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December 28

For the amendment

Ald. Nash
" Brennan
" Richey
" Jennings
" Boggs
" Pallister
" Roche

against it
Ald. Murphy
" Egan
" Bunday
" Tobin
" Conway
" Richardson
" Dunbar
" Spence
" Magher

The following amendment is next introduced.

Resolved that no further appointment of Coal Measures be made until advertised for according to usual practice. Moved by Ald. Nash, seconded by Alderman Pallister, which on being put is passed & voting for the same and 7 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the amendment

Ald. Nash, Dunbar
" Brennan, Roche
" Richey
" Jennings
" Richardson
" Boggs
" Pallister

against it

Ald. Murphy
Egan
Bunday
Tobin
Conway
Spence
Magher

The following Resolution was next introduced

res=rel to the advertisement for a Coal Measurer

Resolved that the usual advertisement be issued for a person to fill the office of Coal Measurer, an additional one being required by the necessities of the City. Moved by Alderman Egan, seconded by Ald. Conway, which on being put is passed & voting for the same and 7 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the Resolution

Ald. Murphy, Spence
Egan, Magher
Bunday
Tobin
Conway
Richardson
Dunbar

against it

Ald. Nash
" Brennan
" Richey
" Jennings
" Boggs
" Pallister
" Roche

Alderman Jennings gives notice of Reconsideration

Ald. Conway gives notice of Reconsideration of Second amendment of first session of this day relative to the appointment of an additional Coal Measurer.

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Report of the
Committee of
City Property

annual Report

Read Report of Committee of City Property.

On motion said Report is adopted and ordered to be printed in the Mayor's

On motion William Bilby is appointed Supervisor of Coal Measures, for
ensuing year.

On motion a Committee is appointed to confer with the Commissioners of
the Poor, relative to disposing of Poor Asylums.

Committed Alderman Lewis, Cunbar, Briggs, Pullister, Roche, & Riches.

On motion Council Rise.

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January 4th At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Smiley, Spivey, Duntar, Magher, Richardson, Egan, Boggs, Nash, Seenanman, Callister, Conway, Spence, Roche, Pickens, Jennings and Mumford

Read over proceedings of 25th Dec.

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

Ald. Conway Reports from Committee of Students.

His Worship the Mayor submits communication from James Forman Esq. relative to damage done his property.

His Worship the Mayor verbally reports that Hatchman Kearns was reported to him as being drunk in court.

Also a letter from City Marshall relates to incarceration of Police Man Caulfield.

Ald. Jennings notice of Reconsideration is next taken up and list of voting for the same and against it, and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the Reconsideration	against it
Ald. Pickens	Ald. Egan
" Nash	Smiley
" Seenanman	Spivey
" Jennings	Conway
" Boggs	Richardson
" Callister	Magher
" Roche	Spence
	Duntar

Alderman Conway has leave to withdraw his motion of reconsideration given at last meeting

Read Report of Committee of Tenders submitted this day.

30 Committee Room Jan 2nd.

Committee of tenders met this day Present Ald. Seenanman, Magher, Smiley, Egan and the Chairman when the following tenders having reference to water loan were opened

No 1 John W. Harvey will lend the City of Halifax	\$800	c 6 per cent
No 2 W. A. Odeman " " " " "	800	c 6 per cent
No 3 Wm. Henry Burke " " " " "	4400	c 5 1/2 " "
No 4 Jas. McKim & Co " " " " "	4000	c 5 " "
No 5 A. Ana Scotia " " " " "	2000	c 5 1/2 " "
No 6 Jas. B. Coley " " " " "	4000	c 6 " "
No 7 G. H. Belcher " " " " "	3200	c 6 " "
No 8 W. Stokes " " " " "	6000	c 5 1/2 " "
No 9 Edmund Gilpin " " " " "	4800	c 6 " "
No 10 Thos. Gault " " " " "	1600	c 5 1/2 " "
No 11 Wm. Poyer " " " " "	6000	c 5 1/2 " "

Report of the Committee of Tenders

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Making a total of \$34,500 Forty thousand of which is at six percent and four thousand at 5 per cent or six thousand pounds the amount advertised for the Committee would therefore recommend the acceptance of those tenders @ 5 1/2 and 5 percent

Respectfully Submitted
Ephraim Conway
Chairman

On motion said Report is received and adopted

Communication
from James
Foreman Esq.

