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Also letter from the City Clerk in reference to two Boys sentenced to St. Patricks Home by the Police Court.

Also letter from City Clerk in reference to two Boys sentenced to Halifax Industrial School from the Police Court.

Also a letter from John Howe, Secretary of Board of Agriculture in reference to articles sent to Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

Also a Return from the City Collector of amounts collected for Poor and County Rates and for City Water Rates for month of Nov. 1886.

Also a Statement from the City Treasurer of Receipts and Expenditure for month of Nov. 1886.

Also two Weekly Returns from the Supervisor of Measurers of Coal.

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

Appointment of Mayor in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter Section 26 Ordinance 7, nominated Alderman Delaney and Alderman O'Brien to visit and inspect City Prison as required by said Section of the Law.

Works in reference to the vacancy in office of Clerk of Works.

Petition John Mc Carthy and others in re water supply Hanover & Veith Streets and other Rate Payers of Ward Six (Hanover and Veith Streets) asking water supply.

seconded by Alderman Konall The same is referred to the Board of City Works, and if in accordance with Law and will pay the usual percentage to proceed with the work.

Letter Secretary Hex. Graving Dock Co with plans & specifications Secretary, Halifax Graving Dock Co. Limited, with the Plans and Specification of said Dock.

seconded by Alderman O'Mullin The same is referred to the Board of City Works to examine and report on to this Council.

Letter S. M. Brookfield, in reply to resolution of Council as subject of building wharf, near Dry Dock.

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Letter County Clerk in re amount due County

Read Letter from W. H. Wiswell Esq. Municipal Clerk County of Halifax in reference to amounts due by City of Halifax, to County of Halifax for 1882 to 1886.

On Motion of Alderman McC-Innes seconded by Alderman Pearson The said Letter is referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on.

Petition Lawson Barrington & Co others.

Read Petition from Messrs Lawson, Barrington & Co, and other Oil Dealers in reference to the Storage of Oil.

Reports City Clerk.

Read Reports from City Clerk in reference to Boys sentenced from Police Court to the Halifax Industrial School and to the St. Patricks Home.

Letter Secretary of Board of Agriculture.

Read Letter from John Lowe, Secretary of Board of Agriculture in reference to articles sent to Colonial and Indian Exhibition at London.

On Motion the Letter is referred to the Board of City Works to carry into effect the proposal if the same is not attended with too much cost.

Resol. rel to Queens Jubilee.

Read following resolution submitted by Alderman Stephen.

Whereas it is desirable that the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen which takes place in June next should be celebrated in a fitting manner by this Council. Therefore Resolved That a Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor and Six Aldermen be appointed to take the matter in hand and report proceedings from time to time. Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Cheakston, which resolution on being put is passed.

Committee The Mayor Aldermen Pearson, Delaney, Wilson, Cheakston, Woodill and Donald.

Resol. rel. to City Charter.

The following resolution was next introduced.

Whereas the time for the Meeting of the Legislature is drawing near and whereas it is necessary that our Revised City Charter should be submitted to the House at this Session.

Therefore Resolved that the reviewing and passing of the work of the Revision be taken up by the Council at a Special Meeting to be called for that purpose and continued from Meeting to Meeting until the work is completed. Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Cheakston which resolution on being put is passed.

Resol. rel. to Electric light corner of Blowers and Granville Sts.

The following Resolution No 3 is

Resolved That an Electric Light be placed on the corner of Blowers and Granville Streets and the matter be referred to the Board of Works to report on. Moved by Alderman

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December 3<sup>rd</sup> Alderman Delaney seconded by Alderman Smith. Objected to and laid over.

Council next take up the "Order of the Day."

Report Board of Works in re Clerk of Works.

Works in reference to the vacancy in the office of Clerk of Works by the demise of late John B. Johnston.

Read Report from the Board of City

Office of Commissioners.

Board of City Works.

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1886.

The Board of City Works beg leave to report for the information of the City Council that the following resolution was adopted at a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Resolved that the City Council be officially notified by this Board of the vacancy in its clerkship and also in the office of Inspector of Buildings caused by the death of the late J. B. Johnston and that the Council be requested to take immediate steps to fill the same.

Respectfully Submitted.

Alex. Stephen.

Chairman.

When the following resolution No 4 is introduced.

Resolved that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for applicants for the position of Chief Clerk to the City Board of Works at a salary of One Thousand Dollars per annum. Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Sheakston to which the following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that the Salary to be paid the Clerk of Works be Eight Hundred Dollars in full of all salary and fees. Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Bent which amendment on being put is passed 9 voting for the same and 6 against it.

Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Woodill that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost.

Read Letter from Samuel M. Brookfield in reference to resolution of Council on the subject of building wharf near Graving Dock Site.

On Motion of Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Bent The said Letter is referred to the Board of City Works to report on.

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

Resol. rel. to salary of Clerk of Works.

Letter S. M. Brookfield in re wharf near Graving Dock Site.

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Report Special Committee on Storage of Oils.

Petition Lawson Harrington & Co. others in re storage of oil.

on the subject of Storage of Oils as read and entered 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. ultimo.

Read Report Special Committee on the subject of Storage of Oils as read and entered 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. ultimo.

