In the cities of Quebec and Montreal the Corporations shall annually levy a special tax for the support of Schools on real estate, or on whatever is liable to taxation or assessment under the acts of incorporation of the said cities or amendments thereon, not less than one fifteenth of a cent for dollar of the value of such taxable property, said tax to be assessed and levied in the same manner as the annual assessment in such cities for municipal purposes.

The Corporations in each of the said cities shall cause to be kept a correct list of the Roman Catholic and Protestant rate-payers, with the value of their property and shall pay to the Roman Catholic and Protestant Boards respectively the amount of rates levied from citizens of each faith for the support of Schools, provided always that the property of Roman Catholics can only be assessed for the support of Roman Catholic Schools, and the property of Protestants assessed to support Protestant Schools. All persons who cannot be designated as Roman Catholic or Protestant, shall by a written declaration to the City Treasurer state to which Board of School Commissioners, the school-tax on their properties shall be paid. But the taxes levied from incorporated Companies and public bodies not of a religious character shall be divided in the same ratio with the Government grant for the same year to the respective Boards.

The School Commissioners shall annually report to the Corporations of the said Cities the expenditure of the sums granted to them, in such manner and at such time as the said Corporations shall appoint.

On requisition of the Roman Catholic and Protestant Boards of School Commissioners, or either of them, additional sums may be levied to such extent as the Corporation may approve, either for school buildings or for the support of Schools.

1869

School Commissions -
R. C. & Protestant.

To
His Worship The Mayor,
the Aldermen and Council
of the
Corporation of Montreal

The undersigned Hotel, Tavern and Saloon Keepers of Montreal respectfully submit that the operation of the Law of April last compelling us to close our places of business at so early an hour as "Nine O'Clock P.M." very seriously and injuriously affects that Trade for which we pay a heavy annual License. — We therefore respectfully request your worshipful body to so far relax the rule, as to permit us to keep open on Saturdays until Eleven (11) O'Clock P.M. and the remaining week days until Twelve O'Clock at night to which hours we hereby bind ourselves Strictly and faithfully to adhere. — Montreal 16th November 1869

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Samuel Browning	Ottawa Hotel
L. W. Decker	Albion Hotel
A. M. D. Pianelli	Cosmopolitan Hotel
Joseph Belivean	Jacques Cartier do.
Honore Jean	Canada do.
D. C. Burnett	St James do.
Joseph L. Dion & Bro	St James Street
Hiram Duclos	Montreal House
Wm Wm. Privett	"Dollys" Cor St James St

William Wilson	Notre Dame Street
Joseph Carlisle	
Henry Corrigan	"Shakespeare" Inn
William & Isaac	"Queens" Chop House
Hippolyte Rousel	
Samuel McCoukey	
J. Martin	Carlton Notre Dame street
Hanall & Quinn	Craig Street "House of Commons
Jno Boyes	Palace Chop House
G. Bowie	Notre Dame street
L. Swanston	St James Street
George Maybank	
Jno I Reeves	Notre Dame street
P. Maguire	Metropolitan Do.
N. Pessinger	Craig Street
Bernard Tansey	Do
Owen Tansey	
Wm Lane	Liverpool House
James Ridley	St Urbain Street
Patrick D. Dunn	Corner Do. & Craig
Robert Peck	
James Mack	
N. Beliveau	
Patrick Mansfield	
Olophas Emond	
Charle Laurin	

— and 138 others

16th Nov. - 1869

Petition from the Hotel Tavern & Saloon keepers to have amended the law compelling the close of such places of business as soon as nine o'clock p.m.

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Montreal 25th October 1869

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	1	Samuel Browning
L. H. Decker	2	Albion Hotel
Honoré Jean	~~5~~ 13	Canada Hotel
Joseph Beliveau	~~14~~ 14	Jacques Cartier Hotel
A. M. J. Granelli	3	Cosmopolitan Hotel & Restaurant
D. O'Brien	6	St James Hotel
Hiram Decelos	5	Montreal House
Henry Corrigan	9	Shakespeare Inn
Jas Carrieee	10	W. Wilson 11
J. L. Monastor	12	Joseph Dion & Bro 12A

