

1861
February 11th by Alderman McCulloch which amendment on being
continued put is lost & voting for the same and against it -
and the names being called for appeared thus..

For the Amendment	Against it
Alderman McCulloch	Alderman Doome, Acthurst
Coleman	Sisk, Richey
Hill	Barnstead, Kaye
	Conway, Jennings
	Mrs Duggan, Walsh
	Jas Duggan, Leahy
	Fennaman.

The original resolution is then put and

passed,

Council rise in

"On Motion Council rise"

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February 15th

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Hill John Duggan, Barnstead, Nash, McCulloch, Walsh, Ackhurst James Duggan, Thernmannus Evers, Coleman, Conway, Thomas Leahy, Richey and Jennings,

The City Council were summoned to take up the business standing over from last meeting and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 11th Feb

Alderman Hill Chairman hands in Report of Committee of Public Accounts received

His Worship the Mayor in the absence of Alderman Richey hands in a draft of Bill relative to Wooden Buildings in the City of Halifax,

also a communication from Naval Storekeeper relative to a fire at Dockyard. On Motion the same is received.

Com. from Brigade Major
Rel. to clothing of soldiers destroyed
by fire on the 12th Jan^y 1861.

Also communication from the Brigade Major relative to clothing of soldiers destroyed by on 12th January 1861

The order of the day is suspended to allow these two communications to be read

Read communication from the Major of Brigade

When following resolution is introduced

On reading the letter of Major Percy Major of Brigade relative to loss sustained by Soldiers in the Barrison at the fire which occurred in this City on the 12th January last,

Resol. Rel. to appoint a
Committee to investigate the
loss sustained by Soldiers
at the fire 12th January

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to investigate the matter and report at an early day to this Council
Moved by Alderman Evers seconded by Alderman Nash which on being put is passed.

Committee Alderman Evers, Nash, and Ackhurst.

Alderman McCulloch hands in a Resolution relative to reorganization of Fire Department by way of Notice.

The City Council next proceed to the order of the day and to the appointment of an Under Keeper for City Prison

Read the various applications
The votes are taken and John Kennedy is elected under-keeper of City Prison 9 Voting for him and 4 against him,

John Kennedy is Elected
Under Keeper of City Prison

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The City Council next take up Report
of Committee of Public Accounts this day submitted,

Report of Committee of
Public Accounts

The Committee of Public Accounts beg
to report that the following accounts have been examined
by them and being found correct are recommended for
payments viz

<u>Fire Department</u>		
James Bowes & Son	£ 1. 13. 9	
W. A. Fenner	3. . .	
Alpin Grant	3. . .	
Thos Annand	4. 15. "	
Croskill & Bourinck	2. 18. 9	
Stairs, Son & Morrow	1. 7. 6	
W. Ackhurst	" 11. 3	
Robert Malcolm	1. 19. 4	
James Mc Dougall	1. 2. 6	20. 8. 4

<u>City</u>		
Michl. Power	5. 15. 0	
John Dugwell	3. 10. 2	
Croskill & Bourinck	2. 1. 10	
John Mooney	56. 6. 1	
J & E Longard	11. 11. 10	
J. W. Ritchie	6. 5. 0	
How W. Young	10. 11. 8	
Pos	31. 10. 0	
Thos Leahy	" 14. 11	
Commissioners of Poor	<u>1204. 0. 3</u>	1332. 9. 9
Board of Health		
Donald Murray		11. 12. 1
		<u>£ 1344. 10. 2</u>

The Committee would call the attention
of the Council to a resolution passed by the Committee of Public
Accounts on the 2 February 1860 recommending that Pass
Books be kept in which all work ordered for the service of the
various departments should be entered as the Committee
were of opinion that in an account embracing several
hundred items such as that of Mr Thos Mooney against the
Street Department it would be impossible for any officer
to check the account satisfactorily without such a book.

This resolution has not been acted upon but the Committee
would call the attention of the Council to its importance.

The Committee would also call the attention of the
Council to the resolution passed by the Committee of Public
Accounts at the same time recommending that all adver-
tisements for any branch of the Public service should be confin-
ed to the City Newspapers and should be entered in a
book to be kept by the City Clerk specifying the particu-

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The particulars of date number of insertions and the accounts to be certified to be in accordance therewith.

