adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign cheques for the payment of accounts therein named amounting \$180.74. Moved by Alderman Longard seconded by Alderman Spelman which resolution on being put is passed.

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Report Committee
on Revision of
City Charter.

Revision of City Charter, with the various clauses of Revision.

Read Report from Committee on

On Motion of Alderman Delaney

seconded by Alderman Mc James. The said Report is received and copies thereof directed to be printed in pamphlet form for the information of Council.

Letter Colonel
Bremner present-
ing the Battalion
Colors to the City.

presenting the Battalion Colors to the City of Halifax. When the following resolution is introduced,

Read Letter from Colonel Bremner

Resol. rel. to
Colors presented
to the City.

much pleasure in accepting the Colors to day presented by Colonel Bremner, on behalf of the Halifax Contingent of Citizen Soldiers who did duty in the North West, and further Resolved that in accepting said Colors this Council hereby expresses its warm appreciation of the valuable services rendered by said Contingent in suppressing the late Rebellion on the North West Frontier. Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Sheakston which resolution on being put is passed.

Resolved that this Council has

Letter John
Dempsey.

Ex Under Keeper of City Prison making charges against Daniel Keating Under Keeper.

Read Letter from John Dempsey.

Accounts from
Board of Fire
Wards.

Board of Fire Wards amounting to \$1439.98 for supplies to Fire Department.

On Motion of Alderman Spehman

seconded by Alderman Langard the same are referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on.

Letter Messrs
Merryweather in
re Steam Fire
Engines.

in reference to their supplying Steam Fire Engines for Fire Dept. purposes.

Read Letter from Messrs Merrywea-

On Motion of Alderman Cad seconded by Alderman Langard the same is referred to the Board of Fire Wards to consider.

Letter G. H. Smith
Solicitor of Mrs.
O'Brien.

Solicitor of Mrs. O'Brien, asking compensation for damages received.

On Motion of Alderman Sheakston

seconded by Alderman Delaney, the same is referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges with His Honor the Recorder to report on.

Resol. rel. to
Annual Grant
to the several Fire
Companies.

by Alderman Langard at last Meeting by way of Notice

Resolved that His Worship the

Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of Annual Grant to the several Fire Companies viz: Union Engine Company \$600. Union Protection Company \$600. Union Axe Company \$200. Moved by Alderman Langard seconded by Alderman Sheakston which resolution on being put is passed

Read following Resolution submitted

Read following Resolution sub-

mitted by Alderman Honall by way of Notice.

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Resol. rel. to appointment of a Fire Ward.

Resolved That Captain Vose of the Union Protection Company be appointed a Fire Ward. Moved by Alderman Horall seconded by Alderman Sangard which resolution on being put is passed.

Appointment of two Aldermen to inspect City Prison.

His Worship the Mayor, calls the attention of the Council to Section 26 Ordinance No 7 of the City Charter page 215 which provides for the appointment of two Aldermen to inspect City Prison &c. and nominates Alderman Horall and Alderman Chipman for that service.

Resol. rel. to Report of City Prison Committee

Alderman Sangard has special leave to submit the following resolution in connection with Report of City Prison, read this day.

Resolved That the balance of the City Prison Committee's report be referred to the Board of City Works to report upon. Moved by Alderman Sangard seconded by Alderman MacInnes which resolution on being put is passed.

Appointment of Ald. Chipman to various Committees.

On Motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Delaney, Alderman Chipman is appointed to the various Committees vacated by Ex Alderman Sedgewick.

"Order of the Day" taken up.

Protest against the Election of J. A. Chipman as Alderman.

Read Protest from John H. Barnstead against the Election of J. A. Chipman, as Alderman. When the following resolution is introduced.

Resolved That the protest of Mr John H. Barnstead, against the Election of Mr Chipman, in Ward One be referred to His Honor the Recorder and City Collector to report upon. Moved by Alderman Sangard seconded by Alderman MacSweeney which resolution on being put is passed.

Report Commissioners of Halifax Common in re Chairman.

Read Report from Commissioners of Halifax Common in reference to appointment of a Chairman. On Motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman MacSweeney The same is received and confirmed.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder

Read Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in reference to Gas Lamp in Bedford Avenue, chargeable to the City of Halifax.

Report Committee of Public Accounts in re Short Line Railway &c.

