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SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS

OF THE

CITY GOVERNMENT OF HALIFAX,

NOVA SCOTIA,

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1871-72.



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GOVERNMENT
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CITY OF HALIFAX
1871-2.

MAYOR.
WILLIAM DUNBAR, Esq.

ALDERMEN.

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CITY CLERK—THOS. RHIND,
CITY MARSHAL—GARRET COTTER.

CITY OF CHICAGO
MAYOR'S REPORT
CITY OF CHICAGO

[*Extract from Minutes of City Council, Sept. 17th, 1872.*]

Resolved,—That His Worship the Mayor and the heads of the various Civic departments, including the Chairman of the various Standing Committees, be requested to furnish full Reports of all business transacted during the Civic year, just terminating, and to make such suggestions as their judgment may dictate, with a view to the future good government of the City. And further be it Resolved, that the said Reports as well as the several Reports from the Auditors, be published in pamphlet form for the general information of the Rate Payers, and that the sum of \$ be voted for that service, the amount to be charged to the Contingent Account."

A true extract.

THOS. RHIND,
City Clerk.

[*Extract from Minutes of City Council, Dec. 24th, 1872.*]

Resolved,—That a Committee of three Aldermen be appointed, together with the City Clerk, to take tenders for and superintend the printing of the Annual Reports."

Committee, Ald. Ackhurst, Thompson and Neal.

A true extract.

THOS. RHIND,
City Clerk.

MAYOR'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

This in all probability will be the last meeting of the Council at which I shall have the honor to be present. Taking this view, you will permit me to make a few brief remarks that may not be out of place. When we assembled as Mayor and Councillors of the city, some twelve months ago, we did so under somewhat trying circumstances. There were hints that something was out of place in the civic machinery, and my intimation previous to the last civic election was such as to lead the citizens to expect that as conservators of the city affairs we intended to place the finances in a more satisfactory condition. This I am happy to say has been, at least, the wish and endeavour of the Council generally as well as myself. Any attempt to introduce great changes into any public departments is always attended with considerable difficulties, but I am safe in saying that our attempts have not been altogether unsuccessful.

I herewith submit statements by which comparisons may be made of the state of our finances at corresponding periods for several years past, and which will convince, by a very cursory glance, that these comparisons are favorable indeed. These attempts at improvement, I hope, will be persistently persevered in by the Council soon to be selected to succeed us. If this be the case, all ground for complaint must in a very few years be entirely removed. But to secure this desirable state of affairs I urgently request that a full report be handed to me from the various officials of the city, and also from the chairmen of the several committees, and that the same be supplied in pamphlet form for general distribution. Without the publication of such reports, at least annually, many surmises and doubts will necessarily exist in the minds of the citizens relative to the position and progress of affairs ; and these surmises could not, under the circumstances, be of the most charitable nature. But when full accounts of both income and expenditure are periodically submitted to the community, no room for suspicion can exist. This is the case in most cities with which I am acquainted, and we receive regularly

the annual reports of neighbouring cities. This proceeding is one we may follow with advantage, and which I trust we may readily be induced to adopt. Our civic affairs have become of no small importance to this community, whose expectations must be realised to secure that general satisfaction for which we all so anxiously hope and strenuously contend.

The first statement I submit is one referring to the city assessment; the amount estimated and collected. It is as follows:

RATES FOR 1871.

Whole amount to be collected, per estimate.....	\$183,110.43	
Collected to May 1st, 1872.....	\$172,008.18	
" June 1st "	7,119.98	179,128.16
		3982.27
Collected to 30th Sept.....		73.60
		\$3908.67

This is evidence that extra exertions have been made to secure the prompt payment of rates, for at no previous period has the uncollected amount been so small.

The next statement I submit is one showing the state of the city accounts at the bank on the first of May for the past four years.

1869.....	\$12,725.44	Dr. to Bank.
1870.....	12,083.80	“ “
1871.....	7,558.98	“ “
1872.....	6,730.53	Due by Bank.

From this it will be seen that an improvement has been effected to the amount of nearly \$19,455.97.

In the third statement is shown the account at the bank on Sept. 1st, 1872, and this is so favorable that it may be taken as a proof of the general attention to financial affairs given by the present council. The account is as follows:

1868.....	\$54,841.81	Due to Bank.
1869.....	47,892.22	“ “
1870.....	48,669.43	“ “
1871.....	57,345.89	“ “
1872.....	41,122.94	“ “
	Less by \$16,222.95 than in 1871.	

The fourth statement is the following:

Statement of Average Balances of the City of Halifax.	
From Sept. 3rd, 1870 } Dr. 41 weeks average.....	\$30,941
To Aug. 31st, 1871 } Cr. 11 weeks average	4,158
	Average weekly balance for year ending 31st Aug. ....Dr. \$26.783

From Sept. 9th, 1871	} Dr. 39 weeks average.....	\$33,658
To Sept. 7th, 1872		Cr. 14 weeks average.....	9,161
Average weekly balance for year ending Sept., 1872.....		<u>\$24,497</u>

BANK NOVA SCOTIA,
14th Sept., 1872.

Further, notwithstanding the largely increased expenditure for public works and school purposes, the taxation *pro rata*, has decreased as much as six cents on the dollar, or a total of nearly \$11,000 on the same amount of assessable property, paying taxes last year. This must be taken as positive testimony to the economy and good management which have characterized our labors during the past year.

In conclusion, I should not be just in leaving unexpressed my indebtedness to the gentlemen chosen some six months ago by special resolution to investigate the accounts of the city. They have devoted much time and very great labor in examining the requisite books and papers, containing the transactions of the past six or seven years, and their reports which have been laid before you are well deserving of the utmost attention on the part of the Council, and more particularly their suggested change in the mode of keeping the Treasurer's books, which has been adopted and found to work most satisfactorily.

I have also to thank the members of the Council for their very great courtesy and forbearance to myself, and the officials of the city for their very valuable assistance most willingly offered whenever solicited.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
WM. DUNBAR, *Mayor*.

APPENDIX No. 1.

ESTIMATE, 1872.

COMMITTEE ROOM, May, 1872.

The Committee of Public Accounts beg leave to submit, for the consideration of the City Council, the following Estimate of Civic Expenditure, for the year commencing 1st of May, 1872, and ending 30th April, 1873 :

SALARIES.	Total amount to be voted.	Amount of last year's estimate, old currency.	Amount over expended.	Amount un-drawn.
<i>Amount overdrawn</i>			161 72	
His Worship the Mayor.....	\$1000 00	\$1000 00		
His Honor the Recorder.....	1200 00	1200 00		
The City Treasurer and Assistant.....	1800 00	1800 00		
City Clerk.....	1200 00	1200 00		
Assistant City Clerk.....	600 00	600 00		
2nd do. do.....	200 00	200 00		
Clerk of License.....	*400 00	800 00		
City Architect.....	*250 00	500 00		
City Assessor.....	700 00	600 00		
Ward Assessors	200 00	144 00		
Keeper of City Clock.....	80 00	80 00		
Inspectors of Weights and Measures.....	200 00	200 00		
Keeper of City Building.....	200 00	200 00		
Governor and Matron City Prison.....	800 00	760 00		
Medical Officer, City Prison.....	*60 00	120 00		
Superintendent of Streets.....	*500 00	1000 00		
Clerk of Streets.....	*300 00	600 00		

Inspector of Health.....	*\$400 00	800 00	
Deputy Do.....	*250 00	500 00	
Gas Tester.....	200 00	200 00	
Librarian.....	200 00	200 00	
City Medical Officer.....	240 00	240 00	
Clerk to Board of Health.....	100 00	100 00	
Amount allowed for collection of Rates...	500 00		
POLICE DEPARTMENT.			
City Marshal.....	800 00	800 00	
Deputy Marshal.....	560 00	560 00	
Assistant Deputy Marshal.....	500 00	500 00	
Six Sergeants, \$400 each.....	2400 00	2400 00	
Thirty-four Policemen, \$360 each.....	12240 00	12240 00	
Clothing for 42 policemen, at \$40 each.....	1680 00	1680 00	
Detective.....	*280 00	560 00	
Keeper of Lock-up.....	200 00	200 00	
	\$30,240.00	†102 31	23 10
FIRE DEPARTMENT.			
Steam Fire Engines.....	800 00		
Ordinary Expenses.....	1250 00		
Contingencies.....	100 00		
New Hose—say 2000 feet.....	2300 00		
Overdrawn.....	264 75		
	\$4714 75	2587 39	264 75
CITY PRISON.			
Under-keepers and Assistant Matron.....	1632 00	1400 00	
Maintenance.....	4500 00	4500 00	
Carried forward.....	6132 00	\$34,954 75	

*Only six months salary estimated.

†Overdrawn previous year.

ESTIMATE—Continued.

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THE SERVICES.	Total amount to be voted.	Amount of last year's estimate, old currency.	Amount over-expended.	Amount un-drawn.
<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$6132 00	34,954 75		
<i>CITY PRISON (Continued).</i>				
Overdrawn	646 80	1133 39	646 80	
Repairs	200 00			
	6978 80			
<i>CITY PROPERTY.</i>				
Repairs, &c	1000 00	1500 00		1178 99
Safe—overdrawn.....	120 17	400 00	120 17	
Repairs to Steam Engines—do.....	26 00	600 00	26 00	
<i>STREETS.</i>				
Labor and Material, including \$1961.92— overdrawn.....	30000 00	30,000 00	1961 92	
<i>INTERNAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.</i>				
Labor and Material.....	4200 00	5000 00		
Overdrawn.....	2362 88	817 39	2362 88	
	6562 88			
<i>MISCELLANEOUS.</i>				
300 Gas Lamps at \$20 each	6000 00	5800 00		
Gas and Fuel for City Building.....	500 00	600 00		57 98

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Printing and Stationery, including over-expenditure.....	\$1387 89	1200 00	287 89	
Premiums—Insurance.....	28 86	.....	200 00		171 14
Citizen's Free Library.....	200 00	.....	400 00		197 51
Allowance—Mrs. Tobin.....	97 34	.....	100 00		
Hx. Visiting Dispensary.....	500 00	.....	500 00		
Oil Lamps, including over expenditure..	600 00	.....	600 00	160 93	
Public Gardens.....	800 00	.....	400 00		
Allowance—short collection of rates.....	1000 00	.....	1000 00		
Numbers for houses and names for streets.	2000 00	.....		
Industrial School.....	500 00	.....			221 98
			†2000 00		
			†1250 00		
		13614 09			
CONTINGENCIES.					
Contingencies for current year.....	2642 36				
Overdrawn balance.....	1490 33			1490 33	
		4132 69	3472 52		
CURRENCY ACCOUNT.					
Sum voted in last year's estimate to meet loss on change of currency.....			1652 48		1503 10
INTEREST ON DEBENTURES.					
	per cent.	old cur.			
Old Street Loan, \$36,000, 5		1800 00			1752 00
City Prison “ 38,000, 6		2280 00			2219 20
“ Hospital “ 34,000, 6		2040 00			1985 60
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	5956 80		97389 38		

†Special grants not in present estimate.

