

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS

OF THE

Civic Government of Halifax,

NOVA SCOTIA,

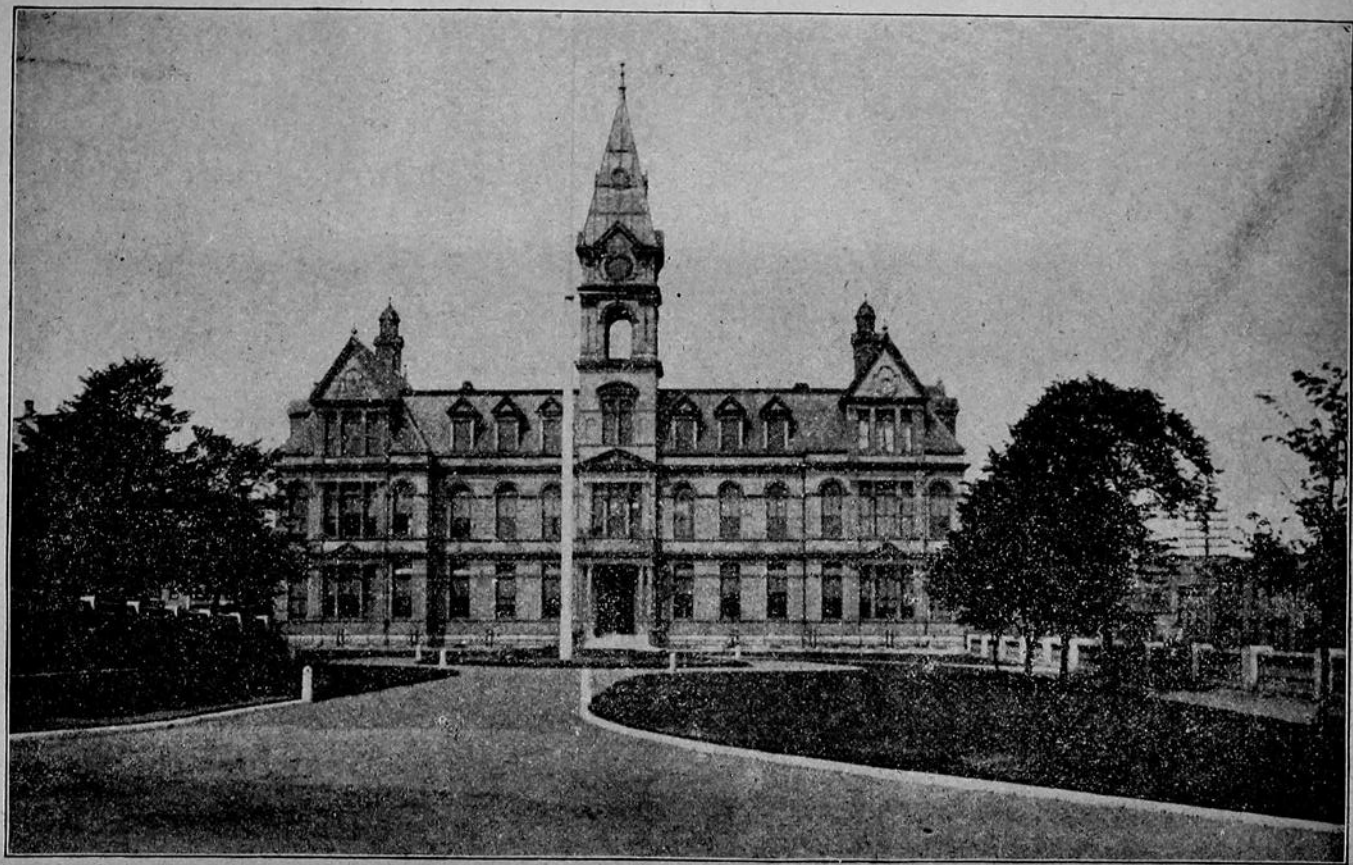
FOR THE

Civic Year, - 1894-5.