Read Petition from Messrs Lawson Harrington, and Company and others against the storing of oil on the Baker property so called.

Moved by Alderman McJames that the report of the Special Committee be received and adopted, to which the following amendment was introduced.

Moved by Alderman Delaney seconded

That the Report of Committee on Storage of Oil be referred back to that Committee together with the Petition of Rate Payers against the selection of a Site for Storing Oil. Moved by Alderman Sheakston seconded by Alderman Bent which amendment on being put is lost 4 voting for the same 7 against it.

20 Minutes to 6 P.M. On Motion of Alderman Pearson seconded by Alderman Bent.

"The Council Adjourns"

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"Evening Session".

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this evening, Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Gent. Cooke, Delaney, Keefe, Wilson, Stephen, O'Mullin, Theakston, McInnes, Woodill, Taylor and Norall.

The City Council was summoned to pass report of Special Committee on Storage of Oil. To consider the Revision of City Charter, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant which were confirmed.

Alderman Stephen, Chairman of Board of City Works submits a report from the Board of Works on letter from Samuel M. Brookfield Esq. in reference to the building of wharf near Halifax Graving Dock Site.

His Worship the Mayor submits a Report from the Recorder on the decision given in the Supreme Court on the action of Inglis vs. Mackintosh & Morris, License case.

Alderman Woodill submits two resolutions by way of Notice, one in reference to payment to Union Protection Compy. Union Engine Compy. and Axe Compy. and the other in reference to Decks in the City Council Chamber.

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

Read Report from His Honor the Recorder in reference to decision in the Supreme Court in the cause of Inglis vs Mackintosh & Morris.

Recorders Office.

Halifax 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1886.

Sir

I beg to report that the action Inglis vs Mackintosh and Morris, brought to compel the Mayor and Clerk of License to issue a license to the Plaintiff was tried at the sitting of the Supreme Court just closed and that it has resulted in a judgment in favor of the Defendants. Mr. Inglis action being dismissed with costs.

Your Obedt. Servt.  
Robt. Sedgewick,  
Recorder.

His Worship  
The Mayor.

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Report Recorder  
in re cause of  
Inglis vs Mack-  
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Office of Commissioners.  
Board of City Works.  
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The Board of City Works beg to report that at a meeting held yesterday, the letter from S. M<sup>s</sup>. Brookfield, referred to this Board by the City Council, was duly considered and the following resolution adopted.

Resolved that in the opinion of the Board it is desirable that better wharf accommodation should be provided for the North end of the City but in view of the fact, that it is as yet unknown what amount the City shall receive for privileges granted to the Halifax Graving Dock Co. it is not at present advisable to determine upon the character or cost of the wharf which, to meet the wants of that section of the City, it is in the opinion of this Board desirable should be erected upon City property North of the Magazine property.

The Board however recommend that no disposition be made of the money to be received from the Company without first making provision for the erection of the wharf referred to.

Respectfully Submitted.  
Alex. Stephen.  
Chairman.

Read Report from the Board of City Works on the letter from Samuel M<sup>s</sup>. Brookfield in reference to building wharf near Halifax Graving Dock Site. (see above)

On Motion of Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Taylor the said report is received and adopted.

Read following resolution submitted by Alderman Woodill by way of Notice in reference to grant to Firemen.

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<sup>00</sup>, Union Protection Company \$600<sup>00</sup>, Union Axe Company \$200<sup>00</sup> Moved by Alderman Woodill seconded by Alderman O'Mullin which resolution on being put is passed.

Read Resolution of Alderman Woodill by way of Notice in reference to fitting Council Room with Desks, as follows:

Resolved that the Board of Works be requested to make such alterations in the City Council Chamber as will enable each Alderman to occupy a Desk. Moved by Alderman Woodill seconded by Alderman Cooke which resolution on being objected to is laid over.

Report Board of Works on the letter from S. M<sup>s</sup>. Brookfield in reference to wharf near Dock Site.

Resol. rel. to Annual Grant to Fire Companies.

Resol. rel. to Desks in Council Chamber.

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Report Special  
Committee on the  
Storage of Oil.

on the Storage of Oil as read and entered at last Meeting.

Read Report of Special Committee

Moved by Alderman McCInnes

seconded by Alderman Delaney. That the report of the Special Committee on Storage of Oil be received and adopted to which the following amendment was introduced.

That in view of the Petition against the location of a Place for Storage of Oil, that the Chairman of that Committee being absent from the City, that this matter be deferred until the next Meeting of this Council. Moved by Alderman Sheakston seconded by Alderman Wilson which amendment on being put is lost, and the original Motion on being put is passed.

Resol. rel. to  
suit of Inglis vs  
Mackintosh &  
Morris.

On Motion of Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Keefe The "Order of the Day" was suspended to allow the fifth item on the Order to come up viz: The Resolution of Alderman of Alderman O'Mullin. Rescinding a Minute of Council relating to the suit of Inglis vs Mackintosh & Morris, entered in October 1886. The resolution was read and handed to His Honor the Recorder for his opinion as to its legality. The Recorder gave it as his opinion that the resolution was not in order, and the same was struck off the "Order of the Day."

Read Resolution submitted by Alderman Delaney, at last Meeting as follows:

Resol. rel. to an  
Electric Light  
on the corner of  
Blowers & Granville  
Streets.