Report of Committee of Public Accounts - continued

This resolution also has not been acted on and among the accounts now passed by the Committee are several published in other than the City Papers. Your Committee have no doubt that the various Departments would cheerfully comply with such a resolution if brought to their notice and they would cheerfully recommend some action on the subject to the City Council.

By order of the Committee

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(Signed) P. C. Hill
Chairman

On Motion said Report is adopted and His Worship be requested to draw checks for the amounts therein contained and to carry out the suggestions therein contained.

Act. Relative to Wooden Buildings

Read Act relative to Wooden Buildings

Read Second Act relative thereto.

introduced

When following resolution is

Resolution. Relative to an act prohibiting erection of Wooden Buildings

Resolved that an Act be prepared and sent to the Legislature in amendment to the Act of 1857 prohibiting the erection of Wooden Buildings containing a clause absolutely prohibiting within the limits defined in that act of any Wooden Building of any kind, height or description whatever provided that outposts need not be of more than one brick in thickness. Moved by Alderman Hill seconded by Alderman Coleman, to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the two acts concerning Buildings just read and the acts of 1857 and 1859 be referred to a Committee of this Council with His Honor the Recorder for the purpose of preparing one comprehensive act which shall divide the whole city into districts and define the class of Building which shall be hereafter erected within said districts. Moved by Alderman James Puggan seconded by Alderman Leahy which amendment on being put is passed.

Committee Alderman Hill, Nash, John Puggan, Coleman, Roome and Richey with His Honor the Recorder.

Com. from Gas Company Rel. to extra expense of laying down Gas Pipes in Barrington Street

Read Communication from Gas Company relative to extra expense in laying down Gas Pipes in Barrington Street.

When on Motion the City Clerk is directed to communicate to the Gas Company in very respectful terms that this Council cannot entertain the same.

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Read communication from Board of Health of 8th and 28th January. the same are ordered to lay on the Table

Com. from Board of Health.

Com. from Tho. McKay

Thomas McKay (late a Police Man)

When on Motion the City Clerk is directed to answer the same, stating that the City Council cannot render him any further relief;

Com. from Jas. Richardson and others. Rel. to Hydrants

Read communication from James F. Richardson and others for a Hydrant

When on Motion the City Clerk is directed to inform Petitioners that the Halifax Water Company decline furnishing any more Hydrants,

Petition of Jas. W. Fennerty and others for a Fire Plug

Read Petition of James W Fennerty and others for a Fire Plug.

When on Motion the same is ordered to lay over for the present,

Petition of E. G. Fuller for a Drain in Spring Garden

Read Petition of E. G. Fuller for a Drain in Spring Garden

On Motion the same lays over for the present

Memorial of John McDougall Relative to his Taxes

Read Memorial of John McDougall relative to his Taxes.

On Motion the same is referred to the Committee on Assessments.

Memorial of Colin McKenzie Relative to his taxes

Read Memorial of Colin McKenzie relative to his Taxes.

On Motion said Memorial is referred to same Committee.

act. rel. to Freedom of City

Read Act relative to the Freedom of the City

Alderman Nash withdraws resolution submitted at last Meeting relative to order of the day and submits one instead by way of Notice.

On Motion
Council rise

Council Rise

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1861
February 25th

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Hill John Duggan, Barnstead, Nash Walsh Acphurst, James Duggan, Freeman, Ovens, Conway Roome, Pichey

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

Read over Proceedings of the 15th inst

Alderman Roome Chairman submits report of Committee on Fire in Upper Water Street, received

Also report of Committee of City Property relative to damage done Market House

Also report of Committee of City Property relative to Watch Station and Lockup, (received)

Alderman Hill Reports from Committee relative to site for Engine House for Steam Engine received

Alderman James Duggan in the absence of the Chairman submits Draft of a Bill relative to Wooden Buildings, on Motion the same is received.

His Worship the Mayor submits Bill relative to cancelling certain City Street debentures and to enable the City to pay off the same,

also Statement of Number of Paupers in Poor Asylum for past year and expenditure during that time,

also Communication from Water Company in answer to letter from City Clerk relative to insufficient supply of Water in certain Hydrants,

and also List of Officers and Men of the Fire Department or Union Engine Company,

also a Bill of Costs in the case of James Simpson vs. Maurice Power

Also Communication from Dr. Cogswell dated London Feby 24th 1861 with accompanying Coat of Arms of adoption of Halifax Nova Scotia and a flag.