HALIFAX, N. S. :

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EXTRACT

From Minutes of City Council, 25th July, 1895.

Read Annual Report of City Auditor for Civic Year 1894-5.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Committee of Publication of Annual Report. Motion passed.

A true Extract.

H. TRENAMAN,
City Clerk.

EXTRACT

From Minutes of City Council, 5th November, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor now nominates the following as the Committee on Publication of the Annual Report, viz. :—Aldermen Geldert, Dennis, Lane, Hubley, Eden and Mosher.

Moved by Aldermen Foster and seconded by Alderman Creighton that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

A true Extract.

H. TRENAMAN,
City Clerk.

GOVERNMENT
OF THE
CITY OF HALIFAX,
FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 1894-5.

MAYOR.

MICHAEL E. KEEFE, Esq.

ALDERMEN.

- WARD No. 1.—W. J. STEWART,
GEOFFERY MORROW,
J. M. GELDERT.
WARD No. 2.—WILLIAM DENNIS,
A. W. REDDEN,
W. B. WALLACE.
WARD No. 3.—THOMAS MITCHELL,
JAMES T. HAMILTON,
P. M. DUGGAN.
WARD No. 4.—JOHN F. RYAN,
E. W. O'DONNELL,
A. HUBLEY.
WARD No. 5.—MINER T. FOSTER,
WM. McFATRIDGE,
F. EDEN.
WARD No. 6.—SAUL MOSHER,
C. W. OUTHIT,
ISAAC CREIGHTON.
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STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE.

GEORGE H. FIELDING, Esq.

CITY RECORDER.....	W. F. McCOY, Q. C.
CITY TREASURER.....	WILLIAM L. BROWN.
CITY AUDITOR.....	JOHN A. BELL.
CITY CLERK.....	HENRY TRENAMAN.
CITY COLLECTOR RATES AND TAXES.....	ROBT. THEAKSTON.
CITY ENGINEER.....	F. W. W. DOANE.
CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.....	THOMAS TRENAMAN, M. D.
CLERK OF WORKS.....	WM. F. REILLY.
CHIEF OF POLICE.....	JOHN O'SULLIVAN.
CARETAKER FIRE APPAARATUS AND INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS.....	THOMAS SPELMAN.
CHIEF ASSESSOR.....	S. R. PHELAN.
HEALTH INSPECTOR.....	N. MEAGHER.
SUPERINTENDANT OF STREETS.....	JOHN McDONALD.
FOREMAN OF WATER DEPARTMENT.....	EWEN MORRISON.
INSPECTOR OF LIQUOR LICENSES.....	H. H. BANKS.

The Official Apartments of the above, including the Mayor and Stipendiary Magistrate are in the City Hall.

ESTIMATES FOR 1894-5.

The Committee of Public Accounts herewith submit, for consideration of the City Council, the Estimate of Expenditures for the Civic year ending 30th April, 1895.

SALARIES.	PROPOSED EXPENDITURE.
His Worship the Mayor	\$1000 00
His Honor the Recorder	1200 00
The City Treasurer	1800 00
The City Clerk	1200 00
Assistant Clerk	700 00
2nd do. "	600 00
3rd do. "	350 00
Retiring allowance Mr. Rhind	550 00
Clerk of Licenses	550 00
Stipendary Magistrate	2000 00
City Engineer	2000 00
City Auditor	1500 00
Collectors of City Taxes, and 4 sub-Collectors	3400 00
Chief Assessor	1200 00
Assistants, 2, @ \$1000 each	2000 00
Registrar for Voters	200 00
Janitor City Hall	800 00
	\$21050 00
POLICE DEPARTMENT.	
(Details to be arranged.)	26000 00
ROCKHEAD PRISON.	
Governor and Matron	1200 30
Underkeeper and Officials	2144 00
Maintenance	2506 00
Required for Repairs	300 00
Fire Escapes, &c	500 00
	6650 00
Less Probable Income for 1894-95	1200 00
	5450 00
BOARD OF CITY WORKS.	
Streets for Work and Material	18000 00
Internal Health	13000 00
Horses and Drivers	1500 00