Resolved that an Electric Light be placed on the corner of Blowers and Granville Street and that the matter be referred to the Board of City Works to report on. Moved by Alderman Delaney seconded by Alderman Smith which resolution on being put is passed.

On Motion of Alderman McCInnes seconded by Alderman Horall. Alderman Wilson is permitted to withdraw from serving on the Committee on the Queen's Jubilee Celebration and Alderman O'Brien was placed thereon in his stead.

Council next take up the subject of Revision of City Charter.

The Resolutions appointing the Committee and the work done was read. Then the following Resolution No 3 is introduced.

Resol. rel. to  
Revision of City  
Charter.

Resolved that the Special Committee on the Revision of City Charter be instructed to proceed with the work of revision of City Charter and report at an early day. Moved by Alderman Delaney seconded by Alderman O'Mullin which resolution on being put is passed.

Better Recorder  
covering Draft of  
an Amendment to  
Assessment Act  
of 1883.

Read Letter from His Honor the Recorder covering Draft of an Amendment to the Assessment Act of 1883. (see file)

On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Pent The said Draft of amendment is passed and is directed to be handed back to His Honor the Recorder to

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December 7<sup>th</sup> incorporate with other amendments to be prepared for the next Session of the Provincial Legislature.

Resol. rel. to  
allowance to  
Public Gardens

Read Alderman Taylor's resolutions by way of Notice is next taken up as follows:

Resolved that the reference in the Report of the Commissioners of the Common to the increase of the allowance toward keeping the Public Garden in Order, be referred to His Honor the Recorder with instructions to draft an Act to be submitted to the Legislature covering the recommendation for the increase of the annual amount. Moved by Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman O'Mullin, which resolution on being put is passed.

Alderman Taylor submits a Notice of Motion in reference to the placing the control and management of the several Parks and Gardens of the City (except Point Pleasant Park) under the control of the Commissioners of Halifax Common.

10 P. M. On Motion of Alderman Cooke seconded by Alderman Bent.

"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 Aldermen Pearson, Rent, Cooke, Delaney, Keefe, Wilson, Stephen, O'Brien, O'Mullin, Sheakston, McCInnes, Woodill, Lyons, Taylor, Morrell and Mosher.

The City Council was summoned to Elect a Clerk to City Board of Works, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1886 which were confirmed.

Alderman Morrell, Chairman of Committee of Public Accounts submits a report from that Committee.

Alderman Wilson, Chairman submits a report from Committee on Tenders for Printing and Stationery for 1887-8.

Alderman Wilson, Chairman submits report from Committee on City Prison with the a/c for Nov. 1886.

His Worship the Mayor submits a return from the City Collector of Rates & Taxes and also for Water Rates collected in Nov. 1886.

Also two Returns from Supervisor of Measurers of Coal.

Also a report from City Clerk of boy (house) sentenced to Halifax Industrial School.

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

Read Report from Committee on City Prison, a/c for month of Nov. 1886.

Read Report from Committee on Tenders for Printing and Stationery for year 1887-8.

City Buildings  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1886.

To His Worship the Mayor.  
and City Council.

Gentlemen

At a meeting of Committee on Tenders called to open Tenders for Printing, Advertising and Stationery the following were present Aldermen Cooke, McCInnes, Morrell and Chairman.

Report Committee  
on Tenders for  
Printing and  
Stationery for  
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On Motion It was resolved that the following Tenders be accepted viz:

Messrs Blackadar Bros. For Printing  
Morning Herald Printing & Pub. Co. } For Advertising  
and Messrs Blackadar Bros.

Messrs A & W. MacKinlay. For Stationery.

The Committee beg to recommend that in future when asking for Tenders for Stationery that samples of each article required be furnished applicants to compete for.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

J. G. Wilson.

Chairman.

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

Report Committee on Public Accounts on the subject of consideration of Estimates

Read Report from Committee of

Committee Room.

City Building.

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 1886.

The Committee of Public Accounts met last evening Present Alderman Delaney, Wilson, Woodill and the Chairman, with the City Auditor.

The Committee went over the various items to be placed in the Estimates for 1887-8 but as they could not finish up in one Meeting they agreed to report the fact to the Council and ask that a Meeting of Council be set down for consideration of Estimates on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. either in afternoon or evening as the Council may decide.

Respectfully Submitted.

H. H. Norall.

Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman Norall seconded by Alderman Delaney The said report is received & adopted.

Report City Clerk.

Read Report from the City Clerk

in reference to boy named George Brew sentenced to Halifax Industrial School.

On Motion of Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Norall The "Order of the Day" is further suspended to take up the Report of Committee of City Prison with a/c for Nov. The same is again read.

City Prison.

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To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

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Report Committee  
on City Prison in  
excess.

City Prison held this day Present Aldermen Cooke, McInnes,  
Theakston and the Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Committee for

The following bills were approved

of and recommended to be paid. viz:

Barnstead & Sutherland	\$ 8. 27.	George Rent.	\$ 3. 70
Allen & Son.	3. 00.	Stairs, Son & Morrow.	14. 43
J. & Wilson.	12. 70.	A & H. McKeinlay.	1. 50
W. D. Harrington.	34. 10.	Mr Roche Jr.	49. 50
Charles Greenman.	9. 36.	Theakston & Angwin.	3. 87
			<u>\$ 140. 43</u>

All of which is Respectfully Submitted.

