

Council Communications, No. 04639, 1884 (A118): Transcription: Dec. 19th, 1884. Mayor & Council of Winnipeg, Gentlemen: I was considerably surprised at noticing in one of the published reports of the Council proceedings that an acct for \$100.00 for the photographs of the aldermen had been passed. Now as a member of the Council at the time said pictures were taken I wish to say that I thoroughly understood that whatever expenses would be incurred was to be borne by those who desired to perpetuate themselves on canvas or pasteboard, in fact I think I was about the last to sit for my photo and Ald Ham, Brown and S. McDonald (who was acting chairman of the Market Committee) should bear me out when I say that I would not become a party to the arrangement until it was fully agreed that no act should be presented to the City for the work. And I for one do not wish the citizens to bear the expense of handing down my phizog to posterity. Then there is the great danger of establishing a precedent for while the present Council may in their modesty be content with an outlay of \$100.00, yet the Council elect being so fondly enshrined in the hearts of the people may think it necessary to double the sum or might even consider steel engravings none too good. If there already exists a precedent for the action of the Council in this matter I think it would be far better not to take advantage of it but let it die out of all remembrance, never to be resurrected. Very Truly Yours, Edward L. Drewry.