II. A Duty of Two and a Half per cent. ad valorem, shall be imposed, paid, levied. and collected on the Article known as Zinc Sheathing, of a size forty-eight inches long, by fourteen inches wide, intended for, and to be used as Sheathing for Vessels, and Zinc Sheathing Nails imported into this Province in like manner as if the same Articles had been originally inserted among the Articles which are charged with a Duty of Two and a Half per cent. in the Schedule of Duties annexed to the Act hereby amended.

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III. There shall be imposed, paid, levied, and collected, a Duty, at the rate of One Duty on Flour Shilling sterling on every Barrel of Wheaten Flour imported into this Province, in like manner as if the Articles of Wheaten Flour had been inserted in such Table of Duties, and therein had been charged with Duty at the above rate, instead of being inclued in the Table of Exemptions.

IV. This Act shall come into operation on the First day of April in this present Continuation of Act. year, and shall continue in force until the First day of April, which will be in the year Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-one, and no longer.

## CAP. IV.

## An Act to alter the Halifax Incorporation Act.

(Passed the 28th day of March, A. D. 1850.)

BE it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:

1. The Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Sections, and so much of the Thirty-ninth 37, 38, Sec. Act 12, petion as relates to Secutions of an Act passed in the Twelfth year of Her present. Section as relates to Scrutinies, of an Act passed in the Twelfth year of Her present Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to Consolidate the Acts respecting the Incorpora-

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tion of the City of Halifax," are hereby repealed.

II. Hereafter at the time of the Annual Election of Aldermen, the Mayor shall be Election of Muyor. elected from the Aldermen of the City, or from such persons as have theretofore served as City Councillors or Aldermen, for a period of One Year, by the Citizens who are by Law qualified to Vote for Aldermen; and the Election of Mayor shall be held and conducted in the several Wards in the same manner as Elections for Aldermen are now held and conducted.

III. The Officers appointed by the City Council shall hereafter be Elected by Open Election of Officers Vote; and no person shall be considered duly Elected to Office unless he receive the Votes of more than one half of the Members of the Council present at the Election, or in case any Two Persons, Candidates for the same Office, shall each receive the Votes of One half the Members present, it shall be the duty of the Mayor or Chairman presiding to give the Casting Vote; and any such Election may take place at a Meeting regularly convened therefor under the said Act, when at least Twelve Members of the Council, exclusive of the Mayor or Chairman presiding, shall be present, but not otherwise; and the Mayor or Chairman presiding shall not in any case Vote, except to give the Casting Vote.

IV. If such Election shall not be determined on the day appointed by the Act there- Council may ajourn. for, the Council shall have power to adjourn, from day to day, until it be determined, or it may take place at any Special Meeting of the Council duly convened therefor, as other Special Meetings are now convened under the Act.

V. If any person shall be Elected as Alderman or Assessor of the City, who is declared to be incapable of being elected by the Twentieth and Twenty-first Sections of the said Act, so soon as the Presiding Officer shall make return of his election, the Council shall proceed to inquire into and determine his eligibility, and if the Council

Eligibility of Aldermen, &c.—how