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ESTIMATE—Continued.

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THE SERVICES.				Total amount to be voted.	Amount of last year's estimate, old currency.	Estimated income not realized.	Amount in excess of estimate.
<i>Amount brought forward</i>				\$5956 80	97,389 38		
INTEREST ON DEBENTURES (Continued).							
City Hospital loan, 4,000, 5	200 00	194 67					
Sidewalks " 4,000, 5	200 00	194 67					
" " 16,000, 5½	880 00	856 44					
" " 10,800, 5¾	621 00	604 48					
" " 17,200, 6	1032 00	1004 40					
Funded Debt " 24,000, 5½	1320 00	1284 83					
Market Slip " 8,000, 5	400 00	389 33					
Sinking Fund, Sidewalks,.....		400 00					
Current Interest.....		1000 00					
To meet interest on proposed } Funded Debt..\$15,000 }	450 00		12335 62				
LESS PROBABLE INCOME.				109725 00			
Auction and Liquor Licenses.....	11500 00			9500 00	.....		887 36
Cab, Truck and Express do.....	700 00			800 00		243 34	
Fees—City Court and Judgment Fees.....	1000 00			1650 00		513 56	
Fines—Police Court.....	3500 00			3000 00			987 62
Fees— " ".....	500 00			550 00		51 88	
City Marshal Returns.....	1300 00			1300 00		281 89	
Dog Tax and Exhibitions.....	850 00			950 00		80 80	
Fees—Detective Service.....	25 00			250 00		240 25	
Fees—From Warrants of Distraints.....	350 00						
			19725 00				

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Balance to be assessed for.....			90,000 00		
EXTRA ASSESSMENT AUTHORIZED BY SPECIAL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.					
Salary of City Engineer (half year).....	\$1000 00			18559 00	
City proportion, County assessment.....	16850 00			1000 00	
Allowance for short collection, do	1000 00				
City's $\frac{1}{2}$ proportion, maintenance and support Prov. & City Hospital. }	2000 00			4000 00	
Estimate Com'rs of Poor.....	9198 29			10650 00	
“ “ Schools.....	50073 00			48110 00	
Amount for short collection of do.....	1500 00			1000 00	
For Sanitary purposes	1500 00			3000 00	758 30
Salary of Stipendiary Magistrate.....	2000 00			2000 00	
Revisors of Electoral Lists.....	200 00			200 00	
Interest on Poo's Asylum Building Debentures, \$30,000 at 6 per cent. } <small>old currency.</small>	1800 00	1752 00		1800 00	
Do. on Lockman St. Loan \$11,600 at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ per c. \$638 108,400 at 6 “ 6504 12,000 at 6 “ 720 }	7862 00	7650 40		7862 00	488 64
Do. on Engine House Loan } \$12000..... }	720 00	700 80		720 00	
			\$95424 49		
Total Assessment.....			\$185424 49		

ESTIMATES.

HUGH W. BLACKADAR,
Chairman.

APPENDIX NO. 2.

REPORT OF THE INTERNAL HEALTH
COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, Sept. 30th, 1872.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR
and the City Council:

The work projected and performed in any one year under the superintendence of the Committee of Internal Health being in all respects so similar to those of other years it is somewhat difficult to clothe in language a report which will be other than dry and uninteresting.

The Committee is now abolished, and the duties and labor hitherto by it performed, will in future be discharged by the Board of Works, but it may not be amiss to say of it, that while it formed a part of our system of Civic Government, its labors were onerous, and in a sanitary point of view extremely beneficial to the City.

During the past year the employees of the Committee have removed from the cellars and yards of the various Wards of the City, no less than eight thousand one hundred loads of ashes and offal, much of which is of the most offensive kind, and is found chiefly in the most densely populated portions of the City, which if not so removed would be allowed to accumulate and be the primary cause of disease and death amongst the poor.

In addition to the foregoing there have been taken from the Sewers and Streets of the City, seven thousand loads of filth of every kind, which necessarily has tended much to improve the appearance of the City and promote its healthy condition.

The ashes and soil thus removed has been utilised in filling in the plot at Fresh Water, the field known as Allan's, and on a portion of the North Common, filling up in both of the last mentioned localities—swamps and pits—which for years have been an eye-sore and cause of much complaint. Some has been sold, and in a few cases individual citizens have obtained a portion gratuitously when it was considered a saving of City funds to deposit in places convenient to where it was being collected,

rather than cart to the place above mentioned, much more might have been sold, but the Committee deemed it wiser and more profitable to improve the public property, and in this view they have made over to the Committee of Common for the improvement of the enclosed fields, the heaps gathered and deposited on the North and South Common on former years.

The number of men employed in the above-mentioned works and in Watering the Streets, has varied from six, the minimum in Winter, to forty-one, the maximum in Summer, and the amount disbursed for their wages, amounted to three thousand four hundred and seventy dollars, thirty-one cents.

The removal of ashes at night extended over a period of five months, from two to seven men have been thus employed at a cost of four hundred and thirty-six dollars and ninety-one cents—from three to fifteen Horses and Carts have also been employed for this service, at a rate of wages varying from one dollar seventy-five cents to two dollars per night, and have received in the aggregate twelve hundred and ten dollars ninety-eight cents.

For Street cleaning and watering from one to twenty horses and carts have been employed at the same rate of wages per day, and the amount thus expended was seventeen hundred and thirty-one dollars, twenty-one cents.

The miscellaneous expenditure for Shovels, Brooms, repairing and painting Water Casks and hose, Shovel and Pick-handles, &c., &c., amounted to one hundred and thirty-one dollars thirty-five cents, Insurance ten dollars, Feeding prisoners while engaged in levelling snow on the Streets, &c., forty-one dollars.—Total expenditure seven thousand and thirty-one dollars seventy-three cents, being an over-expenditure of amount provided in estimate, (viz: six thousand five hundred and sixty-two dollars eighty-eight cents, and receipts for ashes sold, viz: two hundred and eighty-eight dollars) of One hundred and eighty dollars eighty-five cents, this amount added to a balance due the Treasurer by the Committee of the previous year of eight hundred and seventy-four dollars fourteen cents, left the Committee in debt on the 26th of the present month to the Treasurer in the sum of one thousand and fifty-four dollars ninety-one cents.

By the foresight and energy of my predecessor in the office of Chairman (Alderman Jas. R. Graham), six new watering carts were provided during his term of office, thus enabling the Committee of this year to cause this portion of their work to extend over a greater part of the City, and to be performed more satisfactorily than at any previous period.

In view of the large expenditure for the hire of Horses and Carts, I would strongly urge upon my successor in the Board of Works to consider the propriety of the City purchasing and maintaining Horses and Carts, feeling assured that a large saving

would be effected, and the same be made available in many other ways.

I cannot close this report, already too long, without bearing testimony to the untiring exertions of the Health Inspector, Mr. Spike, and his deputy Mr. Shean. The former in superintending the labor of the men and horses by day and night, the latter in inspecting the yards and cellars of the whole City, the Slaughter houses, &c., and reporting to me almost daily thereon. I ever found them courteous and obliging in their intercourse with the Citizens, by them my labors were lightened and made easy, our relations to each other have been pleasant and agreeable, and I do not hesitate to say that two more efficient or trustworthy Officers could not be employed, and that it is owing in great measure to their intelligence, energy and industry, that the City was more cleanly and healthy during the past year than in any previous year since its incorporation.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES DUGGAN, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CITY PROPERTY.

APPENDIX NO. 3.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CITY PROPERTY.

COMMITTEE ROOM, Sept. 28th, 1872.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

and the Members of the City Council :

A report of the operations of the Committee of City Property would of necessity be very imperfect unless reference were allowed to be made to the past three years, during which time but few changes were made in the personel of the Committee, the same chairman has presided and the works initiated in one year have been completed in another. In order to comply with the resolution of Council requesting reports from Chairmen of Committees and heads of departments, I shall, as briefly as I can, recite and comment upon the various works performed by order of Council, under the supervision of said Committee.

Almost immediately after their appointment the Cells in the Police station, which had long been cause of reproach, were removed, and the present brick cells erected, proper ventilation of the whole basement secured, a private room provided for the officers of the Police force and an attempt made to establish a Library for the men, which I regret to say was unsuccessful. These improvements were fully appreciated by the force and have tended much to their comfort and convenience. Heavy iron gates were placed at the entrance to the large room and at the entrances to the cells, thus forming larger corridors for the prisoners to obtain air and exercise while under-going confinement therein.

The brick building at the Ferry Slip being badly built, and which for a long time had been a source of annoyance to former committees and to the tenants in occupation, was by this Committee improved by the cementing of the South and East walls, and by a thorough repairing of the Roof.

The Engine House No. 6 has been painted externally as well as a portion of the inside, the ceilings white-washed and otherwise improved.

The Beach at Freshwater, from the increasing impurities of the Brook flowing over it, had also become unbearable, and was loudly complained of by the citizens. This Committee, by order of Council, extended the culvert 120 feet from Pleasant street towards the Sea, and built a retaining wall along the whole front of the Lot owned by the City. Thus some 7000 feet of Land was reclaimed from the sea, the ashes and other debris from the City were removed thereto by the Internal Health Committee, and together with stones and earth deposited by citizens, filled up and levelled the whole with Pleasant street. Plots and walks have been formed, grass seed sown, a Flag-staff erected in the centre, and through the kindly exertions of Alderman Ackhurst, a large and beautiful flag obtained for the same. Hereafter when trees shall have been planted and seats provided, this square will become a place of resort for the public, and will add to the attractions of the South end of the City.

The Council having ordered the erection of a new Engine house, a lot of ground on the corner of Barrack (now Brunswick) and George streets was purchased for that purpose, and contracts for the performance of the work entered into. Much trouble was experienced by the Committee in the commencement of this work in consequence of the Contractor failing to perform his portion of the agreement, delay ensued, at length A. W. McNab, Esq., one of the sub-contractors, made arrangements with the securities of the contractor, and under his management the building was satisfactorily completed, and is perhaps the best Engine House in the Dominion, most certainly it is the best public building owned by the City. Subsequently a hose-drying and steam heating apparatus was provided, which has been proved to be a success, and a valuable addition to the Fire department.

The Engine house at the Grand Parade has been sold and in a few days will be removed.

The Walls and Railings around the Parade will require rebuilding and renewing. This committee requested permission to borrow money for this purpose, and for otherwise improving and adorning said Parade; the Council did not approve and the committee did not deem it prudent to expend any portion of the funds entrusted to them in useless repairs.

Brick Sidewalks have been laid down around the Market House, the Roof of said House, always leaking badly, has been thoroughly repaired; stalls have been therein erected and efforts made to obtain rents therefrom and from other portions of the Building, by allowing the fruit growers of the adjoining counties therein to exhibit and dispose of their fruit, this was in some measure successful, but not to the extent hoped for. In connection with this building, a great public necessity has been provided for by the erection of an Urinal in the lane to the south, others would be an accommodation in different portions of the City, one is much needed in the vicinity of the Parade.

