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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 Bent, Cooke, Pearson, Delaney, Keefe, Smith, O'Brien, Pickering, Theakston, Bechler, Roche, Woodill, Lyons, Johns, Torall, Mosher and McPherson.

The City Council was summoned to appoint two Commissioners of Halifax Common. To proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of a Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1887 to Alderman Smith's Notice of reconsideration in reference to the appointment of an Assistant in the office of City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Torall that the matter be reconsidered which Motion on being put is lost 2 voting for the same 8 against it.

Read Minutes of Meeting to Alderman McPherson's Notice of reconsideration on the adoption of the Reports from the Committee on Charities.

Moved by Alderman McPherson seconded by Alderman Delaney that said matter be now reconsidered, which Motion on being put is lost 6 voting for the same 7 against it.

Read Minutes to the final adjournment which were confirmed.

Alderman Torall, Deputy Chairman of the Board of City Works submits the Annual Report from the Board of City Works, City Engineer, and Clerk of Works, for year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 1887.

Also a Report from the Board of City Works on the subject of lighting the City for one month with the Electric Light Co. as per previous Contract.

Alderman Theakston, Chairman submits a report from Police Committee on the appointment of Sergeant and the vacancy on Police.

Alderman Lyons, Chairman submits a Report from Committee of Public Accounts on several matters referred to them.

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His Worship the Mayor submits a Letter from the City Engineer in reference to his appointment as Inspector of Buildings.

Also a Letter from the Secretary of His Excellency the Governor General in reference to the application for Dominion Grant for the Exhibition in 1888.

Also a Letter from J. H. Balcom, enclosing an a/c for Medical Services incurred in consequence of his son being injured by a Horse on the Halifax Common.

Also a Letter from Dr. A. Mac Kay, for services rendered to Patk. Sullivan, an inmate of the Pools Asylum.

Also the quarterly Account from Nova Scotia Hospital for Income to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1887 for support of Lunatics chargeable to City of Halifax.

Also a Monthly Return from David Bamy, Supervisor of Measurers of Coal.

Also Application from Robt. Hoodill and St. J. Baker for situation of Measurer of Coal.

On Motion of Alderman Keefe seconded by Alderman Lyons the "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day

Annual Report  
Board of City  
Works

Read the Annual Report from the Board of City Works to 30<sup>th</sup> April 1888.

On Motion of Alderman Morall seconded by Alderman Delaney the same is accepted and directed to be handed over to the Committee on the publication of the Annual Reports.

Read Report from Board of City Works in reference to lighting the Streets of the City for one month or more by the present Electric Light.

On Motion of Alderman Morall seconded by Alderman Bent the same is placed first on the "Order of the Day" for consideration of Council after the reading of the papers is concluded.

Read Report from Committee of Police in reference to appointment of a Sergeant and Policeman to fill vacancy.

Moved by Alderman Delaney seconded by Alderman Theakston that the report be adopted (Motion objected to.)

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Read Report from Committee of Public Accounts on the several matters referred to that Committee.

On Motion of Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Keeffe the said report is received and placed on the "Order of the Day".

Read Letter from Secretary of His Excellency the Governor General in reference to letter on subject of holding the Exhibition in the year 1888 in Halifax

Read Letter from the City Engineer in reference to his appointment as Inspector of Buildings.

On Motion of Alderman Delaney seconded by Alderman Lyons the same is placed on the Order of the Day.

Read Letter from J. H. Balcan covering an account from Dr. Bliskholm for services rendered in attendance upon his son injured by a kick from a horse on the Halifax Common.

On Motion of Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Horall the said Letter is referred to His Honor the Recorder to report on.

Read Letter from Doctor Mc Kay for services rendered Patrick Sullivan an inmate of Poor Asylum.

On Motion of Alderman Sheakston seconded by Alderman Lyons the same is referred to Committee on Charities, with His Honor the Recorder.

Read an Account for support of Insane Paupers in Mount Hope Asylum for 3 months ending 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1887.

On Motion of Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Keeffe the same is referred to the Special Committee on Insane Paupers to report on.

Read Letter from Mary E. Spike, asking a commutation of certain Common Lot on Spring Garden Road.

On Motion of Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Keeffe the same is referred to His Honor the Recorder to prepare the Deed of the same in accordance with the law and the title thereto satisfactory

Letter J. A. Balcan in re son injured by kick from a horse Halifax Common.

Letter Dr. Mc Kay in re services rendered an inmate of Poor Asylum.

Ac for support of Insane Paupers to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1887.

Letter Mary E. Spike in re Common Lot Spring Garden Road.

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Read Letter from Doctor

Hawkins for services rendered to Patrick Sullivan an inmate  
Letter Dr Haw. of Poor Asylum.

Hawkins in re ser-

vice<sup>tan</sup> inmate beyonds recorded by Alderman Sheakston the said letter is  
of Poor Asylum. referred to Committee of Charities with His Honor the Recorder

On Motion of Alderman

"Order of the Day" taken up.

Report Board

of Works in re of City Works in reference to the lighting of the City for one  
lighting the City Month or more with Electric Light Co. under certain con-  
for one month ditions.

Read Report from the Board

or more.

Office Commissioners.

Board of City Works.

October 29<sup>th</sup> 1887.

The Board of City Works beg  
to report that at a meeting held this day the following resolu-  
tion was adopted and ordered to be sent to the City Council

Resolved that the City Council  
be asked to give the Board of Works permission to enter  
into the following contract with the Halifax Electric Light  
Co. for one month from November 1<sup>st</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> December 1887.  
with the option of continuing the same for two months if  
necessary provided that the permission of the Gas Co. is ob-  
tained.

The Halifax Electric Light Co.  
limited agree to light the City of Halifax for one month  
from the first day of November 1887 at present rates of the  
City Council will agree that the Halifax Electric Co. Ltd.  
be permitted to assign to the Halifax Gas Light Co. Ltd.  
their poles now erected in and along the Streets of the City  
and that thereafter the said Halifax Gas Light Co. Ltd.  
shall and may retain them in their position under the  
legislative authority granted to them under their Act of  
Incorporation and amendment thereof, as if they had been  
erected by the said Halifax Gas Light Co. Ltd. with the  
permission and authority of the City Council first obtained.

It is however understood and  
agreed that the City of Halifax shall at all times hereafter  
have the right to remove any of the said poles whenever in  
the opinion of the City Engineer the location of such poles  
or any of them is actually required by the City for the erection  
of posts whereon to place electric, gas, or other lamps.

Respectfully Submitted.

H. H. Morall.

Deputy Chairman.

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On Motion of Alderman  
Stonall seconded by Alderman Breakston the said report is  
received and adopted. (passed.)

Alderman Johns submits a  
resolution by way of Notice in re New House (No 7 Divi-  
sion) H. C. Co.

Alderman Pearson submits a  
resolution by way of Notice, in re Poor Asylum Visiting  
hours.

Appointment  
Two Commiss-  
ioners of Schools

Council proceed to appoint  
Two Commissioners of Schools for the City of Halifax.

On Motion of Alderman  
Woodill seconded by Alderman O'Brien Alderman Bryant  
is appointed a School Commissioner for the City of Halifax.

On Motion of Alderman  
Alderman Pearson  
Stonall seconded by Alderman McPherson is appointed  
a School Commissioner for the City of Halifax.

