

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON THE
CORPORATION ACCOUNTS,
Read in Common Council, 26th January, 1849.

The Committee to whom was referred the Corporation Accounts, as also the Accounts of the Chamberlain, as Receiver for the Trustees of the Corporation Properties, made up to the 30th day of December, A. D. 1848, beg leave to submit the following

REPORT.

A.—Is the General Account of John R. Partelow, Esquire, late Mayor of the City of Saint John, from the 31st December, 1847, to the 31st July, 1848.

He Credits—Private Fees collected, £11 8 0	
Appointments under Seal, &c., 3 7 6	
Freedom Certificates, 72 8 6	
Hand Cart Licences, 9 15 0	
Coach Licences, 9 15 0	
Cart Licences, 28 3 0	
Dray ditto, 22 10 0	
Butcher Licences, 0 15 0	
Tavern ditto, 712 1 3	
Retail ditto, 67 10 0	
Fines for Landlord and Tenant Act, 189 0 0	
Licences to carry on Business, 34 10 0	
Public Exhibitions, 5 0 0	
Fees received from the Common Clerk, 70 0 0	
Transfer of License from W. H. Street to Street & Orr, 1 2 6	
Balance on hand 31st December, 1847, due £137 11 3	
And Charges—Amount paid the Chamberlain £100 0 0	
From 9th May, to 30th June, 1848, 8 1 6	
Common Clerk's Fees on 17 Freeman, at 6d. 1 0 0	
High Constable's Fees, ditto, 0 17 0	
Hand Cart Licenses to G. Spears, superintendent, 7 0 0	
Common Clerk's Fees on 26 Tavern Licenses, at 12s. 6d. 10 0 0	
Do. do. 9 Retail do. 12s. 6d. 5 12 6	
Do. do. 1 do. 12s. 6d. 12 6	
Do. do. 4 Auction Licenses, at 7s. 6d. 3 7 6	
Do. do. 19 to carry on Business, 7s. 6d. 7 2 6	
Salary from 31st December, 1847, to 5th July, 1848, 6 Months and 5 Days, £20 8 5	
Balance due the City, 31st July, 1848, £14 10 6	

Your Committee recommend that the Chamberlain be directed forthwith to call upon Mr. Partelow, for the payment of the said sum of £14 10s. 6d., balance acknowledged due on 5th July last.

B. 1 & 2.—Is the General Account of W. H. Street, Esquire, Mayor of the City, made up to the 30th December, 1848, as follows:

He Credits—Private Fees collected, £13 18 0	
Hand Cart Licences, 15 0 0	
Cart ditto, 0 0 0	
Dray ditto, 1 2 6	
Auction ditto, 28 10 0	
Freedom Certificates, 127 15 0	
Tavern Licences, 161 14 4	
Coach ditto, 0 15 0	
Retail ditto, 15 0 0	
Fines for Sunday Offences, 25 0 0	
Butcher's Licences, 4 10 0	
Licences for carrying on Business in the City, 17 5 0	
Public Exhibitions, 26 0 0	
License to Bell Man, 0 7 6	
Fees received from Common Clerk, 13 0 0	
And Charges—Common Clerk's Fees on 20 Tavern Licences, £18 2 6	
Common Clerk's Fees on 2 Retail Licences, 1 5 0	
Do. do. 37 Freedom Certificates, 17 11 6	
High Constable's Fees on 37 Certificates, 0 17 0	
Common Clerk's Fees on 10 Licenses to do business, 3 0 0	
Do. do. 2 Auction Licenses, 0 15 0	
Less this amount on Fines, paid High Constable, for attendance of witnesses, &c., 3 5 1	
Salary from 5th July to 31st December, 1848, £5 6 10	
Cash paid the Chamberlain at sundry times, 225 0 0	
Balance due by the City to W. H. Street, £62 17 11	

In this Account, Mr. Street acknowledges to have received as deposits in part, from sundry persons for Freedoms and Licences, not yet completed, £21 18s. 1d.

C. 1, 2, 3 & 4.—Are the Accounts of James Wm. Boyd, Esquire, Common Clerk, from 31st December, 1847, to 30th December, 1848.