Caretaker City Property.....	\$1200 00	
" Exhibition Building.....	364 00	
Fuel.....	850 00	
Telephones.....	300 00	
Lighting City Hall.....	1000 00	
Street Lighting.....	16000 00	
Insurance.....	1500 00	
City Property.....	1500 00	
Allowance to Commissioners.....	1000 00	
		<u>56214 00</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Electrician.....	500 00	
Maintenance Fire Alarm.....	800 00	
5 Engineers for Steam Fire Engines.....	2000 00	
1 " " Chemical Engine.....	600 00	
Grant to Engine Companies.....	1400 00	
Lighting and Fuel.....	1000 00	
Rent of Division Rooms.....	300 00	
Incidental Expenses.....	1500 00	
Keepers of Engine Houses.....	650 00	
Repairs of Engine Houses.....	1000 00	
Maintenance 24 Horses.....	3700 00	
Drivers' Wages.....	7500 00	
Bedford Row Engine House.....	340 00	
		<u>21290 00</u>

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing and Stationery.....	2000 00	
Interest on Commutation Fund.....	400 00	
Contingent Account.....	2000 00	
		<u>4400 00</u>

\$134,404 00

LESS PROBABLE INCOME.

Liquor Licenses.....	11000 00	
Hack, Truck and other Licenses.....	2250 00	
Fines and Fees Police and City Courts.....	5250 00	
City Marshal's Fees.....	800 00	
Rents City Property.....	1400 00	
Dog Tax.....	500 00	
Balance of Interest.....	4000 00	
		<u>25200 00</u>

\$109204

EXTRA ASSESSMENTS UNDER SPECIAL ACTS.

County of Halifax.....	10000 00
Public Schools.....	85600 00
Poors' Asylum.....	22000 00
Public Gardens and Common.....	4000 00
Point Pleasant Park.....	2000 00
Citizen's Library.....	1600 00

Halifax Dispensary and Morgue.....	\$ 750 00	
“ School for Blind.....	375 00	
“ “ “ Deaf and Dumb.....	300 00	
“ Industrial School for Boys.....	1600 00	
“ St. Partrick's Reformatory.....	1600 00	
Infants' Home, Tower Road.....	300 00	
“ “ Brunswick St.....	300 00	
Truants under Compulsory Act.....	500 00	
Dalhousie College.....	500 00	
School of Art and Design.....	500 00	
County Rifle Association.....	1 00	
Board of Health.....	4000 00	
Board of Appeals.....	300 00	
One fifth Loan to Gardens (\$5,000), 5th year.....	1000 00	
Interest on \$1,000 1 year, at 4 p. c.....	40 00	
One half Subsidy to Dry Dock.....	5000 00	
One fifth Loan for Fire purposes (\$12,000, Act 15th April, 1890)		
4th year.....	2400 00	
Interest one year on Balance, \$4,800 at 4 p. c.....	192 00	
One fifth Exhibition Loan Act, 1891 (\$15,698), 3rd year.....	3140 00	
Interest one year on \$9,420 @ 5 p. c.....	471 00	
One fifteenth Loan to County (\$15,000), 2nd year.....	1000 00	
Interest one year on \$14,000, at 4½ p. c.....	630 00	
One fifth Loan for New Engine, &c., (\$15000),.....	3000 00	
Interest one year on \$12,000, at 5 p. c., 2nd year.....	600 00	
One third Loan for repairs to City Property (\$5,000), 1st year.....	1667 00	
Interest on whole amt., 1 yr. and 10 mos., at 4½ p. c.....	413 00	
		155779 00

OLD FUNDED DEBT.

