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CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Reports of Committees—Street Crossings

Hill & Berry Wharf &c.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held in the City Council Chamber, on Tuesday evening last, His Worship Mayor Penney in the Chair, and a full board of Aldermen being present.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read, approved of and signed by the Mayor, the Auditor's Report No. 11 was read and cheques ordered to be issued for amounts chargeable against the different departments as follows:

Roads and Streets	\$280.18
Public Works	38.89
Wharves	1.40
Fire Department	10.00
Administration of Justice	33.38
Contingencies	35.63
City Hall	39.95
Sewerage and Water	256.96

The Water Committee presented the following report—

1st. They have examined the accounts for the month and submit the same through the Auditor.

2nd. The contractor for excavating for the water pipes, Michael O'Leary, finds it very inconvenient to be paid only once a month as he has to employ laborers, who expect to be paid at least once a fortnight. Your committee therefore ask authority to procure such advances from the Treasurer, from time to time to make such payments, and being satisfied by proper certificates that the amounts are due, such payments to be reported at following monthly meeting.

3rd. The service-pipe on head from last year being nearly exhausted, your committee require authority to purchase about 7000 feet for use during the season.

Respectfully Submitted
M. RICHES, Chairman.

Ald. Gunter thought the practice of drawing advances from the treasury should be avoided if possible, and that the present report was

Going Back on a Resolution

The Chairman of the Water Committee, Ald. Richey, was of the opinion that all contractors should be paid as their work progressed, on the proper certificates being furnished by the overseer of work.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

The following report of the Wharf Committee was presented—

Your Committee beg to report—That they have had under consideration, the request of Messrs. Hill & Berry for permission to erect buildings and sheds on their wharf, the same to be paid for at a valuation by the City, at the expiration of lease, but your committee on enquiry and after hearing Mr. Berry, being satisfied that such an arrangement would not be in the interest of the City, recommend that Messrs. Hill & Berry's request be not complied with. Your committee have caused the City Clerk to draft a lease to Messrs. Hill & Berry, in accordance with the terms arranged last year, which draft has been approved by your committee, who, although believing that the interests of the City have not been carefully guarded in the arrangement, still deem it incumbent that the contract should be completed and the lease executed. Your committee have therefore recommended that on the production of Mr. Haines' receipt by Mr. Berry, which receipt Mr. Berry is to be called upon to produce without delay, that the lease be executed and tendered to Messrs. Hill & Berry to be executed by them.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE R. FENNEY, Mayor.

The City Clerk also read the draft of the lease between the City and Messrs. Hill & Berry.

Ald. Gunter said this council ought to carry out the arrangements made by their predecessors, and while there were several objectionable clauses in the lease as read, this council had nothing to do but carry out previous agreements.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

A communication from Messrs. Hill & Berry was read and referred to Wharf Committee.

Ald. Moore presented a petition from Jas. Christie, asking for a ten years lease of the lot in rear of Queen Hotel at a rental of \$55 per annum. Referred to the Committee on Edwards' petition.

Report, Administration of Justice Committee.

Your Committee on Administration of Justice, beg to report:

That your committee, at the request of the Warden of York Municipality, met the committee of that body on Friday, May 28th at 3 p.m., in the City Clerk's Office for the purpose

Of Adjusting the Amount.

payable by the City, as their proportion of the Administration of Justice in the City and County for the year 1883, as provided by law; and that at such meeting Councilors Plender and Jewett and County Auditor Van Wart, were present on the part of the County Council.

That on examining the accounts, your committee found charged in the same the following items:

J. A. McNally, chairs for Court House and Council Chamber, \$74.08.

Costs of altering Court House, Record Office, &c., \$3324.12, and on examining the so-called vouchers for the same, were satisfied that the first item was for chairs for the County Council Chamber only, and could not therefore be in any way a charge upon the City, and that the second item of \$3324.12 for which no regular voucher or vouchers were produced, were intended to be charges for moneys expended by the Municipality in fitting up the main portion of the County Court House (lower flat) as a Council Chamber (exclusively for the use of the County Council), County Record Office with vault, Clerk of the Peace Office, and Sheriff's Office.

Your committee on enquiry find that

Without the Consent of the City,

the lower flat of the County Court House was vested in them in common with the County, to be used as a market for ever, was placed by Act of Assembly in the County Council, to be by them fitted up as a Council Chamber and offices at the expense of the County, it appearing as if the Act required the County to pay all expenses in consideration of being allowed to use such lower flat, belonging to City and County jointly, as a Council Chamber for the County's exclusive use. It further appears to your committee that this alteration was not of the nature of repairs, but was a large public work, not contemplated in the Act under which the Administration of Justice account is adjusted, the proportion of the same could not be

charged to the City under such Act (1879), and that even if the committee or council were desirous of consenting to pay such payment towards such alterations, they have no authority to do so, or to impose taxation on the citizens for that purpose.

