

*Statement of Expenditure for the Grain Elevator from May 1st,
1898, to April 30th, 1899.—(Special Loan).*

1898.			
Aug. 12.	Paid Geo. Ritchie, for Land Expropriated	2000	00
15.	Jas. Crawford, Land Expropriated	1750	00
22.	Jas. Crawford, Land Expropriated	2000	00
	Drysdale & McInnes, for A. W. Wilson	5075	00
	Drysdale & McInnes, Hogan Estate	2500	00
27.	McCoy & McCoy, Legal Expenses	170	00
Sept. 9.	Bank of Montreal	34400	00
Aug. 26.	Thomson & Thomson	1012	00
	Interest paid Merchant's Bank	1931	51
			<u>\$51838 51</u>

SUPERANNUATION R. MOTTON.

Statement of Amount paid to Ex-Stipendiary Motton during 1898.

1898.			
June 1.	Paid Mrs. Motton for May	83	33
30.	do do June	83	33
July 31.	do do July	83	33
Aug. 31.	do do August	83	33
Sept. 20.	Mrs. Motton, Vote City Council	250	00
			<u>\$583 32</u>

CONSOL PREMIUM ACCOUNT.

Statement of Amount paid on Consol Premium Account for 1898.

1898.			
July 11.	Paid Harris, Henry & Cahan, for Legal Advice	5	00
11.	Maritime Lith. Co., Debentures	68	26
	T. C. Allen & Co., Debentures	15	00
	Lithographic Co.	3	35
	Transfer to Sinking Fund	4000	00
			<u>\$4091 60</u>

REVISING CITY CHARTER.

*Statement of Amount paid for Revising City Charter from May 1st,
1898, to April 30th, 1899.*

1898.				
Aug. 4.	Paid	W. E. Thompson	.. . . .	60 00
Nov. 25.	do	do	.. . . .	50 00
1899.				
Feb. 9.	do	do	.. . . .	60 00
Mar. 4.	do	do	.. . . .	150 00
				<u>\$320 00</u>

BOARD OF APPEAL.

*Statement of Amounts paid Commissioners of Appeals from May
1st, 1898, to April 30th, 1899.*

1898.				
June 1.	Paid	T. E. Cooke, for 1898	.. . . .	100 00
		J. H. Symons, for 1898	.. . . .	100 00
		W. F. McCoy, for 1898	.. . . .	100 00
				<u>\$300 00</u>

DOG TAX.

*Statement of Expenditure for Dog Tax during year ending
April 30th, 1899.*

1898.				
June 31.	Paid	Forbes Manfg. Co., for Tags	.. . . .	<u>21 03</u>

FINES AND FEES.

*Statement of Expenditure for Fines and Fees during year ending
April 30th, 1899.*

1898.				
Sept. 1.	Paid	W. B. Ross, Amount Returned to A. Lawlor	.....	75 00
		J. J. McDonald Returned to Geo. Lydiard	.. . . .	6 00
				<u>\$81 00</u>

COUNTY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Statement of Expenditure for County Rifle Association during year ending April 30th, 1899.

1898.

Oct. 14 Paid C. F. Burns, Amount of Appropriation \$50 00

HALIFAX DISPENSARY.

Statement of Amount paid Halifax Dispensary for year ending April 30th, 1899.

1898.

Dec. 30. Paid W. H. Wiswell, Appropriation \$750 00

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY.

Statement of Amount paid Dalhousie College for year ending April 30th, 1899.

1898.

Dec. 30. Paid W. H. Moser, Appropriation \$500 00

SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

Statement of amount paid the School for the Blind for the Civic Year ending April 30th, 1899.

1898.

June 28. Paid C. F. Fraser, Supt. for 1898 \$675 00

INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

Statement of Amount paid Institution for the Deaf and Dumb during year ending April 30th, 1899.

1898.			
Dec. 5.	Paid A. MacKinlay, for 8 Pupils	.....	<u>\$600 00</u>

INFANTS' HOME.—Tower Road.

Statement of amount paid Infants' Home, Tower Road, for the Civic Year ending April 30th, 1899.

1898.			
June 13.	Paid Mrs. J. C. Mackintosh	.....	<u>300 00</u>

INFANTS' HOME.—Brunswick Street.

Statement of amount paid the R. C. Infants' Home for Civic Year ending April 30th, 1899.

1898.			
June 13.	Paid Sister De Paul	.....	<u>\$300 00</u>

ST. PATRICK'S REFORMATORY.

Statement of Amount paid for Maintenance of Boys at St. Patrick's Reformatory from May 1st, 1898, to April 30th, 1899.