Read communication from James Foreman Esq. Submitted this day
Halifax 2nd Decr 1864

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council
Gentlemen,

I beg to inform you that in consequence of the alterations made last year on the road leading from Fresh Water Bridge to the property of W. W. Headon such a flood of water has been shown across the road upon my premises as to overflow my coat house to the extent of over three feet in depth and by which I suffer very serious damage.

I have therefore to say that I shall be under the necessity of looking to the City for redress and further that I shall expect such alteration to be made as may prevent a recurrence of this evil

I have the honor to remain
Gentlemen
Your very obedient servant
J. Foreman.

A motion is made that the same be referred to the Committee of Streets with an Alderman from each ward to report upon.

Amendment that the same be referred to the Committee of Streets to report upon, which amendment on being put is passed 10 Yeas for the same and 5 against it.

The following resolution is next introduced

Whereas on reference to the Act of Incorporation it appears that a clause in the Charter dated 1851 gives authority to the City Council to assess specially the sum of two hundred pounds to purchase Rock Head Farm of Fortis Rexes.

Therefore Resolved that the sum of Two hundred pounds be assessed on the Citizens for this special purpose, with and in addition to the general assessment for the next year 1864

Moved by Ald. Roche seconded by Ald. Spence to which the following amendment is introduced

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That the same be referred to the Committee of Public Account to report upon, which amendment on being put is passed & voting for the same and against it.

Read Return of Supervisor of Measures of Wood

On motion Thomas James, Collin Mellow and Pat. Tierney are appointed measures of Wood for ensuing year.

On motion Tho. James is appointed Supervisor.

Applications of Surveyors of Lumber

Read applications of Henry Spike, John McPherson and James Sutton for Surveyors of Lumber.
Read their Returns.

On motion they are reappointed Surveyors of Lumber for ensuing year.

On motion Thomas Rhine and James Het are appointed Sealers of Leather for ensuing Year.

On motion John Dorney and William Newcomb are appointed Weighers of Stocks and Pickled Beef and Pork for ensuing year.

On motion Henry A. Wright and Arthur Murphy are appointed Inspectors of Bricks and Lime and Measures of Masons work for ensuing year.

On motion Thomas Walsh and Maurice Downey are appointed Inspectors and Measures of Painters Work for ensuing year.

On motion Daniel McPherson and Herbert Harris are appointed Stence Tanners for ensuing Year.

On motion J. F. Burnham, John Forrest, William Caldwell and Edward Romack, are appointed Weighers of Hay for ensuing year.

The following Resolution is now introduced.

Set out to ap-
pointing 18
Watchmen

Resolved that there be but 18 Watchmen and the Captains appointed for the ensuing year. Moved by Ald. Nash seconded by Ald. Jennings to which the following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that this Council now proceed to the election of twenty Watchmen exclusive of the Captains Moved by Ald. Conway seconded by Alderman Mcagher. which amendment on being put is lost & voting for the same and against it and the names being called for they appeared thus.

For the amendment
Ald. Egan
J. J. J.
Conway
Mcagher 4

against it
Ald. Nash
J. J. J.
Conlay
Richey
Jennings
Roche
Boggs
Richardson
Pallister
Spence
Dunbar 11

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Application of
Donald Hoader for
Captm of Watch.

Original Resolution is next put and passed.

Read application of Donald Hoader for situation of Captm of

Read application from old Watchmen

On motion the 16 Old Watchmen are appointed.

Captain of the Watch.

On motion Donald Hoader is appointed

Read the various new applications.

On motion James McCarthy and John Kearns are appointed Watchmen for ensuing Year.