The said Communication is read (See File)

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved that this Council with pleasure receive the flag and coat of arms forwarded by Dr. Cogswell late Alderman of this City, for the handsome present made by him, and especially do they feel a pleasure in thus proving to the Citizens that altho not with us, yet he is of us and with us in heart and feeling. Moved by Alderman Nash seconded by Alderman John Duggan, and passed unanimously

Com. from Dr. Cogswell London with accompanying coat of arms

Resol. Rel. to flag and coat of arms. Received from Dr. Cogswell, late ald. Halifax

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Report of Committee - Rel
to fire in Property of Thos Mahony
Upper Water Street

Read Report of Committee appointed
to investigate the cause of Fire in property of Thomas Mahony
Upper Water Street,
On Motion the same is ordered to be
filed with Prothonotary agreeably to Law.

Read Report of Committee of City
Property submitted this day.
Report of Committee relative to
repairs to Meat Market submitted this day.

Read Statement from Commission-
ers of Poor Asylum submitted this day.

Report of Committee
of Tenders

Read Report of Committee of
Tenders of 22 February 1861
Committee Room

22 February 1861
Committee of Tenders met Present Aldermen
John Duggan Barnstead, Walsh, Siemansin, Conway
and the Chairman

The following tenders were opened
for Painter & Glazier and Carpenters Work at the City
Market House.

Carpenters Work	
No 1 Francis Keating	£ 16. 4. 6
Painter & Glaziers Work	
No 1 Henry Swaine	20. 0. 0
2 J. H. Metzler	15. 0. 0
3 Edw Walsh	19. 0. 0
4 W. Davidson	18. 10. 0

Mr Francis Keatings being the only tender
for Carpenters Work and Mr Metzlers being the lowest for Painters
and Glaziers Work the Committee recommend that those tenders
be accepted upon the Contractor's respectively furnishing the
requisite security.

Signed Mathew H. Richey
Chairman

On Motion the same is received and
adopted on condition of the usual security being given,

Bill to enable the City of
Halifax to issue debentures
to pay off Street Debt

Read Bill to enable the City of
Halifax to issue debentures to pay off the Street Debt. On
Motion the same is ordered to be fairly engrossed and handed
to the Committee of Laws & Privileges for presentation to the
Legislature.

Report of Committee on
Site for Steam Fire Engine

Read Report of Committee on
Site for Steam Fire Engine, (See next Page)

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The Committee appointed to select sites for Stations for the Steam Fire Engines, beg leave to report, That they recommend for one Engine the "Watch Station" in the City Building be apportioned. The Committee of City Property have handed to this Committee an estimate from the City Architect by which it appears that the necessary alterations can be effected for £30 or if the present height is sufficient for £18, =

The Chairman of City Property has also reported to this Committee that suitable provision can be made with respect to the cells so that no impediment will exist on that score to the appropriation of the Watch Station which from its position is easy of access, and in other respects well adapted to the purpose contemplated.

The Committee also beg to report that having made enquiries as to the most eligible site for the other engine they believe the neighbourhood of Cunards wharf to be the most proper as the engines will by this distribution be most readily available for all parts of the City.

Report of Committee on Site for Steam Fire Engine
Continued when

They further found that the only available sites in that neighbourhood were on Mr Cunards premises and they therefore put themselves in communication with Mr W. Cunard, and after a full discussion they obtained from him the following proposition viz

That Mr Cunard should build on the upper side of the Street a Station house affording accommodation for an engine and hose reel, to be taken by the City on a lease for ten years with the right to Mr Cunard to resume possession on giving 12 Months notice at any time at an annual rent of

	£ 45. 9. 0
Mr Cunard to provide an Engine	
to be always on the spot & keep the engine in repair (ordinary wear and tear) including oil tallow and waste	145. 0. 0
Fireman	40. 0. 0
Fuel for house & Engine	30. 0. 0
	<u>£ 250. 0. 0</u>

It is to be understood that the above offer (with the exception of the Engine house) is only for one year as Mr Cunard is by no means anxious to undertake the business but at the same time is willing to do so for one year, by which means an opportunity will be afforded to compare the relative cost of an engine kept for a specific sum as above mentioned and one kept in the ordinary way by the City.