J. & Wilson.  
Chairman.

One is introduced.

When the following Resolution No

Resolved That the Bills against  
the City Prison for Nov. 1886 amounting to \$140<sup>43</sup> be paid and that  
His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for payment of  
same. Moved by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Theakston  
to which the following amendment was introduced.

Resol. rel. to  
City Prison Acc-  
ounts.

Resolved That the Report be ad-  
opted and the accounts passed omitting any accounts due Aldermen  
and that the latter stand over until next Meeting for the opinion of  
His Honor the Recorder on the legality of the same.

Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Mosher which amendment on being put was lost  
3 voting for the same and 13 against it and the names being called for  
they appeared thus:

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Mosher, Taylor, Lyons 3

Against it.

Aldermen Rent, Wilson,  
Pearson, Woodill  
Keefe, Delaney,  
O'Brien, Theakston,  
Stephen, Cooke,  
McInnes, Donall  
O'Mullin. 13

Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Donall That His Honor the Recorder being now  
present do give his opinion on clause No 34 Ordinance Two of the  
"Rules and Regulations" governing City Council. Motion put and  
passed.

opinion on the subject.

The Recorder gives his (verbal)

put and passed 14 voting for the Resolution, 2 against it and the  
names being called for they appeared thus:

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For the Resolution.

Against it.

Aldermen Taylor, Bent, Wilson. Alderman Mosher, Lyons &  
 Pearson, Woodill, Keefe.  
 Delaney, O'Brien,  
 Sheakston, Stephen  
 Cooke, MacInnes.  
 Honall, O'Mullin. 14

Council next proceed to the "Order of the Day." The Election of a clerk for City Board of Works.

Read Applications from Mr B.  
 Mac Nutt, James G. Jamieson, R. H. Humphrey, Gould N. Brown,  
 Michael M. Walsh, H. S. Satter, H. N. Schaffer, J. G. Davys, R. G.  
 Noble, and George J. Smithers for said situation.

Appointment of clerk to Board of City Works.

The Names were taken from the  
 Chair, on three several times, when on the third "ball" there appeared  
 for H. B. Mac Nutt 9 R. H. Humphrey, 6 and Gould Brown 1. Will-  
 iam B. Mac Nutt having received a Majority of votes of Aldermen  
 present was declared elected.

14 to 5 On Motion of Alderman Sheakston seconded by Alderman Pearson,

"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 Smith, Delaney, Keefe, Wilson, Stephen, O'Brien, O'Mullin, Irish, Sheakston, MacInnes, Lyons, Taylor, Morall and Mosher.

The City Council was summoned to receive and consider a report from Committee of Public Accounts with the Estimate for 1887-8. Report from the Board of City Works in reference to Plans and Specifications of Dry Dock and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of a Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant which were confirmed.

Alderman Morall, Chairman of Committee of Public Accounts submits the Estimate for the various services of the City for 1887-8

Alderman Stephen, Chairman of the Board of City Works submits a report from the Board on the plans and specifications of the proposed Dry Dock.

His Worship the Mayor submits a letter from R. J. Wilson, Secretary Board of School Commissioners, covering Estimate of the amount required to be assessed for Schools for 1887-8.

Also a letter from His Honor the Recorder, covering his opinion on Clause 34 Ordinance 2 of the Rules of City Council which was under debate at last Council.

Also a letter from His Honor the Recorder, covering certain resolutions on the subject of Arbitration with the County Authorities on County Assessment.

Also a letter from His Honor the Recorder, in reference to the termination in the suit of O'Brien vs the City of Halifax, as against the City of Halifax.

Also a letter from Lieut. Col. G. G. O'Brien, Commanding Royal Engineers in reference to certain plans prepared for buildings in exchange for Fuel yard and Commissariat Offices as a Market Site.

Also a letter from Wallace Graham Solicitor in reference to Deed of the Penitentiary Building

Also a letter from A. S. Hunt, covering the a/cs against the City for support of Insane Paupers from 12<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1886.

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visor of Measurers of Coal.

Also a Weekly Report from Super-

resolution by way of Notice, in reference to the City Auditor furnishing information on certain a/c's.

Alderman Lyons, submits a res-

seconded by Alderman Smith the "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

An Motion of Alderman Taylor

Report Board  
of Works in re  
plans & specifi-  
cations of Dry  
Dock.

City Works on the plans and specifications for construction of the Dry Dock.

Read Report from the Board of

Office of the Board of Commrs.  
of City Works.

Halifax 11<sup>th</sup> December 1886.

The accompanying letter from Fredk. J. Marriott Esq. Secretary to the Halifax Graving Dock Com-pany dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November together with the proposed plans and specification of the dock having been referred to this Board for examination they have the honour to report as follows:

The Secretary states in his letter that the plans have been approved by the Admiralty but there is no signature of any Admiralty Official upon them signifying such approval which in the opinion of the Board ought to have been appended.

The specification submitted is only general in character being neither full nor complete.