Com- from the
City Marshall
re: misconduct of
Police man
Caulfield

Read communication from City Marshall relative to

On motion the case is referred to his Worship the Mayor to deal with, amendment introduced that the City Council look over the offence of Caulfield for this time, amendment lost, motion carried

On motion. Council rise

Jan 4th

On motion Council Rise

Donald Hoader is this day sworn into office as Captain of the Night Watch and Special Constable for the City of Halifax for ensuing Year.

Jeremiah Connell, Richard Gallagher, Edward McCade, James Mc Millan, Thomas Call, Thomas Evans, Matthew Carr, James Doyle, George Bickle, John Kuloena, John Monkey, Timothy Burns, Matthew Morrissey, David Redwood, David Barry, William Heath James McCarthy, and John Kearns are this day sworn into office as Watchmen and Special Constables for the City of Halifax in Presence of His Worship the Mayor for ensuing Year

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James Sutton is this day sworn into office as Surveyor of
Lumber for the City of Halifax in Presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Daniel McPherson Sworn in as fence Viewer for ensuing Year.

Thomas Okins Sworn into Office as Sealer of Leather.

George Romans Sworn into office as Knight of Wap.

James Burham, John Forrest and William Caldwell, Sworn
into office as Knights of Wap.

James Nett Sworn in office as Sealer of Leather.

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January 8th

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day.
Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen May, Hill, John, O'Connor,
Quagler, Richardson, Cook, Nash, Souwama, Pallister, Murphy, Conway, Spence,
Rocke, Pichey, Jennings and Mumford.

The City Council were summoned to continue
the review of the Charter.
Read over proceedings of 4th January.

Alderman Pichey Chairman submits Report of
Committee of City Prison.

Alderman John Chairman hands
in Report of Committee on Gas Supply. Received

Read Report of Committee of City Prison submitted this day,
Committee Room
City Prison 7th Jan 1861

Report of the
Committee of
City Prison

The following accounts having been examined in Committee and
found correct are now recommended to the Council for payment.

1	(Hay)	8.00
2	William Thomas (Soap)	5.20
3	Charles Barnstead (Leather)	16.42
4	Charles Lamont (Meal)	18.50
5	R. G. Gator (Oil)	6.48
6	Estate of J. Pallister	34.24
7	R. Currie (Ox heads)	14.50
8	John Liswell (Biscuit)	35.00
9	Thomas Halk (Parric)	3.30
Cash purchases for Comrs		58.68
Underkeepers accounts		90.00
		<u>\$293.52</u>

Respectfully Submitted
M. H. Pichey
Chairman

When following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved that the accounts just read relative to expenditures
of City Prison be approved of and that the same be paid and that His
Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw cheques for the same moved by Ald.
Conway seconded by Alderman O'Connor which on being put is passed.

Resolved to the
Adoption of
City Prison

Alderman Jennings motion of Reconsideration given on the
18 December on being put is lost.

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His Worship the Mayor hands in fair copies of Clauses of Charter passed at last meeting.

The following Resolution is now introduced.

Upon reading Communication of the Commissioners of the Poor made to this Council representing the want of accommodation in the present Poor House.

Res= ref to cloth
ing etc Poor

Be it Resolved that as the Commissioners of the Poor are clothed with authority, to provide for the destitute poor, the Council do not think it prudent to interfere but would recommend to the Commissioners of the Poor to provide the essential accommodation, necessary, and this body will cheerfully bear their proper portion of the cost which should be borne by the Citizens. Moved by Alderman Nash seconded by Alderman Conroy which on being put is passed.

The City Council next proceed to the revision of the Charter.

9 Read Clauses
of Charter

Read 158 and 159 clauses which on being put are passed

Read 140 and 141 clauses which on being put are passed 11 voting for the same and 5 against it

1st Blank filled up with not less than \$4.00 or more than \$20.00 2nd Blank filled up with not less than 7 days and not more than 90 days.

Read 173 Clause which on being put is passed

Alderman Roche hands in a Resolution by way of notice.