Two Pounds have been provided for the North and South ends of the City, and have tended much to restrain owners of Horses and Cattle allowing them to go at large.

A new Safe has been obtained for the City Clerk's department, and the public records are kept therein, and rendered secure from damage by fire.

The vexed question of the removal of Slaughter houses being referred to this committee, occasioned them very great labor and much loss of time, which after all was thrown away, as the council refused to entertain the propositions which were contained in this report on the subject.

The Magazine lot at Richmond which had remained uncared for since the Magazine explosion, has been improved and fenced, as has also the lot on the Tower Road.

The west side wall of the Bridge at Freshwater has been repaired and pointed.

A drinking fountain for man and beast has been provided at the Steamboat Slip, where it is found to be a great convenience.

The Fish Market Slip, destroyed by the gale of October 12th, has been rebuilt and remodelled, and is now the best slip in the city, some necessary repairs have been done to the Buildings which are in very bad condition, particularly the northern side; the whole should be removed and replaced with one of brick, from which rents could be obtained for storage sufficient to pay interest on cost of erection.

The Slip at Steamboat Ferry destroyed by the same gale is now undergoing repairs, and will be changed so as to combine a wharf and slip, from which it is hoped hereafter to derive some revenue.

The Roof of the Court House has been rendered water-tight, the observatory removed, and the spouting all around been thoroughly repaired. The interior of the Building has been somewhat improved in the Council Chamber and the Clerk's office, further improvements are much needed. The carpets and a portion of the Furniture of the Council Chamber and the Office of the Mayor have been renewed, adding much to the appearance of those portions of the building and to the comfort of the Mayor and Aldermen. It is recommended that the Aldermen shall repossess themselves of the apartments formerly fitted up for their use, and now occupied by the Stipendiary Magistrate, or appropriate some other portion of the Building for that purpose.

The Common Keeper's Lodge has also been painted by order of the Committee.

Lastly, land has been purchased at the head of Gerrish street in the North end of the City, and a large and commodious Engine house and Police Station is in course of erection thereon, thus providing at once for two departments of the public service, accommodation which has been long desired and much needed in this portion of the City. Should the weather prove favorable it is hoped that this

building will be ready for occupation at the end of the present year. A powerful alarm Bell will be at once placed in the tower of this House, and for which also at some future day it is hoped a Clock will be provided.

Many other subjects have from time to time occupied the attention of the Committee, but being of minor import are not herein mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES DUGGAN, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX NO. 4.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CEMETERY.

The Committee of Cemetery beg leave to report to His Worship the Mayor and the City Council, that they effected an improvement in the Cemetery, removing decayed and useless trees, shifting and pruning others, clearing the paths, and that they have removed the unsightly shed in the centre avenue, filled up and planted the Circular plot and otherwise improved the appearance of the ground. They have erected a new shed near the South gate and built a Lodge near the main entrance for the use of the Keeper and convenience of the Clergymen attending funerals. The Shed and Lodge cost \$397.35. They were both built after plan furnished by the City Architect, who also superintended the work to the satisfaction of the Committee.

The Committee refer an application from the Industrial School for a lot of ground for the use of the Institution, to the Council for instructions, having no authority to deal with the matter.

There is in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the Committee, arising from the sale of lots, the sum of \$1653.26, the Committee do not recommend any appropriation, but as Chairman I beg to offer a few suggestions to the Council. The ground laid out is nearly all taken up, so that there is great difficulty experienced by those who require to purchase ground to find a suitable site, and I would recommend that the Block extending from the Poor House ground to the South and West of the central avenue be drained, trenched, cleaned out with wider walks than exist in other portions of the ground. It is obvious to me that there is an immediate necessity for this work being done and a new plan made for that Division, as it is evident that in a few years all the ground in the present Cemetery will be disposed of and pass into the hands of families who alone will have the right to use it, and that when the sale of the lots by which current expenses are met terminate a small fee will have to be enacted from the owners of lots to keep the graves in order; the state of the ground used by the poor calls for immediate attention, the attention of the Commissioners of the poor has been called to the same, but the limits will either have to be extended or the area al-

lotted will not meet the requirements of the Institution. I would recommend that the area outside of the circular bed in the centre of the Cemetery be enclosed with a granite curb and the lots sold; I have had numerous applications for family lots in that Square by persons who are willing to pay any sum in excess of the usual price, and erect monuments of a costly kind in accordance with a plan agreed to by the Committee, but the Committee have invariably refused to entertain the proposal and the difficulty procuring sites in the present ground that are accessible in winter and the improvement in the appearance of the ground induces me to bring the subject to the notice of Council.

253 persons who had left no funds, were allowed free ground during the year. The total number of Interments being Three Hundred and four from the 21st Nov. to the 31st August.

JOHN McCULLOCH, *Chairman,*

1872.		Dr.		
Feb'y 7.	To paid H. J. Harris for Building .....	.....	.....	\$329 00
16	" J. Kelly for Cab Hire .....	.....	.....	1 50
	" G. Rent for Stove.....	.....	.....	8 75
	" Ald. McCulloch for Clock..	.....	.....	6 00
April 18	" Richard Dawson .....	.....	.....	1 00
30	" Balance .....	.....	.....	1459 76
				\$1806 01

1871.		Cr.		
Nov. 1.	By Balance per Account.....	.....	.....	\$1622 01
15	Cash from Mr. Melvin for 1 Lot	\$8 00		
Dec. 7	" Mr. Leibman " 1 "	8 00		
	" Heirs of Reid " 1 "	8 00		
22	" J. Outram, senr " 1 "	8 00		
	" J. Outram, jr. " 1 "	8 00		
1872.				
Jan'y 6	" Mr. J. Kearney " 1 "	8 00		
8	" H. H. Letson " 1 "	8 00		
24	" J. W. Marling " 2 "	16 00		
	" James Thomas " 2 "	16 00		
Feb. 12	" Jas. Carmichael " 1 "	8 00		
Mar. 6	" John Quinn " 2 "	16 00		
11	" John Barber " 1 "	8 00		
13	" R. Hoadley " 1 "	8 00		
2	" J. Hooper " 2 "	16 00		
Feb'y 1	" Miss Lownds " 1 "	8 00		
April 17	" R. Margeson " 1 "	8 00		
	" A. Ross " 1 "	8 00		
	" James E. Ewars " 2 "	16 00		
				184 00
				\$1806 01

1872.		
May 1.	By Balance brought down.....	\$1459 76

APPENDIX NO. 5.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF COMMON.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

and the Members of the City Council :

Early in the year the Committee were deprived of a faithful and efficient servant by the death of Mr. Michael Shea, who had been identified with the Public Gardens since their inception, they were fortunate in securing as his successor Mr. Richard Power who is at present in charge, and whose qualification as a Gardener and general management of the duties entrusted to him meet the commendation of your Committee.

The more important work of the year has consisted in making the walk at the north of the Pond, which continues the promenade around the whole distance, rebuilding the walls of the Pond which were in a very dilapidated condition, placing a new fence around the Garden and filling the Allen field on the South Common, the putting in of several Trees in place of dead ones—and several small improvements.

The Committee have on hand enough of posts, rails and pickets for the other fields, which they hope to have means sufficient to place in position next Spring as it is much needed, there are also six hundred Trees of the best kinds to be placed where they may be required.

THE PUBLIC GARDEN.

Your Committee feel it is unnecessary for them to say much on this point as the press of the City has unanimously and repeatedly given expression to the satisfaction which the Public Gardens afford to the community, unpretending as they are, and the result of comparatively little expenditure they have yet come to be regarded as one of the institutions of the City which its people enjoy and show the strangers visiting us with pride, it remains for the Council to say how far in the future the Gardens shall be perpetuated and improved upon, the natural situation of the grounds is such that whatever expenditure is put upon them at once becomes visible and enhances the attractions

of the place, it will be necessary to have a small Green House built in the Garden in which will be kept over winter many plants which the frost destroys, a structure of this kind would prove a great convenience and a saving in the end.

It has become now an actual necessity to have the field at the west of the Pond laid out in walks, &c., in such a way as will afford more accommodation for the many visitors that frequent the Garden.

The Pond and drain on the north Common and also the Boxes around the Trees are in a very bad state and will have to be attended to this fall if possible, it will take a considerable sum of money to have the pond and drain repaired so as to prevent the overflow that occurs after every rain storm.

WILLIAM BARRON, *Chairman.*

An account of Expenditure for the year, viz :

Rebuilding Wall of Pond.....	\$400 00
Stones and Trucking, &c.....	150 00
New Fence round the Gardens as per Contract.....	100 00
Pickets and Rails.....	280 00
Posts.....	100 00
Filling of Allen field.....	100 00
Trees and Shrubs.....	300 00
Labor and Horse hire about.....	500 00

\$1930 00

Amount to be collected from Ground rents.....\$435 00

W. B.

APPENDIX No. 6.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND
PRIVILEGES.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
28th September, 1872.

Wm. Dunbar, Esq., Mayor of Halifax :

SIR :—In obedience to a resolution of the City Council, passed on the seventeenth of the present month, I have the honor to submit a very brief report of the proceedings of the Committee on Laws and Privileges during the civic year now closing.

During the earlier portion of the year, the Committee—like their predecessors for several years—were obliged to devote a good deal of time and trouble to the consideration of petitions asking leave to alter and add to wooden buildings in that portion of the city known as the Brick District. The Committee, in dealing with those petitions, endeavored to use a wise discretion ; but, before long, were led to the conclusion that either all restrictions upon the erection and alteration of wooden buildings should be removed, or the power of allowing alterations should be taken away from the Council. The latter course was adopted ; and an act was passed through the Provincial Legislature making absolute the prohibition to erect, repair, add to or alter wooden buildings in the brick district. The working of this act has so far been very satisfactory. The Council has ceased to be deluged with petitions, and its time occupied with long and warm discussions, as to the proper mode of disposing of them ; a few successful prosecutions of persons for violating the law have shewn that it is not to be a dead letter ; and it is to be hoped that, in the course of time, the object of the gentlemen who undertook to create a brick district in our city will be attained, and that the business portion at least, of Halifax, will be made up of substantial and sightly buildings.

At an early period of the year, the committee, under the direction of the Council, undertook a very necessary and difficult work—the revision of the City Charter, or rather of the laws relating to the

city—and were in hopes at one time that they would have been able to have a great portion of the revised law passed at the late Session of the Provincial Legislature. Owing, however to various causes, and perhaps chiefly to the fact that some members of the Council differed very decidedly from the Committee as to the desirability of many of the proposed amendments, they were disappointed, and the work dropped. The consequence has been that, since the close of the legislative session, the Committee on Laws and Privileges have had nothing whatever to do. Though somewhat loth to interfere with so pleasant a state of things, I would give it as my individual opinion that the new Council would do well to appoint next year's Committee with especial reference to the proposed and most necessary revision of our City Law.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. G. POWER, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX No. 7

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF WATER SUPPLY.

*Office of Commissioners of Water Supply,
31st March, 1872.*

In accordance with the law and established custom, the Commissioners of Water Supply have again to present to Your Worship and the City Council, their Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1871.