He Credits—Fees received and receivable by him as Common Clerk of the City, £558 11 1

This Officer's accounts, rendered under oath, shews a balance of £161 13s. 1d. due from him to the City up to the 31st December, 1848.

He charges paid the Chamberlain, £141 0s. 2d., while the Chamberlain has credited only £108, the difference being £33 0s. 2d., should not have been charged, that amount having been paid as per Receipt to the Common Clerk on the 9th inst. In reality the balance due the City by that Officer should be £194 13s. 3d. up to the 31st December, 1848.

D. 1 to 4.—Are the Accounts of Thomas Merritt, Esquire, Chamberlain, with the Corporation, made up to 30th December, 1848.

No. 1.—Is an Account of Monies paid and received on Watch, Lamp, and Scavenger Account.

Amount paid Watchmen, Rent of Watch House, &c., £1054 5 8

" " for Lighting the City, 364 5 2

" " for Cleaning Streets, and Assessors Fees, £1935 19 1

The Chamberlain credits—By Balance on hand per Account Current, 31st December, 1847, £799 8 9

By Amount received from James Gerow, Jun., for Defaulters in 1847, 94 11 0

Amount received from James Gerow, Jun., on account of Assessments in 1848, 1005 0 0

Balance in hands of the Chamberlain, due Corporation, £2498 19 9

No. 2.—Is the Statement of Amounts paid and received on Statute Labour Account, viz:—Payments for Repairs and Improvements on Streets, Improvement of King's and Queen's Squares, Road Overseers, Assessors, Opening new Streets, Marsh Bridge, £275 5 9

He Credits—Balance on hand 31st December, 1847, £123 19 10

Received from Jas. Gerow, Jun., Collector on 1st January, 1848, 75 18 10

Do. do. do. 1848, 715 8 0

Do. do. W. C. Dunham, Western side, do. 1847, 69 16 0

Do. do. do. do. do. 1848, 14 0 0

Do. do. J. Brown, for entering Drain, 5 0 0

Balance due Corporation, in hands of Chamberlain, up to 30th December, 1848, £220 2 11

No. 3.—Is a Statement of Amounts received and paid on Fire Department Account, viz:—

Paid various Expenses on this Account, £151 3 3

Received from James Gerow, Jun., Balance due 31st December, 1847, £156 5 6

Do. do. do. 1848, 36 10 8

Do. do. W. C. Dunham, on account of Assessments in Carleton, for 1847, 12 15 9

Do. from James Gerow, Jun., during present year, 1848, 305 0 0

Balance due Corporation, in hands of Chamberlain, up to 30th December, 1848, £220 2 11

No. 4.—Is an Account Current of Thomas Merritt, Esquire, with the Corporation, as follows:

He Credits—Amount received from W. O. Smith, balance of £24 10 1

Fidelity Draft Monies for the years 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, £400 0 0

Amount of a Warrant on the Province, for the Expenses of the Ferry Landings, 503 0 8

Balance on Lamp, Watch, and Scavenger Account, £29 2 11

Do. Fire Department Fund, £220 2 11

And Charges—Amount per Committee of Common Council, to be paid to the Corporation, £316 2 10

Balance transferred to new Account, £1019 19 6

Shewing a balance due the Corporation of £1019 19s. 6d. in General Account Current, up to 30th December, 1848.

E. 1 to 5.—Are the Accounts of Thomas Merritt, Esquire, Receiver for the Trustees of Corporation Properties, made up to 30th Dec. 1848.

No. 1.—Is a particular statement of Corporation Rents, collected for the Year ending 30th December, 1848, amounting to £1950 10 6

No. 2.—Is a statement of Monies received on account of Corporation Rents, for the Year ending 30th Dec. 1848, amounting to £1950 10 6

No. 3.—Is a particular account of payments made for sundry services for the Year ending 30th Dec. 1848, amounting to £1950 10 6

No. 4.—Is an account of Monies paid and received on account of the various Markets—He charges sundry payments, £1950 10 6

He credits sundry payments, £1950 10 6

Balance transferred to Credit in Account Current, £712 8 1

No. 5.—Is Thomas Merritt's Account, as Receiver, with the Trustees of Corporation Properties, to 30th December, 1848, as follows:—

Payments for various services and amounts deposited in Bank of British North America, £1950 10 6

He Credits—Amount received from J. D. Donahoe, £1950 10 6

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The Observer.