Read Clause Second of Report of Committee of Public Accounts in reference to letter from Chas. M. Reed covering Short Line Railway &c. On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Wilson the said clause is adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to pay the amounts as therein recommended.

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Report Board of Works in re water supply to South Park Street.

Works in reference to further water supply to South Park Street.

Read Report from Board of City

On Motion of Alderman McC-

Spelman seconded Alderman Spelman The said report is received and adopted.

Report Committee of Public Accounts in re extra allowance to Board of Assessors

Accounts in reference to extra allowance to Board of Assessors

Read Report Committee of Public

On Motion of Alderman Taylor

seconded by Alderman Bent. The said report is received and the Assessors are requested to furnish to Committee of Public Accounts sufficient data to Board of Assessors to enable them to place a sum in the Estimate for the incoming year.

Resol. rel to services of City Medical Officer at P. H. Hospital.

On Motion of Alderman Theakston seconded by Alderman Delaney. The "Order of the Day" is suspended to allow Alderman Theakston to introduce a resolution, as follows:

Resolved That His Worship the

Mayor (as the City Representative on the Board of Charities) be asked to make a claim upon said Board for the services of the City Medical Officer at the Provincial and City Hospital during the Summer and that the amount so obtained be placed at the disposal of the Board of Health. Moved by Alderman Theakston seconded by Alderman Pearson which resolution on being put is passed.

Resol. rel to nominations of candidates for civic positions.

Read Resolution submitted by Alderman McC Sweeney by way of Notice (3rd Nov. 1885)

Resolved That His Honor the

Recorder give an opinion in writing at the next Meeting of the Council as to whether nominations of candidates for civic positions can be discussed when said candidates come before the Council for Election. Moved by Alderman McC Sweeney seconded by Alderman Sang and which resolution on being put is passed.

Letter R. J. Hart asking Electric lamps in Water St.

Read Letter from R. J. Hart asking Electric lamps in Water Street.

Read Letter from R. J. Hart Ho

seconded by Alderman Bent that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost.

Moved by Alderman McC Sweeney

introduced.

The following resolution was then

Resolved That the communication of R. J. Hart and others with reference to application for the Electric Light in Water Street be referred to the Board of Works to report if there is any way in which the application be granted. Moved by Alderman Pearson seconded by Alderman Theakston which resolution on being put is passed.

Resolved That the communication

Theakston seconded by Alderman Delaney. 5.30 P.M.

On Motion of Alderman

"The Council Adjourn" & voting for 4 against it.

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W. H. Vose, Captain Union Protection Company having been appointed Fire Ward by the City Council at its last Meeting was this day sworn into office by His Worship the Mayor

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair. Aldermen Chipman, Pearson, Root, Spelman, Smith, Mac Sweeney, Wilson, Stephen, Mac Bellan, O'Mullin, Sheakston, Cad, MacCree, Woodill, Langard, Taylor, and Horall.

The City Council were summoned to consider the report of the Committee on the Revision of the City Charter, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of the Meeting held on the 8th Decr. 1885 which were confirmed.

Alderman Wilson, Chairman submits report from Committee on Tenders for printing, advertising and stationery.

Alderman Mac Bellan, Chairman of the Board of City Works, submits a report from the Board of Works on the purchase of part of site of property Bells Lane from James Shand for the purpose of improving said Street.

Alderman Taylor, Chairman submits report from Committee of Public Accounts, on the a/c from the Board of Fire Wards.

His Worship the Mayor, submits the opinion of His Honor the Recorder on the question asked for in Resolution of Alderman Mac Sweeney.

Also an opinion of His Honor the Recorder on the protest of John H. Barnstead, against the Election of J. C. Chipman, as Alderman.

Also a letter from Robt. J. Murray, Secretary of Board of Public Charities in reply to a resolution of Council asking payment for the services of the City Medical Officer at the City and Provincial Hospital.

Also a letter from Dr. Innaman in explanation thereof

Also a letter from Revd. Robert Murray, Secty. of the Evangelical Alliance in reference to services at City Prison.

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Alderman Theakston, submits a Petition from Messrs Esson & Co and others in reference to lamp being placed in Water Street.

Alderman Rent, submits a Petition from B. G. Gray, and others in reference to removal of lamp on Pleasant and Morris Streets.