In addition to the usual amount of repairs and shopwork, a great deal of outside extension and renovation of pipes has been carried on during the past twelve months. In South street, the 12-inch main pipe was extended a little further to the westward. A considerable part of Tower Road was laid with 6-inch and 3-inch pipes. A three inch pipe was laid in Wellington street, and another for a short distance in Lucknow street. In the centre of the city, portions of the old 3-inch pipes in Hollis street, Granville street, and Argyle street, were taken up and laid with 4-inch pipes, and connections were made in Queen, Albermarle, Hollis and Wallace streets. The north end of Maitland street was also greatly benefitted by the substitution of a new 3-inch pipe for the old 2-inch, which was quite worn out. New service pipes were put in to the number of 159, and old ones were altered or repaired. Five new Fire Hydrants were added to the previously existing number of 244, making the whole number now in the city 249.

The sections partially laid with 4-inch pipes in Hollis and Argyle streets, were of decided advantage to the domestic supply in those localities, but the old pipes still remaining in the ground in Granville and Hollis streets, having been in use for 23 or 24 years, it is time they were removed.

The Commissioners recommend that all the old 3-inch pipes in Hollis, Granville and Argyle streets should be taken up and replaced with 4-inch pipes, as explained in last year's Report. In the same Report it was urged as a matter of pressing necessity, that the connection should be made between South street and Spring Garden road, by extending the 15-inch main pipe along Park street.

This piece of work, as previously shown, is chiefly necessary as a matter of fire protection; the whole south end of the city being at present dependent on the 12-inch pipe in Pleasant street.

The pipes for this job are on the ground, and the residents of the locality are naturally anxious that it should be completed.

During the hot months of 1871, and of some previous years, considerable inconvenience was experienced by the citizens, in consequence of deterioration in the quality of the water. After most careful examinations and enquiries, the Commissioners have arrived at the conclusion that the unpleasant taste in the water was caused by growth of vegetable matter in the months of July and August. The same cause and results have been observed, more or less, every year in the Cochituate Lake, from which the city of Boston is supplied. The most effective remedy for this evil would be a thorough system of filtration, but this would involve considerable expense. The water from the Spruce Hill Lakes last year was more affected than the water from the Long Lake and Chain Lakes, because the shrubs and roots have been gradually cleared away from the latter. The shores of the Spruce Hill Lakes, when the city got possession of them, were covered up to the flow line with bushes, and in some places with forest trees, which have only as yet been partially cleared away. The Commissioners recommend that efforts should be made during the coming summer, when the lakes are low, to have the stumps and brushwood burned, and a sum has been included in the estimate for that purpose.

It will be seen that the whole of the work proposed to be done during the next twelve months, or nearly the whole of it, though absolutely necessary, is of that character that may be considered entirely unremunerative, and the same may be said of much of the work done last year, and in previous years. There is in fact, and always will be, a large amount of work to be done every year in connection with the Water Department, which cannot safely be left undone, but from which no money returns can be expected. Expensive accidents will always be occurring, old pipes will every year require to be renewed, and even new ones, though supposed to be tested beforehand, are often found to be defective when subjected to extra or sudden pressure. The distribution of main pipes, exclusive altogether of service pipes—in this city, now exceeds forty miles, and the liability to accidents is of course constantly increasing as the pipes are more and more spread over the city. It becomes a question whether or not these constantly increasing expenses, or any part of them, should be borne by current revenue, or continue to be added as heretofore, to the capital invested in the works.

In their last year's Report the Commissioners gave their views on this point, but the question is one which requires more than passing notice.

The tariff of 1862, which is still in operation, was so arranged as to pay interest on capital and working expenses, leaving a very small margin for contingencies. As there was a large sum expended on the Water Works immediately after the purchase from the old Company—amounting in a very short time to much more than the original cost of the works, it was found impossible considering the limited number of persons assessed for water, to make the rates any lower than those stated in the tariff. On the other hand, to make them so large as to leave any considerable surplus, was not at the time deemed advisable or even practicable. The Commissioners must also explain, that by the words, "current expenses," were not meant anything more than the payment of the officers, rent, fuel, light, stationery, printing, and so forth. The tariff was evidently never intended to pay for any part of the work, and, as a matter of fact, except to a small extent, never has done so. When the Commissioners, therefore, last year, suggested the propriety of increasing the revenue, it must be understood, that with the exception of a small deficiency in the last year or two—the causes of which have been previously explained—the water works are paying as well now as they have ever paid. From the best information the Commissioners have been able to obtain, there are no Water Works, on this Continent at least, that pay any better than our own; the greater part of them are far more expensive, and the water rates, as a rule, are higher.

The question of loss of pressure from wasting of water has been again and again brought to the notice of the City Council. If the wasting of the water be, as alleged, the chief cause of so much falling off in the pressure during the winter months, it is reasonably asked why the Commissioners do not stop the waste. The answer is, that the Commissioners, at present, have no power to stop it effectually. The only check in their power, at present, is the turning off, but this is almost entirely disregarded, because the water cannot be kept off more than a day or two, so that the punishment is soon forgotten. The Commissioners are convinced that the only effective remedy for needless waste of water is to be found in the imposition of fines, to be enforced in every case without fear or favor.

While on this subject, the Commissioners have to observe that the condition of affairs as regards the supply of water in the months of January and February of the present year, was somewhat anomalous, and gave rise to many conjectures which were happily unfounded. During the months alluded to, a great scarcity of water was experienced in some parts of the city, particularly in the neighborhood of South street, and in the district included between Jacob street and North street, and Brunswick street and Lockman street. Much of the scarcity was doubtless due to the waste from hundreds of running taps, which weakened the pressure and kept the water from rising, but in addition to the waste from taps, a large leak was discovered in Upper Water street, which was drawing off an enormous quantity of

water unobserved, into the harbor. It frequently happens within the city, that leaks in the pipes are in the vicinity of sewers, into which the water escapes, rendering it very difficult to find the cause of disturbance. Since the leak alluded to in the north end of the city was stopped, there have been no complaints of scarcity from that quarter.

Owing to the irregularity in the supply last winter, from the causes stated, an idea got abroad that the lakes were giving out; that they were in fact not capable of supplying the demands of the city. It is needless to say that such an idea was entirely erroneous. The lakes now in connection with the city are capable of supplying from five to six millions of gallons daily, which is very near the quantity supplied every twenty-four hours to the city of Montreal with 120,000 inhabitants. At the same time, it is certain, that if the prodigious and reckless waste of water in this city be allowed to continue, a day will certainly come when our vast supply will be found insufficient.

The Commissioners must embrace this opportunity also of making one or two observations, specifically, with regard to the Spruce Hill Lakes. Many persons living in the higher parts of the city are dissatisfied because they are not supplied from these lakes, and the work has consequently been denounced as a failure.

Now, in the first place, the scheme of bringing the water from the Spruce Hill Lakes, though originated by the Commissioners, was not commenced, until every proper precaution had been taken by securing the aid and advice of the best engineering skill to be had on this Continent. All the facts of the case were first submitted to Mr. Keefer, of Montreal, for examination, and when the work was completed, that eminent engineer inspected it personally and expressed his entire approval. The cost of this work has also been frequently misrepresented. From the rough and swampy nature of the county through which the pipes were led, an exact estimate of the cost could not be made beforehand, though it was expected to reach \$100,000. The work actually cost, land and rights of way included, \$108,000. Speaking of the scheme in his Report (page 76), Mr. Keefer says, "the quantity of water (from the Spruce Hill Lakes), will exceed a million of gallons daily, and there can be no question about the propriety of going after it, because there is no other way in which the same quantity of water can be obtained—with the same elevation—so economically or so efficiently."

The drainage area of the Spruce Hill Lakes is not so great as that of the Long Lake, but the Spruce Hill Lakes are 150 feet higher than the Long and Chain Lakes, being in fact the highest lakes within ten miles of the city. The Spruce Hill Lakes are capable of supplying on an average a million and a half of gallons daily, which is, or ought to be, an ample supply for 20,000 persons, and they have this decided advantage, that they belong exclusively to the city; not being encumbered in any way, as the other lakes are, with private claims.

The Commissioners have not deemed it advisable, hitherto, to let down the water from the Spruce Hill Lakes into any except the highest streets, partly because there is a large district on what may be called the table land of the peninsula, which will soon be built over, and which can only be supplied from the Spruce Hill Lakes, and partly, also, because it was considered proper to keep the force derivable from the great height of the Spruce Hill Lakes, in reserve, as long as possible, for fire purposes.

The present position of the Water Department as regards liabilities is as follows: The whole amount of debentures, including the sums borrowed in 1871, is \$675,000, being within \$25,000 of the limits allowed by the existing Acts of the Legislature. The interest has been paid, and all the accounts up to January, 1872, with the exception of a balance due in Great Britain for pipes of £1,146 7s. 10d. sterling, which should be remitted at once. As an offset to this debt the Department has stock and materials amounting to \$23,000, but as the pipes in this valuation were put down at old prices, the stock, owing to the subsequent great rise in iron may safely be valued at \$30,000.

The Commissioners submit an estimate of the amount which will be required for the operations of the coming season, including the balance due in Britain, being in all \$17,660.

The books and accounts of the Department are ready for the inspection of auditors to be appointed by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. BELL, *Chairman.*

J. L. BARRY,

E. J. LONGARD, } *Commissioners.*

Estimate of Cost of Work and Materials for 1872.

Park Street—for work only, not including pipes.....	1632 feet	\$1632 00
Granville Street—for work only.....	1690 "	845 00
Hollis Street " "	3340 "	1670 00
Argyle Street " "	1140 "	1219 00
Starr Street " "	500 "	535 00
Say 150 services during the year.....		2262 00
Work at Spruce Hill		500 00
Hardware, Powder, Brass and Iron Castings, Fire Hydrants, and Stop Cocks, &c., for the year.....		2997 00
Amount to be remitted to Britain.....		6000 00
		<u>\$17660 00</u>

APPENDIX No. 8.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, Sept. 25th, 1872.

Wm. Dunbar, Esq., Mayor of Halifax, &c.

SIR:—In conformity with a resolution of the City Council, passed at a meeting held on the seventeenth of the present month, I have the honor to submit the report of the Committee on Police for the civic year now closing.

There have been during the year very many changes in the *personnel* of the Police Force—probably more than during any that preceded it. Since the first of October last, two sergeants and seven-teen men have ceased to be members of the force. Of these, one sergeant and one private were dismissed; one private died, one sergeant and fourteen privates resigned; and one private deserted. Of the privates who resigned, more than one, by so doing, only anticipated the action of the Committee.

The vacancies caused as above were filled by the election by the Council of two sergeants, and the appointment of twenty privates. Of the latter six have already resigned.

The Committee have held during the year ten meetings; half of which were devoted chiefly to the investigation of charges against members of the force, involving the examination of witnesses, the taking of their evidence in writing, and the determination by the Committee of the merits of each case upon the testimony. One of those investigations lasted for about four hours; and another for a half hour longer; so that the members of the committee left the City Building long after midnight.