Appointment  
Two Citizen  
Commissioners  
Hx. Common

Council next appoint "Com-  
missioners Halifax Common" (Citizens)

Moved by Alderman Break-  
ston seconded by Alderman Cooke that the retiring Commis-  
sioners Messrs Blackadar and Browe be reappointed.

Moved by Alderman Keefe  
seconded by Alderman Smith that John M. Inglis be ap-  
pointed Commissioner.

Moved by Alderman Picker-  
ing seconded by Alderman Roche that Ex Alderman J. E.  
Wilson be appointed a Commissioner.

The Votes are taken with the  
following result for Mr. Blackadar, 10 Mr John M. Inglis  
12, Mr. Browe 4, Mr. Wilson 8.

Messrs Blackadar and Inglis  
having received a Majority of votes (present) are declared  
Elected.

Report Board  
of Works in re  
funds required  
for Internal  
Health Service

Read Report from the Board  
of City Works on the subject of funds required for the Inter-  
nal Health Service.

Office Commissioners  
Board of City Works  
October 17<sup>th</sup> 1887.

The Board of City Works beg  
to report that at a meeting held this day the following resolu-  
tion was adopted.

Whereas the amount at the  
disposal of this Board for Internal Health purposes is  
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November 1<sup>st</sup> all expended. Therefore Resolved that this Board request the City Council to place the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000<sup>00</sup>) to the credit of the Internal Health Fund.

Respectfully submitted.

Alex. Stephen.

Chairman.

When the following resolution

is introduced.

Resolved That the report of the Board of City Works submitted this day in reference to Internal Health Fund be adopted and this Council hereby authorizes His Worship the Mayor to place to the credit of the Internal Health Fund a sum not exceeding Three Thousand Dollars out of any available funds. Moved by Alderman Howell seconded by Alderman Smith, to which the following amendment was introduced.

Resolved in amendment that the Report of the Board of Works be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts to report on the accounts against the Internal Health Service, and that in the meantime that any account against the City for that Service and all work absolutely necessary in the opinion of His Worship the Mayor for the service of the Health of the City be paid out of the A/c for Unexpended Balances on the Account of His Worship and the City Clerk. Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Pickering which amendment on being put is lost 5 voting for the same 10 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus:

For the amendment.

Aldermen O'Brien, Keefe,  
Lyons, Roche,  
Pickering 5.

Against it.

Aldermen Smith, Bent,  
Mosher, Howell,  
Woodill, Cooke,  
Sheakston McPherson  
Delaney, Bechler 10

Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Keefe, that the Report lie on the table for future consideration. Motion put and lost 4 voting for 11 against it.

The original resolution was then put and passed 10 voting for the same 5 against it and the names being called for appeared thus:

For the Resolution

Aldermen Smith, Bent,  
Mosher, Howell,  
Woodill, Sheakston  
McPherson, Delaney,  
Bechler, Cooke 10

Against it.

Aldermen O'Brien, Lyons,  
Keefe, Roche,  
Pickering 5.

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1/4 past six P.M. On Motion  
of Alderman Sheakston seconded by Alderman Smith.

"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 Bent, Cooke, Delaney,  
Pickering, Sheakston, Roche, Storrall, Mosher and Mc-  
Pherson.

The City Council were  
announced to consider Reports Committee of Public Ac-  
counts and Committee of Police, submitted at last Meeting.  
Other matters standing over, and the transaction of other  
business.

At 20 min. past 3 P.M.  
There being no quorum to do business the Council stands  
adjourned until further notice.

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## "Evening Session".

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this evening Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair, Aldermen Kent, Cooke, Delaney, Keefe, Pickering, Bechler, Roche, Lyons, Torvall, Mosher and McPherson.

The Council were summoned to consider Reports from Committee on Police. Report Committee on Public Accounts as submitted at last Meeting, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of Meetings of Council held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of Nov. inst. which were confirmed.

Alderman Delaney, Chairman of Committee on Charities submits two amended Reports from that Committee for August and September 1887.

Also a report of Committee on Charities for month of October 1887.

Alderman Delaney, also submits a resolution by way of Notice in reference to Dominion & Provincial Exhibition 1888. Prize List.

Also a resolution by way of Notice in reference to a transfer from Halifax Electric Light Co. to the Halifax Gas Light Co. of Posts & on Streets.

Alderman Cooke, Chairman Committee of City Prison submits Report from that Committee with the a/c for month of October 1887.

His Worship the Mayor submits a Report from the City Engineer of a violation of the Building Act by Mr. John Taylor, Argyle Street.

Also a Letter from His Honor the Recorder in reference to claim made by J. H. Balcom for damages.

Also a Letter from Messrs Henry, Ritchie & Stetson, on behalf of Halifax Gas Light Co. Limited.

Also a Report from City Clerk of a number of a/c for consideration of Committee of Public A/c.

Also Applications from Chas. McCarthy, P. Cochran and Edw. Fahey for office of Coal Measurer.

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Petition from the Serjts. and Members of the Police Force asking an increase of pay.

Alderman Smith submits a

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

Report Committee of City Prison in respect 1887.

Read Report from Committee of City Prison with the accounts for the month of October

City Prison.

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At a meeting held this day present Aldermen Pickering, Mosher & Cooke, Chairman the following accounts were examined found correct and recommended to this Council for payment amounting to Two hundred and two dollars, sixty two cents. (\$202<sup>62</sup>).

W. Greenman.	\$14.40	J. Allen & Sons.	\$6.00
W. D. Harrington.	36.00	Smith Bros.	70.30
A. M. Bell.	4.49	Leonard & Co.	51.00
H. Dimock.	13.10	R. Babot & Son.	7.33
			<u>\$202.62</u>

Enclosed also find usual report of number of prisoners in the Institution and amount of work done by the same for the month of October for information of this Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. E. Cooke.  
Chairman.

When the following resolution is introduced.

Resolved that the Bills for City Prison for the month of October amounting to \$202<sup>62</sup> be paid and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the same. Moved by Alderman Cooke seconded by Alderman Sheakston which resolution on being put is passed.

Read Letter from His Honor the Recorder in reference to Letter from J. H. Balcom complaining of injuries received by his son on Cannon and enclosing an account from Dr. Blusholm.

Letter Recorder in re letter J. H. Balcom.

Recorders Office.  
8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1887.

Sir

Referring to the claim of J. H. Balcom against the City for medical attendance to

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November 11<sup>th</sup> to a child of his injured by a horse on the Common I have to advise that the claim be not recognized. Mr. Balcom has not disclosed any facts from which the City's liability may be inferred.

Your Obedt. Servt.  
Robt. Sedgewick.  
Recorder.

On Motion of Alderman Delaney seconded by Alderman Cooke Resolved that this Council concur in the opinion of His Honor, and the City Clerk is directed to inform Mr. Balcom of the same. passed.

Reports Comm-

ittee on Charities the Committee on Charities for months of August and September 1887.

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Read Amended Reports from

Halifax Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1887

The Committee on Charities beg leave to submit the following for the information of the City Council.

The number of persons admitted to the Poor Asylum during the month of August 26 discharged 30, births 1. No of inmates in Asylum on the 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. 278.

The following accounts for the month of August were passed and ordered to be paid.