From clause 2 it appears that there must be one or more other specifications embodied in the contracts entered into between the Company and Messrs S. Pearson & Son the Contractors. These contracts and specifications the Board think ought to have been submitted with the plans in order more fully to explain them and the character of the work.

For the above reasons and for others which will presently be given the Board cannot recommend that the City Council approve of the plans and specifications now submitted by the Company until certain alterations be made in both, some of which are deemed to be necessary in order to conform with the terms of the Agreement with the City while others appear to be advisable in order to render the dock a more convenient structure for the Mercantile Marine.

It is recommended that the following be added to clause 1 after the word "jetty" viz "and also every other work matter or thing that may be needed to build and complete the dock and every detail or appurtenance thereof or thereto that may be required to render the structure fit in all respects and ready for the reception of vessels."

Also to clause 2 after "1886" add "After the same have been submitted to and received the approval of the City Council of Halifax. The Council reserving the right to amend

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Also at the end of the specification add the following clause viz: "It is also clearly understood and agreed upon between the parties hereto that all the terms, provisos and conditions contained in the agreement between the City of Halifax and the Halifax Graving Dock Company, Limited, dated 5<sup>th</sup> October 1885 are to be respected and strictly adhered to and that the said agreement is to be considered as forming part of this specification."

Also to clause 9 page 4 after the word "attached" add "all to be in accordance with designs to be hereafter submitted and approved of in accordance with the agreement between the Company and the City."

Also at the end of the specification add the following clause, viz: "It is also clearly understood and agreed upon between the parties hereto that all the terms provisos and conditions contained in the agreement between the City of Halifax and the Halifax Graving Dock Company, Limited, dated 5<sup>th</sup> October 1885 are to be respected and strictly adhered to and that the said agreement is to be considered as forming part of this specification."

On reference to clause 8, and to the plans it will be seen that it is proposed to construct "the floor, side-walls and entrance to the dock of cement concrete." This the Board regard as a violation of the agreement entered into with the City, as it was clearly understood at the time the agreement was drawn up that the structure was to be faced with granite, the terms of the agreement being as follows viz: "The said dock to be a permanent structure of stone and concrete first class and complete in every respect. The approaches thereto, floor altars and coping to be of granite" which in the opinion of the Board means a granite faced structure.

In the first set of plans submitted by the Company the entrance to the dock was shown to be 80 feet in width and the width across the body of the dock at the bottom was 58 feet and these were the dimensions specified in the agreement as required by the City. They have however been greatly enlarged the width of the entrance now being made 89 feet 3 inches and the bottom width of the dock 70 feet.

These enormous dimensions have presumably been required by the Admiralty and in the view of the Board their effect is to render the structure less convenient for commercial purposes than it otherwise might have been as fewer altars are admissible and easy access to any portion of the dock cannot be so well obtained.

While the Board have no desire to embarrass the Company by altering any of the leading dimensions required by the Imperial Government they would suggest that more and better means of access be provided to the bottom of the dock in order to make it as convenient as practicable under the circumstances. They therefore recommend that a flight of steps be placed at the side of each of

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of the timber slides shown on the plan on either side of the dock at about 140 feet from the entrance also that four additional timber slides with steps attached be constructed, two on either side of the dock and at about equal distances apart.

Under clause 9 it will be seen that the minimum thickness provided for the sidewalls where the excavations are in solid rock is specified to be only two feet, this the Board think should be increased to three feet at the least in order that the work may be of ample solidity and strength.

It is also noted that the specification makes no provision whatever for back and under drainage. This is a matter which requires the most careful consideration as not only does the stability and durability of the work depend upon it but the utmost circumspection is requisite in order to prevent the leakage of water into the dock which in winter time especially would cause serious inconvenience and greatly retard work on shipping within the dock.

The bottom of the dock is shown on the plans as being constructed level transversely, this is regarded as objectionable on account of not affording proper facility for the water to flow off into the side channels provided for that purpose, it is therefore recommended that the bottom of the structure be either crowned or depressed, proper provision being made in the latter case to carry off the water through suitable drains to be constructed for that purpose.

Respectfully Submitted.

Alex. Stephen.

Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman McInnes that the Report of the Board be adopted and a copy thereof be sent to the Company for their information. Motion put and passed.

Read Letter from the Secretary of the School Board Commissioners (R. J. Wilson Esq.) covering the Estimate of amount required to be assessed for School purposes 1887-8.

Read Letter from Lieut. Colonel C. G. O'Brien, Commanding R. G. in reference to purchase of site between Bedford Row and Water Street for a Market Place with certain Plans of buildings &c required by the Military Authorities

Read the Letter from His Honor the Recorder on the subject of his opinion of Clause 34 Ordinance 2 of Rules of Council.

Read Letter from His Honor the Recorder in reference to the appointment of a Committee of Arbitrators on the subject of the County Assessment..

Letter Secretary Board School Commrs.

Letter Lieut. Col. G. O'Brien

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Report Recorder  
in re suit, O'Brien  
vs City of Halifax.

Read Report from His Honor the Recorder on the subject of the suit, O'Brien vs the City of Halifax for damages having been decided by the Supreme Court against the City. Then the following Resolution No 3 is introduced.