The suggestions which the Committee have to make arise naturally out of the preceding statement of facts. In the first place, it is clear that to maintain the efficiency of our Police Force, some steps must be taken by the City Council to prevent men from quitting it, just when they are becoming acquainted with their duties and qualified to perform them properly. The Committee are of opinion that some increase in the present remuneration of the members of the force will be found absolutely necessary. They are expected to be sober, intel-

ligent, trustworthy, orderly and athletic, and to place themselves and all those qualities at the disposal of the city, for something less than a dollar a day. At the present time, and at the existing rates of wages, this is not to be looked for. Whether the desired end would be better attained by a general and a discriminate increase of pay, or by an increase in proportion to the period of good service, is in question for the consideration of the incoming Council.

In the second place, the Committee are of opinion that long and troublesome investigations, such as those above referred to, should be conducted before the Stipendiary Magistrate or some other paid officer with power to compel the attendance of witnesses, and to examine them under oath. The Committee should only be called upon to act upon the evidence taken before such officer.

Under an Act passed at the last Session of the Local Legislature, the whole control of the Police Force is vested in the City Council, who will consequently be in a position to deal with it as they shall deem proper.

In concluding this hastily drawn report, I am happy to be able to say that our Police Force is at the present time in a higher state of efficiency than for some years past.

All which is respectfully submitted.

L. G. POWER, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX No. 9.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CITY PRISON.

COMMITTEE ROOM, October, 1872.

The Commissioners of the City Prison have to report for the information of His Worship the Mayor, the City Council and the Public generally, that they have caused to be made up the statistics of the Prison for the past civic year ending September 30th, 1872.

From these statistics the following leading facts are arrived at, viz: 1st.—That there have been committed to the prison during the year, for various offences, three hundred and fifty-five male prisoners and one hundred and seventy-four females. The daily average number of prisoners of both sexes is seventy-three. 2nd.—It will be seen that the annual cost of each prisoner for food and clothing is \$51.32. The daily average cost is fourteen cents. The annual cost including salaries is \$56.78, and the daily cost is fifteen and one-half cents. The salaries of the officials amount to \$3272 per annum, the average daily pay to each is eighty-nine cents. The entire cost for maintenance of the prison for the year amounts to \$8,002.36. 3rd.—It will be observed that the estimated income of the Prison during the year, derived from all sources amounts in value to the sum of \$3,823 25—22,911 bushels of Stone have been broken at the Prison, and eight hundred and two days work have been performed by male prisoners on the streets, Cemetery and Griffin's Pond.

The Commissioners have been particular in calling attention to some of the leading facts connected with the Prison, but it will be observed on a close inspection of the papers submitted, that there is a large amount of other information which it is hoped may be interesting not only to the Council but to the public generally.

The Commissioners in closing this short report, desire to bear testimony to the painstaking zeal of the Governor (Mr. M. Campbell) in the discharge of the very onerous duties devolving upon him.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. ACKHURST, *Chairman.*

RETURN OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH MALE PRISONERS
WERE COMMITTED TO THE CITY PRISON, FOR THE
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1872.

	Larceny.	Drunkness.	Drunk and disorderly.	Disorderly.	Vagrancy.	Assaults.	Assaults and Abuse	Obtaining under false pretence.	Keeping house of ill fame.	Lewd conduct.	Ill-using family.	Court Martial.	Assaulting Police.	Stowaways.	Escapes bro't back.	Admitted by request.
1871.																
October.....	2	22				2	1			1	1					29
November.....	6	15			1	1				1	1					24
December.....	13		1			3		1				3	1			23
1872.																
January.....	3	9	1	4												17
February..	3	7		3	1	4						1	1			20
March.....	4	7	2	2		6					1		2			24
April.....	6	21		3	1	3									1	35
May.....	4	18	1	1		2				1		1				30
June.....	25	8	2	5								3			1	43
July.....	2	22		3	2	1										30
August.....	2	24			4	3			4							37
September.....	6	29	4	1	2	1										43
															Total.....	355

RECAPITULATION.

Larceny.....	38
Drunkness.....	212
Drunk and Disorderly.....	17
Disorderly.....	19
Vagrancy.....	17
Assaults.....	25
Assaults and Abuse.....	1
Obtaining under pretence.....	1
Keeping houses of ill-fame.....	4
Lewd conduct.....	3
Ill-using family.....	3
Court Martial.....	5
Assaulting Police.....	7
Stowaways.....	1
Escapes brought back.....	1
Admitted by request.....	1
Total.....	355

RETURN OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH FEMALE PRISONERS WERE COMMITTED TO THE CITY PRISON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1872.

	Larceny.	Drunkennes.	Drunk & disorderly	Disorderly.	Vagrancy.	Fighting.	Assaults.	Obtaining under false pretence.	Houses of ill-fame.	Lewd conduct.	Lewd characters.	Receiving stolen goods.	Disorderly houses.	Threats.	Assaulting Police.	Escapes bro't back
1871.....																
October.....	2	4								1	6					13
November.. ..		9		1	2		1			1						14
December.. ..	1	5					1									7
1872.																
January.....	2	5		1	1			1	1	1		1		1		10
February.. ..		2														7
March.....		3		2			1			2						8
April.		5		2			1			2						11
May.. ..		8											1			10
June.		1	9	2	3		3			1					2	21
July.. ..		12		1	3	1	2			1			1			21
August.		8		1	3		3						3			18
September....		9		1	2	3			1	3	18					34
Total.....																174

RECAPITULATION.

Larceny	5
Drunkennes.....	71
Drunk and Disorderly	9
Disorderly	11
Vagrancy.....	14
Fighting.....	1
Assaults	12
Obtaining under pretence.....	1
Houses of ill-fame.....	2
Lewd conduct.....	12
Lewd characters.....	24
Receiving stolen goods.....	1
Threats	1
Disorderly houses.....	6
Assaulting Police.....	3
Escapes brought back.....	1
Total.....	174

Average cost of each prisoner for provisions and clothing per annum . . . } \$51 23

Daily ditto 14
 Annual cost, including salaries 56 78
 Daily do. do. 15 1/2

Provisions \$38 33
 Clothing 12 90 — \$51 23. Each prisoner per day, 14c.

Average,

12 90

\$25 80

2 Dresses each female, at \$1.25 2 50
 2 Chemise " at 60c. 2 10
 2 pairs Stockings, at 30c. 0 60
 2 pairs Shoes, at 90c. 1 80
 Other expenses, Soap, Towels, &c. 4 00

10 10

FEMALES.

2 suits Clothes each man, per annum, at \$2 00 4 00
 2 pairs Shoes, at \$1.50 3 00
 3 Shirts, at 70c. 2 10
 3 pairs Socks, at 20c. 60
 Other expenses, Soap, Towels, etc. 6 00

\$15 70

MALES.

19736 lbs.	Meal for the year ending 30th September, 1872.
1217 gall.	Molasses.
15242 lbs.	Bread.
1400	Ox Heads.
7501 lbs	Fish.
92 lbs.	Extra Oatmeal.
57 lbs.	Meal per day.
35	Molasses per day.
42 lbs.	Bread per day.
36 lbs.	Meat per day.
21 lbs.	Fish per day.
4 lbs.	Extra Oatmeal.
\$762	Cost per day for food.
10 1/2 cts.	Average cost per prisoner per day for food.
38 33	Per annum.

RETURN OF SALARIES PAID TO OFFICIALS AT THE CITY PRISON FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPT., 1872.

Governor and Matron.....	\$ 800 00
5 Keepers, at \$360.....	1800 00
1 Female Keeper.....	192 00
1 do. do.	36 00
Tailor	44 00
Carpenter.....	300 00
Cooper.....	100 00
Blacksmith	360 00
Total per annum.....	<u>\$3272 00</u>
Daily average pay of officials.....	0 89

EXPENDITURE FOR THE CITY PRISON FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1872.

	Accounts passed as correct.	Salaries paid.	Total for the Year.
1871.			Salary of Governor and Matron..... \$ 800 00
October.	\$ 687 98	\$ 155 25	..... 843 23
November.	403 07	179 00	..... 582 07
December.	333 21	164 50	..... 497 71
1872.			
January.	253 88	193 50	..... 447 38
February.	290 03	194 00	..... 484 03
March.	341 01	157 00	..... 498 01
April.	362 93	217 60	..... 580 53
May.	371 81	186 00	..... 557 81
June.	404 24	191 00	..... 595 24
July.	369 42	231 80	..... 600 22
August.	1053 73		..... 1000 73
Sept'br.	292 71	269 69	..... 562 40
			<u>\$8002 36</u>

**RETURN AND VALUE OF STOCK AT THE CITY PRISON
FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1872.**

3 Horses, at.....	\$120 00	\$360 00
2 Sets Truck Harness	10 00	30 00
3 " Cart "	20 00	60 00
3 " Truck "	10 00	30 00
3 Sleds.....	12 00	36 00
1 Roller.....	5 00	5 00
1 Prison Van	80 00	80 00
1 Light Double Waggon.....	60 00	60 00
1 Light Sleigh.....	18 00	18 00
2 Sets Waggon Harness.....	10 00	20 00
1 Prison Sleigh Van.....	10 00	10 00
2 Stable Buckets	75	1 50
2 Oat Boxes... ..	4 00	8 00
3 Horse Brushes.....	1 00	3 00
3 Curry Combs.....	12 ¹ / ₂	37
3 Horse Rugs	50	1 50
3 Rollers.....	1 00	3 00
1 Horse Cover.....	3 00	3 00
3 Stall Collars, Chairs, &c.....	1 50	4 50
3 Oil Covers for Horses.....	1 00	3 00
3 Pitch Forks.....	50	1 50
1 Stable Shovel.....	50	50
1 Wheel Barrow.....	50	50
1 Lamp and Lantern.....	1 00	1 00
2 Setts Hay Ladders.....	1 00	2 00
2 New Cart Bodies.. ..	12 00	24 00
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		\$766 37

**RETURN OF FARMING IMPLEMENTS, HAY, STRAW, OATS
&c., AT THE CITY PRISON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
SEPT. 30, 1872.**

12 Tons Hay, at	\$16 00	\$192 00
6 " Straw.	8 00	48 00
75 Bushels Oats.....	60	45 00
Ploughs and Harrows	20 00	20 00
7 Spades.....	50	3 50
8 Shovels.....	40	3 20
9 Picks.....	60	5 40
12 Pitch Forks	25	3 00

5 Drills.....	\$0 50	\$2 50
3 Crow Bars	75	2 25
2 Striking Hammers.....	1 00	2 00
1 Steel Sledge.....	3 00	3 00
1 Tamping Bar Spoon.....	25	25
1 Stone Hammer.....	50	50
1 Wood Axe.....	75	75
6 Iron Rakes.....	12 ¹ / ₂	75
6 Hay "	50	3 00
3 Scythes.....	1 00	3 00
4 Hand Barrows.....	50	2 00
1 Pail.....	25	25
2 Powder Cans.....	75	1 50
6 Sickles.....	20	1 20
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		\$343 05

RETURN OF WORK DONE BY PRISONERS, &c., AND
ARTICLES SOLD AT THE CITY PRISON.