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By order of the Committee
P. C. Hill
Chairman

The following Resolution No 2 is next introduced

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Resol. Rel. to Report of
Committee for suitable house
for Steam Fire Engine

Resolved that the Report of the Com-
mittee for the Selection of proper and suitable house for
Steam fire Engine be approved and adopted and that the
Committee be empowered to accept the offer made by Mr.
Curard with respect to the same. Moved by Alderman
Nash seconded by Alderman James Puggan which on
being put is passed

Report of Committee of City
Property

Read Report of Committee of
City Property submitted this day. (See file)
When following resolutions
introduced

Resolution relative to
Report of Committee of
City Property

Resolved that the Report of the
Committee of City Property just read be approved and adopted
Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman
McCulloch which on being put is passed,

Bill relative to
Wooden Building

The Council next proceed to take
up the Bill relative to Wooden Building
The same is read clause by
clause,

Read first clause which is passed
Read second clause which on being
put is passed // Voting for the same and 2 against it and the
names being called for appeared thus

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| For the clause | Against it |
| Aldermen Nash, Hill | Alderman Thermanian |
| Roome " Barnstead | Evens, |
| John Puggan " Richey | |
| Conway " Sa Puggan | |
| Walsh " Ackhurst | |
| McCulloch | |

Read 3rd, 4th & 5th and 6th clauses which
on being put are passed

Read 7th clause passed as amended
Read 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th,
26th, 27th, 28th and 29th which on being put are passed

On Motion said Bill is ordered to be
fairly engrossed and handed to the Committee of Laws &
Privileges for presentation to the Legislature.

Act relative to freedom
of the City

Read Act relative to freedom of
the City
Read first clause which is passed

next made that said Bill do lie on the table for three months
which motion on being put is passed // Voting for the same
and 5 against it,

Alderman Thermanian gives notice of reconsid-
eration,

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Report of Committee
City Property.

of Feb. February 1861
Read Report of Committee of City Property
(See file)
When on Motion said Report is
adopted and the City Architect directed to prepare Plans
and Specifications to be submitted to the Council for approval.

The City Council next take up Alder-
man Hill's resolution by way of Notice relative to climbing
chimney sweeps. The same is read.

When following resolution is
introduced

Resolution Relative
to Sweeping Chimneys

Resolved that it be referred to the
Recorder to prepare an Ordinance to carry out the Resolution in
respect to Sweeping Chimneys. Moved by Alderman Hill
seconded by Alderman Richey which on being put is passed.

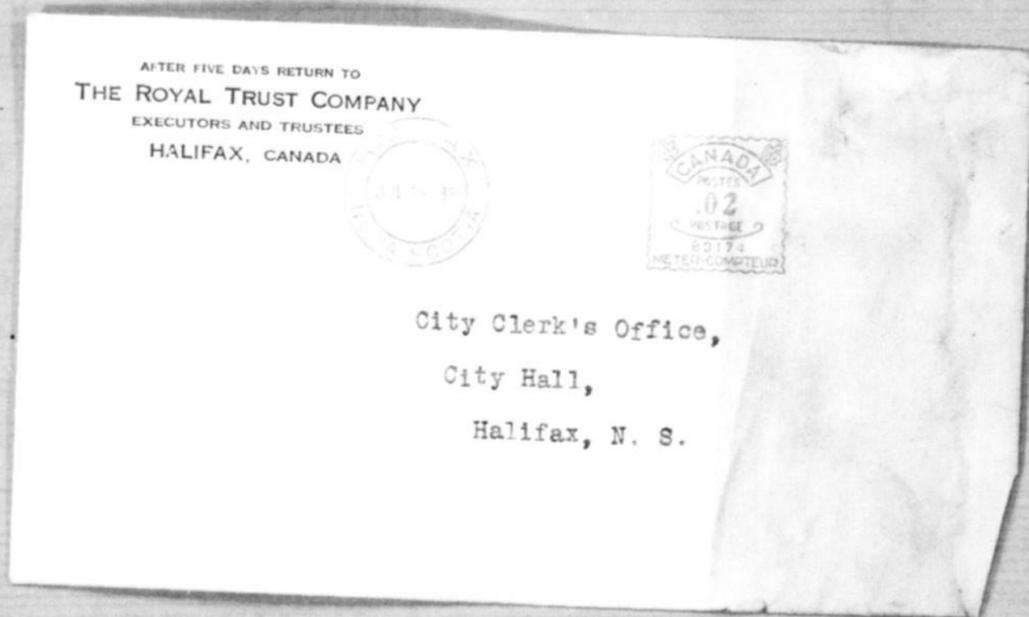
The following resolution is next
introduced

Resolution Relative to
consider the present state
of Fire Department.