Resolved that the report of the Recorder be adopted and that the amount of the judgment be paid out of any available funds at the disposal of His Worship the Mayor for such purpose. Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Sheakston which resolution on being put is passed.

Letter Wallace  
Graham, in re  
conveyance of the  
Penitentiary Prem-  
ises.

Read Letter from Wallace Graham Esq. Solicitor in reference to the conveyance of the Penitentiary premises

Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Lyons that the said conveyance be executed and delivered over to Mr. Graham, as Solicitor for the parties. Motion put and passed.

Letter A. S. Hunt  
with ace from  
Hospital for  
Insane.

Read Letter from A. S. Hunt, covering accounts due from the City of Halifax to the Hospital for Insane for Pauper Lunatics support from 12<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1886.

On Motion of Alderman Torall seconded by Alderman Delaney the same is referred to Committee on Charities to report on.

Read Resolution submitted by Alderman Lyons by way of Notice, asking information from City Auditor.

up, viz:

The 'Order of the Day' is next taken

Estimate for  
1887-8.

The Estimate of Expenditure for 1887-8 prepared by Committee Public Accounts. The Chairman of Committee of Public Accounts (Alderman Torall) reads and explains the same.

On Motion of Alderman Torall seconded by Alderman Sheakston the same is taken up 'Seriatim'.

Salaries  
His Worship the Mayor. \$1000 passed.

The City Treasurer & Assistant \$1800 passed.

His Honor the Recorder \$1200 passed.

The Assistant Clerk \$800.

The City Clerk \$1500 passed.

seconded by Alderman McJames that this amount pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Sheakston that the above salary be made \$1000 which amendment on being put is lost 2 voting for the same 10 against it. The original Motion \$800 is then put and passed.

passed.

Second Assistant Clerk \$350

The Clerk of License \$600 passed

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December 21<sup>st</sup> Clerk to Board of Health \$100 passed

Keeper of City Building \$324 passed.

City Medical Officer \$1000 passed.

The Stipendiary Magistrate \$1000

passed.

The Ex Stipendiary Magistrate

\$1383.34 passed.

Alderman Smith gives Notice of resolution in reference to salary of the Stipendiary Magistrate and submits the same.

The City Engineer \$2000 passed.

The City Auditor \$1500 passed.

Collector of Rates and Assessments

\$3500 passed.

Chief Assessor \$1000 passed.

The Assistant Assessors (2) \$1600 passed.

Inspector of Buildings \$100

Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Theakston that this item be struck off the Estimate which Motion on being put is passed. 7 voting for the same 6 against it. Alderman Stephen gives Notice of reconsideration.

(Item) Additional to Assessors

\$600 Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Mosher that the sum \$600 to Assessors be struck off the Estimate, which Motion on being put is lost 2 voting for the same 8 against it.

Moved by Alderman Keefe seconded

by Alderman Delaney that the sum of \$400 be placed in the Estimate for Assessors Extra, which Motion on being put is lost 6 voting for the same 7 against it.

Moved by Alderman Stephens seconded

by Alderman Mosher, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and passed. 8 voting for the same 5 against it.

"Council Adjourn" till Thursday evening

at 8 P. M.

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December 23<sup>rd</sup>

## "Evening Session."

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this evening Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair, Aldermen Pearson, Kent, Smith, Delaney, Keefe, Wilson, Stephen, O'Brien, O'Mullin, Sheakston, Irish, McInnes, Lyons, Taylor, Horall and Mosher.

The City Council was summoned to proceed with the consideration of the Estimate for 1887-8 and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read to Alderman Stephens reconsideration. Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman McInnes, that the question of the "Inspector of Buildings" Salary be reconsidered which Motion on being put is lost 3 for 12 against it. Balance of Minutes read and confirmed.

Estimate for  
1887-8.

Council proceed with the "Order of the Day" The consideration of the Estimate for 1887-8.

Item, Allowance to Assessors \$600 passed.

Total amount voted for Salaries. \$21,257.34.

==== Police Department. ====

The City Marshal \$1200 passed.  
Deputy Marshal (2) 700 \$1400 passed.

Pay of Policemen (34) 440 \$14960.  
passed.

Pay of Sergeants (6) 500 \$3000 passed.  
Clothing for 43 Men 40 \$1720 passed

Detective \$600 Moved by Alderman Delaney seconded by Alderman Horall, Amendment Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Stephen. That the Detective Salary be \$700 amendment put and passed.

Total, Police Department \$22,980

==== Fire Department. ====

Telegraph Operator \$700 passed

Steam Engines \$1200 passed.

Total \$6930.

Maintenance Fire Alarm \$400<sup>00</sup>  
passed.

Ordinary Expenses &c \$4630 passed

==== City Prison. ====

Governor & Matron \$1200 passed.

passed

Under Keeper & Officials \$2000

Maintenance \$2600 passed.

\$5800

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Less Probable Income \$1000 \$4800

— Board of City Works —

Repairs to City Property \$2000

Internal Health \$10,500. Moved by Alderman Howell seconded by Alderman MacInnes that this amount be set down at \$11,000. Motion put and passed.

on being put was lost.

A Motion, that the Council adjourn

passed

Streets, Labor & Material \$17,305

Insurance \$300 passed

Keepers of Engine Houses \$870 passed

passed.