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

Work by Prisoners.....	\$1003 00
“ Horses.....	673 30
“ Horse and Cab.	184 35
Stones sold 26,058 bushels—4c.....	1042 32
Shoemaker's Work	47 35
Cooper's Work.....	108 05
Carpenter's "	39 25
Blacksmith outside work for one year	\$868.00
Prison “	434 00
A Saving	\$434 00
Sundries made, &c.....	50 56
Work by Prisoners for Private persons.....	150 00
Bones	11 20
Iron.....	7 50
Keep of Soldiers	182 62
Auction Sales.....	190 78
Poney Sold	43 00
Work by Females.....	89 97
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	\$3823 25

*RETURN OF STONES BROKEN AT THE CITY PRISON FOR
THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1872.*

1871.

October.....	4126 bushels.
November.....	1291 "
December.....	2441 "
1872.	
January....	2322 "
February.....	1761 "
March.....	1157 "
April.....	2114 "
May	1399 "
June.....	1540 "
July.....	1256 "
August.....	1406 "
September.....	2098 "

Total...22911 bushels at 3c. p. bus. Total..\$687 33

*RETURN OF WORK DONE BY PRISONERS ON ROADS,
STREETS, &c., FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1872.*

4871.

October.			
November	300 days on Road to Depot	\$150	00
December			
1872.			
January	9 " clearing snow at Griffin's Pond	4	50
February			
March	49 " at Cemetery.....	24	50
April	149 " on Streets	74	50
May			
June			
July	24 } " on Prison Road.....	12	00
August	80 } " on Jennings Hil.....	40	00
September	191 " on Roads do. and Longard's..	95	50
	802 " 50c. per day. Total.....	\$401	00

SUMMARY OF STOCK, &c.

Amount in Store.....	\$270 15
Farming Implements, Hay, Oats, &c.....	343 05
Horses, Carts, Waggon, Sleds, &c.....	766 37
Articles in use by Stone breakers, &c.....	44 40
" in Blacksmith's shop.	83 84
" in Carpenters and Coopers do.	20 00
One Turning Lathe.....	15 00
	\$1542 81
Clothing, Boots, Bedding, &c., in use not included.	

STOCK IN STORE AT THE CITY PRISON.

50 Fish Drums.....	\$ 0 26	} Coopers.	\$13 00
14 Beef Bbls.....	1 00		14 00
3 Tubs.....	75		2 25
4 Stable Buckets.....	75		3 00
5 Water ".....	30		1 50
25 Sugar Casks.....	20		5 00
3 Bureaus.....	8 00		24 00
1 Cheffonier.....	12 00		12 00
2 Small Work Tables.....	1 00		2 00
10 pair Blankets.....	1 25		} Carp'tr Articles not in Use.	12 50
5 " Sheets....	50	2 50	
50 doz. Socks.....	20	10 00	
41 Shirts new 80c., 10 old do.....	20	34 80	
24 pair Pants.....	1 20	28 80	
24 Chemise.....	50	12 00	
29 Jackets.....	50	14 50	
2 Skirts.....	80	1 60	
15 pair New Shoes.....	1 50	22 50	
27 " Old ".....	50	13 50	
2 " Long Boots.....	4 00	8 00	
8 yards Homespun.....	40	3 20	
200 lbs. Cotton.....	12	24 00	
Leather.....		6 00	
Total.....			\$270 65

Return of work done by Horses on City Prison Farm, Trackage, &c., for the Year ending September 30, 1872.

1871.	
October.....	\$65 00
November	55 75
December	53 25
1872.	
January.....	45 50
February	42 00
March.....	47 25
April	65 50
May	62 50
June	44 65
July.....	72 90
August	63 40
September.....	55 50
Total.....	\$673 20

Return of Use of Horse and Cab for conveyance of Prisoners to and from City Prison, for the year ending September 30, 1872.

1871.	
October	42 Prisoners.
November	36 “
December	29 “
1872.	
January	29 “
“	Horse to Funeral, &c.....\$2 00
February	23 Prisoners.
March	28 “
April	46 “
May	35 “
“	Cab to City with Prisoners, &c..... 1 75
June	63 “ “
July	50 “ “
August	56 “ “
September	79 “ “
516 Prisoners .....35c. 180 60	
Total.....	\$184 35

Return of Shoemakers Work in the City Prison, for the year ending September 30, 1872.

1871.	
October.....	\$27 60
November	31 67
December.....	28 65
1872.	
January.....	14 40
February.....	6 85
March	14 85
April	6 05
May.....	11 95
June.....	14 95
July.....	40 59
August.....	22 80
September.....	49 10
Total.....	
\$269 46	
Mens Shoes made—76 pair \$1 50	
“ “ “ 1 “ 1 25.....	1 25
Womens “ “ 14 “ 1 00.....	14 00
“ “ “ 50 “ 90.....	45 00
“ “ “ 5 “ 80	4 00
Repairing.....	91 21
Total	
\$269 46	

Return of Prisoners, Admitted, Discharged, and now in the City Prison for the year ending September 30, 1872.

	Admitted.	Discharged.	Remaining.	Now in Prison.
Males	363	330	33	Males 49
Females	154	144	10	Females 44
Total.....	517	474	43	Total.....93
Average Number of Prisoners per day—73				

Return of Work done by Prisoners on the City Prison Farm, for the year ending September 30, 1872.

1872.	
October.....	137 days.
December.....	38 days.
1872.	
January.....	87 “

February.....	137	“
March.....	49	“
April.....	50	“
May.....	216	“
June.....	211	“
July.....	176	“
August.....	95	“
September.....	8	“

Total No. 1204 “ 50c. per day. Total—\$602 00

Return of Articles in the Blacksmith's Shop, Sept. 30th, 1872.

1 pair Bellows.....	25	00
1 Anvil.....	10	00
1 Vice.....	1	00
1 Hammer.....	1	00
4 do. 50c.....	2	00
1 Screw Wrench.....		80
2 Sledges.....	2	00
18 pair Tongs.....	8	14
36 Drills.....	4	40
1 Brace.....		10
26 Punches.....	4	40
8 Chisels.....	1	60
29 Mandrills.....	5	80
16 Swedges.....	5	60
1 pair Stocks and 3 setts do.....	4	00
14 taps.....	3	00
5 Reeds, 5 Combs.....	5	00
		\$83 84

Return of Implements in use at the City Prison, 30th September, 1872.

28 Stone Hammers, at 20c.....	\$ 5	60
3 Steel Sledges, at \$2.00.....	6	00
40 Wooden Blocks, at 5c.....	2	00
12 Shovels, at 40c.....	4	80
1 Pick Axe.....		60
4 Wheel Barrows, at \$1.00.....	4	00
4 Wheeling Planks, 25c.....	1	00
1 half bushel Measure.....		50
2 Stone Riddles, 75c.....	1	50

1 Iron Dray.....	40
4 Water Tubs, 25c.....	1 00
2 Axes, 50c.....	1 00
1 Iron Pot, \$1.....	1 00
2 Wooden Troughs, 60c.....	1 20
3 Step Ladders, \$1.....	3 00
10 Water Puncheons, 50c..	5 00
2 Iron Rakes, 40c.....	80
1 Ox Head Block.....	25
2 do Knives, 12½c.....	25
1 Horse and Wood Saw, \$1.25.....	1 25
1 Box Lock, for shed, 25c.....	25
2 Manure Forks, 50c.....	1 00
1 Hose Keep, &c.....	2 00
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	\$44 40

Return of Materials used in the City Prison, for the year ending 30th September, 1872.

By—Shoemakers.....	\$123 02
Tailors.....	50 60
Carpenters.....	76 64
Blacksmiths.....	35 63
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	\$285 89

Return of Female employments at the City Prison, for the year ending September 30, 1872.

128 lbs. Wool and Cotton picked	2 cts. per lb.....	\$ 2 25
53 lbs. Cloth yarn Spun	20 “.....	10 60
15 lbs. Stocking yarn Spun	25 “.....	3 75
58 pair Woollen Socks knitted	15 per pr.....	8 70
33 pair Woollen Stockings “	25 “.....	8 25
37 pair Cotton Socks “	15 “.....	5 55
20 pair Cotton Stockings “	25 “.....	5 00
83 pair Socks & Stokings footed	10 “.....	8 30
130 Men's Shirts made	10 each.....	13 00
15 pair Pants “	50 “.....	7 50
25 Women's Skirts	10 “.....	2 50
70 Chemise	10 “.....	7 00
24 Aprons	8 “.....	1 92
29 Jackets	10 “.....	2 90
2 Bedticks	10 “.....	20
3 Kitchen rollers	8 “.....	24
2 Dresses \$1 each	\$2 00 “.....	2 00
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		\$89 97

APPENDIX No. 10.

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Halifax, Oct. 15, 1872.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR
and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—In conformity to a Resolution of the City Council passed on the 17th day of September last, requiring the Heads of Civic Departments to report their proceedings for the civic year ending 1st October, and to make such suggestions as may occur to them, for the interest of the City, the City Treasurer begs leave to submit, that the Auditing Committee appointed by your Worshipful Board, having examined the Accounts for the period from which the present incumbent first came into office,—have now submitted their Report to the Council.

Referring back to the year 1865, the Council will find that the whole amount assessed, including for Schools, was \$101,194.00.—The amount assessed for the present year is \$185,424.49, being nearly double the amount of 1865.

For the year 1871, the sum of \$179,225.02 has been collected for Rates to the 30th September.

The City Treasurer would most respectfully state that very much inconvenience is felt for the want of more Office Room : on many occasions the office is so crowded, that it is utterly impossible to attend to the duties connected therewith, with any degree of satisfaction, and would advert to the first day of the present month, when the air became so oppressive that the City Officers could hardly endure it.

The City Treasurer would suggest that an adjoining Room is necessary, solely for the receipt of Taxes, thereby allowing the Accountant quietness and retirement in order that his Books may be correctly kept, a constant interruption making it utterly impossible.

Most respectfully submitted.

E. G. W. GREENWOOD,

City Treasurer.

APPENDIX No. 11.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR
and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—Agreeably to the resolution of the City Council of Sept. 17th, requesting the heads of departments to make a report of their proceedings for the Civic year; and also to offer such suggestions as they may deem advisable for the good government of the City, I have now the honor to submit that during the past year the business of the Police and City Courts has fully realized the expectations of the Committee of Public Accounts in their Estimate for the year; as the amount received is in excess of that anticipated, a comparison of which is hereto annexed.

