

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS

OF THE

CIVIC GOVERNMENT OF HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA,

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1888-9.



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GOVERNMENT
OF THE
CITY OF HALIFAX,

For the Civic Year 1888-9.

MAYOR.

DAVID MACPHERSON, Esq.

ALDERMEN.

WARD No. 1.—B. F. PEARSON.
J. W. RHULAND.
JOHN MACKINTOSH.

WARD No. 2.—C. H. SMITH.
A. HESSLEIN.
M. E. KEEFE.

WARD No. 3.—W. F. PICKERING.
J. T. HAMILTON.
E. O'DONNELL.

WARD No. 4.—DAVID ROCHE.
M. H. RUGGLES.
R. J. SWEET.

WARD No. 5.—D. L. JOHNS.
MINER T. FOSTER.
JAS. N. LYONS.

WARD No. 6.—JOHN DAVIDSON.
C. W. OUTHIT.
SAUL MOSHER.

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE.....ROBT. MOTTON.
CITY RECORDERW. F. MACCOY.
CITY TREASURERE. G. W. GREENWOOD.
CITY CLERKTHOMAS RHIND.
CITY MARSHALGARRET COTTER.
CITY ENGINEEREDWD. H. KEATING.
CITY AUDITORJOHN A. BELL.
CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.....THOS. TRENAMAN, M. D.
COLLECTOR OF RATES AND TAXESROBT. THEAKSTON.
INSPECTOR OF ASSESSMENTSJOHN L. BARRY.
CLERK OF WORKSW. B. McNUTT.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL,

JULY 18th 1889.

(Read Annual Report of City Auditor for year 1888-89.)

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the same be referred to Committee on publication of Annual Reports, and that said Committee be appointed. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Rhuland, that the Senior Aldermen for each Ward be said Committee on Publication. Motion put and passed.

A true copy.

THOMAS RHIND,

City Clerk.

Committee:—Aldermen Pearson, Dennis, Pickering, Roche, Johns, Davidson.

ESTIMATE FOR 1888-9.

The Committee of Public Accounts beg to submit for the consideration of the City Council the Estimate of Expenditure for the year ending 30th April 1889.

SALARIES.

The Mayor	1000 00
The Aldermen	1200 00
The City Clerk	1000 00
The City Engineer	1000 00
The City Surveyor	1000 00
The City Treasurer	1000 00
The City Assessor	1000 00
The City Inspector of Licences	1000 00
The City Clerk to the Board of Health	1000 00

ESTIMATE FOR 1888-9.

The City Engineer	1000 00
The City Surveyor	1000 00
The City Treasurer	1000 00
The City Assessor	1000 00
The City Inspector of Licences	1000 00
Additional to Assessor	1000 00
Chief Clerk to Board of Health	1000 00

Police Department.

The City Marshal	1000 00
The Deputy Marshal (3 @ 300)	900 00
Pay of Constables, 34 @ 500	17000 00
Pay of Sergeants, 5 @ 400	2000 00
Clothing for 40 men @ 300	12000 00
Expenses	2000 00

Grand Total

ESTIMATE FOR 1888-9.

The Committee of Public Accounts beg to submit, for the consideration of the City Council, the Estimate of Expenditure for the year ending 30th April, 1889:—

SALARIES.

His Worship the Mayor.....	1000 00
His Honor the Recorder.....	1200 00
The City Treasurer.....	1800 00
The City Clerk.....	1500 00
The Assistant Clerk	900 00
The Second Assistant Clerk	350 00
Clerk of Licenses	600 00
Keeper of City Buildings	400 00
City Medical Officer	1000 00
The Stipendiary Magistrate	2000 00
The City Engineer.....	2000 00
The City Auditor.....	1500 00
The Collector of Rates and Assessments	3500 00
The Chief Assessor.....	1000 00
The Assistant Assessors (2)	1600 00
Inspector of Licenses.....	800 00
Additional to Assessors.....	600 00
Clerk to Board of Health	100 00
	21,850 00

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The City Marshal	1200 00
The Deputy Marshals (2) @ \$700	1400 00
Pay of Policemen, 34 @ \$440	14960 00
Pay of Sergeants, 6 @ \$500	3000 00
Clothing for 43 men @ \$40	1720 00
Detective.....	700 00
	22,980 00
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$44,830 00

Brought forward,

\$44,830 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Electrician.....	700 00	
Maintenance of Fire Alarm.....	400 00	
Engineers of Steam Fire Engines	1200 00	
Rents Reel Houses	280 00	
Grants to Companies (U. P. C., U. E. C., U. A. C.)	1400 00	
Gas and Fuel.....	900 00	
Incidental Expenses.....	2000 00	
Keepers of Engine Houses	870 00	
Repairs to do.	1000 00	
Heating and Drying Apparatus Central Engine House	1500 00	
		10,250 00

CITY PRISON AT ROCKHEAD.