Repairs to Engine Houses \$1500

passed.

Repairs Exhibition Building \$500

Horses & Keepers Fund \$2500 passed

Fuel City Building \$600 passed.

Telephones &c \$360 passed. Total \$370.35

Keeper City Block \$100 passed.

— Interest —

Old Funded Debt. \$24,000 N. S. Currency at 5% \$1284.83. passed.

Consolidated Stock \$138,324. at 5%

\$6912 passed.

Current Interest \$400 passed.

Total \$8596.83.

— Miscellaneous —

Gas for City Building \$250<sup>00</sup> passed.

Street Lighting \$11000 passed.

Printing & Stationery \$1500 passed.

Industrial School \$1200 passed.

3 Pupils at Blind Asylum. \$225 passed.

Allowance Commrs. Board Works.

\$1000 passed.

1/5 of \$5232.21 \$1046.44 passed.

Interest on Do for one year \$261.61 Total \$16483.05.

— Contingent A/c. —

For this amount for current year \$2617.78

Total Estimate. \$120,700.

— Less Probable Income —

From Ignor Licenses \$8500

Cabs, Trucks &c. 1250

Fines, Fees &c &c. 6000

Fees from City Marshal. 750

Detective Services. 250

Dog Tax. 750

Rents of City Property. 3200

20,700  
\$ 100,000

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## Extra Assessments under Special Acts

County Assessments \$9500 passed.

Allowance for Short Collection \$475

passed.

Moved by Alderman Horall seconded by Alderman Smith, that \$27000 for Poor Asylum and Somatic Paupers, pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Taylor that the amount be put down \$25000. Motion put and passed. Short Collection \$1250 passed

Catholics College \$500 passed

3 Pupils Deaf &amp; Dumb \$180 passed

Public School. \$70.600 passed.

5% Collection \$3530 passed.

Revisors of Electoral Lists \$200 (struck out.)

Maintenance Public Gardens

\$2000 passed.

Maintenance Public Park \$1000

passed.

Moved by Alderman Pearson seconded by Alderman Kent in amendment that the amount be \$2000 Amendment lost on division (Motion carried)

Maintenance Public Library \$1200 passed.

1/3 Loan of \$3750 \$1250 passed.

Interest on above \$75 passed.

Court of Appeals \$200 passed.

Fire Escapes \$750.

Moved by Alderman McInnes

seconded by Alderman Horall.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keefe seconded by Alderman Lyons that the said allowance to Board of Fire Escapes be put down at \$3. Motion put and lost.

Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman McInnes that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be put down in Fire Escapes Estimate.

Alderman Keefe submits a resolution by way of Notice in reference to Board of Fire Escapes.

Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman McInnes that the original question be now put.

20 Min. past 11. A roll of Council was made by Alderman Cheakston

While the absent Members were being looked for. On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Keefe.

"The Council Adjourns".

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"Afternoon Session."

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Pearson, Kent, Cooke, Smith Delaney, Keefe, Stephen, O'Brien O'Mullin, Irish, Sheakston, McInnes, Lyons, Taylor, Horall, and Mosher.

The City Council was summoned to proceed with the consideration of the Estimate for 1887-8 and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> Decr. 1886. which were confirmed.

His Worship the Mayor submits a report from the Committee on Charities in charge of Poor Asylum in reference to Tenders for Groceries for that Institution with Memorandum from some of the Committee.

Also a Report from the City Engineer on the subject of Letter from Doctor Cogswell, London in reference to the Erection of a Statue of Sebastian Cabot on the Grand Parade.

Also an Assignment of Lease from Osborne Blois to City of Halifax of the premises known as Bakers and to be used as the Petroleum Warehouse.

Alderman Mosher submits a Petition from J. A. Turnbull & others Rate Payers asking a Gas Lamp on Victoria Street near foot of Young Street.

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

Read Report from Committee on Charities in charge of Poor Asylum in reference to Tenders for supply of Groceries to that Institution for 1887.

City Building  
Halifax Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 1886.

To the Mayor and City Council.

The Committee on Charities beg to report as follows:

Tenders for supplies of Meat and Groceries for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y. 1887. to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1887 have been advertised for and the tender for meat supplies has been awarded to Mr. Whiston the lowest tenderer.

With respect to the tender for groceries there were five tenders submitted and on making the requisite

Report Committee on Charities in reference to tenders for Groceries to Poor Asylum.

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December 28<sup>th</sup> requisite calculations it was found that Messrs Dillon Bros. and E. J. Gordly were the two lowest. These have been carefully gone into and with the following result:

Dillon Bros. tender with refined sugar	\$3507.99
E. J. Gordly's " " " "	<u>3270.50</u>
In favor of E. J. Gordly.	\$ 237.49

At a meeting of the Committee on Charities held last evening at which the following Members were present, The Mayor, Aldermen Cooke, Delaney, O'Brien, O'Mullin, and McInnes.

It was Moved by Alderman O'Mullin and seconded by Alderman Cooke that the Contract for Groceries be given to Dillon Bros. On the vote being taken there appeared for the Motion, Aldermen Cooke, O'Mullin and O'Brien. Against it, Aldermen Delaney and McInnes. The Mayor gave notice that he would carry the matter to the City Council for decision on the ground that the lowest tender should be accepted if otherwise satisfactory.