The past year has not been marked by any increase in crime so far as is noticeable upon the records of the Police Court, and it is satisfactory to know that in a population of nearly 30,000, there is such an entire absence of the higher crimes of Felony, &c., which fill the records of Police Courts of other countries, the business of our Police Court being for the most part confined to Petty Assault, Larceny and breaches of the License Law and other Bye-Laws of the City. There is also in connection with this branch of the Service a great want,—as far as the secrecy of the proceedings in Police matters is concerned, and I refer now chiefly to the manner in which the Public business has to be conducted. The Police Office is an open thoroughfare,—the whole internal arrangements are not such as are suited to present emergencies of City. In fact, sixteen years ago when I first entered upon the duties of a Junior Clerk, the facilities for the due transaction of the Police business and that of the then Mayor's Court (which has since increased more than four fold) were more in keeping with the times than at present. During the last six months the whole of the business of the Courts and City Council have been imposed on the junior Clerk and myself, which has caused me to labor long after the hours allotted to me by Law, and I cannot help thinking it an unsound policy on the part of the City Council—in not having placed a sufficient amount in the estimate in order to the training of another Clerk to attend to the business of the City, as none of us have a knowledge of how long we may be spared in our course of usefulness to our fellow men, and the experience of

those connected with the Courts—and of myself, is that no young man can attend to the business of the Police Court without a thorough training and an attention to and knowledge of the Criminal and Bye-Laws of the City.

The want of a Prosecuting Officer is at times a source of anxiety to His Honor the Stipendiary Magistrate, who has to act as examiner and Judge, more especially in cases of keeping disorderly houses, and crimes of that character.

Annexed will be found a statement of the monthly receipts of Fines, Fees, &c., received by me in the Police Office, by which it will appear that the Police Office in the matter of taxation is not a burden on the Citizens, and that the systematic arrangement adopted for the last few years has mostly led to this result.

Respectfully submitted for your approval.

I have the honor to be, Gentleman,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. RHIND,

City Clerk.

Halifax, October 8, 1872.

Amount Estimated for Receipts in Police and City Courts for 1871 & '72	}	\$5200 00
Amount Collected from 1st May, 1871 to 30th April, 1872		
Over plus		\$1842 60
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Amount Estimated for Receipts in Police and City Courts for 1872 & '73	}	5850 00
Amount Collected to 30th Sept. 1872, being May, June, July, August and September		
To make up in 7 months		\$1793 10

*Amount of Fines and Fees received in the Police Court from October 1st,
1871, to September 30th, 1872.*

1871. Oct.—Amount of fines imposed	\$778 00
Amount unpaid	443 00
Collected	335 00
To amount of fees collected.....	41 30

November	—To amount of fines imposed	.....	.....	\$590 00
	Amount unpaid	.....	.....	159 00
	Collected	.....	.....	431 00
	Amount of fees collected	.....	.....	39 75
December.	—Amount of fines imposed...	.....	.....	574 00
	Amount unpaid	.....	.....	187 00
				387 00
	Amount of fees collected...	.....	.....	38 55
1872. Jan.	—Amount of fines imposed	.....	.....	419 00
	Amount unpaid...	.....	.....	125 00
				294 00
	Amount of fees collected	.....	.....	21 80
February	—Amount of fines imposed..	.....	.....	398 00
	Amount unpaid	.....	.....	203 00
				195 00
	Amount of fees collected	.....	.....	39 65
March	—Amount of fines imposed	.....	.....	540 00
	Amount unpaid	.....	.....	347 00
				193 00
	Amount of fees collected	.....	.....	56 80
April	—Amount of fines imposed..	.....	.....	629 00
	Amount unpaid	...	.....	395 00
	Collected	.....	.....	324 00
	Amount of fees collected	.....	.....	62 75
May	—Amount of fines imposed..	.....	.....	807 40
	Amount unpaid	.....	.....	401 00
	Collected	.....	.....	406 40
	Amount of fees collected	.....	.....	58 10
June	—Amount of fines imposed..	.....	.....	956 00
	Amount unpaid	.....	.....	440 00
	Collected	.....	.....	516 00
	Amount of fees collected	53 95

July—Amount of fines imposed..	\$862 00
Amount unpaid	259 00
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Collected	603 00
Amount of fees collected	64 15
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August—Amount of fines imposed...	1020 00
Amount unpaid	515 00
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Collected	505 00
Amount of fees collected	46 35
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September—Amount of fines imposed..	1857 80
Amount unpaid	1061 00
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Collected	796 80
Amount of fees collected	53 05
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N. B.—The item of fines unpaid occurs in consequence of parties on whom the same was imposed not being able to pay, (the alternative having been given to them) they were required to serve a certain imprisonment in Jail or City Prison.

RECAPITULATION.

Fines paid in October, 1871..	.....	.....	\$335 00
“ November	.....	.....	431 00
“ December	.....	.....	387 00
“ January, 1872	.....	.....	294 00
“ February	.....	.....	195 00
“ March	.....	.....	193 00
“ April	324 00
“ May	406 40
“ June..	516 00
“ July	603 00
“ August	505 00
“ September	796 80
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			\$4986 20

FEES PAID IN POLICE COURT.

Fees paid in October, 1871.....	\$41 30
“ November...	39 75
“ December	.....	.....	38 55
“ January, 1872	21 80
“ February	39 65
“ March	56 80
“ April...	62 75

REPORT OF CITY CLERK.

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02 880	"	May	\$58	10
02 877	"	June	53	95
00 887	"	July	64	15
00 108	"	August	46	35
	"	September	53	05
								<u>\$576</u>	<u>20</u>

Amount of Fees received in the City Court, from the 1st October, 1871, to 30th September, 1872.

	Fees Paid.
October	\$60 65
November	65 05
December	43 10
January, 1872..	38 30
February	57 00
March	62 80
April	61 20
May	64 30
June	90 30
July	73 15
August	86 00
September	67 05
	<u>\$768 90</u>

Amount received for Judgment Fees in the City Court during same period.

October	\$44 00
November	37 00
December..	30 00
January, 1872...	23 00
February.....	26 00
March..	51 00
April	33 00
May	29 00
June	60 00
July	59 00
August	40 00
September	69 00
	<u>\$501 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Fines in Police Court.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$4986 20
Fees in Police Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	576 20
Fees in City Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	768 90
Judgment Fees	.....	.....	.....	.....	501 00
Total..	.....	.....	.....	.....	6832 30
Fines, Fees, &c. for the same period, 1866....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3876 47
Increase for 1872...	.....	.....	.....	.....	<u>\$2955 83</u>

APPENDIX No. 12.

REPORT OF CITY MARSHAL.

CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE,
Halifax, Oct. 15, 1872.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR
and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to submit my Annual Report for the year ending September 30th, 1872, for Your Worship's information.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The force under my command, but more immediately under the Supervision of the Deputy City Marshal—consists of Forty men, of whom six are Sergeants and remainder Privates—besides the Deputy Asst. Marshal and Detective Hutt.

During the year ending 30th September, a number of changes and promotions have been made in the force; all of which have been brought to the notice of the Council through the Police Committee.

Nothing occurred in the Police Annals worthy of special remarks, or that called for any augmentation of the force, Halifax having maintained its character for being a quiet, orderly City, and I cannot help remarking that the orderly deportment of the Citizens as a body contributes in a very great degree to the gratifying absence of disturbance of any kind during the past year.

With few exceptions, which have been brought to your notice from time to time, the state of the force has been satisfactory, the officers of the various divisions having been attentive in the discharge of their duties.

The services of Detective Hutt have been brought into requisition very frequently, and considerable stolen property has been recovered by him. The necessity for such an Officer in connection with the Police force is becoming more apparent every day. It is a question for the Council to decide whether the gradual extension of the City does not require an addition to the Police force; applications for the services of Policemen are continually being made from the residents of the outlying districts, which it is difficult and often impossible to accede to as the present force is not more than sufficient to protect by day and night the more populous portion of the City. With full strength according to present numbers, there can only be twenty men

on duty at night to patrol some thirty or forty miles of Streets.— During the past few years the City has been built up in the Suburbs, opening up much new ground for the Police to travel over.

By day only fourteen men are available for the same service.

The following figures will show that crime has not increased within the police district during the past year.

Number of persons charged with crime or any breach of penal laws brought before the Police Court from October 1st, 1871, until September 30th, 1872, was 2304 of this number there were

For Drunkenness	1226
“ Larceny	113
“ Assaults	258
“ City ordinance	645
Breaches of License Law	62
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					2304

CITY COURT DEPARTMENT.

The following Statistics will furnish particulars as to the operations of this branch of my Office.

CITY CIVIL COURT FOR THE RECOVERY OF SMALL DEBTS.

Number of processes served in the City Court from October, 1st Term, 1871, to September, 2nd Term, 1872—2238.

1871—October,	1st Term.....	108
	2nd “	93
November	1st “	119
	2nd “	80
December,	1st “	80
	2nd “	86
1872—January,	1st “	33
	2nd “	61
February,	1st “	93
	2nd “	74
March,	1st “	86
	2nd “	106
April,	1st “	82
	2nd “	75
May,	1st “	121
	2nd “	82
June,	1st “	132
	2nd “	117
July,	1st “	96
	2nd “	87
August	1st “	119
	2nd “	83

September, 1st Term 130
 2nd " 95

2238 at 35c. each, \$783 30

Commission and discharges from custody..... 234 95

APPENDIX No. 12.

\$1018 25

Amount collected and paid over to different parties under
 Civil process..... \$5458 57

Respectfully submitted.

G. COTTER,

City Marshal.

The Committee appointed to audit the City Accounts and to report to the Board of Supervisors, and that said Committee have the honor to report that they have audited the accounts of the City Marshal for the term ending on the 31st day of September, 1870, and that they find that the same are correct and complete, and that the amount of the same is \$5458 57, which is a very large amount for the City Marshal, and that they consider it necessary to report to the Board of Supervisors that the City Marshal has acted in a very proper and judicious manner, and that they have no objection to his re-employment for the next term, and that they have no objection to his receiving the same amount of salary as he has received for the last term, to wit, \$2000 00 per annum, and that they have no objection to his receiving the same amount of salary as he has received for the last term, to wit, \$2000 00 per annum, and that they have no objection to his receiving the same amount of salary as he has received for the last term, to wit, \$2000 00 per annum.

LIABILITIES

Bank Accounts	11719 88
Bookman Street Account	8094 48
Lawyer North Side	1000 00
City Market	4800 00
Ridwell's sinking fund	2000 00
Board of Health	18 00
Printing, &c.	804 10
Post House	1500 44
Labor	104 00
Cemetery	1870 70
City Property	903 00
Insurance	113 00
Contingent Account	285 31
County	1855 78
School	22438 81
Total	\$48118 88

APPENDIX No. 13.

REPORTS OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

FIRST REPORT.

To HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR
and City Council :

The Committee appointed to audit the City Accounts and investigate the state of its finances, find that some time must yet elapse before they can furnish a full and complete report.

Such being the case, and as they find there is a large amount due by the City unfunded, they deem it advisable to hand in a partial report showing the amount of this nature due at the first of May last, so that the City Council may, if they consider it necessary, apply to the Legislature now in Session for an Act to enable them to fund this debt.

After a very careful and thorough examination of all the Accounts from the 1st of May, 1870, to the 1st May, 1871, they find the unprovided-for liabilities of the City to amount to \$20633.38 as per statement here annexed.

LIABILITIES.