1898.				
Aug. 8.	Paid Bro. Laurence, for 8 Boys	.....		142 89
Oct. 8.	do do 10 Boys	.....		194 44
1899.				
Feb. 6.	do do 13 Boys	.....		260 66
Apl. 30.	do do 3 Boys	.....		60 00
	do do 11 Boys	.....		171 78
				<u>\$829 77</u>

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

Statement of Amount paid for Maintenance of Boys at the Industrial School from May 1st, 1898, to April 30th, 1899.

1898.		
Aug. 16.	Paid H. P. Burton, for 8 Boys	176 65
Oct. 8.	H. P. Burton, for 8 Boys	193 31
1899.		
Feb. 8.	Robt. Norman, 10 Boys	226 44
Apl. 30.	H. P. Burton, 11 Boys	233 32
		\$829 72

TRUANTS.

Statement of Amounts paid for Truants under Compulsory Act, from May 1st, 1898, to April 30th, 1899.

1898.		
Aug. 16.	Paid H. P. Burton, 4 Boys, Industrial School	\$109 98
	Bro. Lawrence, 17 Boys, St. Patrick's Refor'tory.	279 54
Oct. 8.	H. P. Burton, 5 Boys	112 99
	Bro. Lawrence, 13 Boys	227 10
1899.		
Feb. 6.	Bro. Lawrence, 14 Boys	190 00
Feb. 8.	R. Norman, 5 Boys	164 83
Apl. 30.	H. P. Burton, 6 Boys	136 65
	Bro. Lawrence, 18 Boys	271 97
		\$1493 06

HOME OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Statement of Amount paid to Home of the Good Shepherd for Civic Year ending April 30th, 1899.

1899.		
Feb. 27.	Paid Appropriation	\$600 00
		\$600 00

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN.

Statement of amount paid School of Art and Design for Civic Year ending April 30th, 1899.

1898.		
Apl. 30.	Paid F. H. Oxley	\$500 00
		\$500 00

CHARITIES COMMITTEE REPORT.

Halifax, May 1, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I herewith beg to submit for your information the report of the Charities Committee for the year ending April 30, 1899.

At the beginning of the year, that is to say, May 1st, 1898 there were 355 inmates in the Poor's Asylum, made up of 210 men, 136 women and 9 children. During the year there were 376 admitted, 26 born, 37 discharged, and 50 died, leaving 336 in the institution at this date, divided as follows: 201 men, 128 women and 7 children.

The number of inmates from August to November was greater than last year, and on that account it was anticipated that during the winter months the records would show the largest number of inmates since the City assumed control of the institution. Happily, however, this did not occur. The number was less than last year, owing, no doubt, to the extra amount of City and other works which were carried on during that time.

There were 757 persons supported during the whole or part of the year. The largest number present at one time was 415 on January 16, and the smallest number was 328 on July 29th. The daily average was 368.

There has been no transfer of patients from Mount Hope Asylum to the Poor's Asylum during the year. The number of patients in Mount Hope for whom the City is liable is 29—13 men and 16 women. The rate for the maintenance of women patients has been increased from \$104.00 per year to \$130.00.

MAINTENANCE.

Revenue.

Appropriation	\$23,000.00	
Collected for the Maintenance of Patients, sales of wood, etc., making.....	11,236.00	
		<u>\$34,234.39</u>

Expenditure.

Interest	\$4,000.00
N. S. Hospital for Insane	3,526.60
Salaries	6,764.25
Coal	1,452.51
Groceries	6,737.31
Dry Goods	1,166.23
Beef	2,628.64
Milk	808.95
Fresh Fish	529.21
Leather	219.21
Straw	157.55
Pork	450.68
Potatoes	886.71
Insurance	870.00
Gas	646.05
Water Rates	500.00
Medicine	387.61
Yeast	51.90
Lumber	167.09
Fire Extinguishers	85.50
Lunacy Certificates	25.00
Shoes & Slippers	59.90
Telephone	35.00
Oats & Bran	64.13
Horse Shoeing	44.47
Horse & Express Wagon	209.75
Harness & repairs	48.40
Repairs to Wagons & Barrows	42.32
Crockeryware	48.65
Advertising	9.71
Oils' Brushes & White Lead	28.45
Beds & Mattresses	57.00
Books & Stationery	30.99
Hardware	178.52
Hats & Caps	30.90
Wood & House Expenses	994.46
Miscellaneous	264.17
	\$34,207.82
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Unexpended Balance	\$26.57

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

May 1st 1898 By balance carried forward 1899 & 1900 \$631.65

HOSPITAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

May 1st 1898 By balance carried forward 1899 & 1900 \$43.60

By referring to the expenditure you will notice that the amount paid the N. S. Hospital for Insane for the maintenance of Insane Poor chargeable to the City is \$3,526.60, which is nearly \$500.00 in excess of last year. This is accounted for by the increase in the rate, as mentioned above.

The sales of kindling and hardwood amounted to \$1369.39, and give promise of being larger next year.

32 coffins have been supplied to the Infants' Home, Tower Road, Home of the Guardian Angel, and to persons in the City who are unable to pay.