L. H. Wilson	Place D'Armes Hill
J Martin	Carlton
William & Isaac	Lacroix Chop House
Henry Thos Prinett	Cor St James Street
Samuel McCorry &	Patrick, A, Quinn
Robert. Peck	
Hippolyte Rousset	
B Tansey	
Owen Tansey	
Hamill & Quinn	House of Commons
Bourgeire	
John Boyes	Palace chop House
William Lane	
James Riley	
M Bergmeyer	
J. Stone	
James Meek	
T Hayes	
A. Bilinan	
Geo Maybank	14
John P. Reeves	13
Wm Robinson	
Thomas Coyle	

P. Gervais
Edmond L. Ethier
Fabien Villeneuve
Hubert A. Sellier
Joseph Brière
Edouard Duford
Henry McWitt
A. P. Soong
A. Chaulbois
Wm Cassin
E. H. Church
G. Spalding
Patrick Dinahan
François Guy
L. Johnson
H. L. O'Reilly
D. Rosaire, Jr.
J. Thompson
Terence Moore
Hyp. A. Paradis
P. G. McGonical
John O'Neill
Arthur Brennan
F. Aubin
James McEnroe
Wm Grambusch
J. Butler

François Poirier
C. Pattenaude
Joseph Dumouchel
Honoré Gilina
Jas Jones
Chas. Meunier
John Heagerty
Emery Gauvreau
A. Ackermann
Abr. Martin
R. Logan
Wm J. B. Jolicoeur
Alfi. B. Marcil
Geo Labelle
Sylvid Delisle
John Hamilton
Jas. Payette
James Murphy
J. X. Bousquet
C. Beau
Abr. John Shannon
Alex. Sutherland
Francis Reilly
Joseph Lavoie
Martin Flaron
M. J. Carroll

Mrs Rückwart
Mr Dooley
James Kinsella
James Scanlon
J. J. Woods
A. Stewart
David Stewart
Patrick O'Neil
A Lubonde and valade
Elzear Courville
E. P. Bernstadt Banquier entrée Salaan
Martin Mansfield
D. McLaughlen
William Stewart
François Beaucaire
André Desgrotels
Olivier Robert
Marie Lafoste
Louis Ménard
Dame Hubert Lefebvre
Benjamin Murgatroyd
Alexander Grant
Sarah Brachton
Susan Rosalie Cloran
John Considine
Owen Toney

Patrick Downey
George. F. Reiniger
Wm Graham
Albert Deschamps
Julien Robert
Thomas. Hall
John Aird
Wm Wilkinson

Petition
of Hotel, Tavern and
Saloon Keepers
to be allowed to keep their
places of business open
until 11 06 pm on Saturday
and until 12 pm on
remaining week days

Wm Mansfield
Cleophas Emond
James Close
P Mansfield
P. McEnroe
P Carroll
John Clarke & Co
Charles Drazey
D. K. Clay
R Hester
E Bowie 15
Julien Biscornais
William Irvine
Pierre Gagné
Gullet & Massé
Jacques Lebeth
F. Filiatrault
Charle Laurin
Elie Monger
W. Lyman
C. Laurent
Louis Bourthiaume
James Scullion
Jacques Lacerte

25 Oct. 1869

Petition from the Hotel, Tavern & Saloon keepers to have amended the law compelling the close of such places of business as soon as nine o'clock

18 sept 1869.
Col. Elphistone re arrival of Prince Arthur

Spencer Wood
Quebec
18 Sept. 1869

Lt. Elphinstone presents his compliments to the Mayor of Montreal & begs to state that H.R.H. Prince Arthur will arrive at the Railway Station at 5 P.M. on Monday, & that he will at once get into his own carriage & drive up to Mr. Rose's House, quite quietly.

Colonel Elphinstone begs to repeat that the Prince wishes this visit to be strictly quiet, as the time will not admit of present of his receiving an address etc.. Should the Mayor himself however be at the Station the Prince would be glad to be introduced to him..

Colonel Elphinstone hopes that without creating any notice of the Prince's visit, the Mayor will be able to manage to have the platform kept free..

Deputy

~~Assistant~~ Adjutant General of Militia Comy No 5 Mil Dist.

Montreal May 10th 1869

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. informing me that on the 28th ult. the City Council had passed a vote to the effect that from and after the first June next the City Concert Hall and adjoining rooms will cease to be used for Drilling purposes.