Richd. McElwee.	\$80.18.	Geo. Gregoire.	\$29.00
J. H. Fleming.	17.00.	J. Hogan & Sons.	31.68
Evangelical Alliance.	75.00.	James B. Dow.	50.00
George E. Smith & Co.	18.77.	James Murphy.	30.00
Dillon Brothers.	25.64.	Intercolonial Coal Co.	500.92
J. H. Histon.	104.16.	A. Fordham.	11.96
Sargard Bros.	161.62.	E. J. Fordly.	478.35-
A. McLaughan.	66.69.	James McIntosh.	30.00
		Total	<u>\$1710.97</u>

Respectfully Submitted.

H. C. Delaney.  
Chairman.

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The Committee on Charities beg leave to submit the following for the information of the City Council

The number of persons admitted to Poor Asylum during the month of September 22. No discharged 18. No births 2. No deaths 4. No in house on 30<sup>th</sup> September 282

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The Committee had before them a letter from the Secretary to Commissioner of Public Works & Mines asking for a statement of persons now in the Poor Asylum charged to the Province of Nova Scotia, giving the following particulars: 1<sup>st</sup> Name and age, 2<sup>nd</sup> Birth-place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Parents names and residence, if known. And also at what rate per day the City will charge for each patient.

Your Committee decided to furnish the said information and fixed the rate per day at 23 cents.

The Committee passed accounts for month of September viz:

Mr. Hirston.	\$98.52.	E. J. Lordly.	\$431.97.
James Murphy.	30.00.	Intercolonial Coal Co.	261.66.
James H. Dow.	50.00.	A. & H. MacKinnlay.	3.48.
A. M. Bell.	9.76.	J. & C. Henry.	68.82.
City of Halifax.	250.00.	Revd. C. Gilpin.	25.00.
J. H. Barnstead.	16.23.	Evangelical Alliance.	75.00.
George Gregoire.	21.75.	Revd. Dr. O'Brien.	50.00.
James Mc Intosh.	30.00.	Richard Mc Chure.	41.87.
J. H. Flemming.	17.00.	J. H. Siddell.	90.00.
		Total.	<u>1571.06</u>

Respectfully Submitted.  
H. G. Delaney.  
Chairman.

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The Committee on Charities beg leave to submit the following for the information of the City Council.

The number of persons admitted to Poor Asylum during the month of October 31. No discharged 16. No births 1. No deaths 5. No in house on the 31<sup>st</sup> October viz: 157 men, 121 women and 9 children Total 287.

The Accounts for the month of August were passed and ordered to be paid viz:

George Gregoire	\$21.75	James Murphy	\$30.00
Intercolonial Coal Co.	230.44	J. H. Flemming	17.00
Thos. Trenaman M.D.	150.00	Baldwin & Co.	6.00
Mr. Hirston.	104.76	James Mc Intosh.	30.00
Wood Brothers & Co.	161.13	J. H. Flemming.	80.48
James H. Dow.	50.00	J. B. Neilly & Co.	20.00
Black Bros. & Co.	36.57	Richd. Mc Chure.	36.88.
J. H. Flemming	250.00	John H. Barnstead.	17.46
John Davison.	58.79	E. J. Lordly.	442.27.
		Total.	<u>\$1741.53.</u>

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the Committee had before them letters from Drs. McKay and Hawkins (referred to them by the City Council) claiming compensation for services performed on Path. Sullivan.

The Committee cannot recognize any liability on the following grounds. 1<sup>st</sup> That he was not an inmate of the Poor Asylum at the time the operations were performed. 2<sup>nd</sup> That the Committee have a paid physician to attend to all cases in the Poor Asylum. 3<sup>rd</sup> That the same was not authorized by the Committee.

Respectfully Submitted.

A. G. Delaney.

Chairman.

Read Report from Committee of Charities with a/c for month October 1857 also in reference to claims of Drs. Mac Kay and Hawkins. (see report above)

On Motion, the said 3 Reports are received and adopted. passed (of Alderman Delaney seconded by Alderman Cooke.)

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

On Motion of Alderman McPherson the same is referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on. passed.

Read Letter from City Engineer in reference to a violation of the Building Act on John Taylors property Argyle Street. When the following resolution No 2 is introduced.

Resolved that the Report of the Inspector of Buildings be referred to His Honor the Recorder to have the Law enforced and the violation of the Law if stopped. Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Johns which resolution on being put is passed.

Read Letter from Messrs Henry, Ritchie and Steston, Solicitors on behalf of Halifax Gas Light Company asking for the permission of the City Council to maintain the posts erected by Halifax Electric Light Co. When the following resolution submitted by Alderman Delaney is introduced.

Whereas the Halifax Gas Light Company, Limited, has power subject to the permission and authority of the City Council to construct and erect posts on the public streets of the City of Halifax for supporting thereon electric wires along said streets.

And It whereas an agreement has been entered into between the Halifax Gas Light Com-

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re violation of

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by John Taylor

Letter Solicitors

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ted by Electric

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November 11<sup>th</sup> Limited, and the Halifax Electric Light Company, Limited as is alleged for the sale by the latter to the former Company of amongst other things the posts constructed and erected by the said the Halifax Electric Light Company, Limited and the wires supported by the same.

And It whereas the Halifax Gas Light Company, Limited have requested of the City Council permission and authority to maintain the said posts erected by the Halifax Electric Light Company, Limited as aforesaid.

Be it hereby Resolved as follows: the Halifax Gas Light Company, Limited are permitted and authorized to maintain and use the said posts erected by the said the Halifax Electric Light Company, Limited as aforesaid to the same extent and in the same manner as if the same had been constructed and erected by the said the Halifax Gas Light Company, Limited with permission and authority of the City Council first obtained.

Provided however that the City of Halifax shall at all times hereafter have the right to remove any Posts whenever in the opinion of the City Engineer the location of such posts or any of them is actually required by the City for the erection of posts whereon to place Electric, Gas or other lamps and provided further that before the City Engineer proceeds to remove or to authorize the removal of any of such posts he shall give twenty four hours written notice to the Company of the time and place of such removal in order that the Company may provide for the maintenance of their wires on the occasion of such removal the City Council hereby giving the City Engineer power and authority and directing him to assign some other convenient location of for the post or posts removed as above mentioned. Moved by Alderman Delaney seconded by Alderman Storrall which resolution on being put is passed.

Read following Resolution submitted by way of Notice by Alderman Delaney in re Exhibition 1888.

It whereas at a Meeting of the City Council held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September last a Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor and the Senior Aldermen of the various Wards with a Committee of the Halifax County Agricultural Society were appointed a Committee to confer on the propriety of holding a Dominion & Provincial Exhibition in this City in the year 1888. and whereas at a Meeting of Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October ultimo on the report from said Joint Committee it was Resolved to hold said Exhibition provided the Grants from

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November 11<sup>th</sup> the Dominion and Local Governments could be obtained and it hereas it is deemed advisable in order to secure said Grants that a prize list be prepared, and other arrangements made to facilitate the carrying out of said Exhibition.

Therefore Resolved that this Council hereby empowers the said Joint Committee of City Council and Halifax County Agricultural Society to prepare a Prize List not to exceed \$ and also to make such other arrangements as may be necessary in order to obtain the said Grants from the Dominion and Provincial Governments and report thereon to this Council. Moved by Alderman Delaney seconded by Alderman Sheakston which resolution on being put is passed.

Read Petition from Serjts. and Members of the Police Force asking increase of pay.

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

Read Report of Police Committee on the appointment of John Baker as Serjt. and St. H. Soper as Policeman to fill vacancies.

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October 27<sup>th</sup> 1888.