For these reasons, your committee requested these items to be withdrawn from the account, and if withdrawn, agreed to, then agree to balance of same. This, the gentlemen of the County Council present declined to do, and withdrew leaving the account still unsettled.

Pending a settlement of this difficulty, your committee would suggest, that in case the County Council require it a payment of \$775.44, being the amount actually due by City to County, be paid to County, it being paid and accepted by both parties without prejudice to their legal rights.

The amount actually in dispute is as follows:

Total amount of County's Bill	\$5727.41
1st. as claimed by County	176.40
Total amount	\$5727.41
Less amount of 2 items	3398.20

Total amount as agreed to by City—2339.21

by committee estimate—776.40

Amount in dispute—\$1132.73

As the question is one depending almost entirely upon the construction of certain acts of Assembly, your committee would suggest that if the facts can be agreed upon, the matter be settled by a special case submitted for the opinion of the Supreme Court.

A communication was read from Mr. Henry B. Rainsford, Secretary Treasurer of York.

Threatening legal proceedings

against the City, unless the amount claimed by County, on the Administration of Justice account, was forthwith paid.

On motion of Ald. Gunter, the Report was received and adopted.

An account of \$10. of Elizabeth White's for rent of Engine House lot, was ordered to be paid.

Ald. Farrell from the committee on John A. Edwards' application, reported that the committee could not recommend leasing the lot in rear of the Queen Hotel, at the present time. Adopted.

The Road Committee submitted a lengthy report, in which they recommended, amongst other things, that Mr. George Orington's request, that his asphalt sidewalk assessment be not exacted until he had completed his building on Queen Street, be granted—that Mr. Rainsford's offer of a free street, through the Shore property be accepted—and that inasmuch as there was great damage done to the streets by the introduction of the water service pipes, the repairs of such damages ought to be charged to the water committee, so that in case of any

Extraordinary Expenditure

the people would see that it was brought about on account of the repairs required in consequence of the breaking of the streets for water service.

Ald. Richey raised objections to the committee adding the water committee with any portion of their expenditures. The water committee had quite enough to do to curtail the expenditures, incident to their department, without being required to pay the bills of the road committee.

His Worship explained that it was only to enable the committee explain any extraordinary expenditure on the roads account.

Ald. Edgcombe wanted to know how long a time Mr. Orington required to complete his building. The Council gave him until the 1st of August.

Ald. Parker moved that the road committee report be taken up section by section. Carried.

There was considerable discussion on the question of the road going through the Shore property. The Council thought that as the road was donated to the City, free of charge, an expenditure of twenty or thirty dollars ought to be made towards improving it.

On the question of Street Crossings, Ald. Parker thought the Local Government

Ought to Bear the Expense

of putting down the Normal School crossing, and the Dominion Government the expense of the Military Building crossing.

Ald. Gunter said that as the cost of the crossings were trivial and the benefits accruing to the City from having the institutions here large, the City should surely put them down without question.

The section of the report recommending the letting of the contract for the plank sidewalk on the south side of King Street, between Regent and Carleton streets, to Richardson Boone for the sum of \$125, passed, after meeting with some opposition from Ald. Parker.

On the section of the Report in reference to charging the Water Committee with some of the Road Committee expenditure, Ald. Farrell argued at some length on the justice of the case.

Ald. Davis thought the Water Committee had enough to pay already, without being burdened with the Road Committee accounts.

On motion to strike out that section of the Report, the Council divided evenly. The Mayor gave the casting vote in favor of retaining the section.

Ald. Parker moved that a crossing be placed at the lower gate of the Normal School, similar to the one proposed for the upper gate. Ald. Black and Farrell opposed it. Lost on division.

A motion that the whole report of the Road Committee be received and adopted was carried by the casting vote of the Mayor.

The Alms House Committee, Wharf Committee, City Hall Committee and Finance Committee presented reports which were severally received, read, and adopted without discussion.