Governor and Matron	1200 00	
Underkeepers and Officials	2000 00	
Maintenance	2400 00	
Repairs of Buildings	200 00	
	5800 00	
Less Probable Income	1000 00	
		4,800 00

BOARD OF CITY WORKS.

Internal Health	13500 00	
Streets, Labor and Material.....	21000 00	
Insurance	300 00	
Horses and Drivers	1300 00	
Caretaker Fire Apparatus and Inspector of Buildings	1200 00	
Fuel for City Buildings	600 00	
Repairs to City Property.....	1400 00	
Caretaker Exhibition Building	350 00	
Keeper City Clock	100 00	
Telephones	300 00	
Allowance to Commissioners	1000 00	
		41,050 00

Carried forward,

\$100,930 00

Brought forward, \$100,930 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Gas for City Buildings	250 00	
200 Electric Lamps, at \$67, for streets..	13400 00	
Printing and Stationery.....	1500 00	
1-5th Loan '87, for unpaid accounts, \$5232.21 (2nd assessment).....	1046 44	
1 year interest on \$4185.77	209 28	
Contingent Account for year	2964 28	
Interest on Commutation Fund	400 00	
		19,770 00
		<u>\$120,700 00</u>

LESS PROBABLE INCOME.

Auction and Liquor Licenses	8500 00	
Cabs, Trucks and other Licenses	1250 00	
Fees, City Court, Fines, &c	6000 00	
Fees from City Marshal.....	750 00	
Fees from Detective Service.....	250 00	
Dog Tax	750 00	
Rents of City Property	3200 00	
		20,700 00
		<u>\$100,000 00</u>

EXTRA ASSESSMENTS UNDER SPECIAL ACTS.

City's proportion of County Assessment.	11000 00
Allowance for short collection of do ..	550 00
Maintenance of Poors' Asylum.....	15000 00
Do. of Insane Paupers at Mt. Hope Asylum	6000 00
Dalhousie College (Act April, '83)	500 00
20 Pupils Industrial School, \$60	1200 00
20 do. St. Patrick's Reformatory, \$60	1200 00
3 do. School for Blind, \$75.....	225 00
3 do. Institution Deaf & Dumb, \$60	180 00
Infants' Home.....	300 00
Halifax Dispensary, including Rent of Morgue	750 00
Public Schools, per estimate of Comm'rs	72000 00
Allowance for Collection do	3600 00

Carried forward, \$100,000 00

<i>Brought forward,</i>		\$100,000 00
Estimate for Sanitary purposes	300 00	
Revisors of Electoral Lists	200 00	
Maintenance of Public Gardens	3000 00	
Maintenance of Public Park.....	1000 00	
Maintenance of Public Library.....	1500 00	
One-third of \$2100 for Flour Weighers..	700 00	
Interest one year on \$1400	70 00	
Court of Appeals.....	300 00	
Board of Fire Escapes	300 00	
One-fifth Jubilee Loan \$10,881.70	2176 34	
Interest one year on whole	609 29	
do. do. on four-fifths do	483 00	
		<hr/> 123,143 63

INTEREST, &c.

Interest on Debentures on Poores' Asylum, \$30,000, N. S. Cy., at 6 per ct.; mature 31st Jan'y, 1889.....	1752 00
Interest on Sewerage Debentures, \$110,- 000 Dominion Cy., at 6 per ct.; mature 1900 and 1903	6600 00
Interest on Debentures for Public Gar- dens, \$15,000, D. C., at 6 per ct.; mature July, 1900	900 00
Interest on Debentures Exhibition Loans \$20,000, D. C., at 6 per cent; mature May, 1899	1200 00
Interest on Consolidated Stock \$565,000 at 5 per ct	28250 00
Interest on Special Loan do., \$100,000, at 5 per ct	5000 00
Sinking Fund for do	3000 00
Interest on old Funded Debt, \$24,000, N. S. Cy., at 5½ p. c.; due July, 1804	1284 83
Retiring allowance Mr. Pryor	1200 00
Back pay for R. Motton.....	1333 34
Interest on do. one year.....	76 67