Report of the
Committee on
Gas Lamps

Read Report of Committee on Gas Lamps, submitted this day.

A motion of adjournment is next put and lost 11 voting for the same and 5 against it.

On motion the Report of Gas Lamp Committee is adopted 11 voting for the same and 2 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the motion
Ald Murphy
Emley
Egan
Hill
Lavin
Jennings

Conroy
Richardson
Dunbar
Roche
Meagher 11

against it
Ald Nash
Steuerman 2

On motion the Council Rise

January 11th

Henry Spike is this day sworn into office as Surveyor of Lumber in presence of His Worship the Mayor

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day.
Present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Smay, John Dunbar, Magher, Richardson
Egan, Boggs, Nash, Toluaman, Pallister Murphy, Conway, Spence, Roche, Richey,
Jennings and Murnford.

Read proceedings of 8th January.

The City Council were summoned to elect a City Assessor, a Coal
Measurer, appoint six Wards, five Constables and the transaction of other business.

Alderman Richey Chairman hands in Report of Special Committee
to confer with Commissioners of Poor Asylum etc. received.

Alderman Roche hands in Minutes of Committee on subject of assessment Act, received.

Alderman Conway Chairman hands in Report of Committee
of Streets on Mr Formans memorial, received.

His Worship the Mayor hands in Quarterly returns of James
Fortune, John Gault, Thomas Wilson and John Connor Quays of Oil received.

Also deed of dedication of certain Streets in Smithfield, recd.

Also communication of Deputy Commissary General relative
to giving up possession of Brick Building in Market Sts.

Also communication from Mayor August meeting
to hire the City Hospital for 6 months

Also communication from Christopher Carr contractor
on Water Works

Also 2 communications from Supervisor of Measures of Coal
relative to incompetency of two of the Coal Measures.

Report of the
Committee appointed
to confer
with the
Commissioners
of the Poor

Read Report of Committee appointed to confer with the
Commissioners of the Poor submitted this day.

Committee Room

13 January 1864.

The Special Committee appointed to confer with the Commissioners of the
Poor Asylum and others relative to disposal of the Asylum Gaol etc. beg leave to report.

That they sent a Committee from the Board of Commissioners
on the 8th instant when it was communicated to your Committee that the Commissioners
are desirous to enlarge and improve the institution under their care, and have it in contem-
plation to apply to the Legislature to grant them the requisite powers for that purpose.

It was also stated that a suggestion had been made, which the
Commissioners were willing to entertain that the Poor Asylum should be entirely removed
from the present site and the institution connected with the present City Hospital
in proximity to which new buildings might be erected.

Considering that if the above suggestion
could be carried out, it was a matter of very great importance to obtain a charge in the
title for the new Gaol in order that the whole space now occupied by the gaol and
Poor House might become vacant.

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Your Committee in conjunction with the Committee from the Poor House requested the Quota Roturans of the County and the Commissioners for the enclosure of the New Road to meet with them and exchange views upon the proposal to select some other convenient site.

They accordingly met this day and your committee have now the pleasure to Report that His Honor the Justice of the Peace has consented to call a special session at an early day to take the matter into consideration, and that your Committee are encouraged to believe that the session will sanction the change that is desired, and that no impediment will be interposed to the execution of the plan, for uniting the Poor House with the City Hospital thus rendering available for other purposes the valuable space which the Poor House, Churchyard and Road now occupy.

The carrying out of the above project in its several parts will require legislative aid and your Committee would recommend that in order to facilitate the arrangement an offer of the City Hospital be provisionally made to the Commissioners of the Poor upon such terms as the Council may deem reasonable.

Respectfully Submitted

W. A. Richey

Chairman

Read minutes of Committee on subject of Assessment Act.

Walter A. S.

Dec. 21st 1863

Report of the
Committee
on subject of
Assessment

The Committee appointed by the City Council to revise the assessment act and to report to the Council such alterations as may more effectually insure a more equitable distribution of Taxation on the Citizens and at same time insure the payment from those who are legally assessed having power to send for persons and property, met to day

Present. Alderman Dunbar, Nath. Callister, Richey, and the Chairman W. A. Sutherland the Recorder.