As the Council may not be aware that this action will have the effect of preventing nearly every Vol. Militia corps in Montreal from completing their annual Drill by the end of the Financial Year, June 30th, and therefore of depriving them of their

Drill-pay

The City Clerk

&. &. &.

Montreal

Drill-Hall,

I request that you will have the goodness to inform the Gentlemen of the Council of this fact; with the hope that they will at all events modify their order, so that the corps may drill in the Hall, & adjoining rooms up to the end of June; instead of the commencement of that month.

I cannot avoid, with the greatest respect for the Council, commenting on the Extraordinary fact that not a fortnight previously to the Resolution in question having been passed; permission was given by the civic authorities to allow additional corps to drill in the City-Hall, until the completion of the Drill Hall, afforded

other accomodation; and, that, relying as a matter of course on the good faith of the parties to this arrange-ment, the government have been to considerable expense in moving the arms and stores of various corps.

I note this fact in the hope that when brought to the notice of the council it may induce a reconsideration of this motion.

I have the honor &c,
Sir,
Your obedt Servant
W. D. Lonsdale
Lt Col Dep. mil
No 5. Mily. Dist.

10th May 1869

Letter from
Lt. Col. M. O
Smith – in
reference to the
~~[illegible]~~ use of the
Concert Hall
for drilling
purposes –

Gentlemen

It is more in Compliance with an established Custom, than in accordance with my own Convictions, as to my ability either to Council or direct you in the discharge of your important duties, that I offer the following remarks upon this the Commencement of another year of our joint labours.

And first, permit me to thank you Gentlemen, for that Kind Consideration and forbearance which on all occasions, you have evinced towards me, in the progress of our deliberations during the past year —

Entering as I did on the duties of Mayor, without any previous experience, I have had often to rely upon your patience & Kindness in the discharge of those important duties.

and not unfrequently when I have anticipated the greatest embarrassment I have found by your indulgence, and the constant politeness of the City Clerk, the least difficulty.

Finance

The Financial Statements, which in a few days will be laid before you, will exhibit the affairs of the City in a most prosperous condition. Notwithstanding that the City of Montreal, in comparison to other Cities on this Continent, is very lightly taxed, our Revenue is ample for all purposes, and without any increased burthens upon the Citizens, is annually increasing:

In the year 1866 it was $621.834
In — do 1867 — " — 705.679
and the year just closed 1868 it has been " " 812.300

Our floating Casual indebtedness to Banks and other Sources, has been paid off, and had it not been

been for the very large amount we have, from the operation of the expropriation law, been compelled to deposit in Court for expropriation purposes, our Cash account would exhibit a large balance on hand, for employment if we thought fit in the redemption of our unmatured Bonds.

Whilst upon the one hand the actual Revenue of the City exhibits these pleasing features, the Consolidated liabilities, and fixed Assets of the Corporation exhibit results which are not less gratifying.

Although the present Bonded or Consolidated debt of the City is put down, in round numbers at <u>five Million dollars</u> ($5,000,000) it is strictly speaking not more than <u>one Million</u>, because we have in fixed ~~assets~~ property and actual

bonafide

bonifide assets, the safe representative of four Millions, yielding a corresponding revenue, so that in reality our taxation has only to provide for the interest on one Million.

That these gratifying results are properly appreciated in the Financial World, is fully demonstrated, by the present price of our City obligations, as compared with other securities, and with former years, in our Money Market. Our 7 % Consols having reached a premium of 10 per Cent

4 Water

It is to be hoped that the doubts and anxities, which have so long pervaded the Council, and the City generally, upon the question of the Water Supply, have found a solution, and will soon entirely disappear, under the successful application of Steampower as an auxiliary pumping force.

The present temporary derangement of this power, consequent upon some defect, not in the Engine but between the Engine house & the Supply Basin, or Settling Pond, though certainly very inconvenient at this season, ought not to discourage, in as much as such "Contre-temps" or mishaps are almost inseparable from new enterprises of this magnitude.

All intelligent, impartial judgements will discern, that a defect or derangement in the Supply pipe which brings the Water to be pumped, would equally derange, Breast Wheel, Turbine wheel, Steam, or any other power, and should therefore not be Chargeable as an inherent defect, against any of these modes of pumping — I entertain no doubt myself, that in a few days the defect will be repaired

and

and the Steam Engine be again permitted to proceed with its work, fill the Reservoirs, and supply ~~and~~ the City as before.

