

Vancouver Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1889

The Council of 1888 met on Monday  
January 7<sup>th</sup> 1889 at 11.30. A. M.

Present: His Worship Mayor  
Oppenheimer, Alderman Alexander,  
Bingham, Laird, Coldwell, Douglass  
Lefevre, McCounell and Oppenheimer.

The minutes of last meeting  
were read and adopted.

### Reports

A Report was received and read  
from J. H. Corliss, late Chief of the  
Fire Brigade which was filed on  
motion of Alderman Oppenheimer  
Seconded by Alderman Laird.

Alderman Lefevre furnished the Annual  
Report of the Board of Health in con-  
junction with one from Dr. Robertson  
Health Officer which was received and  
filed on motion of Alderman Alexander  
Seconded by Alderman Oppenheimer.

Motion  
1. Moved by Alderman Coldwell, Se-  
conded by Alderman Laird.

✓ Whereas in reviewing at  
our last meeting the phenomenal  
progress Vancouver continues to make  
as shown by the various committees  
reports, we feel it a duty, before  
retiring from office to place among  
the records of this Council, a testimony  
of our hearty appreciation of the

valuable services rendered to the City by the Mayor, and to inform him and the Citizens generally, that we consider our present prosperous position due in a great part to the wisdom and energy of his administration. Not only has Mayor Oppenheimer devoted himself most assiduously to the performance of the numerous duties devolving upon him as Chief Magistrate of the City, but matters of very great importance to Vancouver, although not coming within the scope of his duties have engaged his attention with decided benefit to our City. The erection here of Smelting works on a large scale - the collection of our fine exhibit of Provincial productions for the Industrial Fair of Toronto and London, the compilation of the latest mining information throughout the Province, for circulation amongst the capitalists of the world; the effort to establish the Beet Sugar Industry in British Columbia, and many other subjects were taken up by him vigorously and brought to a successful conclusion, which will be of great financial benefit to our interests and bring the same resources and prospects of Vancouver conspicuously before the world.

And, whereas, though these services so beneficial to us as Citizens engaged the whole of Mayor Oppenheimer's time he has refused to accept any remuneration

And whereas, in addition to the loss of time a large expenditure of money is necessary to entertain in a manner suitable to the City's position, those distinguished visitors who from time to time come amongst us and in procuring assistance in carrying on the necessary correspondence involved, which it seems have hitherto been borne by the Mayor himself.

Be it therefore resolved that the thanks of this Council, and the citizens whom it represents are due to His worship Mayor Oppenheimer for his great public services gratuitously rendered.

And be it further resolved that we strongly urge the incoming Council to place in their estimates at an early date a liberal sum to cover the necessary disbursements of the Mayor in his official capacity.

And be it further resolved that these resolutions be entered in the minutes of the Council and a copy of them suitably engrossed and presented to His worship by the City Clerk in the name of the retiring Council.

Carried.

The Mayor made a suitable reply to these resolutions after which the old Council dissolved.