The Superintendent in his report has brought to the notice of the Committee the necessity of having new tar and gravel roofs placed on the main building and wings, as well as the outbuildings, in connection with the institution. This matter, I presume, will be attended to by the new Committee, as the appropriation for next year has been increased in order to meet such extra expenditure.

INCREASED ACCOMMODATION.

Again I am obliged to call your attention to the necessity of providing more accommodation, this time not only because of the want of employment, but because the various wards of the institution are becoming overcrowded.

The male insane ward has to-day 66 inmates and 3 nurses, where there is only cubic space sufficient for 65 people.

The Hospital Wards, both male and female, are filled to their utmost capacity, and there is not a vacant bed.

During the year I gave notice of motion that I would move in this matter, but it met with such strong opposition from the citizens I allowed it to be dropped from the Order Paper.

In the near future some other Chairman will harvest where I have sown.

It has been customary in the past to publish in the Annual Report a list of all persons who have been in the institution during the year,

but as a most full and complete record is kept at the office, and feeling that no good comes of the published list, I have instructed the Superintendent that he need not prepare one.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. BUTLER,
Chairman.

Halifax Poor's Asylum,
April 30, 1899.

To the Chairman and Members of the Charities Committee:

Gentlemen,—I respectfully beg to submit the Annual Report of this Institution for the year ending April 30, 1898.

Number remaining April 30th, 1898:—

Males	210
Females	136
Children	9

Total	355
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Admitted from May 1, 1898 to April 30, 1899	376
Number born	26

402

Discharged from May 1, 1898 to April 30, 1899	371
Number died	50

421

Remaining April 30, 1899:—

Males	201
Females	128
Children	7

336

Largest number during the year	415
Smallest	328
Average	368

The number of persons supported during the whole or part of the year was 757.

In submitting this the thirteenth annual report of the Poor's Asylum it might be well to speak of a few matters which need to be considered for the welfare of the Institution.

The harmless insane patients are becoming more numerous each year, and at the present time the space set apart for the sleeping apartments of the male insane patients is overtaxed. This class of patients require more room than the ordinary inmates, and it would not be wise to admit any more until such time as more accommodation is provided.

In making the plans for this building the space was equally divided, that is to say, the same amount of room was provided for the women as for the men. Events have proved that this was a mistake, and as a result, the women's side of the house is never filled, while the other side is taxed to its utmost capacity. To show the matter more plainly, we now have 201 male inmates and only 128 females.

Immediate attention to the roofs of the main building, wings, and outbuildings is necessary. They are now in use over thirteen years, and few repairs have ever been made on them. They cannot, however, be permitted to remain in their present condition another year. It is highly important that this matter should receive an early and favorable consideration, and the work proceeded with as soon as possible.

We have been troubled during the year by a number of men (and I am sorry to say some of them old men) who come in here after a lengthened spree, and who stay long enough to get recruited up and then go out and do the same thing over again. Many times they bring letters from clergymen or other kindly disposed persons asking me to admit them for a few days. This indiscriminate giving of letters does more harm than good, and should be discountenanced, and such persons should not be tolerated in this institution, except during the Winter months.

We have had during the year a number of musical and literary entertainments, as well as a band concert, all of which have been largely attended by the inmates. These entertainments, in my opinion do a great deal of good, and are very much appreciated by those who are obliged to take up their abode here.

The inmates have been employed as much as possible making concrete and kindling wood, painting, whitewashing and at other work necessary in an institution of this kind. They have also made the shoes and clothing for the patients in the Hospital for Insane who are chargeable to the City of Halifax.

Acting under instructions from the Chairman I have not prepared a list of inmates, as has been done in previous years.

My sincere thanks, and those of the inmates, are due to all kind friends for gifts of flowers, fruits, books, tobacco, pipes, etc., and to those who have contributed to the success of the entertainments I wish to assure them that their efforts were appreciated.

In concluding, I wish to thank you on behalf of myself and the other officials for your kind advice and many courtesies.

Respectfully submitted

JAMES H. DOW.

Superintendent of Poor's Asylum.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

Halifax, May 12th, 1899.

JAMES T. HAMILTON, ESQ., *Mayor, Chairman of Police Commission :*

Sir:—In submitting my sixth annual report as Chief of Police of the City of Halifax, it gives me pleasure to be able to still congratulate the citizens upon the condition of affairs as regarded from the Police point of view. As in former years, I am able to state that nothing has occurred calling for more than ordinary interference; a fact which while it speaks well for our people, is at the same time creditable to the Police whose vigilance must have contributed largely to the prevention of disturbance and the more serious offences that are so common in many other places, some of which have not so large nor so miscellaneous a population as Halifax.