Alderman Taylor, submits a Petition from Henry Gullickson, asking a return of certain license moneys.

On Motion of Alderman Mac-Isellan seconded by Alderman Taylor, the "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Read Report from the Committee on Tenders in reference to Tenders for printing, advertising and stationery for ensuing year.

Committee Room.

Dec. 14th 1885.

At a meeting of Committee on Tenders called to open Tenders for printing, advertising and stationery. Present Alderman Mac Isellan, Cad. Longard, Chipman and Wilson.

On Motion it was resolved that the City Council be recommended to accept the following Tenders viz:

Messrs A & H. Mac Kinlay for Stationery.

Messrs Blackadar Bros. for Printing

The Morning Herald Publishing Co. and.

Messrs Blackadar Bros

} Advertising.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. E. Wilson.

Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Rent. The said report is received and adopted.

Read Report from the Board of City Works in reference to the purchase of a piece of the property at Belle Lane (known as the Garrison Library property) from James Shand for the purpose of improving the Street.

Office of Commissioners.

Board of City Works.

Dec. 14th 1885.

In accordance with a Minutes of Council of Oct. 27th the Board of City Works beg leave to report that at a Meeting held yesterday they had under consideration the purchase by James Shand, of the Imperial Government property abutting on Belle Lane, also a plan from the City Engineer for proposed widening of said

Report Committee on Tenders in reference to Tenders for printing, advertising and stationery, for ensuing year.

Report Board of Works in reference to purchase of property Belle Lane.

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said Belle Lane, and it was unanimously resolved to transmit the same to the City Council with a recommendation that the strip of land as shown on plan be purchased from Mr. Shand, by the City for the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500^{00/100}) and that the said land be used for improvement of Belle Lane.

Respectfully Submitted.
Geo. Mac Gillan.
Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman MacGillan seconded by Alderman Longard. The said report is received and adopted.

Read Report from Committee of Public Accounts in reference to the Fire Dept. a/c's submitted to them for approval. When the following Resolution No one is introduced.

Report Committee on Public Accounts in re Fire Dept. a/c's.

Resolved That the report of Committee of Public Accounts be received and adopted and that the accounts recommended for payment be paid and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign Warrants for the payment of the several accounts. Moved by Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Wilson which resolution on being put is passed.

Resolved That the report of Committee of Public Accounts be received and adopted and that the accounts recommended for payment be paid and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign Warrants for the payment of the several accounts. Moved by Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Wilson which resolution on being put is passed.

Read Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in reply to Alderman Mac Sweeney's resolution of last Meeting.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder.

Recorder's Office.
December 11th 1885.

Sir

In accordance with a resolution of the City Council passed on the 8th of December instant requesting me to give an opinion "as to whether nominations of candidates for civic positions can be discussed when said candidates come before the Council for election" I have to reply as follows:-

I answer the question in the affirmative.

I have the honor to be.

Sir

Your Obedt. Servt.
Robt. Sedgewick.
Recorder.

To His Worship
The Mayor.

On Motion of Alderman MacSweeney seconded by Alderman Wilson The same is received and placed on file for future reference.

Read Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in reference to the protest of John H. Barnstead against the return of J. C. Chipman, as an Alderman for Ward No One.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in re protest against return of J. C. Chipman.

In the matter of James A. Chipman's qualification to sit as Alderman of the City of Halifax

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On the 26th day of October last the Mayor gave notice of an Aldermanic Election to be held in Ward One on the 11th day of November.

On that day an Election was held, the two candidates being James A. Chipman and John H. Barnstead. Mr Chipman was returned as elected, and Mr. Barnstead has protested against such return and has petitioned the Council to declare his opponent's election void.

Both candidates were duly qualified to the Office of Alderman so far as statute is concerned: but neither of them had prior to the 21st of October, paid the rates and taxes due by them to the City. Mr Chipman paid his indebtedness on the 5th of November and Mr Barnstead on the following day.

The Statute law relating to the is as follows:- Sections 22, 67 and 69 of the City Charter passed in 1864 are as follows:- 22 In order to qualify a citizen to be eligible as Mayor or Alderman, he must be a natural born or naturalized male subject of her Majesty, of the full age of twenty one years, not attainted of treason or felony, and must in addition to every qualification necessary for a voter, be the owner in his own right of property, within the City of Halifax, real or personal, of the value of two thousand dollars beyond the amount he must justly owe.