A meeting of the Police Committee held this day present Aldermen Pearson, Delaney, Stephen, Lyons and Sheakston it was on Motion Resolved to recommend the appointments to the Council as follows

That Policeman John Baker Sr. be appointed a Sergeant in place of the late Serjt. Adams Also that Special Constable St. H. Soper at present in the employ of the City as Special for the Public Gardens be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Force which will be caused by the appointment of Policeman Baker to the position of Sergeant. All of which was passed unanimously Alderman Lyons dissenting to the latter appointment, he wishing the position of Policeman to be advertised for.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Robert Sheakston.

Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Sheakston seconded by Alderman Delaney that said report be adopted. to which the following amendment is introduced.

That the report be adopted except that portion of it referring to the appointment of a Policeman to fill the vacancy occasioned by the promotion of

Report Police Committee in re Serjt. and Policeman.

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November 11<sup>th</sup> of Mr Baker, and that the vacancy be not filled until advertisement has been published calling for applicants. Moved by Alderman Byers seconded by Alderman Keefe which amendment on being put is lost. 3 voting for the same 12 against and the names being called for they appeared thus:

For the amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Keefe, Byers, Pickering. 3	Aldermen Bent, McPherson Johns, Sheakstan Roche, Morall. Kosher, Delaney. Woodill, Hechler. 12 Cooke, Smith.

The original Motion to adopt the Report on being put was passed 12 voting for the same 3 against it!

Report Comm-  
ittee on Public  
Accounts on  
the several  
matters referred  
to them.

Read Report from Committee of Public Accounts on the several matters referred to them by the Council.

Committee Room.  
October 28<sup>th</sup> 1888.

At a meeting of the Committee of Public Accounts held this evening present Aldermen Cooke, Keefe, Sheakstan, McPherson and the Chairman, the Committee considered the several matters referred by the Council and have to report as follows:  
County Assessment.

In reference to the letter of the County Clerk of the 5<sup>th</sup> of October complaining of the delay in paying over the County Rates for the present year, the Committee find that the City is not solely to blame for the delay. This Committee in June last reported on the matter and asked for a copy of the years estimate of the Municipality on which the demand was made and the City Clerk on June 10<sup>th</sup> under a resolution of the City Council wrote Mr. Wiswell for a copy of the estimate which was not furnished until a few days ago. Mr. Wiswells letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month annexed to his report explains the delay.

As will be seen by the copy of the estimate furnished by the County Clerk the City is to pay its proportion on \$13,000<sup>00</sup> of the Countys Estimate for 1887. The proportion fixed by the Arbitration Committee being 9/11 the amount payable to the County for the present year is \$10,637<sup>00</sup> which exceed the Citys Estimate for that service by \$1,137<sup>00</sup>. No portion of this sum has as yet been paid and the Committee recommend  
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November 11<sup>th</sup> that the Treasurer be instructed to make payments to the County Treasurer under the law, out of the amounts received for the County Assessment on this adjustment.

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In reference to Mr. Wiswells second communication of the October with regard to the reduction of \$7,498<sup>00</sup> in the amount claimed last year for maintenance of Insane Paupers and complaining of City Insane Paupers being still charged to the County, the Committee return the communication and recommend that it be referred to the Special Committee of the Council that has the matter of the accounts for Insane Paupers in charge.

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In reference to the Countys claim for amounts due previous to 1887 which has been so long in dispute and the circular from the Charities Department of the Government on the same subject, the Committee recommends that the County Council be informed that the City is prepared at any time to adjust the admitted items in any previous years estimate that have not been paid on the 9/11 basis agreed to by joint Committee on Arbitration, or that this Council will appoint a Special Committee to adjust the whole matter with a Special Committee of the Municipal Council at any time but that the City will repudiate any claim for interest as the account has never been adjusted or admitted.

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#### Water Dept.

The letter of Messrs. Henry Portchic and Weston in reference to the cheque drawn by the Chairman of the Board of Works in favor of Messrs Symonds & Co. on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August last which is still unpaid has called the attention of the Committee to the unsatisfactory manner in which the accounts of the Water Department are kept and managed. The cheques should never have been drawn until there were funds to pay it. Not only were there no funds to pay this particular cheque but there appears to have been no provision made to provide funds for the contract with the Messrs Symonds for work to a much larger amount than the amount of the cheque. It has also been brought to the notice of the Council that the sum of \$10,000<sup>00</sup> was and is required this year for Water Extension and Construction and that no provision was made in the estimates for the same: and the attendant results have followed: necessary work at a stand still accounts overdrawn and trades people without their money. The Committee consider that this deplorable state of affairs is solely owing to the fact that the accounts of the Water Department are kept separate from the other accounts of the City: they are not audited or dealt with like the accounts for other civic services: neither do they appear in the Annual Estimate dealt with by this Council. Although the work of the Department is

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November 11<sup>th</sup> is given by law to the Board of City Works, it is only a delegated authority subject in all things to the control of the Council. The Water Works are owned by the City: the original cost and capital account of the same are now a City debt, and the Committee see no reason why the water account should not be treated as any other City account and be provided for in the estimate: and accounts against the Department paid by warrant drawn by the Mayor and City Clerk. The Committee, to correct the anomaly that exists and to prevent a recurrence of such matters as dishonored cheques in future would therefore recommend that the sums required for the Water Service appear and be provided for out of next years estimate and that thereafter the accounts for the water service be audited and entered in the books in the same manner as other accounts for the ordinary services of the City.

In reference to the particular matter of Messrs Symonds & Co the auditor reports to the Committee as follows:

"With regard to the claim of the Messrs Symonds I do not think it can be paid under the resolution passed in Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. which only authorizes drawing on the Water Department Maintenance Account for supply to dwellings &c. At the same time it will not embarrass the Maintenance A/c to pay the cheque for \$400<sup>00</sup> and probably the Council will approve of so paying it. It is certainly better to pay the cheque than leave it lying round to the detriment of the City's credit. For the balance of their a/c of course Messrs Symonds & Co. will have to wait."

The Committee concur in the Auditor's suggestion and recommend that the cheque be paid out of the Maintenance A/c the amount to be credited back out of the first moneys borrowed on Construction A/c and that Messrs. Henry, Ritchie & Weston be notified that if the cheque be delivered up a warrant will be drawn for the same under the resolution adopting this report.

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#### Miscellaneous.

The Committee recommend on the petition of Patrick Kehoe for an increase of salary as Janitor, that his salary be increased from \$324<sup>00</sup> to \$400<sup>00</sup> the increase to take place from the beginning of the next Civic year and that he be notified that this is to cover any additional duties he may have to perform in consequence of the removal of the Officers to the New City Hall. This is in addition to the sum of \$150<sup>00</sup> paid him by the Board of Works for services in connection with the Internal Health.

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The Committee recommend that the enclosed a/c of the Riding Ground for \$30<sup>00</sup> be paid out of the balance of the Jubilee appropriation and the account from the Registrar of Probate for \$3<sup>40</sup> be paid out of the amount borrowed for Arbitration Expenses.

7 The enclosed a/cs from a number of City Physicians for Certificates for Insane Patients referred to this Committee by the Charities Committee, do not appear to have been properly contracted or authorized by any civic authority and the Committee therefore decline to recommend their payment.

Respectfully Submitted.

To His Worship  
The Mayor  
and Council.

J. N. Lyons.  
Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Keefe the same is taken up clause by clause.

Read first clause in reference to payment of the County Account for Assessment on the basis of the rate agreed upon by the Joint Committee of Arbitration of County & City Council.