While this satisfactory condition of affairs exists as regards the City generally, there still remains the complaint of want of more police protection in the suburbs and the recently built up parts of the City. I have before pointed out the impossibility of furnishing suburban protection and at the same time making an efficient patrol of the other parts of the City without the increase, either temporary or permanent, in the number of men. The force at present at my disposal allows me only 17 men for night duty on the streets, and 12 for day duty, as one division must be reserved for station duty. And even all these are not always available. In the 6 Sergeants and 37 men last year, there were 588 days absence from sickness, an average of nearly 14 days per man. Each member of the force also gets as regular holidays 12 days leave of absence, besides odd days of special leave. Thus, we are always some short, and the extension of the beats of the men would, I believe, be followed by an increase of

disorder in the City proper. It is well known that there are certain comparatively small sections of the City in which the constant presence of quite a considerable percentage of the force is absolutely necessary to prevent, not only disorderly conduct, but serious crime.

As bearing on the question of increasing the force, I may be permitted to repeat what I said in my report last year, viz:-

"If some ten men could be engaged for six months—May to November—as specials, I could spare men for suburban service during that period, and suburban residents would have some protection during the period when most required. It would not necessarily follow that the suburbs would have the care of only the inexperienced specials. The latter could take the place in other ways of regular officers who might be detailed for suburban duty."

And it may be added that the experience gained would be useful when, the permanent increase having been made, as it will have to be, some of the specials would be taken on.

In the hope that definite action will be taken in the near future, I again leave the matter for the consideration of the City Council.

During the past year, after representations from and consultations with the Board of School Commissioners, it was decided to make an effort to "clear out" the houses of questionable repute in the vicinity of and on certain of the streets leading to the Halifax Academy, corner of Sackville and South Brunswick Streets. The "houses" had existed for years before the Academy was built; there was some doubt as to the legal authority to attack such places without formal complaint, and there was also doubt as to the wisdom of scattering about the city such characters as occupied those houses. But the crusade was decided upon. Policeman Louis Nickerson was detailed for special surveillance of the houses; and while, aided by others of the force, he secured several convictions, many of the objectionable characters moved away to other parts of the City without waiting to be reported or prosecuted. The surroundings and approaches to the Academy have thus been partly cleared of the offenders, but at times reports are received from other localities of the conduct of the newly arrived. These reports have received attention, and everything possible with present facilities is being done to suppress and prevent the spread of an offence which appears inseparable from all cities with a mixed and transient population, and from which even some rural towns do not appear to be entirely free.

No changes of any consequence have taken place during the year in the personnel of the force. Two vacancies occurred by resignation. One of these vacancies has not been filled to date. The conduct of the men generally has been good, but where required, discipline has been enforced, or penalty inflicted. It gives me pleasure to be able to report this generally satisfactory state of affairs.

The services of Detective Power, both within and without the City, have been rendered with the usual care and vigilance of that officer, and with the customary satisfaction to those by whom he was engaged.

Being a naval and military station, the work of the City Police is added to by the disorderly element (not at all a large one) among the sailors and soldiers; but there is always an efficient patrol by the naval and military police, and the city police are thus materially aided. It is with no intention of reflecting on his predecessors, against whom I have no complaint to make, that I take this opportunity to commend the Sergeant at present in charge of the Military Police for his prompt and vigilant discharge of his duties. I may add that the best of feeling has always existed between the Imperial and Civic Police.

The usual table of offences for the year, with the alleged religions, the given nationalities, and the ages and sexes of the offenders, is appended hereto. The offences number 2482, being 39 more than the previous year. The number of offences is largely in excess of the offenders, as the latter are frequently entered on the books for two, three or more offences under the one arrest. By comparing the figures with those of the previous year it will be seen that there was a decrease of 8 in the number of aggravated assaults; an increase of 27 in common assaults; an increase of 152 in drunk on the street; an increase of 117 in larceny; and an increase of 24 in the number of convictions for violation of license Act.

In the matter of ages, the comparison shows an increase in those between 8 and 16 years, the figures being for the previous year 145, and for last year 201, which may arise not so much from an actual increase in the number of juvenile offenders as in a more determined effort to prevent the juveniles from taking full possession of the streets to which they are driven in the absence of any other general playground than the Common.

I have to return my thanks to the gentlemen composing the Police Commission during the past year for many courtesies extended, and

would express my pleasure at the harmonious relations which have always existed between the Commission and the Chief, with out which it would be impossible to submit from year to year, as I have the satisfaction of doing, reports which show the system to be working to the advantage of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN O'SULLIVAN,

Chief of Police.

OFFENCES, 1898-9.