The Chairman read some calculations and amendments to Clauses 21st 22nd and 25th of the Assessment Act 1857 marked A & B

Alderman Richey produced a petition signed by a number of Citizens which was presented to the Legislature some four years since for the alteration in the mode of Assessment. On reading the names of the signers. It was moved by Alderman Richey seconded by Alderman Callister that some of the Gentlemen be requested to erect the Committee and express their views on this subject. Names to be notified as agreed.

W. Larson, Jas. A. Moore, J. Chapman, A. Stair, Benjamin Hair, M. B. Almon, Jas. Freeman, Jas. C. Wilkie, J. A. Binney, W. J. Stirling, Dr. Ogilwell, Ebenezer, and W. B. Hamilton.

The Chairman was instructed to communicate to those Gentlemen the invitation, the desire of the Committee to confer with them on the subject of Taxation and Assessment, after Christmas

After some discussive conversation the Committee adjourned.

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Wednesday 6 Jan 1864

Committee again in conference with some of the Gentlemen who had signed the petition (produced by Ald. Richey) four years since which was not consented to by the Legislature. After reading minutes of meeting of 21st Dec. and statements marked A and B. connected with the statement showing the comparative amounts paid annually for assessing the City since its incorporation. (marked C) The proposed alterations were agreed to.

Ald. Richey read Petition of J. A. Moore, Shannon and others from which it appears the object of the Petition was to base the Assessment on Rental Houses only. Two Gentlemen were of opinion that the system proposed in the Petition is the most equitable one.

If the Council wish the Petition can be here read. It was agreed (by the Committee to recommend to the Council, that in lieu of the present system of taxing the Merchants Stock at a certain day. The assessor ascertain the amount or value of his stock each month, of the year add these together and divide the whole by twelve the quotient to be the amount of Stock upon which the rate is to be levied.

The conference agreed that to tax shipping abroad was unjust to those engaged in the Commerce of the port of Halifax and should be omitted in the amended list of merc for allow.

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A. Roche
Chairman

Read petition on same subject presented to City Council 15 April 1863

Read petition to Legislature on same subject of March 1863

Report of the Committee of Streets

Read Report of Committee of Streets Submitted this day.

Street Office

Halifax 18 Jan 1864

The Committee of Streets to whom was referred the letter of James Forman Esq. of 2nd Jan beg leave to report for the information of His Worship the Mayor and the City Councils.

That the Committee had an interview with Mr. Foreman with respect to damage sustained by him and the cause thereof and were pleased to hear that Mr. Foreman did not attribute any loss he has sustained to the improvements made by the Committee on the road leading from Fresh Water Bridge to 4th Whiddens during last season, but what he considers the real cause of annoyance is a stream of Water which has its source West of Whiddens property emptying itself into Smiths fields so called and which in former past spread over a large area but in consequence of recent improvements made by parties who purchased property in that locality the Water is confined to a smaller space which causes a more rapid flow through a sewer which Mr. Foreman made for his own special benefit and at his own expense through his property, it also extends through Mr. John Siders Mr. Blands and other property into the Harbour of Halifax this being a covered sewer as far as Messrs Forman & Siders properties extend Eastwardly and a long time in existence, it is but natural to suppose has become obstructed, and prevents the free passage of the Water, accumulated during the late heavy rains, and in order to obviate a recurrence of a similar occurrence Mr. Foreman recommends the excavation of a sewer from the Willow Wood west of his property to Fresh Water Bridge a suggestion which the Committee cannot recommend at present in consequence of the large outlay it would involve.

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Mr. Storman has given the Committee to understand that unless he is relieved from any further annoyance he will be compelled to stop the sewer referred to, an act which will lead to serious results both to persons who have purchased property in Smithfields and to the travelling Public, as in all probability the Road will become overflowed.