On Motion of Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman McPherson the said clause is adopted.

Read Second clause in reference to accounts for Insane Paupers &c.

On Motion of Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman McPherson the same is adopted.

Read Third clause in reference to (payment) of County claims in dispute and recommending the payment thereof on the 9/11 basis.

On Motion of Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Sheakston the said clause is adopted.

Read Fourth clause in reference to the a/c of St. S. Symonds & Co. and the keeping of the Water A/cs as other City a/cs.

When the following resolution is introduced.

Resolved that the fourth clause be referred to His Honor the Recorder to report whether any change will be required in the Law to carry out the proposed changes in the manner of keeping the a/cs of the Water Department and that in the meantime the cheque be paid as recommended in the report. Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Horall and passed.

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Read clauses Fifth, Sixth and Seventh under head of Miscellaneous and in reference to the Petition of P. Kehoe for increase of salary. The a/c of Riding Ground Committee and a/c from sundry Doctors for certificates of Insane Persons.

On Motion of Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Keefe the said clauses are adopted.

On Motion of Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Johns the said report as a whole is accepted and approved with the exception of clause 4 deferred.

On Motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Roche, the "Order of the Day" is suspended to take up Petition of Sergeants and Policemen for increase of pay. The same is read.

Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Roche that the same be referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on. to which it is moved in amendment by Alderman McPherson seconded by Alderman Kent that the Petition be referred to Police Committee to report on. which amendment on being put is passed.

Read letter from City Engineer in reference to his appointment as Inspector of Buildings. It then the following resolution is introduced.

Resolved that the letter of the City Engineer be referred to His Honor the Recorder for his opinion as to whether this Council can require the City Engineer to perform the duties of Inspector of Buildings and City Engineer under the Charter. Moved by Alderman Sheakston seconded by Alderman Lyons which resolution on being put was passed.

Read following Resolution submitted by Alderman Johns by way of Notice.

Resolved that the City Board of Works be asked to report at the next Meeting of Council as to the progress made if any toward the providing new quarters for apparatus of No 7 Division 26. & 30. Moved by Alderman Johns seconded by Alderman Lyons which resolution on being put is passed.

Read Resolution of Alderman Pearson by way of Notice in reference to change in hours of Sunday Visiting at Poor Asylum. which having been amended was laid over till next Meeting of Council.

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On Motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Pichering. The "Council Adjourn".

Petition Sergeants & Policemen for increase of pay.

Letter City Engineer in re appointment as Inspector of Buildings.

Resol. rel. to duties of City Engineer.

Resol. rel. to new quarters for apparatus of No 7 Division 26. & 30.

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## "Afternoon Session".

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Honorship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Bent, Cooke, Smith, Stephen, Keefe, O'Brien, Pickering, Theakston, Hechler, Roche, Lyons, McNeill, Woodill, Mosher, McPherson.

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

Read over proceedings of Meeting of City Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1887 which were confirmed.

Alderman Stephen, Chairman of the Board of City Works submits a report from the Board in reference to Water Supply to Kaye Street as petitioned for by Joseph Kaye and others.

Alderman Lyons, Chairman of Committee of Public Accounts submits a report from that Committee on several a/cs from Halifax Electric Light Co. and Halifax Gas Light Co.

Alderman Lyons, Chairman of Special Committee on Salaries and Duties of Civic Officers submits a Report from that Committee.

His Honorship the Mayor, submits a report from the Joint Committee on the Dominion & Provincial Exhibition of 1888.

Also a report from His Honor the Recorder on the subject matter of Report from Committee of Public A/cs in reference to the accounts of the Water Department under control of the Board of City Works.

Also a report from His Honor the Recorder on the subject of the City Engineer, acting as the Inspector of Buildings.

Also a report from the City Engineer, as acting Inspector of Buildings in reference to violation of Building Act by M. H. Cuggles.

Also a letter from St. H. Atiswell, County Clerk in reference to County A/cs in dispute being referred to Arbitration Committee.

Also a letter from Osborne Blois Esq. in reference to rent of City Oil Warehouse.

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Also a letter from William Brown, President and John S. Bulmer, Secty. of Halifax Temperance League in reference to License Inspector Mr. John A. Mackesey.

Also a Cash Statement of Accounts from City Treasurer, for month of October 1887.

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

Report Board of Works in reference to water extension Street as petition for by Joseph Hage & others to Hage Street.

Read Report from Board of Works in reference to water extension to Hage Street as petition for by Joseph Hage & others.

Office Commissioners.  
Board of City Works.  
Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1887.

The Board of City Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day they had before them the enclosed report from the City Engineer on application from Residents of Hage Street for Water Extension, when it was ordered to be transmitted to the City Council with the recommendations that the work be carried out when in funds.

Respectfully submitted.  
Alex. Stephen.  
Chairman.

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

Report Committee of Public Accounts in reference to lighting the City &c.

Read Report from Committee of Public Accounts in reference to payment of a/c for lighting the City &c.

Committee Room.  
November 24<sup>th</sup> 1887.

At a meeting of the Committee of Public Accounts held to-day present. Aldermen McPherson, Cooke, Stephen and the Chairman. the following accounts were passed and are reported to the Council for payment.

Halifax Electric Light Co.		\$1468.00
Halifax Gas Light Co.		1111.62
Do	(Fire Dept.)	96.80
Do	(Police Dept.)	44.40
Do	(Citizens Library.)	3.60
Albert Hutchinson.	(Ice)	15.00
		<u>\$2739.42</u>

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The accounts are returned here

with.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. N. Lyons.  
Chairman.

To His Worship  
The Mayor & Council.

When the following resolution

No 1 is introduced.

Resolved that the Report from the Committee of Public Accounts be received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment thereof amounting to \$2739<sup>42</sup> Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Smith which resolution on being put is passed.

Report Special Committee on duties & salaries of Civic Officers.

Read Report from Special Committee on "the duties and salaries of Civic Officers."

When the following resolution

No 2 is introduced.

Resolved that the Report of the Special Committee on Salaries &c be printed and copies furnished the Members of the Council before the next Meeting and that the Report be placed on the "Order of the Day" for consideration at the next Meeting of Council. Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Pickering which resolution on being put is passed.

Report Joint Committee on Dom. & Provl. Exhibition.

Read Report from Joint Committee on the Dominion & Provincial Exhibition of 1888.

On Motion of Alderman Storrall seconded by Alderman Smith the same is laid over for further consideration when the Citizen Committee are reported upon.

Read Report from His Honor the Recorder on the subject of the State Department A/c's and the mode of keeping the same.

Read Report from His Honor the Recorder on the subject of the City Engineer acting as Inspector of Buildings for the City of Halifax.

On Motion of Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Keeffe the same is placed on the "Order of the Day."

Letter County Treasurer in re County Assess-ment Claims.

Read Letter from H. H. Hiss in reference to Committee being named to meet Committee of Councillors on the subject of disputed County Assessment claims.

When on Motion of Alderman Storrall seconded by Alderman Hoodill, Aldermen Pearson & Lyons

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November 25<sup>th</sup> Lyons and McPherson are appointed a Committee of Arbitration on said apcs.

Read Report from the City Engineer as Acting Inspector of Buildings in reference to a violation of Building Act. at Corner of Bells Lane & Angyle Street, M. H. Ruggles being Proprietor.