67 Every person duly qualified who shall be appointed or elected to the office of mayor, alderman or inspector of elections, auditor or ward assessor shall accept the office, or forfeit and pay to the Treasurer of the City, to and for the use of the City a fine as follows, that is to say: for the non-acceptance of the office of Mayor, a fine of one hundred dollars; for the non-acceptance of the office of Alderman one hundred dollars; and for the non-acceptance of the office of ward assessor, a fine of forty dollars, and for the non-acceptance of the office of Auditor, a fine of twenty dollars, and for the non-acceptance of the office of inspector of elections, a fine of twenty dollars.

69 The non-payment of rates or taxes is not hereafter to be considered as an excuse or a disqualification for the office of Mayor, Alderman, or Ward Assessor.

By Section 23 of the Acts of 1871 the qualification of a voter at Civic Elections was fixed. It was necessary among other things, that he should have been assessed for rates for the year ending on the 31st of December next preceding the election and paid the same and it was provided that no payment of rates or poll tax after the 30th day of April next preceding an election, should qualify any person to vote.

By the Assessment Act of 1883 (Chapter 115) that section was repealed; and a substituted section enacted it verbatim with the exception of the proviso requiring the payment of taxes before the 30th of April.

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By Chapter 42 of the Acts of 1885 the qualification of a voter was finally settled by providing in every case a voter must have paid his taxes at least thirty days before an election.

There has been no legislation since 1864 expressly affecting the qualifications of Aldermen, with the exception of Section 113 of the Assessment Act 1883 which is as follows:— Hereafter upon the nomination of any person for the office of Mayor or Alderman, before such nomination is received or considered by the City Clerk, the nomination paper shall contain an endorsement, signed by the City Collector of Taxes, to the effect that said candidate for Mayor or Alderman is not in arrears up to that date for any sum of money for City Rates or Taxes of any description.

The question then is this: Has Section 69 of the City Charter above cited been repealed. If that section is still in force it must be read in conjunction with Section 22. Effect must be given to both sections and that is done by inserting after the word "voter" in Section 22 the following words, words that the Courts consider are there, and which the Legislature has placed only a few lines further on: "except that non-payment of taxes shall not be considered a disqualification for the office of Alderman."

The effect therefore is that in order to qualify a citizen to be an Alderman it was not under the Act of 1864 necessary that he should have paid his taxes in time to have his name placed on the voter's list.

Section 113 of the Act of 1883 the only enactment that can by any process of reasoning be held to touch or affect Section 69 of the City Charter modifies it to only a limited extent and must be construed as a proviso to it.

The present Statute Law in relation to this question may then be summarized as follows:— In order to qualify a citizen to be eligible as Alderman he must in addition to every qualification for a voter (except as hereinafter provided) be the owner of \$2000.00. The non-payment of ... taxes is not hereafter to be considered as a disqualification for the office of Alderman provided however that upon the nomination of any person as Alderman seven days before election day the City Collector must certify that at that time (date) he owes the City nothing.

It must be borne in mind that Section 67 of the City Charter, above written is still in force. Any citizen may be compelled against his will to serve as Alderman. Any one citizen who has paid his taxes seven days prior to an election may pay his neighbors, nominate him as Alderman, succeed in having him elected and then if he refuses to act have him fined \$100 for such refusal.

It is questionable whether or not, even under Section 113 of the Act of 1883, payment of the candidate's taxes before or at the time of nomination is necessary. Only a certificate to that effect (true or false) is necessary; and it could with great force be argued that the Section in question is only directory and

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Upon the whole I am clearly of opinion that the objection taken by Mr. Barnstead to Mr. Chipman's qualifications are wholly untenable and that he has been duly elected as an Alderman of the City. I think it proper to state that were the law such as is stated in Mr. Barnstead's protest my opinion would have been otherwise. The sections copied by him have been copied, not from the existing, but the proposed charter, and may indicate what the law ought to be, and not what it is.

Respectfully Submitted.

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Robt. Ledgewick.
Recorder.

When the following resolution No 2 is introduced.

Resolved That the opinion of His Honor the Recorder be concurred in by this Council and that a copy thereof be sent to Mr. Barnstead. Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Treakston which resolution on being put is passed.

