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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1888.

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White the vote was being taken Mr. Ross, the Cashier, addressed the meeting in vindication of his conduct from the charges which had been preferred against him in some of the newspapers.

At that having been made, reflecting upon the honor and integrity of Mr. Ross, as Cashier of the Commercial Bank, the shareholders present at this large and influential meeting took this opportunity of stating that such charges are in their opinion unfounded in fact, and they therefore desire to place on record their conviction of his entire integrity and honesty of purpose, and to express at the same time their appreciation of his zeal and devotion to his duties during the long period in which he has occupied important positions in this institution.

The meeting then adjourned to the 23rd of March, resolutions having been previously adopted empowering the Directors to carry out the negotiations with the Merchants' Bank in the interim.

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CITY COUNCIL. CITY HALL, Dec. 23, 1887. ADJOURNED MEETING.

PRESENT—His Worship the Mayor; Ald. Langford, Rochester, Cunningham, Bate, Bangs, Robinson, Featherston, Friel, Gordon, Gunnar, Traversy, Henry, Martinens.

Ald. Martinens presented the petition of J. De Beaulieu, respecting assessment. Moved by Ald. Martinens, seconded by Ald. Henry, that the petition of J. De Beaulieu be referred to the Assessment Committee.—Carried.

Ald. Bangs presented the petition of H. & G. Gowan, respecting assessment. Moved by Ald. Bangs, seconded by Ald. Bate, that the petition of H. & G. Gowan be referred, and referred to the Assessment Committee.—Carried.

Ald. Traversy presented sundry accounts. Moved by Ald. Traversy, seconded by Ald. Martinens, that the accounts of Messrs. Donaldson & Co., J. M. Currier & Co., McNair, Dorr, A. Workman & Co., and A. Wilson and Son, just read, be received and referred to the Finance Committee and Board of Works.—Carried.

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J. L. P. O'Hanly, on account of the same being vacant over three months, one-fourth of the taxes on his brick tenement, situated on the west half of lot No. 29, south side of Beeseter-st., and one-half of the amount on the log building facing on Cumberland-st., and situated on lot 29, south side of Murray-st.

James Mathews, on account of vacancy and destruction by fire, one-half of the amount on his property on Queen-st., where the houses referred to in his petition were situated, and that the Clerk do notify the Collector of the same.

The complaint of James Warnock being a matter between his tenant, sub-tenant, and the Collector's bailiff, your Committee cannot recommend that his request be granted. Not deeming it prudent for your Corporation to recognize the principle of exempting officials from income tax, and the salaries of the Police-Force having been increased during the present year, your Committee cannot recommend that the prayer of their petition be granted.

Having examined into the complaint of J. B. Lewis, Esq., against the City Collector, your Committee find it to be well founded, and although it appears there was very little property in the complaint, the same is referred to the Finance Committee and Board of Works.—Carried.

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Moved by Ald. Robinson, seconded by Ald. Bangs, that the resolution passed at the meeting of the Board of Works, in relation to the resignation of Mr. James Goodwin, for a cheque in favor of Mr. James Goodwin, for a cheque in favor of \$25, be rescinded.—Lost.

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