Ald. Parker from the Police Committee presented a report on account of \$150 being the price of Mr. Thomas A. Barker for fitting up the Police Court and cells in the basement of the City Hall, was on the Alderman's motion ordered paid. He explained that there was a misunderstanding as to the \$38.50 which Mr. Barker claimed as extra over and beyond the work specified in the contract, which he

Could not Recommend

as they had not been before the proper Committee. He also said that Mr. Foster and

Mr. D. Meehan had bills against the Committee, which with Mr. Barker's account for extras, would be laid before the Committee on Police, at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Alms House Commissioner

submitted a statement of expenditures in connection with that institution, and asked that the sum of \$500 be placed to his credit for general purposes. A cheque for \$500 was ordered.

Mr. George Botsford's complaint of overvaluation of his property was referred to the Assessors.

The Treasurer submitted a statement of the city rents in arrears and was authorized to proceed against the delinquents.

Ald. Moore presented the petitions of John Allen and Fred P. Thompson, asking permission to enter the city sewers, by a waste pipe from their respective dwellings. Petitions complied with; the Road Surveyor to superintend the work.

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department asking permission for No. 1 Hose Company

To Go to Woodstock

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GLEANNING.

A Good Handed News from all Parts of the Province.

The residence of Rev. S. H. Weyman, at Batterside Ridge, three miles from Havelock corner, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The family had a narrow escape.

A lad named Watters was badly injured a few days ago while leading a cow to pasture. The animal suddenly started and Watters was thrown down and dragged a considerable distance on the ground. His face was bruised and his legs nearly broken, when he was extricated from his unenviable position by a gentleman who happened to be near.

The coroner's jury, on the body of John McKinney, who committed suicide in Peterborough, Q. C., some days ago, returned a verdict that the "deceased came to his death by a wound made in his throat with a razor in his own hand, while laboring under a temporary fit of insanity."

On Sunday last, Gilbert Wiggins of Wiggins Cove was successful in enticing into a pen which he had erected for the purpose, a bear, the weight of which when dressed was no less than 300 pounds. The carcass was brought to the city yesterday by Mr. Barnes, steward of the Southgate, and placed in the market for sale. Its skin measured seven feet in length—Sun.

Abstract of the trade of the port of St. Stephen for May—

	1883.	1884.
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Value of dutiable goods entered—\$48,620 00

Value of free goods entered—\$5,718 00

Total value of imports—\$54,338 00

Value of goods paid duty—\$34,502 00

Amount of duty collected—7,011 79

Other collections—14 28

Total collections—\$41,528 05

At the request of a number of the newspaper, the Town Clerk at Campbellton has called a public meeting, to be held in the Masonic Hall on Thursday evening, 15th inst., for the purpose of taking steps towards securing the connection of the Bay Chaleur Railway with the L. C. R. at Campbellton, by means of a bridge across the Restigouche opposite the Station.

Work has been commenced on the large two-story building for the Moncton Agricultural Implement Company.

Col. Middleton has been appointed to succeed Gen. Lund in the command of the Canadian militia and will sail for Canada in June.

Mr. E. E. Phair, of the Kent Northern Railway, was in St. John recently purchasing an outfit for the dining saloon which will be shortly opened at Kent Junction where the trains are to cross.

The death of Alexander McKay, of Truro, he was well known to a very large number of the travelling public, having been for many years proprietor of the Prince of Wales hotel in Truro. Previous to that he was proprietor of the Caledonia and Acanth hotels of Halifax.

Efforts are being made to provide the funds to build a new public hall at Hillsboro, Albert Co.

ANNAPOLIS, June 2.—The formal inauguration of the New England and Acadia steamship line took place to-day, by an excursion to Bar Harbor, Me., on the first trip of the S. S. Frances. Owing to the severe rain storm only about seventy-five excursionists left Annapolis.

There are about 40 vessels in port at Chatham loading with deals for U. K. and continent. Charter rates range very low, and unless the English market takes an upward turn after this month, shipments will be very limited and an unusually large quantity of lumber will be carried over until next year. The mills at Chatham and vicinity are all in active sawing operation.

A young man named Randolph committed suicide by hanging himself to a small tree in the bushes near Paradise, Annapolis County, N. S., on Sunday morning. When found he had been dead for some time. He was respectfully connected, and was generally esteemed for his many good qualities. Among the houses assigned for the rash act, it is stated that he was recently disappointed in a love affair.

Comparative statement of collection at the port of Moncton, N. B., April, 1883 and 1884:

	1883.	1884.
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1883, Duties, \$25,193 09

1884, " 28,930 00

Increase, \$3,736 91

EXPORTS.

	1883.	1884.
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1883, April, \$ 650 00

1884, " 23,290 00

Increase, \$22,640 00

The above exceed in collections and value of exports any one month since Moncton was created a port of entry.—Transcript.

Five salmon were brought