Carried forward,

\$223,143 63

<i>Brought forward,</i>		\$223,143 63
Interest on \$35,000 New Loan; City Hall \$25,000, Sewerage \$10,000, for 10 months.....	1458 34	
Interest on same one year.....	1750 00	
	<hr/>	53,805 18
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Add 5 p. c. on \$189,798 of above for cost of collection.....		\$276,948 81
		9489 94
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		<u>\$286,438 75</u>

A true copy as passed by the City Council.

THOMAS RHIND,

City Clerk.

CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR,

HALIFAX, 9th July, 1889.

Sir,—

I have now to submit for the information of your worship and the City Council, a General Report upon the financial position and transactions of the city for the civic year ending 30th April, 1889. From the schedule of the funded debt, published in the last Annual Report page 314, it will be seen that the gross amount of the city's liabilities on 30th April, 1888, stood at \$1,824,742.46. This total included all the old funded debt, as well as consolidated debt for general purposes, for the water department and for the public schools. I may here remark that the Act for consolidation passed in April, 1880, virtually extinguished, by anticipation, the liability of the city for the water department as a separate and distinct part of the funded debt; inasmuch as all permanent loans for the water department or otherwise, contracted from the date of that Act were to be considered part of the consolidated fund; and furthermore, all previous loans for the water department as they mature and are renewed, become incorporated in the same general fund. In the course of a few years, consequently, the debt of the water department as a separate liability will cease to exist. The interest on the water debt, however, will continue to be charged to the water department as heretofore.

During the civic year 1888-9, that is to say between 30th April, 1888, and 30th April, 1889, the following additions have been made to the consolidated fund: On 1st July, 1888, \$10,000 for sewerage purposes under the Act of April, 1885, and upon the same date \$10,000 for the same service under the Act of April, 1888, both amounts being taken at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum. On July 3rd, 1888, was added \$15,000 for extension of the water service, and on the same date \$50,000 for the city hall, part at \$97.50 for \$100 at 4 per cent., and part at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., with one per cent. premium. On 1st

January, 1889, a special loan of \$10,000 was taken up for building an engine house on Quinpool Road, and other purposes of the fire department at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and a sum of \$3,600 was borrowed by the Commissioners of Schools also at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. To these sums must be added \$7,500 of city debentures for a purpose which I shall presently explain. The total amount of these loans to be added to the funded debt of the city during the twelve months ending 30th April, 1889, is \$106,100. A sum of \$20,000 was also borrowed during the year to retire some debentures for the hospital which matured in July, 1888, and January, 1889, but this last mentioned loan of \$20,000, though an addition to the consolidated fund, is not an addition to the gross funded debt of the city; on the contrary the general debt has been reduced by the transaction to the extent of \$6,864

The amount of the hospital debentures maturing was \$26,864, of which \$20,000 only was borrowed at 98.06 and 4 per cent. per annum, and the balance of \$6,864 was paid from premiums accrued on the sale of consolidated stock. In the matter of interest this transaction will be an annual saving to the city of over \$800. The new debentures mentioned as well as the renewed loan become part of the consolidated fund. After all the additions named and the subtraction of \$6,864 alluded to, the total funded debt of the city on 30th April, 1889, was \$1,923,978.48.

In reference to the \$7,500 of debentures mentioned in the preceding paragraph, it may be explained that an Act of the Legislature was passed on 15th April, 1888, empowering the city to borrow \$20,000 in part payment of an unsettled account with the county of Halifax which has been allowed to lie over because of some disagreement respecting the amount due by the city. The Act authorized the borrowing of \$20,000 but that amount was not borrowed, although the County was paid \$20,000 as intended. The sum of \$10,000 was taken from unexpended balances, \$2,500 from premiums on consolidated stock and the balance of \$7,500 from issue of city debentures to that amount. By an Act of 24th April, 1885, the city was authorized to invest its sinking fund of \$3,000 per annum—established under Act of 10th March, 1882, clause 13,—in the consolidated fund of the City of Halifax, and