SAINT JOHN, JANUARY 30, 1849.

English Mail.—The steam ship *Comodo*, with the mail of the 13th January, arrived at Halifax on Saturday last, in 14 days from Liverpool, and was accompanied by the *Comodo*, which was expected to arrive about one o'clock yesterday.

The English coast had been visited with severe gales on the 10th and 11th inst., which had caused much damage to shipping.

Trade, generally, continued in an improving state, and future prospects were encouraging.

Price of timber, &c., was slowly advancing. The cargo of the ship *Great Britain*, from this port, of white pine, 12 inches average, had sold at Liverpool for 184d. per foot, being an advance on previous rates.—Deals of approved quality, would bring 10d. to 10½d. per foot.

The shipping from 31st Dec. to 31st Jan. has been 124,641 tons, and vessels for the "El Dorado," from Cape Horn, were fitting out at London, Liverpool and Glasgow.

LIVERPOOL, January 13.

The aspect of commercial affairs during the last two weeks has been very encouraging; and from present appearances, a good trade is anticipated.

The cotton market is in a very active state, and prices are in fair request, but compared with our last quotations are not much advanced. The grain market is rather dull, and prices continue to be quiet.

The Colonial market is in a very active state, and prices, in most instances, are not only firm, but have an advancing tendency. The iron trade is also improving; and money continues easy, discount being from 3½ to 4 per cent.

Due to the falling off of the demand from Ireland, the stock of Wheat, Flour, and Indian Corn, has greatly increased. Holders in general are very free sellers. Flour and meal are slowly at 24s. 6d. to 25s. 6d. for duty-paid demand. The current value of Indian Corn is 28s. to 28½d. for white and 24s. to 24½d. for yellow. Indian Corn is at 14s. to 14½d. per cwt.

The accounts from the manufacturing districts are, on the whole, of a satisfactory character.

Freights of Liverpool.—There is little change in the rates of freight, but a slight advance is to be expected to New York during the last few days.

Passengers, also, are becoming more abundant, and on the whole, we look for tolerable fair business in the spring.

The Administration has lost one of its members by the death of the Earl of Annesley, thus creating a vacancy in the office of Chief Lord of the Admiralty. His lordship, without being a naval officer, was one of the most distinguished statesmen of the day, and his death has found its way to the press, with a just and honest man in both public and private life. A report has found its way to the press, that Sir James Graham has been offered the secretaryship, with a view to bring over a large body of the Peel party to the present Government. It is said that a small fixed salary on even terms as the basis of this condition, and a proposal to the House of Commons, in giving out this extraordinary report, add that one of the reasons which induced his lordship to propose a salary of £10,000 a year, was the fact that he had not received credit in any quarter. There is, however, a general belief that Sir Robert Peel is still in the country, and that he will be able to fill the vacancy in the office of Chief Lord of the Admiralty. His lordship, without being a naval officer, was one of the most distinguished statesmen of the day, and his death has found its way to the press, with a just and honest man in both public and private life. A report has found its way to the press, that Sir James Graham has been offered the secretaryship, with a view to bring over a large body of the Peel party to the present Government. It is said that a small fixed salary on even terms as the basis of this condition, and a proposal to the House of Commons, in giving out this extraordinary report, add that one of the reasons which induced his lordship to propose a salary of £10,000 a year, was the fact that he had not received credit in any quarter. There is, however, a general belief that Sir Robert Peel is still in the country, and that he will be able to fill the vacancy in the office of Chief Lord of the Admiralty.

No. 2.—Is his Account of Monies received and paid on account of Road Assessment, in which he charges—

Cash paid the Chamberlain at different times, £1029 11 0

By Balance as per Account rendered 31st Dec. 1847, £234 11 0

Amount collected from Defaulters for 1847, 120 12 6

Amount of Assessment for 1848, £234 11 0

Balance carried down, £234 11 0

No. 3.—Is his Account of Monies received and paid on account of Road Assessment, in which he charges—

Amount paid Thomas Merritt, Esquire, as Chamberlain, during 1848, £781 6 10

Cash paid for Watchmen, 10 0 0

Do. for Lighting the City, 364 5 2

Do. for Cleaning Streets, and Assessors Fees, £1935 19 1

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