Letter Secty. Board

of Public Charities

Read Letter from Robert J. Murray Secretary of the Board of Public Charities in reference to resolution of City Council asking payment of the services of the City Medical Officer at the Hospital during the Summer.

Letter Dr. Trenaman

to the Mayor in explanation thereof.

Read Letter from Doctor Trenaman

Letter Secty. of the Evangelical Alliance.

Read Letter from Revd. Robert Murray, Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance in reference to the holding of Religious Services at City Prison.

On Motion of Alderman Langard seconded by Alderman Treakston. The same is referred to Committee of City Prison to report on.

Petition B. G. Gray others in re removal of three gas lamps.

Read Petition from B. G. Gray and others in reference to removal of three Gas Lamps in Morris Street between Pleasant and Queen Streets.

On Motion of Alderman Pearson seconded by Alderman Langard The same is referred to the Board of City Works to report on.

Petition Pickford & Black others in re removal of gas lamps &c

Read Petition from Messrs Pickford & Black and others in reference to removal of Gas Lamps on Water Street and the inadequate supply of light to Water Street.

On Motion of Alderman Langard seconded by Alderman Mc Sweeney. The same is referred to the Board of City Works to report on.

Petition Berry Gullickson asking a refund of license duties

Read Petition of Berry Gullickson asking a refund of license duties paid by him.

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On Motion of Alderman Gad seconded by Alderman Longard The same is referred to Committee on License to report on.

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

Read Report from the Special

Committee on the Revision of the City Charter.

Read Resolution submitted in

printed copy of said Report.

On Motion of Alderman Mc-

Cellan seconded by Alderman Smith, Ex Alderman Schhurst and Ex Alderman Molton, being in the lobby of the Chamber are invited to seats on the platform.

Moved by Alderman Pearson

seconded by Alderman Mc Cellan That the above report and resolution be received, and discussed clause by clause.

10 Minutes to 5 P.M. A roll of

Council is made by Alderman Smith. (Members sent for.)

On Motion of Alderman Mc

Cellan seconded by Alderman Spelman The "Order of the Day" is suspended to allow Alderman Mc Cellan to introduce the following resolution.

Resolved That the thanks of this

Council be tendered to His Worship the Mayor for his very able address presented to its Members at its last Meeting. Moved by Alderman Mc Cellan seconded by Alderman Spelman, which resolution having been read and put by the City Clerk at the request of the Council was passed unanimously.

The Mayor then thanked the

Council for the honor done him in passing said resolution.

On Motion of Alderman Long-

ard seconded by Alderman Korall The Council adjourns until tomorrow Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock to further consider the Revised Charter

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Evening Session

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this evening Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Chipman, Pearson, Bent, Spelman, Smith, Delaney, McC Sweeney, Wilson, Stephen, McC Sellow, O'Mullin, Sheakston & ad. McC Innes, Hoodill, Longard, Taylor and Honall.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment to proceed with the consideration of the Report of Special Committee on Revision of City Charter.

Read Minutes of last Meeting which were confirmed.

The "Order of the Day" is taken up.

Report Special Committee on Revision of City Charter.

Read Report of Special Committee and the resolutions of last Meeting as entered in re City Charter Revision. The Motion of Alderman Pearson seconded by Alderman McC Sellow that the above report and resolution be received and discussed clause by clause was renewed by Alderman Delaney. After debate 10.30.

Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Delaney. That the Council adjourn put and lost 4 voting for the same 14 against it.

The following amendment was then introduced.

That the report of Committee appointed to revise the City Charter be laid upon the Table until this day six months and that the Council proceed with the Revision of Charter as printed by the Revisors appointed by this Council. Moved by Alderman Sheakston seconded by Alderman Smith which amendment on being put is lost 4 voting for the same and 14 against it and the names being called for appeared thus:

For the Amendment.
Aldermen Sheakston, Smith, Chipman, Stephen 4

Against it.
Aldermen Pearson, Hoodill, Delaney, McC Innes, Honall, Taylor, Longard, & ad. Bent, McC Sweeney, Wilson, O'Mullin, McC Sellow, Spelman. 14

Moved by Alderman Stephen That the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost.

The original Motion. That the report be received and discussed clause by clause was then put and passed.

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Alderman Stephens and Smith

seconded by Alderman Longard,

On Motion of Alderman O'Mullin

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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 Chipman, Spelman, Smith, Delaney, McCweeney, Wilson, O'Mullin, Cad. McInnes, Longard, Taylor and Torall.