5 Let us earnestly hope that during the Coming year, our progress as to good results & further improvements, in this important Service, may be equally successful, and that ere long a permanent and abundant supply of water, at all seasons of the year, may be secured to the City.

Fire-force & Fire alarm

Our Fire Force and Fire Alarm System, are equally Creditable to the City.

In true efficiency and prompt action, in extinguishing Fires, they are perhaps unrivaled on this Continent, and with such perfect discipline & working as they exhibit, it is difficult to see, with a proper supply of water,

Water, how any extensive Conflagration could again afflict our city.

Every thing in relation to the administration of these most important departments reflects credit upon all Connected with them.

Police

That important arm of the Civil Power, the Police Force* though quite too Small to meet the wants of such a large City, performs its difficult & onerous duties with much credit and efficiency. As an orderly well Conducted and well disciplined body it is worthy of all praise.

*consisting of 150 men & Officers

Recorders Court

The Recorders Court in Connection with it, is ably presided over, and discharges its trying duties with vigour and impartiality, and both these services are no doubt a Constant terror to evil doers.

Roads

It is matter for serious Consideration that loud Complaints Continue to be made

made by the Citizens generally, respecting the very bad condition of our Streets and Roads. No member of the Council exceeds in energetic intellegence the worthy Alderman who presides over this department, and we all know that if better results are not shewn, the fault rests not with him, nor the officers under him, but springs from the fact, that heretofore, the material he has had to employ in these works, has been quite unfit for the purpose, and the appropriations which have been made to the Road Department have been quite inadequate to the indispensible requirements of that Department. I would most respectfully recommend that for the coming year, more ample provision be made for this Service. That "Banc Rouge" Stone only be used as

as a Metal, that Stone breaking Machines and Road Rollers be purchased, and that the side paths be uniformly made with asaphelt or other approved Composition, in order that our Streets and roads may be put and maintained in a State of thorough repair.

Health

Notwithstanding the increased vigilence of the Sanitary police, the public health of the City is still far from Satisfactory

The death rate last year, rose to within a fraction of 40 per 1,000 or one in every 25. — That of Boston averaging one in 44, and the Island of Montreal, outside the City one in 66.

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The average weekly death rate of Children last year in winter, was 64 per 1000, in Spring 90 per 1000, Summer 146 per 1000, which rose in one week to 209 per 1000, against one winter week of 44 per 1000.

These results shew how much in this most

in this most important department is yet to be done.

Our health Committee should have power to prohibit the erection of dwellings upon low or swampy Lands without proper drainage, and our Inspector of Buildings should be empowered to prevent the Construction of any building intended either for Factory or dwelling, without proper regard to ventilation through and through.

All wooden drains should be taken up and replaced with good vitrified Clay pipe. Sewers + drains should be trapped and flushed in warm weather, and every means taken to prevent the people from saturating the soil in their yards & Courts with slops and filthy water.

↑ventilated at their highest point and

Baths 9

Permanent Baths, gratis & well regulated for the public use, would be a great auxiliary to the promotion of health and cleanliness. These might

might be more than paid for by a little increased vigilence in the Collection of the Dog Tax, which Tax is at present largely evaded.

As previously shewn our City is rich in means for all the necessary ~~requirements~~ discipline & requirements towards perfect efficiency in every department. The Revenue for the year just closed, exceeds by over a hundred thousand dollars, that of the previous year = it is $812.300

812.300
705.679
106.621

The chief items of expenditure during the year, are as follows

Roads		138.429
Water	74.994	135.471
do permanent Works	60.477	
Fire		24.811
Light		18.634
Health		5.818
Police		74.088
Recorders Court		10.312
		$407.563

In closing these remarks I am happy in being able to bear testimony to the zeal and assiduity of the Officers of the Corporation, who upon all occasions manifest a deep interest in their duties, and a desire to give public satisfaction.

I trust that the same good feeling and forbearance, which during the past year characterised our labours and debates, may be constantly maintained in the coming years, and that at its close we may have reason to look back with satisfaction upon the progress we have made for the public good.

William Workman
Mayor

1869

Inaugural address
of Mayor Wm Workman.