Read Letter from Osborne Blois in reference to rent due for the Oil Warehouse at Fresh Water Bridge, so called.

Letter H. M.

Brown Dal.

in re conduct of the Inspector of License.

Read Letter from H. M. Brown President and John S. Bulmer, Secretary of Temperance League, in reference to conduct of John A. Mackesey, as the Inspector of License.

Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Mosher that the Letter be referred to a Special Committee of Six from this Council to investigate and report on to this Council and that a copy of the Letter be furnished to the Inspector of License. Motion put and passed. Committee Aldermen Pearson, Smith, Pickering, Hechler, Johns and Mosher.

Appointment Committee to inspect City Prison.

His Worship the Mayor under Ordinance of Section 26 named and appointed "Alderman Smith and Alderman O'Brien, a Committee to inspect the City Prison and report as required by said Section.

Report Recorder in re Water Dept. Accounts

Read Report from His Honor the Recorder on the clause 4 of Committee of Public Accounts in reference to the Water Department Accounts and the mode of keeping the same.

Recorders Office.  
Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 1887.

Sir.

I have carefully considered that portion of the Public Accounts Committee's report which relates to Water Rates and to the recommendations therein made and have to advise as follows:

Under existing legislation there is nothing to prevent the Water Accounts of the City from being kept in the same way as other accounts; but in respect to ordinary expenditure for Water Service the Officials would be bound to honor the drafts of the City Board of Works without reference to the City Council.

The Estimates for Water Service cannot be included in the ordinary estimates: - the two have no relation to each other, but there is nothing to prevent the estimates for general service and these for Water Service to be passed at the same time, the sanction of the City Council.

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November 25<sup>th</sup> Council to both being necessary:

Your Obedt. Servt.

Robt. Sedgewick.

Recorder.

His Worship.

The Mayor.

Read Extract from Report Com-  
mittee of Public Accounts in reference to the above.

Then the following resolution  
is introduced (No 3).

Resolved that the Clause of  
the Report be adopted, and that the accounts be kept in the  
manner indicated subject to the restrictions mentioned in the  
Recorder's Opinion. Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by  
Alderman Smith which resolution on being put is passed.

10 min. to 5.

On Motion of Alderman  
Sheakston seconded by Alderman Bent.

"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 Bent, Cooke, Delaney, Keefe, Stephen, O'Brien, Pickering, Theakston, Bechler, Roche, Lyons, Johns, Storrall, Mosher and McPherson.

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

Read Minutes of Meeting of Council held on the 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1887. which were confirmed.

Alderman Delaney, Chairman of Committee on Charities submits a report from that Committee with a/cs for month of Nov. 1887.

His Worship the Mayor submits a report from City Engineer as Inspector of Buildings in reference to a violation of the Building Act by Edw. St. O'Donnell.

Also a report from the City Marshal with Report from Deputy and two Sergeants of Police in reference to the non-lighting of the City with the Electric Lights.

Also an Application from St. B. Cogswell, for the office of Coal Measurer.

Also a Cash Statement of Account from the City Treasurer for month of Nov. 1887.

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

Read Report of Committee of Charities with a/cs against Poor Asylum for Nov. 1887.

Halifax N.S.  
Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 1887.

The Committee on Charities beg leave to submit the following for the information of the City Council.

The Report of the Superintendent of Poor Asylum for the month of November, showed that 23 persons were admitted, 13 discharged, 1 birth and 5 deaths. Number of persons in Poor Asylum on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 158 men 129 women and 9 children. Total 296.

Report Committee  
of Charities for  
Nov. 1887.

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The following accounts were examined and ordered to be paid.

J. H. Flemming.	\$24.50	Barnstead & Sutherland	\$57.92
G. P. Henry.	30.03	J. H. Flemming.	130.33
Black Bros. Ho.	27.36	J. H. Barnstead.	11.06
Mr. Hirston.	103.32	J. D. Greenaway.	44.40
C. H. Robertson Ho.	11.55-	H. E. Hyde.	98.50
John Davison.	25.35-	E. J. Gordly.	440.67
		Total.	<u>\$1001.29</u>

Respectfully Submitted.

H. E. Delaney.  
Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman De-  
laney seconded by Alderman Hechler the same is received and  
adopted.

Read Report from City Engineer  
as Inspector of Buildings in reference to violation of the  
Building Act by Edw. H. O'Donnell.

On Motion of Alderman Byrnes  
seconded by Alderman Keefe the same is directed to be placed  
on the "Order of the Day."

Read Letter from the City  
Marshal with a report from Deputy Marshal and two Sergeants  
of Police in reference to the non-lighting of the city with  
Electric Light.

His Worship the Mayor submits  
a letter from His Honor the Recorder in reference to the  
decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in the several  
Insurance Cases in which license was enacted by the New  
Assessment Law. The same is read.

Recorders Office.  
Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 1887.

Sir.

I have to report that the fol-  
lowing appeals before the Supreme Court of Canada have  
been decided in favor of the City of Halifax viz:  
The Ocean Marine Ins. Co. vs. Halifax.  
Western Insurance Co. Do.  
London & Lancashire Ins. Co. Do.  
Jones. Do.  
The Providence Washington Ins Co. Do.

The result is that the City can  
now without question tax Companies by means of what the  
Statute calls a "license fee"

The City will be called upon  
to pay certain costs of these appeals (small in amount) not

Letter Recorder  
in re decision  
of Supreme Court  
of Canada in the  
Insurance Cases.

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Your Obedt. Servt.

Robt. Sedgewick.

Recorder.

His Worship  
The Mayor.

On Motion of Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Stephen, Copies of the same are directed to be sent by the City Clerk to the Assessors and the Collector for their information.

Alderman Stephen, Chairman of the Board of City Works explains in reference to present condition of Contract with the Chandler Light Co. and with the Gas Co. for lighting lamps, and submits Extract from Minutes of Board of City Works and three Letters bearing on the subject. The same are read.

Then the following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved that the agreement entered into with the Halifax Gas Co. for the lighting of the City by the Chairman of the Board of Works be confirmed by this Council. Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman McPherson which resolution on being put is passed.

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

Read Report of His Honor the Recorder in reference to City Engineer, acting as Inspector of Buildings.

Recorders Office.

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 1887.

In the matter of the City Engineers letter to the City Council of the 28<sup>th</sup> of October last the Council has requested me to state whether or not it can require the City Engineer to perform the duties of Inspector of Buildings and City Engineer under the Charter.

In my opinion it can not the Citys Contract with the Engineer under the Statute requires of the latter that he give his best services to the City in the improving carrying out and perfecting of its public works. Other duties have been imposed on him by Statute but if the Council wish him to perform the work of inspecting private buildings they can only obtain such service from him by special agreement.

Your Obedt. Servt.

Robt. Sedgewick.

Recorder.

His Worship  
The Mayor.

Report Board of Works in re lighting the City

Resol. rel. to agreement with Gas Co. for lighting the City.

Report Recorder in re City Eng- inur, acting as Inspector of Buildings.

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is introduced.

Resol. rel. to  
appointment of  
Caretaker City  
Property as  
Inspector of  
Buildings.

referred to the Board of City Works to make an arrangement with the caretaker of City Property, Mr. J. Spelman to perform the said duties of Inspector with the assistance of the City Engineer, and report the same to this Council. Moved by Alderman McPherson seconded by Alderman Breakston which resolution on being put is passed.