The Council were summoned to proceed with the consideration of the Revised Charter. Matters standing over, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of the 18th Dec. 1885 which were confirmed.

Alderman Taylor, Chairman of Committee of Public Accounts on several accounts from Fire Department.

Alderman Longard, Chairman submits a report from Committee of City Prison, on the letter from the Evangelical Alliance in reference to the Religious Services at City Prison.

His Worship the Mayor submits a letter from G. H. Smith, Solicitor in reference to damages sustained by falling over an embankment at the North End.

Also a letter from W. H. Neal, Secretary of the Association for improving the condition of the Poor asking a conference with the City Council.

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

Report Committee
on City Prison
on letter from the
Evangelical
Alliance.

City Prison on letter from the Evangelical Alliance, in reference to Religious Services at Rockhead Prison.

Committee Room.

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To His Worship the Mayor,
and the City Council.

Gentlemen.

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day present, Ald. Bent, Spelman, Stephen, Cheakston, McInnes and the Chairman, it was decided to give the Prisoners the usual Christmas dinner and that the Governor of the Prison be instructed accordingly.

With reference to the letter from the Secty. of the Evangelical Alliance, your Committee find on referring to the minutes that at a conference between the City Prison Committee and a Committee of the Alliance held on the 11th December 1879 an arrangement was made for the performance of Religious Services at the
Prison

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Notice of Action
 G. H. Smith
 Solicitor of Bridget O'Brien.

Hudson Smith, Solicitor of Bridget O'Brien, asking compensation for damages sustained by the falling over an embankment.

Read Notice of Action from G.

seconded by Alderman Saigard
 of Laws & Privileges.

On Motion of Alderman Norall
 The said Notice referred to Committee

seconded by Alderman Delaney
 to allow Alderman Chipman to introduce a resolution by way of Notice.

Revision of City
Charter.

"Order of the Day" The revision of the City Charter.

Read 1st clause under Title One
 as printed. Moved by Alderman Delaney seconded by Alderman
 McJames. To which the following amendment was introduced.

Resolved That the report be referred
 back to the Committee with a view of having inserted in the proposed
 Charter provisions providing, First - That the Mayor and Alderman
 shall constitute the Council.

Second - That the number of Alder-
 man shall be in all Six, one representing each Ward but to be elected
 by a vote of the whole City in the same manner as the Mayor is now
 elected.

Third - That the Mayor shall
 receive a Salary of Two Thousand Dollars each annually

Fourth - That the Mayor and
 Alderman shall be elected annually on the first day of May in each
 year. Moved by Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Mc
 Sweeney.

4.15 P.M. On Motion of Alder-
 man Norall seconded by Alderman Chipman The Gentlemen compris-
 ing the Committee of the Association for the relief of the Poor viz: W. H.
 Neal, Secretary D. Blackwood, Samuel Brookfield, Mr. Dunbar, John
 H. Symons, James Forrest, G. G. Blackadar, W. H. Mc Garvie and Henry
 Barton being present were permitted an audience with the Council on
 the subject of providing work for the Poor for ensuing Winter.

Mr. Neal, Mr. Blackwood, Mr.
 Symons and Mr. G. G. Blackadar addressed the Council on the claims
 of the Association, when,

On Motion of Alderman Mc-
 Sweeney seconded by Alderman Pearson The thanks of the ^{City} Council,
 are tendered to the Committee of the Association, for the trouble taken by
 them in bringing the subject to the notice of the Council.

Alderman Smith submits a resolution
 by way of Notice in reference to receiving an Opinion from His Honor
 the Recorder on the subject of Revision of the City Charter.

5 min to 5⁵
 seconded by Alderman Pearson.

On Motion of Alderman Stephen
 "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 Chair Alderman Shipman, Pearson, Reut. Spelman, Delaney, Wilson, Stephen, Mc Bellan, O'Mullin, Sheakston, Cad, McInnes, Langard, Taylor and Horall.

The City Council were summoned to consider the Report of Committee of Public Accounts, ^{or Estimates} for ensuing year. Matters standing over and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of Meeting held on the 22nd which were confirmed.

Alderman Taylor, Chairman of Committee of Public Accounts submits the Estimate of appropriation for 1886-87 as prepared by Committee.