School	\$5453 31
County	3855 76
Contingent Account.....	225 24
Insurance "	113 00
City Property "	903 90
Cemetery "	1279 76
Library "	191 99
Poor House "	1860 44
Printing, &c. "	304 40
Board of Health "	15 00
Sidewalks, sinking fund.....	2000 00
City Market "	4200 00
Lock-up, North End "	1000 00
Lockman street Account.....	8993 45
Bank Account.....	11719 34
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	\$42115 59

AVAILABLE FUNDS, OR ASSETS.

City Taxes, estimated at	\$9000 00
Street department overpaid.....	5752 79
Common Account "	189 36
Salaries " "	23 24
Internal health "	817 38
Fire department "	417 39
Bridewell " "	1133 39
Sanitary " "	1467 19
Police " "	297 81
Industrial School "	420 00
Engine house Account "	376 64
Detective Service "	100 00
Treasurer's balance on hand.....	2481 92
Amount required to meet foregoing liabilities of City.....	20638 38
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	\$42115 49

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CATHCART THOMSON,
R. I. HART,
WM. TAYLOR,
WM. ACKHURST,
HUGH W. BLACKADAR.

Halifax, March 21, 1872.

 SECOND REPORT.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

and the City Council:

The Auditing Committee appointed to examine the Books and Accounts, and report upon the financial affairs of the City, respectfully offer the following remarks and suggestions in part performance of the duties assigned to them. The references herein made touch particularly on the manner in which the Committee find the Books and Accounts of the City to have been kept in the past; as well as on supplying a remedy in the future, to difficulties similar to those that the committee have met in their present investigation.

As another financial year will commence at the first of next month, the Committee now submit these suggestions to the consideration of the Council, hoping such directions will be given by your honorable

Council as will cause the accounts for the ensuing year to be commenced altogether anew, so to speak; and conducted in such a way as will enable the officials and auditors to exhibit a simple, clear and correct statement of the year's income and expenditure, as well as all deficiencies of uncollected monies or other unsettled items in the various departments of civic affairs.

1st.—In the first place the Committee find the rate Book that is handed to the Treasurer, contains on the first page a statement of the gross amount of assessable property, and the rate per cent required to make up the estimate; but there are no additions of the several columns of this book as there should be. There is consequently no check upon the collection of the rates. To remedy this your committee suggest that additions of the several columns of the assessment book be made and verified before being handed to the Treasurer; and that the Treasurer be required to furnish, at the end of each Financial year a statement of the amount of the taxes collected, and a list of the names of those still unpaid. In cases also where partial payments of Taxes are made, the Committee suggest that these be placed to the credit of the City by opening say a suspense account.

2nd.—Your Committee suggest secondly that all accounts and orders for money be attached to the Mayor's warrant for payment, and filed in Treasurer's office.

3rd.—That all supplies for the various departments, where the amount is to exceed, say, fifty dollars, be furnished by tender and contract; and that in no case should an account be paid until passed upon by the Committee of Public Accounts.

4th.—The Committee also believe that the practice of over-drawing would be much curtailed if the time for appointing the various committees was to commence with the financial year. The committee would then be in office for the whole term that the Estimate is to cover. The difficulty would thus be greatly avoided where the committee appointed for the last six months find but a small amount of the Estimate left for their disposal; and they are then compelled, either to leave necessary work undone, or to apply for an advance on the ensuing year which your Committee consider should be done only in very urgent cases.

5th.—Your Committee recommend that the amount now set apart as a sinking fund be invested in public securities, and, if possible, in the debentures for which the fund is provided, and that the same be done from year to year as the fund increases.

6th.—Your Committee find no account rendered by the Bank for interest on account; a simple entry only being made in the Bank Book. They therefore recommend that the Bank be required to furnish a statement on this point.

The amount of this interest appears very large, and your committee consider much of it might be saved to the city if more stringent

measures were taken to have the taxes and other sources of revenue paid up as soon as they are due. They also recommend that the notices served to the citizens for their Taxes should have the rate per cent of the valuation printed on them.

7th.—Your Committee recommend some alterations in the keeping of the Treasurer's accounts and books. Accompanying this partial report are sample sheets of what they consider would be quite as correct and much more simple than the system that the books are kept in at present.

No. *One* is a sample sheet for keeping the Cash book. This your Committee believe would be found to be much simpler, quite as correct, and would save considerable labor to the Treasurer himself.

No. *Two* is a sheet of what is now the Treasurer's Ledger or account book with the various departments and services. This, when carefully kept, will be the means of correctly preparing the statement which is shown by

No. *Three*. This is a sheet which they strongly urge to be prepared annually for publication. It will show the total income and Expenditure of the City finances during the year.

No. *Four* is a sheet which is easily prepared from the foregoing and would exhibit clearly the amount of the appropriation that is not expended or the excess of expenditure over the appropriation and income. This we also recommend for publication.

There are other statements, such as the debenture accounts, and the actual real Estate and other property of the city which your Committee recommend to be carefully drawn up and submitted annually and published.

The Committee strongly recommend that the system of balancing the Accounts in the middle of the financial year be discontinued. To do this entails a good deal of extra labor on the officers; and the benefit of doing so appears to your Committee to be very inconsiderable. The books of the several offices to be open for inspection at all times.

In concluding this second partial report, your Committee have to ask the Council to provide for the accompanying bills for assistance in the work of the Committee, amounting to seventeen dollars and fifty cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. I. HART,
CATHCART THOMSON,
WM. TAYLOR,
WM. ACKHURST,
HUGH W. BLACKADAR.

Halifax, April 9, 1872.

(No. 1.)

DR.		CASH.		CASH.		CR.	
		BANK.	CASH.			BANK.	CASH.
May 1	To balance on hand		127 39	May 1	By Bank Balance.....	\$16570 26	
4	Streets		61 14	2	Printing, Blackadar & Bros....		\$16 20
6	Licenses		624 08	2	Contingent.....		42 18
6	Fines, Police Court		216 17	10	Deposited Bank.....		830 00
10	Deposited Bank	830 00		11	Check, Fire Department.....	127 16	
12	Marshal		82 50	17	Insurance		18 40
12	Cemetery		16 00	17	Oil Lamps.....		42 60
15	Internal Health		32 80	18	Check, Internal Health.....	317 14	
15	Bridewell		72 80	18	" Bridewell.....	486 17	
18	Licenses		240 00	20	Deposited Bank.....		510 00
23	Internal Health		26 00	24	Check, Internal Health	117 28	
23	Deposited Bank.....	510 00		24	"		44 50
23	Streets.....		120 16	26	" Salaries	199 86	
28	Deposited Bank.....	890 00		28	Deposited Bank		890 00
31	City Rates, 1870.....		370 26	31	"		1200 00
31	County "		84 00		Balance in Hand.		78 02
31	School "		122 14				
31	City " 1871.....		1427 00				
31	County "		327 30				
31	School "		722 10				
31	Deposited Bank.....	1200 00					
31	Balance due Bank.....	14387 87					
		17817 87	4671 90			\$17817 87	\$4671 90
June 1	To Balance Cash.....		78 02	June 1	By Bank Balance.....	\$14387 87	

(No. 2.)

DR.

INTERNAL HEALTH.

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1872.				1872.	By undrawn monies...	\$355 00	
May 1	To Balance overdrawn..	\$1247 26		May 1	By amt. appropriated..	5600 00	
	Warrant No. :—						
3	“ 1 Committee..	\$247 20		15	Sales 2 Composts, Jones	\$32 80	
	“ 2 Superintendent	24 00		23	“ 1 “ Hunter	26 00	
	“ 3 Assistant ...	15 25					
10	“ 4 Committee..	427 16					
	“ 5 Repairs	12 82					
17	“ 6 Committee..	317 14					
24	“ 7 Committee..	117 28					
	“ 8 Damages ...	44 50					
31	“ 9 Committee..	216 87					
			1422 12				
June 2	“ 10 Shovels, &c., Boggs....	25 27		June 10	By 40 Loads sweepings	8 00	58 80
4	“ 11 Cart p. Shaw	28 45		20	2 Comp's to Skimmings	15 60	
	“ 12 Blacksmith..	17 64		27	1 “ Humphrey	18 00	
7	“ 13 Committee..	126 47					
14	“ 14 “	227 12					
17	“ 15 Damages...	26 14					
21	“ 16 Committee..	146 18					
28	“ 17 “	136 17					41 60
			733 46				

RECEIPTS.

(No. 3.)

PAYMENTS.

1871.		Fol	1872.			
May 1	To balance on hand.....		\$467 25	April 30	By Contingent.....	\$1476 27
1872.	Streets	7	1000 00		Streets	32768 18
April 30	Commons.....	9	1200 00		Common	1168 57
	Internal Health	15	680 00		Salaries.....	16275 10
	Bridewell.....	12	470 80		Insurance.....	12 00 165 64
	Cemetery	18	629 00		Internal Health.....	12 00 5876 16
	Licenses	23	8647 00		Fire Department.....	12 00 1762 47
	City Rates, 1869	25	274 00		Bridewell	8 00 6472 23
	County Rates, 1869	25	75 27		Sanitary.....	1827 44
	School Rates, 1869.....	25	123 18		Cemetery.....	468 17
	Fees, City Marshal.....	31	647 50		Police.....	13275 16
	Fines, Police Court	31	2476 18		Printing and Stationery.....	742 18
	Fees, City Court.....	31	627 18		Commissioners of Poor.....	6742 27
	Judgment Fees	31	475 00		Interest—Sidewalks	2500 00
	City Rates, 1870.....	35	2647 18		City Prison	2100 00
	County Rates, 1870		675 18		" Hospital.....	2460 00
	School Rates, 1870.....		1024 27		Poor Asylum.....	1200 00
	Debentures, Sewerage ac.....		25000 00		Lockman Street.....	6000 00
	Premium on do.....		1125 00		Funded debt.....	\$1400 00
	City Rates, 1871.....		100268 17		County Treasurer.....	15660 00
	County Rates, 1871.....		10241 18		School Commissioners.....	38274 18
	School Rates, 1871.....		40627 19		Sewerage.....	13690 75
					Bank Interest.....	1650 17
					Bank Account.....	29460 18
					Board of Health.....	300 00
					City Property.....	1087 00
					Balance on Hand.....	148 37
			\$199400 49			\$199400 49

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Nature of Appropriation.	Appropriation	Income.	Expenditure.	Over Expenditure.	Under Expenditure.
Streets	\$30000	\$300 00	\$29000		\$1300 00
Sidewalks....	5000	400 00	5200		200 00
Salaries	15000		14800		200 00
Printing	1000		900		100 00
School Tax	40000		40200	200 00	
Legal Expenses	500		510	10 00	
Sinking Fund	2000		2100	100 00	
Fire Department	2000		1900		100 00
Fuel..	1000		900		100 00
Police.....	10000	200 00	10400	200 00	
Sanitary Department	5000		5200	200 00	
Interest	21800		22000	200 00	
Gas	200		180		20 00
Insurance.....	600		650	50 00	
Contingencies	300		280		20 00
Income	900				
Under Expenditure..			1080	1080 00	
	\$135300	\$900 00	\$135300	\$2040 00	\$2040 00