Absenting themselves from School.....	49
Absenting themselves from Ship.....	11
Allowing vehicles to stand on street.....	2
Allowing geese to go at large on street.....	1
Allowing cattle to go at large on street.....	7
Assault (Aggravated)	4
Assault (common)	185
Assaulting police	2
Assault and theft	1
Attempted abortion	3
Attempted theft	2
Attempted rape	1
Attempt to obtain money by false pretences	1
Boarding infant without license	2
Breaking, entering and attempting to steal.....	1
Breaking factory and theft	1
Burglary and theft	7
Buying military clothing	1
Carrying revolver	2
Challenging to fight	1
Committing an indecent act	6
Common drunkard	14
Cruelty to animals	7
Damaging property	6
Depositing rubbish on street	4
Desertion from H. M. Navy	1
Disobeying lawful commands of master of ship.....	9
Disobedience and threat on American ship.....	1
Disorderly conduct on or near street	126
Driving on sidewalk	12
Driving horse and cart across the common	1
Drunk on the street	876
Escaping from city prison.....	1
Escaping from Home of Good Shepherd.....	3
Exhibiting wares on sidewalk	1
False pretences	1
Fighting on the street	46
Fraudulent conversion	1
Furious driving	5
Housebreaking and theft	2
Illegal bathing in harbor	4
Incest	1
Inmates of bawdy house	5
Inmates of disorderly house	2
Interfering with railway cars	3
Keeping cows within prescribed limits.....	1

Keeping conveyance for hire without license	6
Keeping bawdy house	7
Keeping disorderly house	2
Keeping house of resort for prostitutes	1
Larceny	244
Loitering about Police Station	1
Loitering and obstructing foot passengers on street	56
Mischief	66
Moving heavy goods on permanent sidewalk without protect- ing same	3
Neglecting to provide for wife and family	14
Neglecting to have number on night soil cart.....	1
Neglecting to register dog	67
Obstructing police	5
Obstructing street with encumbrances	17
Offering unwholesome food for sale	1
Peddling without license	4
Perury	5
Rape	1
Receiving military clothing	1
Refusing to maintain themselves	1
Removing night soil without license	1
Resisting Police	43
Riding bicycle at night without light	5
Shopbreaking and theft	12
Smoking on street (minor)	3
Spilling refuse on street	1
Stowaways	1
Throwing stones on street	11
Throwing snowballs on street	5
Trespassing on I. C. Ry property	19
Unlawful carnal knowledge	5
Unlawfully setting bonfire	10
Unsound mind	4
Using abusive language	50
Using obscene language	37
Using profane language	116
Using provoking language	1
Using threatening language	23
Uttering forged cheque	2
Vagrancy	33
Violation Lord's Day Act (servile labor)	6
Violation Lord's Day Act (minors playing games on street) ..	24
Violation of City Health Rules.....	13
Violation Chimney Ordinance	12
Violation Snow Ordinance	3
Violation of Pound Ordinance	3
Violation Hack and Truck Ordinance	20
Violation Liquor License Act	73
Violation Inland Revenue Act	2
Washing windows after hours	2
Total	2482

WHERE BORN.

Halifax	863
Nova Scotia	382
New Brunswick	39
Prince Edward Island	24
Ontario	7
Quebec	3
Newfoundland	90
England	178
Scotland	27
Ireland	115
Wales	2
Channel Island	9
Isle of Man	4
East Indies	3
West Indies	3
British Honduras	1
United States	42
Germany	6
France	1
Italy	8
Spain	13
Holland	3
Norway and Sweden	14
Finland,	3
Arabia	1
St. Pierre	2
Not given	639
Total	2482

RELIGION.

Roman Catholic	1038
Church of England	466
Presbyterian	120
Baptist	115
Methodist	99
Lutheran	20
Salvation Army	2
Christian	1
Universalist	2
None	2
Not Given	618
Total	2482

AGE.

Under 8 years	8
Between 8 and 12 years	63
Between 12 and 16 years	130
Between 16 and 20 years	149
Between 20 and 25 years	444
Between 25 and 30 years	290
Between 30 and 40 years	411
Between 40 and 50 years	226
Between 50 and 60 years	102
Between 60 and 70 years	30
Between 70 and 80 years	8
Not given	621
Total	2482

SEX.

MONTH.	Male.	Female.	Total.
May, 1898,	165	35	200
June, 1898,	190	43	233
July, 1898,	174	46	220
August, 1898,	271	41	312
September, 1898,	181	35	216
October, 1898,	174	23	197
November, 1898,	133	34	167
December, 1898,	185	26	211
January, 1899,	116	31	147
February, 1899,	207	11	218
March, 1899,	134	23	157
April, 1899,	178	26	204
Total	2108	374	2482

REPORT COMMITTEE

ON

CITIZENS' FREE LIBRARY, 1898-99

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council :

During the past year a number of improvements have been made in the Citizens' Free Library. An attempt was made to keep the library open in part at least, during the progress of the work; but as this was found to be impracticable, the doors were closed to the public on the 21st of May last, and not reopened until September 19th. In the meantime the partition by which the room used as a reading room was separated from the main building was removed, the books on the shelves were entirely rearranged and reclassified, and a new charging system was obtained and made ready to be put in operation. The removal of the partition between the reading room and the main library room gives readers a much pleasanter and better ventilated room, while at the same time, it greatly improves the lighting of the library and places the librarian in a position to oversee the different departments to a much better advantage.