His Worship the Mayor submits a letter from His Honor the Recorder in reference to suits - The City of Halifax vs Various Insurance Cos. appeal from the Supreme Court.

Also a letter from Messrs Graham, Tupper, Borden, & Parker, Solicitors in reference to deposit on a/c of the Halifax Graving Dock Co. (Limited).

Also a letter from W. G. Hamilton, Collector of Taxes; in reference to amount of uncollected Taxes average of several years.

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

Communication

Messrs Graham, Tupper, Borden & Parker, Solicitors for the Halifax Graving Dock Co. (Limited.) in reference to the Council naming a Dry Dock deposit Bank in which to place the forfeit deposit.

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The Agreement between the Halifax Dry Dock Co. and the City of Oct. 9th calls for a deposit of \$2000 before the Third day of January 1886 is passed.

The money is now in our hands. We see the deposit must be made to the credit of the Mayor and Treasurer in a Bank to be approved by the City. Will you inform us in what Bank the City desires the deposit to be made.

As the Third of January is near at hand your immediate attention will oblige.

J. G. Mackintosh Esq
Mayor, Halifax.

Yours Truly
Graham, Tupper, Borden & Parker.

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On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Norrall. Resolved that the amount be deposited in the Merchants Bank as required by the agreement.

Communication
His Honor the Recorder in re appeal of City vs Insurance Co's.

Read Communication from His Honor the Recorder in reference to the Appeal of the Causes, The City of Halifax vs The Provincial Western Insurance Company and other Companies to Supreme Court of Canada and asking further instructions.

On Motion of Alderman McBellan seconded by Alderman Stephen The same is referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges with His Worship the Mayor to arrange. passed.

Communication
Collector of Taxes.

Read Communication from the City Collector of Taxes in reference to average sums of short collection of Taxes for several years.

Estimates for 1886-7.

The Council proceed to the "Order of the Day" The Estimates as reported by the Committee of Public Accounts.

~ Salaries. ~

The Mayor \$1000 passed.

The Recorder, \$1200 passed.

The City Treasurer & Asst. \$1800 passed.

The City Clerk, \$1500 passed.

The Asst. City Clerk \$800. passed.

The Second Asst. Clerk, \$350 passed.

The Clerk of License \$600. passed.

The Clerk Board of Health \$100 passed.

The Keeper City Building \$324 passed.

The City Medical Officer \$1000 passed.

The Stipendiary Magistrate \$2000 passed.

The City Engineer \$2000 passed.

The City Auditor \$1500 passed.

The Collector of Rates & Taxes.

\$3500 passed.

The Chief Assessor \$1000. passed.

The Two Asst. Assessors \$1600 passed.

Inspector of Buildings \$100. passed
Total \$20,974.

Allowance to Assessors under Franchise Act \$600 passed.

~ Police Department. ~

City Marshal \$1200 passed.

\$1400 passed.

2 Deputy Marshals \$700 each

\$14,960. passed.

34 Policeman at \$440 each

\$3000. passed.

6 Serjts. of Police \$500 each

\$1720. passed.

Clothing for 43 men \$40 each

Total \$22,880.

Detective \$600. passed.

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~ Fire Department. ~

Telegraph Operator \$600. passed.

Fire Alarm \$300. passed.

Maintenance Steam Fire Engines \$1200 passed.

Ordinary Expenses and Water Side

Protection \$4875. passed.

Total \$6975.

~ City Prison. ~

Governor & Matron \$1200 passed.

Under Keepers \$2000 passed.

Maintenance \$2600 passed. \$5.800 less Income \$900.

Total \$4900

~ Board of City Works ~

Repairs to City Property \$2000 passed.

Internal Health \$12.000 passed

Streets, Labor & Material \$19.800 passed.

Keepers of Engine Houses \$870.

passed.

Repairs to Engine Houses \$1500.

Insurance \$300 passed.

Repairs Exhibition Building

\$500. passed.

Fuel for City Buildings \$600. passed.

Horses & Drivers &c \$2500 passed

Keeper City Clock \$100 passed.

Telephones & allowance \$300. passed

Total \$40.470.

~ Interest. ~

Old Funded Debt. \$2400. 5 1/2 % \$1284.83

Consolidated Stock at 5% \$81.720.00

\$4086.00

Prison Debentures renewed \$2826.00

Current Interest \$400.00. Total \$8596.83.