All of which is submitted.

J. G. Mackintosh,  
Chairman.

Read Memorandum from a Majority of the Committee on the subject.

Halifax 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1886.

To the City Council.

The following Members of the Committee on Charities being the Majority of the said Committee consider that the contract for Groceries should be given to the lowest tenderer and thus carry out the decision of the Committee when the tenders were opened and also carry out the well understood principles which should govern such cases.

J. G. Mackintosh, Mayor & Chairman.

John McInnes.

H. H. Honall.

H. G. Delaney.

Moved by Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Stephen that the report of the Committee of Charities be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Honall seconded by Alderman Delaney that the Contract be awarded to Edw. J. Gordly, his being the lowest tender, which amendment on being put was passed 10 voting for the same 6 against it and the names being called for appeared thus:

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Pearson, Delaney,  
Sheakston, McInnes,  
Honall, Irish,  
Moosher, Taylor,  
Lyons, Keefe. 10.

Against it.

Aldermen Cooke, O'Mullin,  
Smith, O'Brien,  
Stephen, Bent. 6

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Report City Engineer.

on the letter from Dr. Cogswell, (London) in reference to placing a Statue of Sebastian Cabot on the Grand Parade.

on the subject.

Read letter from Doctor Cogswell

resolution by way of Notice in reference to the above.

Alderman Stephen submits a

Petition J. A.

Jumbull val asking gas lamp near foot of Young Street

and other Rate Payers, Ward Six Victoria Street asking the erection of a Gas Lamp near foot of Young Street.

seconded by Alderman Taylor. The said Petition is referred to the Board of City Works to attend to.

On Motion of Alderman Mosher

The "Order of the Day" is next taken up viz: The balance of the Estimates for 1887-8.

seconded by Alderman Delaney the \$200 Revisors of Electoral Lists in "Extra Assessment" is struck off.

On Motion of Alderman Honall

Moved by Alderman Honall seconded by Alderman McInnes.

Item \$750 Board of Fire Escapes

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Keefe that \$150<sup>00</sup> only be placed in Estimate for remuneration of Board after 1<sup>st</sup> May next which amendment on being put is passed & voting for the same & against it.

His Worship the Mayor being called on for his casting vote gives it in favor of the amendment and the names being called for appeared thus

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Cooke, Delaney, Mosher, Taylor, Lyons, Keefe, Mayor. 7

Against it.

Aldermen Pearson, Sheakston, Smith, McInnes, Honall, Stephen, O'Mullin. 7

Item, St. Patrick's Home up to 1<sup>st</sup> May 1887. \$816.31.

1/3 Loan for amount expended

Allow Highers \$700.00

Interest on \$2100 as above \$105.00

\$119.731.31

Interest on Debentures Poor Asylum \$30.000 N.S. by. at 6% \$1752.00

Interest on Debentures Sewerage \$110.000 Com. by. at 6% \$6600.00

Interest on Debentures Public Gardens \$15000 @. 6 per cent. \$900.00

Loans \$20.000 @. 6 per cent. \$1200.00

Interest on Consolidated Stock

\$375.766. at 5%

Interest on \$50.000 for 10 months

\$2416.67.



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Special Loan Interest on \$100,000 \$6000.  
 Sinking Fund on above \$3000.  
 Interest on \$12,000 for one year \$600 \$40,256.67.  
 New hose, struck off.  
 Cost of collection 5% on \$149,632.98. \$7481.65 \$267,469.63.  
 — less —  
 Gain on Allowance for Short Collec-  
 tion 1884-5 \$8600.  
 Unexpended balance from charities  
 \$6400 \$15,000 Total \$252,469.63. 1885-6.

Moved by Alderman Delaney seconded by Alderman Smith That the sum of \$100 be added to the Salary of the Assistant City Clerk, the same to be deducted from the amount passed in the Contingent Fund. Motion put and passed.

The following resolution was then introduced.

Resol. rel. to Assessment for 1887-8.

Resolved That the City and Ordinary Assessment amounting to \$100,000 and the Special or Extra Assessment amounting to \$152,469.63 making a total of \$252,469.63 be passed and hereby confirmed and that the City Clerk be directed to furnish the Board of City Assessors with a copy of said Estimates for the purpose of fixing the rate of taxation on the Real and Personal Property of the Citizens for the year commencing on the first of May 1887 agreeably to Law. Moved by Alderman Honnall seconded by Alderman Taylor which resolution on being put is passed

Resol. rel. to Policeman.

On Motion of Alderman Sheakston seconded by Alderman Cooke. The City Clerk is authorized to advertise for applications for the situation of Policeman to fill the vacancy caused by the demise of late Policeman Andrew Purvis

6 P.M. On Motion of Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Taylor.

"The Council Adjourn."

Copy of Order to Assessors.

Office of City Clerk.  
Halifax Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 1886.

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 1887-88 and the further sum of One Hundred and Fifty Two thousand Four hundred and Sixty Nine Dollars and Sixty Three 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 28<sup>th</sup> instant.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedt. Servt.

Thos. Spind  
City Clerk.

John G. Barry Esq.  
Chief Assessor.

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