The classification and rearrangement of the books involved a large amount of labor, as each book on the shelves had to be handled a number of times during various stages of the work; but it will facilitate to a large extent the use of the library by the public.

In making some of the improvements referred to we had the advantage of personal consultation with Mr. Putman, until recently the Chief Librarian of the Boston public library, now librarian of the United States Congressional Library, and some of his assistants; Mr. M. J. Griffin, of the Parliamentary Library at Ottawa, Mr. Rain of the Toronto Public Library, the Chief Librarian of the Astor Library, New York, Miss Sargent, Head Librarian of the Public Library, Medford, Mass., and officials of the Library Bureau, Boston. To all these thanks are due for services and suggestions.

The system of classification adopted is that known as the "Dewey Cutter," of which it is perhaps sufficient to say that it is in use in many of the largest and best libraries of the United States, including the New York State Library, and that it has recently been adopted by the Hamilton, Ontario, public library, one of the best equipped libraries of the Dominion.

The charging system by which is meant the system by which we keep a record of books in circulation, was adopted after careful investigation from the Medford library, and has fully justified the good opinions expressed by library experts familiar with its working. Prior to the adoption of the system, as the work of the library increased, our record was getting more and more hopelessly behind hand. To-day we are in a position to tell at any given moment exactly how many books are in circulation, to what classes they belong, when they are returnable, and, if they are overdue, how many days they are overdue, and the amount of fine to be collected from the borrower.

An accession book opened at the beginning of the year shows the number of books added from time to time, with details as to title, author, publisher, date, size, cost and class—information that is very desirable to have readily accessible in the event of a book being lost or damaged or its being necessary for any reason to replace it.

Another important improvement made during the year was in connection with the electric lighting of the library. Formerly the Librarians were put to much inconvenience in looking for books owing to insufficient light. Now, owing to the arrangement of lights and additions made to the lighting system, all the stacks are well lighted and any book on the shelves can be readily found.

Experience has shown that for a public library the best binding is the cheapest. We are glad to be able to say that as the result of the painstaking work of Mr. Shiers the character of the binding placed upon our shelves is not surpassed by any library on the continent, and we only know of one binder in Great Britain whose work in appearance and durability can be compared with our own. In addition to his ordinary binder's work, Mr. Shiers has mounted on strong cotton a large number of art studies which have been classified according to subjects and are issued to art students or others who desire to make use of them.

During the year nearly a thousand volumes of new books have been added to the library, including a number of valuable works of reference.

In addition to books purchased out of the regular Library appropriation we received several donations including a full set of the Canadian Encyclopaedia just published, a complete set of the works of Charles Darwin, and some fifteen volumes of miscellaneous scientific works. We were also enabled to acquire a considerable number of valuable works, including a cyclopaedia of literature in 30 volumes from surplus funds placed at the disposal of the Committee by the Executive of the Summer Carnival Committee.

The Librarian reports a total issue of books during the portion of the year that the library has been open to the public of 54,175. Divided into classes, this number includes Fiction, 20,080; History-Biography, 970; Travel, 646; General Literature, including Poetry, Drama, Essays, Letters, Speeches and Miscellaneous, 2,980; Philology-Natural, Science-Sociology, 254; Useful and Fine Arts, 179; Philosophy- Religion, 90; Periodicals, 4,034; Reference, 22,167. No books are reported to have been lost. Several which were seriously damaged were replaced by the borrowers, or made good at their expense.

The only other change made during the year that appears to be worthy of note was the opening of the Library to the public during the morning hours. For a number of years the hours were from 1 o'clock p. m., until 7, and on Saturdays in addition from 7 until 9.30. As there was a demand for the opening of the Library in the morning and there appeared to be little or nothing for the Librarians to do during the hours from 1 p. m., to 2, and from 6 p. m. to 7, it was decided by the Committee to close during the latter hours and to substitute the hours from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m.

With regard to expenditures, it may be said that the City of Hamilton, with a population practically the same as that of Halifax, pays for salaries alone in connection with its Library within a small fraction of double the amount with which the Committee of the Citizens' Free Library are expected to meet all expenses, including salaries, cleaning, purchase of books, subscriptions to periodicals, replacing books worn out, binding, repairs and supplies. The salary paid by Hamilton to its Chief Librarian alone is almost equal to the total amount of the annual expenditure upon the Citizens' Free Library for all purposes up to 1897-98. It must be evident from these figures that there is no foundation for the idea that there has been any excessive expenditure of public money in connection with the Citizens' Free Library. On the contrary, as compared with other places of equal size, and importance, the expenditure has been small to the verge of niggardliness.