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor
and a Committee of Six Alderman be appointed to consider
the present state of the Fire Department and report to this
Council with a view to the entire reorganization of the entire Fire
Department, and that the Committee have power to send for
persons and papers. Moved by Alderman McCulloch seconded
by Alderman Coleman which on being put is passed.
Committee Aldermen Hill McCulloch, Walsh, Coleman
Conway and Kaye.

Council Rise.

On Motion
Council Rise



1861
March 5th

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Hill, John Duggan, Compton, Barnstead, Nash, McCulloch, Walsh, James Piggan, Tremannin, Evans, Coleman Conway, Roome Leahy, Richey and Kaye,

The City Council were summoned to take up the business standing over from last meeting and the transactions of other business.

Read over proceedings of the 25th February.

Alderman Richey hands in a report of Committee of Tenders, received.

Alderman Evans hands in a Report of Special Committee appointed to negotiate for the purchase of Hares property.

His Worship the Mayor hands in a communication from Treasurer of Halifax Visiting Dispensary, also a communication from Secretary of Fire Wards, also communication from Clerk of Board of Health, also a Writ of Summons served upon him in the suit of Slayter vs The City of Halifax. On Motion said Writ is referred to His Honor the Recorder.

Comm: from S.P. Fairbanks. rel. to grants applied for =

also two communications from Samuel D. Fairbanks Commissioner of Crown Lands, relative to grants applied for.

The order of the day is suspended to take up Report of the Committee of Tenders, (submitted this day). The same is read.

Report of Committee of Tenders, alteration W. Station

Committee Room
4th March 1861

Committee of Tenders met
Present Aldermen Walsh John Duggan, Conway, and the Chairman.

The following tenders were opened for alterations to the Watch Station

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| 1 Francis Keating | £15. 7. 6 |
| 2 William Smith | 14. 2. 6 |
| 3 Davis & Barton | 16. 0. 0 |

The Tender of Francis Keating being the lowest and comprehending the whole work to be done at the watch station in making the alterations required the Committee recommend that it be accepted and security required.

M. H. Richey
Chairman

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On Motion the same is adopted and
Francis Keatings tender accepted

Report of Committee
Relative to Purchase of
Heares property

Read report of Committee appointed
to negotiate for the purchase of Heares property. (See file)
When following resolution is introduced

The Committee to whom was referred the
propriety of purchasing the property of M^r Heare having reported
that his price was \$15,000 they therefore considering the people
have not petitioned to this Council desiring such purchase,
this Council do not think it necessary at such a high price
to entertain any thing further on the subject Moved by
Alderman Nash seconded by Alderman Edman which
on being put is passed.

Com. from Commissioners
of Crown Lands

Read Communication from
Commissioners of Crown Lands submitted this day. (See file)

When on Motion the same is referred to
the Committee of Laws and Privileges to report upon

Communication from
Secretary of Fire Wards

Read Communication from Secretary
of Fire Wards addressed to City Clerk, submitted this day.

When on Motion the same is referred to the Committee
of City Property

Com. from Clerk of
Board of Health

Read Communication of Clerk of
Board of Health. On Motion the same is ordered to lie on
the table.

Com. from Secretary of
Visiting Dispensary

Read Communication from Secretary
of Visiting Dispensary submitted this day.

On Motion the same is referred
to a Special Committee to Report upon.

Committee Aldermen James Puggan. Leaby & Kaye

Alderman Trennaman
Notice of Reconsideration
of act Rel. to freedom of City

The City Council next proceed to the
order of the day and take up Alderman Trennamans notice of
Reconsideration, of act relative to freedom of the City. The same
is ordered to be rescinded.

Read said act

Read first clause when on
Motion the same is referred to a Committee to report upon, which
Committee will take up the Act relative to Hawkers and
Pedlars and report on the same.

Committee Alderman Compton, McCulloch,
Ackhurst, Trennaman, Poome & Kaye with His Honor the
Recorder

First clause of act: Rel.
to hawkers and pedlars.
is referred to Committee

Bill to amend Chapter 54
Revised Statutes from
Board of Health

Read Bill to amend Chapter 54
of Revised Statutes sent to this Council from the Board
of Health

The same is read

Blanks filled up \$200 and 400