Interest on old Funded Debt, including \$1,168 Gardiner Fund (\$24,528) at 5½ and 6 p. c.....	1355 59	
Old Sewerage Debentures \$70,000, at 6 p. c.....	4200 00	
Public Gardens \$15,000 at 6 p. c.....	900 00	
Exhibition Building, \$20,000 at 6 p. c.....	1200 00	
City Hall, \$50,000 at 4½ p. c.....	2125 00	
		9780 59

CONSOLIDATED STOCK.

\$705,000, at 5 p. c.....	\$35250 00
799,700, at 4½ p. c.....	35987 00
206,800, at 4 p. c.....	10672 00
	81909 00

Less.

This amount charged to Water Department, \$800,000 at different rates.....	36765 00	
		45144 00

ESTIMATES FOR 1894-95.

Special Loan 1882, \$100,000 at 5 p. c.....	\$ 5000 00
Sinking Fund.....	3000 00
Interest on New Loans, broken time, \$192, 000; after May 1893, and up to May 1895.....	<u>12683 00</u>
	340590 59
Deduct this amount taken from Unexpended Balance Account	<u>15000 00</u>
	<u>\$325590 59</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM DENNIS, *Chairman.*
J. A. BELL, *City Auditor.*

As passed in the City Council 26th Dec., 1893.

HENRY TRENAMAN, *City Clerk.*

CITY AUDITORS REPORT.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR,

HALIFAX, N. S., *16th July, 1895.*

Sir,—In compliance with the law and usage I have the honor to submit to your worship and the city council a general report on the financial transactions and position of the city during the civic year ending 30th April, 1895.

By the Schedule of debentures and consolidated stock to be found on page 301, of the last published annual report, 1893-4, it will be seen that the total amount of our funded debt at that date was \$2,657,300. This included the cost of our water works up to that date (\$976,906), and also of public school buildings and premises (\$254,600.)

Between 1st May, 1894, and 1st May, 1895, two sums, one of \$24,000, old funded debt for streets, etc., at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and another for \$46,000 at 6 per cent., for water supply, both old N. S. currency, were replaced by debentures at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., with a premium, and other new loans were taken up, as follows: For sewerage, \$60,000; for new pipe line, \$15,000; permanent pavement, \$12,000; subsidy to dry dock, \$5,000; new cemetery, \$10,000,—in all \$102,000, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The total amount of our civic debt, carefully revised—but excluding some temporary short loans in process of extinction by annual assessment—was on 1st May, 1895, \$2,757,366.67. You are aware, no doubt, that loans for various purposes amounting to \$157,650 have been made recently, but these have all been taken up since 1st May, and of course cannot be included in 1894-5. They will appear in due time, that is to say, in the next annual report. As a matter of fact, however, our real funded debt at the present moment amounts to \$2,915,016.67. It was mentioned in last year's annual report that \$25,000 of water debentures would mature in July, 1895, but that was incorrect; they are not due until July, 1897, nor are there any other old debentures due until July, 1897.

The indebtedness of the city is, or at all events ought to be, to every citizen a matter of such vital importance that no apology is necessary for giving it special prominence. More than once in previous annual reports reference was made to the value of assets owned and held by the city, as an offset to our public civic debt, and in the annual report for last year it was promised that an appraisement of all properties and premises owned by the city would shortly be made and submitted to the city council.