With reference to the accommodation offered to the public, it can only be said that the Committee would be glad to do more if the means at their disposal permitted. The Hamilton Library, to which reference has been made, is open to the public from 8.30 a. m. until 9.30 p. m. on 305 days of the year, but the Hamilton Library is housed in a handsome, well equipped building, erected for the purpose, with spacious, well furnished reading rooms, and is provided with a revenue sufficient for all its needs, and a staff of competent, well trained and well paid officials.

With respect to the last point—the results attained—the character of the results must depend largely, if not entirely, upon the conditions, and that the two conditions essential to good results are money and method. A well conducted public Library, next to the common schools, is one of the most valuable educational institutions that a city can possess. Its educational value, in fact, is the chief, if not the only, ground upon which its existence can be justified; but a library can no more be run without money than a steam engine can be run without steam. Money converted into books is the fuel that keeps the machinery moving, and the moment the supply of fuel stops, the machinery ceases to work.

So far as the Citizens' Free Library fails to accomplish the results that should be expected of it, the cause is to be found wholly in the system under which it has been carried on, and so long as that system is continued the result must be more or less disappointment. In the Province of Ontario where the English principle has been adopted of permitting the people of the cities and towns to assess themselves for the support of their Public Libraries the results are conspicuously successful. In the City already referred to as one that may be fairly selected for purposes of comparison, a rate of one-half mill on the assessment yields a sum that not only pays all the ordinary running expenses of the Library on a fairly liberal scale, but covers an annual first charge in connection with the bonds issued to defray the cost of the building that in ten years more will have fully paid off the cost of the purchase of ground and the erection and equipment of the Library Building.

If similar policy is adopted and a like principle applied in Halifax, it will not be many years before we have a Library Building that will be at once an ornament and a credit to the City and no one will have cause to complain either of the expenditure or of the results.

J. M. GELDERT, JR., *Chairman.*

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

OFFICE OF THE CITY HEALTH BOARD,

Halifax, N. S., April 30th, 1898.

To the Chairman and Members of the City Health Board:

Gentlemen,—I beg respectfully to submit, for the information of your Board, the following summary of reports of the work performed by the officers of this department for the civic year ending 30th April, 1899.

Complaints respecting the unsanitary condition of 195 premises were received at this office, all of which were carefully investigated, and dealt with as the circumstances in each case required.

These complaints were for:

Overflowing and offensive privy vaults.....	55
Overflowing cesspools	3
Wet and dirty cellars.....	29
Offensive stable manure.....	12
Yards in a filthy condition.....	36
Rooms in tenement houses dirty.....	5
Waste pipes leaking	7
Offensive and defective w. c.'s.....	10
Defective drains	15
Privy buildings dilapidated	2
Water running over sidewalk.....	3
Defective plumbing	5
Bad fish offered for sale	2
Constructing drains from p. v's	2
Smoke nuisance	2
Offensive smell in houses	8
No. of notices served	162
No. of reinspections made	279

Inspected 470 houses and found 113 in bad sanitary condition.

The causes of defects were:

Overflowing and offensive privy vaults	89
Stable yards dirty	10
Defective drains	35
Defective plumbing	35
Wet and dirty cellars	46
Dilapidated privy buildings	2
Dirty yards	77
W. C.'s in filthy condition	
Notices served	
No. of permits issued from office for the removal of night soil....	759
No. of loads removed	1359

The foregoing is a summary of work performed by myself in addition to the regular routine office work.

N. MEAGHER,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

The foregoing is a summary of the result of house-to-house inspection made by Assistant Inspector and of the defects found:

A. J. PENNY'S REPORT

from 1st May, 1898. to 30th April, 1899.

No. of premises inspected	3973
No. of stables inspected	653
No. of reinspections made	506
No. of complaints inspected	47
No. of second inspections made	213
No. of premises found in good condition	4042
No. of premises found in bad condition	697

The causes of defects were:

Overflowing and offensive privy vaults	532
Dilapidated privy buildings	14
Yards found in a filthy condition	171
Wet and dirty cellars	59
Drains defective	49
Plumbing defective	61
W. C.'s in bad condition	21
Written notices served	684
No. of houses placarded for Scarlet Fever	110

No. of houses placarded for diphtheria	55
No. of houses re-placarded	43
No. of houses fumigated	165
No. of calls made to infectious houses	274

JOHN E. BURNS' REPORT

Employed from June 13th to December 31st, 1898.

No. of premises inspected	2451
No. of stables inspected	318
No. of reinspections made	578
No. of complaints inspected	60
No. premises found in good condition	2809
No. of premises found in bad condition	280

The causes of defects were:

Overflowing and offensive privy vaults.....	179
Yards found in a filthy condition	79
Wet and dirty cellars	27
W C's in bad condition	9
Drains defective	5
Plumbing defective	17
Written notices served	280

A systematic inspection has been kept up subsequent to the regular house-to-house inspection in the various streets, parts of streets and lanes which frequently lapse into an insanitary condition. The number of such inspections was 1518 of which 71 were found for a second and third time to be in a bad condition. 71 written notices were served on the respective owners or the agents.