~ Miscellaneous. ~

Gas City Building \$250.00

Gas Co. & Electric Light Co., lamps

\$9171.00

Allowance to Mrs. Tobin \$101.28.

Oil Lamps \$1500.00.

Industrial School \$1200.00.

2 Pupils at Asylum for Blind \$120.00.

Allowance to Commissioners of

Board of Works. \$1000.00

Total \$14.842.28.

~ Contingent a/c ~

Read letter from Hon. S. G. Power and William Bishop, Trustees of Estate of late P. Power in reference to boys sent to St. Patrick's Home from Police Court.

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~ Probable Income ~

Auction & Liquor License \$11,000.00.

Labs, Trucks & Licenses \$1250.00.

Fees in City Court \$5,000.00.

Fees City Marshal \$630.00.

Fees Detective \$500.00.

Dog Tax \$1500.00

Rents of City Property \$2750.00

\$22,630.00

Moved by Alderman Bongard seconded by Alderman Mac Bellan That the Six Hundred Dollars from the Reformatory in Miscellaneous and the \$500 added to income for Dog Tax be added to Streets, Labor & Material for Board of Works.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mac James seconded by Alderman Pearson. That \$500 be added to Streets and \$600 to Internal Health Estimate which amendment on being put is lost.

The following amendment is introduced.

Moved by Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Sheakston That \$800 be added to Streets a/c and \$300 to fund for new Electric Lights or Gas Lamps which amendment on being put is passed & voting for the same 7 against it. Total Estimates for Streets, Labor & Material \$19,800. passed.

Contingent a/c. passed \$2991.89.

~ Extra Assessment. ~

County Assessment. \$25,392.68.

City's Proportion, Poor Asylum & Hospital \$22,000.00.

5% Short collection \$1269.63.

Dalhousie College \$500.00

Short Collection \$1100.00.

Public Schools per Estimate \$68600.00.

3 Pupils Deaf & Dumb \$180.00.

\$5430.00.

Allowance for Short Collection

\$1200.00.

Estimate for Sanitary purposes.

Public Gardens. \$2000.00

Revisors of Electoral Lists \$200.00

Maintenance of Public Library. \$1200.00

Maintenance, Park \$1000.00.

Interest \$150.00.

1/3 Loan of \$3750. \$1250.00.

Walkers Judgment \$1383.00

Court of Appeal. \$300.00.

Fire Escapes \$1500.00

Board of Health, Special \$750.00.

Total \$133,105.31.

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~ Interest. ~

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| On Poor Asylum Debentures. \$1752.00. | Sewerage Debt. \$6600.00 |
| Public Garden Debt. \$900.00. | Exhibition Loan. \$1200.00. |
| Consolidated Stock. \$15322.50. | Special Loan. \$5000.00. |
| Sinking Fund. \$3000.00. | Cost of Collection \$7224.37. |
| Total \$40,998.87. | Total Extra. \$174,104.18. |

On Motion of Alderman McC
Gellan seconded by Alderman Mc James, The Estimate for Sanitary purposes is passed at \$900.00.

The following Resolution No 1 is
next introduced.

Resolved That the amounts placed
in the Estimate of 1886-87. viz: General Assessment \$100,000 and
Special or Extra Assessments \$174,104.18 making a total of
\$274,104.18. be and hereby are confirmed and passed and the same
be forwarded by the City Clerk to the Board of City Assessors for the
purpose of fixing the rate of Taxation for the year commencing on
the first of May 1886, as directed by Law. Moved by Alderman
Taylor seconded by Alderman Delaney which resolution on being put
is passed.

5 min. past 6 "On Motion"
"Council Adjourn"

Copy of Order to Assessors 1886 and 87.

Office of City Clerk.

Halifax 30th December 1885.

Sir

I have it in command from the City Council to direct you to make an assessment upon the respective Wards of the City of Halifax in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars for and toward City purposes, for the year 1886 & 87. and the further sum of One Hundred and Seventy Four Thousand One Hundred and Four Dollars, Eighteen cents for and under the head of Extra Assessments. I have also the honor to forward you a copy of the Estimates for said amounts as passed by the City Council on the 29th inst.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedt. Servt.

Thos. Ashind

To John G. Barry Esq.
Chief Assessor.

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