In accordance with this promise a detailed statement of all the houses, lands and appurtenances belonging to the city, with the approximate valuations, was laid before the city council by Alderman Mosher, chairman of the committee of public accounts, at a meeting of the council, held on the 31st December, 1894. The details of this valuation are preserved in the printed minutes, so that any citizen curious in such matters can easily obtain a copy. The total amount of assets given in the statement is \$1,964,695, which would leave nominally a considerable deficit as compared with the total of our civic debt, but it is to be observed, first, as has been already mentioned in your worship's address upon assuming office in May last, that the statement takes no account of sewers, streets and sidewalks, all of which cost a great deal of money, but have no commercial value because they cannot be sold, mortgaged or transferred in any way, and yet such works have a substantial worth, because they add immensely to the value of real property and by increasing the annual assessment bring in a direct revenue to the city. It will be noticed also, that in the appraisement alluded to the water works are put down at about their actual cost—something less than a million of dollars. I would have no hesitation in putting them down as actually worth a great deal more than their cost, and for these reasons: the corporation, with trifling exceptions, owns all the lakes of sufficient height above tide-level to give the necessary head pressure without the aid of machinery within a radius of ten miles from the city, and these lakes, with very little extra expenditure, have ample capacity for the wants of a city much larger than ours. The city consequently has a monopoly in the matter of water supply, and competition being out of the question, the value of the water works must necessarily be enhanced every year with the increase of population. The revenue of the water department is quite equal to all demands for interest and working

expenses, and this notwithstanding that the works have been recently enlarged and the water rates reduced.

These explanations are not given with a view in any way to lessen the urgent call on the part of the citizens for economy and caution in the management of our civic affairs and especially with regard to the evergrowing total of our civic debt. But while it is highly desirable that every intelligent citizen should be accurately informed respecting our liabilities, the preservation of our civic credit equally requires that all should know something of the nature and extent of our assets. The test question most interesting to taxpayers is the rate per centum at which they are assessed, and the point most severely criticised by capitalists is the rate of interest at which money can be loaned. As regards the rate per centum, there have been occasions in past times when the rate was much lower than it is for the present year, but that state of affairs has always been brought about by omitting something in the annual assessment which was certain to be remembered in the next year following, when the rate would be correspondingly raised. I have gone over the assessment for the past seventeen years and I find the average rate per centum is one dollar and thirty-eight cents, which is exactly the rate of the year now running. Then again, as regards loans, your worship and the city council are aware that the new loan referred to for \$157,000 was readily taken up at 4 per cent. with a small premium, which was something better than any of our loans hitherto made, and as I should judge from their annual reports quite as good as can be done in any neighbouring city of our own size and population.

In connection with the item of taxes the following memorandum from the city collector will be in order:

Taxes.	Amount. collected	Balance.
1891-2	\$ 3,493 00
1892-3	27,485 70	\$ 5,403 84
1893-4	49,729 68	41,652 31
1894-5	241,202 41	87,738 53
	<u>\$321,911 67</u>	
Water Rates 1st May, 1894 to 1st May, 1895.	67,078 74	
Sewerage Rates " " " "	14,048 31	
Sidewalks " " " "	2,410 09	
	<u>\$405,448 81</u>	

A reference to a similar memorandum on page 15, of last year's annual report, will show that the balances at that time remaining due for the years 1890-91 and 1891-92, have since been collected, and that of \$32,889.54 due for 1892-3 there remains at present uncollected only \$5,403.84. It may be stated that in addition to the above there was received in the collector's office for licenses of various kinds—exclusive of liquor licenses—which are paid directly to the treasurer by the inspector, \$6,686.96. As enquiries are sometimes made on such points, it may also be explained that the water rates, the sewerage rates and sums received for sidewalks are all appropriated exclusively to the departments to which they belong, while any amounts received for interest on overdue taxes—which last year amounted to \$1,400—are merged in the general revenue.