When the following Resolution

Resolved that the matter be

Letter Osborne  
Blois.  
in re rent of  
Oil Warehouse.

Blois, asking the Council to assume the rent of the Oil Warehouse.

Read Letter from Osborne

When the following Resolution

No 2 is introduced.

Resol. rel. to  
Oil Warehouse.

put his opinion in writing and that the City Clerk send Mr. Blois, a copy of the same and notify him that the City acknowledge no liability in the matter. Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman O'Brien, which resolution on being put is passed.

Resolved that the Recorder

10 minutes past 5 P.M.

On Motion of Alderman Keefe seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

"The Council Adjourn."

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December 20<sup>th</sup>

"Afternoon Session."

At a Special Meeting of the City Council summoned for this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Bent, Smith, O'Brien, Pickering, Bechler, Roche, Lyons, Mosher and McPherson.

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

There being no quorum at (20 min. past three) to do business, the meeting stands adjourned until further notice.

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"Evening Session."

5 min. to 8 P.M.

At a Special Meeting of the City Council summoned for this evening Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Bent, O'Brien, Pickering, Breakston and Bechler.

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

There being no quorum to do business at the above hour, the Council stands adjourned until further notice.

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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 Cooke. Pearson. Delaney. Keefe. Smith. Stephen, O'Brien. Pickering, Breakston, Hechler, Lyons, Johns. Mosher. McPherson.

The City Council were summoned to receive and consider the Estimates for 1888-9 as prepared by the Committee of Public Accounts standing over from previous Meetings and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of Meetings of Council of 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. and 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. which were confirmed.

Alderman Lyons, Chairman of Committee of Public Accounts submits the Report from Committee of Public Accounts on the Estimates for 1888-9.

Alderman Delaney, Chairman Committee of Charities, submits a report from that Committee on Tenders for supplies to Poor Asylum.

Alderman Cooke, Chairman submits a report from Committee of City Prisons in reference to the a/c for Nov. 1887.

Alderman Breakston, Chairman submits a report from Police Committee in reference to increase of pay to Police Force.

Alderman Stephen, Chairman submits a report from the Board of City Works in reference to appointment of Thomas Spelman, as the Inspector of Buildings.

Also a report from the Board of City Works in reference to the Contract with Messrs Symonds & Co. for water pipes.

His Worship the Mayor submits a Report from Committee on the appointment of Committee of Citizens in re Dominion & Provincial Exhibition

Also a Letter from George Campbell Esq. Solicitor, Inuro in reference to Arbitration Fee due him in re Provincial & City Hospital matter.

Also a Letter from Henry P. Burton, Secretary of Tax Payers Association in reference to appointment of a Committee on Assessments.

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Also a letter from A. V. MacKay. Secretary of the School of Art & Design in reference to funds required for said School.

Also a letter from William Nisbet, Second Asst. Clerk, asking an increase of salary.

Also a Monthly report from the Supervisor of Measurers of Coal.

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

Read Report from Committee of City Prison with the a/c's re for month of Nov. 1887.

City Prison.  
Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 1887.

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day present Chairman, Aldermen Pickering and Mosher. the following accounts for the month of November were examined, found correct and recommended to this Council for payment amounting to One hundred and fifty two dollars, eighty five cents viz:

G & H. Anderson.	\$83.03.	G. Creelman.	\$14.40.
Barnstead & Sutherland.	15.40.	Trustees of Temperance	8.00
A. Mc. Bell.	9.25.	Hall	
J. Allen & Sons.	3.00.	MacKintosh & McInnes	8.50.
		J. McLean & Son.	11.27.
			<u>\$152.85</u>

Also please find usual statement of number of Prisoners admitted and discharged during the month. and work done by the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. G. Cooke.  
Chairman.

When the following resolution No 1 is introduced.

Resolved that the report of the City Prison Committee for November be accepted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of accompanying accounts amounting to \$152.85 Moved by Alderman Cooke seconded by Alderman Pickering which resolution on being put is passed.

Read Report from Committee of Charities on Tenders for supplies to Poor Asylum for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1888.

Report Committee of City Prison in re a/c's.

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Report Committee

on Charities in  
tenders for  
supplies:

The Committee on Charities beg to report that at a meeting held yesterday they had before them tenders for supplying the Pious Asylum with Groceries Meat, and Straw for one year from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1888 And it was Resolved that the tenders of E. J. Lordly for Groceries, Geo. Mac Bellan for Meat, and E. J. Henton for Straw, being the lowest be accepted.

Respectfully Submitted.

H. C. Delaney.

Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman Delaney seconded by Alderman Pearson the said report is received and adopted.

Report Board

of Works in  
re Inspector of  
Buildings

of City Works in reference to the Appointment of Thomas Spelman, as Inspector of Buildings.

Read Report from the Board

Office Commissioners.

Board of City Works.

Dec. 19/87.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day they had before them the matter of the appointment of an Inspector of Buildings, when the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that the Board recommend to the City Council that Mr Thos. Spelman be appointed Inspector of Buildings for the City with the understanding that the City Engineer give him advice and assistance as required.

Respectfully Submitted.

Alex. Stephen.

Chairman.

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

of City Works in reference to an amount due to Messrs Symonds & Co. on Contract for the supply of pipes &c.

Read Report from Board of

Office Commissioners.

Board of City Works.

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 1887.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day the following resolution

Report Board  
of Works in re  
amount due  
Symonds & Co.  
for pipes.

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Resolved that this Board recommend that the balance due Messrs Symonds & Co. on their contract for water pipes amounting to \$257.47 be paid from Maintenance Account and that the contract be cancelled

Respectfully submitted.

Alex. Stephen.

Chairman.

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

Read Report from Police Committee on the increased pay to Sergeants and Police Force.

Read Report from Committee appointed to nominate Citizens Committee in re Exhibition of 1888.

Read Communication from Henry P. Burton, Secretary of Rate Payers Association asking the appointment of a Committee on the subject of amendments to Assessment Law.

Read Letter from Alex. V. Mac Kay, Secretary of the School of Art & Design asking payment of appropriation for that purpose.

Read Letter from George Campbell Esq. Inuro asking payment of his fee as Arbitrator in re Hospital and Poors Asylum, dispute.

Read Petition from William J. Nisbet, asking an increase of salary.

Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Sheakston that the Estimates of the Committee of Public Accounts be taken up first on the "Order of the Day". Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Roche that the Estimate of 1888-9 be now considered clause by clause. Motion passed.

Salaries.

\$1000. passed.

\$1200. passed.

passed.

His Honorship the Mayor

His Honor the Recorder

The City Treasurer \$1800

The City Clerk \$1500 passed.

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passed.

Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Delaney that this amount be increased to \$400. Motion put and lost. 2 voting for the same 12 against it.

passed.

passed.

introduced.

Resolved that the sum of One hundred dollars for clerk to Board of Health be placed in the Estimates for 1888-9 as heretofore. Moved by Alderman McPherson seconded by Alderman Theakston which resolution on being put is passed. 7 voting for the same 7 against it. His Worship the Mayor giving his casting vote in favor of the resolution and the names being called for appeared thus:

For the Resolution.

Aldermen Hechler. O'Brien. Mosher. McPherson.  
Theakston. Delaney.  
Pearson. 7.

Against it.

Aldermen Keepe. Lyons.  
Johns. Roche.  
Pickering. Smith.  
Booke. 7.

of reconsideration.

passed.

\$2000 passed.