Before closing this Report, the Committee would remark that they have made enquiry of Mr. John Piddar how long the drain which crosses his field was in existence, his answer was about forty years or as long as he could recollect. They had also an interview with Mr. Philip Litten and learned that a natural outlet was in existence when the premises was owned by him but has been diverted to the present drain in consequence of improvements made by Jas. Storman Esq. the present owner.

Jeremiah Conway
Chairman

A motion is made that the report be received and adopted, amendment that the same be received and adopted and a Copy ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Storman, amendment passed.

Memorial of
John A. Anderson
son & E. G.
Skins sel
to Smiths field

Read memorial of John A. Anderson and E. G. Skins with accompanying deed of dedication of certain Roads in Smiths field.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Alderman of the City of Halifax
in Common Council convened.

The memorial of the Hon John A. Anderson and Thomas B. Skins Esqrs. executors & trustees under the will of the late Andrew and John Smith deceased.

Respectfully sheweth that your memorialists were empowered by last will of the said Andrew & John Smith to sell real Estate in the southern part of the City comprising about 70 Acres known as the Smiths Fields and in doing so found it necessary to lay out several new streets for the convenience of dividing the property into lots for building and accordingly laid out said streets and that such divisions and streets so laid out have been ratified by deed Executed by the several parties interested in said Estates.

That all the streets so laid out are of the width prescribed by law and the continuation of Park Street has been laid out of the width of seventy five feet in order that it might be conforming with the other part of said streets, and that one other of said streets has also been laid out of the width of seventy feet.

Your memorialists are therefore desirous in order to fulfil their engagements to dedicate in perpetuity the several streets newly laid out by them on said Real Estate and designated by the plans hereto attached and thereon colored Red and are prepared to execute a deed of dedication to the City whereby said new streets shall be forever open for public use.

They therefore pray that the City Council will accept said streets and the dedication of the same and cause them to be named and opened for public use.

J. A. Anderson
Thos. B. Skins
Executors of A. & J. Smith

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On motion the same is referred to the Committee of Streets to report upon.
Read communication from Commissary General Roubt relative to growing up Brick Building on market slip

Communications
from Major of City Hospital
Eugene Bell to
rentals of City
Cession

Read communication from Major Nugent relative to sending

My dear Mr. Hill

It is not impossible owing to supplies having broken out to a certain extent amongst the troops at Citadel that we should be obliged to get further assistance accommodation if so and the City Hospital is available could you give me some approximate idea of the rate at which it could be sent by the Imperial Gov. and further, whether it could be procured for a limited period say six months

Yours very truly
J. F. Nugent.

On motion the Committee are permitted to send the City Hospital to the Military authorities for six months certain at the rate of £1.0.0 per day.

Read communication from Christopher Quist.
On motion the same is referred to a committee of three with the Commissioners of Water Supply to Report upon
Committee Ald Nash Humphord & Egan.

Communications
from Supervisor
of Measurers of
Coal

Read communication from Supervisor of Measurers of Coal relative to the incompetency of John O Connell and drunkenness of James Gorcham two of the Measurers

When following Resolution is introduced.

On Reading Report of Supervisor of Coal Measurers in reference to incompetency of Measurer of John Connell and Drunkenness of Gorcham. therefore Resolved that these officers be dismissed and others appointed in their place, and that the ordinary notice be given in the papers. Moved by Ald Nash, seconded by Ald Spence which on being put is passed.

The furson Mr. Miller whose tender was accepted for keeping the City Clock not having come for ward after being requested to furnish his security for the faithful carrying out of the contract.

On motion the next lowest tender is accepted that of Mr. Brown

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Supervisor of Coal be informed that his duty as the Supervisor of the respective Coal Measurers that he is not to devote himself to the duty of measuring, Moved by Ald Egan seconded by Ald Murphy. To which the following amendment is introduced that said Resolution lie on the table for three months, which amendment on being put is passed.

The Resolution is therefore lost

Res-rel to the
Supervisor of
Coal