By the act of the legislature passed 10th April, 1890, known as the consolidation act, the city was enabled to convert a large part of existing funded debt mostly paying 6 per cent. into city stock or debentures at 5 per cent. The debentures were to run 25 years, but the stock was called permanent stock, and as matters stand at present a large amount (\$588,700) cannot be disturbed. When the arrangement was made, money was freely bringing 6 and even 7 per cent., and no one could have foreseen that the rate of interest would fall as it has since fallen. It is now evident however, that to make so large a part of our civic debt permanent was an oversight, and it becomes a question how, without injustice to lenders, most of whom paid a large premium for the stock—the mistake can be remedied. The act of 1880, was indeed amended by the act of 1888, which empowered the city to call in all sums of money borrowed on permanent stock after the expiration of 15 years from the issue of the same, but this act leaves untouched all sums borrowed on permanent stock previous to 1888—in other words the amount previously named (\$588,700) remains undisturbed. By the act of 1880 also the holders of debentures may at their option convert their loans into permanent stock, which in some cases has been done already, I would take the liberty of suggesting that at the next session of provincial parliament some legislation should be obtained covering the points referred to, and at the same time to make provision for the establishment of a sinking fund applicable to the whole of our funded debt; and I would further beg, respectfully, to call the attention of your worship and the city council to a communication submitted to

the council on 12th February last by the city treasurer. This paper discusses the whole matter exhaustively and contains, I think many valuable suggestions.

The following are the official valuations for assessment of 1895-6 :

Ward.	Real Estate.	Personal.	Total.	Amount assessed.
1	\$2,687,300	\$ 719,400	\$3,406,700	\$46,658.70
2	4,351,600	1,591,100	5,942,700	81,117.52
3	3,436,050	1,955,500	5,391,550	73,654.95
4	1,738,250	391,800	2,130,050	29,181.98
5	2,361,200	332,900	2,694,100	36,874.77
6	1,396,710	201,700	1,598,410	21,577.65
	\$15,951,110	\$5,192,400	\$21,143,510	\$289,068.57
	Assessable bank capital, less real estate, etc.		2,246,376	31,000.00
			\$23,289,886	\$320,065.57
	Rate per centum.....	\$1.38		

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. A. BELL, *City Auditor.*

His Worship the Mayor.

SALARIES.

*Statement of Expenditure for Salaries from 1st May, 1894, to
30th April, 1895.*

1894.			
May 1.	Paid Thomas Rhind back account.....		\$ 200 00
31.	“ The Mayor and others for May.....		1691 65
	“ Thomas Rhind annuity.....		62 50
June 30.	“ Mayor and others for June.....		1691 65
	“ Thomas Rhind, “.....		62 50
July 31.	“ Mayor and others for July.....		1691 65
	“ Thomas Rhind, “.....		62 50
Aug. 31.	“ Mayor and others for August.....		1691 65
	“ Thomas Rhind, “.....		62 50
Sept. 30.	“ Mayor and others for September.....		1691 65
	“ Thomas Rhind, “.....		62 50
Oct. 31.	“ Mayor and others for October.....		1691 65
Nov. 30.	“ “ November.....		1691 65
Dec. 31.	“ “ December.....		1691 65
1895.	/		
Jan. 31.	“ “ January.....		1691 65
Feb. 28.	“ “ February.....		1691 65
Mar. 31.	“ “ March.....		1691 65
Apl. 30.	“ “ April.....		1691 65
	“ Registrars of Voters (Revisors Lists).....		200 00
			<u>\$21,012 50</u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

*Statement of Expenditure for Police Department from 1st May,
1894, to 30th April, 1895.*

1894.			
May 20.	Paid T. D. Spike for Numbers.....		\$ 2 60
June 1.	G. Cotter and others Pay Sheet.....		1970 24
6.	Wm. Ross, Police Calls.....		10 80
	Neil Ross, Torn Clothes.....		8 00
30.	Pay Sheet for June.....		1993 15
July 3.	A. Frizzle for Buttons.....		10 80
	J. Fitzpatrick, Torn Clothes.....		7 00
Aug. 2.	Pay Sheet for July.....		2093 15
	James McDonald, 1 Quarter.....		100 00
13.	T. W. Bateman, repairing Locks.....		2 00
	Alex. Grant, (Pd. F. D. Corbett).....		50 00