The City Auditor \$1500 passed.

Taxes \$3500. passed.

passed.

passed.

passed.

passed.

The Assistant Clerk \$900.

The Second Asst. Clerk \$350<sup>00</sup>

The Second Asst. Clerk \$350.

The Clerk of License \$600

The following resolution is next

Resolved that the sum of

Alderman Smith gives notice

Keeper City Building \$400.

The Stipendiary Magistrate

The City Engineer \$2000 passed

The Collector of Rates and

The Relief Assessor \$1000.

The Assistant Assessors \$1600

Inspector of License \$800

Addition to Assessors \$600

Total \$21,850<sup>00</sup> passed.

Moved by Alderman Keepe seconded by Alderman Theakston that the Police Estimate \$22,980<sup>00</sup> pass as reported. Motion put and passed.

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Moved by Alderman Stephen  
seconded by Alderman Lyons that the Fire Department  
pass as reported viz: \$10.250<sup>00</sup> Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons  
seconded by Alderman Theakston that the City Prison Esti-  
mate \$4800<sup>00</sup> pass. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Stephen  
seconded by Alderman Lyons that the Board of City Works  
Estimate \$41.050<sup>00</sup> do pass. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons  
seconded by Alderman Theakston that \$100 for clerk  
Board of Health be taken from Contingent A/c and that  
the Miscellaneous amount pass as amended making the  
Contingent A/c. \$2964<sup>28</sup>. Total Miscellaneous. \$19.770<sup>00</sup>

\$20.700. passed.

Probable Income Item

On Motion of Alderman  
Lyons seconded by Alderman Keefe Total "General Estimate"  
\$100.000. passed as amended.

Alderman Keefe submits a  
resolution by way of Notice asking the Recorder to prepare  
a Bill for the Legislature in reference to addition to Genish  
St. Engine House and other matters.

On Motion of Alderman  
Lyons seconded by Alderman Keefe the Extra Assessment  
under Special Acts. amounting to \$123.143<sup>63</sup> is passed  
as a whole.

On Motion of Alderman  
Lyons the Item of Interest amounting to \$53.805 is passed

On Motion of Alderman  
Lyons the Costs of Collection, Item \$9489.94 is passed.

The following Resolution No  
3 is introduced.

Resolved that the General  
Assessment amounting to \$100.000 and the Extra Assess-  
ment amounting to \$186.438<sup>75</sup> be passed and that the  
Citizens and their property be assessed for the total sum of  
\$286.438<sup>75</sup> and that the City Clerk be directed to send the  
usual order to the Assessors to make up the Assessment  
for the year 1888-9 on the basis of that amount. Moved

by

Resol. rel. to  
Assessment

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December 27<sup>th</sup> by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Keefe which resolution on being put is passed.

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On Motion of Alderman  
Lyons seconded by Alderman Stephen.

"The Council Adjourn".

Order for "the Assessment" for 1888-9.

Office of City Clerk.

Halifax N.S. 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1887.

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 General City purposes for the year 1888-89 and the further sum of One Hundred and Eighty Six Thousand four hundred and thirty eight Dollars and seventy five cents for and under the head of Extra Assessments for the same period and in accordance with a resolution passed at a Meeting of Council held yesterday.

I have also the honor to enclose you copy of "The Estimates" passed at said Meeting.

I have the honor to be

Sir.

Your Obedt. Servt.

Thos. Rhind.

City Clerk.

John G. Barry Esq.

Chief Assessor.

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## "Evening Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair, Aldermen Bent, Cooke, Pearson, Delaney, Keefe, Smith, Stephen, O'Brien, Pickering, Theakston, Bechler, Woodill, Lyons, Johns, Torall, Mosher and McPherson.

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

Read over proceedings of a Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst. to Alderman Smith's Notice of reconsideration on the salary to clerk to Board of Health Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Lyons that the subject be reconsidered which Motion on being put was lost 6 voting for the same 10 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus:

For the reconsideration.	Against it.
Aldermen Lyons, Stephen,	Aldermen Bent, O'Brien,
Johns, Pickering,	Keefe, Mosher,
Smith, Cooke. 6	Torall, McPherson
	Woodill, Theakston
	10 Delaney, Bechler

The balance of the Minutes were then read and confirmed.

Alderman Woodill, Chairman of Committee on Tenders submits a report on Tenders for Stationery & Printing for year 1888.

\* over

On Motion of Alderman Theakston seconded by Alderman Delaney the "Order of the Day" is suspended to allow Alderman Torall (who was absent from last Meeting) to make an explanation in reference to the (passing of the) Estimates of 1888-9.

Alderman Smith submits a resolution by way of Notice in re clerk to Board of Health

Read following Resolution submitted by Alderman Keefe at last Meeting by way of Notice

Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be requested to include (in any money Bill) for the borrowing of the necessary funds for the erection of an addition to Gerish Street Engine House, the hose required by

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December 30<sup>th</sup> by the Board of Fire Wards, and the erection and completion of No 7 Engine House, and also for the purchase of a Resol. rel. to Act Steam Fire Engine. Moved by Alderman Keefe seconded to borrow funds by Alderman O'Brien, to which the following amendment for erection of an was introduced.

addition to Ger-rish St Engine House &c.

Resolved that the matter stand over until all sums required to be borrowed be brought before the Council with the necessary information on the same.

Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Storrall which amendment on being put is lost & voting for the same & against it, and His Worship the Mayor being called on for his casting vote gives it against the amendment and the names being called for appeared thus:

For the amendment.

Against it.

Aldermen Bent, Stephen, Mosher, Storrall, McPherson, Sheakstan, Delaney, Bechler &

Aldermen O'Brien, Keefe, Lyons, Johns, Pickering, Smith, & Woodill, Cooke.

the amendment. The original Resolution was then put and passed.

Read Report Special Committee on Duties and Salaries of City Officers.

Report Special Committee on Duties & Salaries of City Officers

Moved by Alderman Mosher that said report be now received and considered clause by clause. to which the following amendment was introduced.

Resolved that the Report of Special Committee on Duties and Salaries of City Officers be read this day three months. Moved by Alderman Bent seconded by Alderman Storrall. (after debate.)

Moved by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Keefe "that the question be now put." Motion put and passed.

The amendment was then put and lost 3 voting for the same 13 against it and the names being called for appeared thus:

For the Amendment.

Against it.

Aldermen Bent, Storrall, Delaney. 3

Aldermen Stephen, O'Brien, Keefe, Lyons, Johns, Pickering, Mosher, McPherson, Smith, Woodill, Sheakstan, Cooke, Bechler. 13

ment is introduced.

The following second amend-

Resolved that the Report be considered at a Meeting to be called by His Worship the

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December 30<sup>th</sup> Mayor in January and that the Report be the only business for that evening. Moved by Alderman Theakston seconded by Alderman Mc Pherson which amendment on being put is passed.

5 min. past 10 P.M.

Moved by Alderman Pickering seconded by Alderman Lyons that the Council adjourn. Motion put and passed. 9 voting for the same 6 against it the names being called for appeared thus:

For the Motion.

Against it.

Aldermen	Stonall.	Lyons.	Aldermen	Stephen.	Johns.
	Bent.	Pickering.		Mc Pherson.	
	O'Brien.	Mosher.		Theakston.	
	Keefe.	Smith.		Delaney.	
	Hoodill.	9		Hechler.	6
		10 <sup>15</sup>			

Council Adjourn for 1887.