REPORT OF RICHARD CURRIE,

Inspector of Slaughter Houses, Meat Markets, etc., from August 13th to December 17th, 1898.

No. of inspections made of Slaughter houses.....	284
No. of inspections made of Victuallers and Pork shops.....	1874
No. of inspections made of Auction rooms	105
No. of inspections made of Hide Stores	71
No. of inspections made of Markets	24
No. of inspections made of Cattle sales	28

Condemned and had destroyed as unfit for human food:

94 barrels of potatoes, 20 barrels of oysters, 66 baskets of grapes, 350 bounds of ham and bacon, 29 lambs, 8 sheep, 8 quarters and about 500 pounds of cut up beef, 7 pieces of moose meat, 2 quarters of bear meat, 150 pounds of corn beef, 2 cows, 2 calves, 1 ox, 2 shoulders of smoked pork, 3 boxes of fish, 1 box of fruit, 6 bunches lights, 2 livers, 1 pig, 36 turkeys, 27 pairs of hares, 41 ducks, 87 chickens and 42 geese.

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF GEORGE P. HENRY,

(Appointed after Mr. Currie's death.)

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTER HOUSES, MEAT MARKETS, Etc.
from January 5th to April 30th, 1899.

No. of inspections made of slaughter houses	179
No. of inspections made of grocers, victuallers and pork shops..	2599
No. of inspections made of auction rooms	48
No. of inspections made of dairymen's places.....	22
No. of inspections made of hide stores.....	51

Condemned and had destroyed as unfit for human food:

11 calves, 1 cow, 3 pig heads, 11 chickens, 42 lambs, 16 quarters and 7 pieces of beef, 23 pieces of pork, 1 ham, 8 turkeys, 1 goose, 7 carcasses and 22 quarters of mutton, 1 pair of ducks, 1 sheep, 11 pigs and 1-2 barrel of halibut heads.

Respectfully submitted,

N. MEAGHER,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Halifax, N. S. June 22, 1899.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Board of Fire Commissioners beg to submit for the information of the City Council and the Citizens generally their Annual Report for the civic year 1898-9.

Your Board are pleased to be in a position to state that the loss by fire during the year has been comparatively slight, there having been only four fires where the loss has exceeded \$1,000.00, viz:—the fire at Crowell's hardware store and Heisler's grocery store on the 21st June where the damage was assessed at about \$10,000; that at Boutillier's fruit store on the 21st September, damage \$1500; the Lyceum fire, 15th March, damage \$9000; and the Barrington Street fire, 17th April, where the loss amounted to about \$26,000. In all the other cases the damage was trifling. The report of the Chief of the Department hereto annexed gives a full statement of the several fires, the date of their occurrence together with an approximate idea of the amount of damage at each fire.,

Your Board during the past year have carefully guarded the finances of the Department, requiring full value for every dollar expended, and have utilized the services of the paid staff at any work required wherever it was found practicable so to do without impairing its efficiency. The work on the interior of the West Street House has been completed and the several rooms comfortably furnished, making it now one of the pleasantest, and what is of most consequence, the one best adapted for the use for which it was constructed. The Bedford Row, Queen Street and other houses have been carefully examined, and wherever repairs were required they have been attended to.

Your Board has found it necessary during the past year to dispose of four of their horses that were unfit for the service, and unfortunately one of the pair kept at the Grafton Street House died. They have found it necessary to purchase nine new horses, which have been disposed of as follows:—One pair for the Bedford Row Engine House; (The Board had been up to this time using a pair of horses belonging

to the Works Department for the Steamer stationed at this house but did not consider it advisable to continue this arrangement any longer). Five of the horses were bought to replace those that were sold or died; one for Quinpool Road house and one that is kept as a spare horse and is used by the Electrician and for general purposes.

Your Board wishes to state that although there may at present be sufficient quantity of hose for the immediate use and needs of the Department, yet it must be kept in mind that a large proportion of it has passed the guaranteed life limit, and in the near future it will be necessary to purchase at least two thousand feet more in order that the Department may be fully equipped in that respect for any emergency that may arise.

The Board are pleased to be able to say that there have been very few complaints laid against the members of the Department during the past year, and that they have found both officers and men attentive to and active in the discharge of their duties.

Attached hereto will be found the Annual Report of the Chief of the Department and that of the Electrician.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. CAMPBELL,
Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE HALIFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT,

For the Year ending April 30th, 1899.

To the Chairman and Board Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners :

Gentlemen,—In submitting for your information and the information of His Worship the Mayor and City Council my third Annual Report of the Full Paid and Part Call Fire Department of this City, I have much pleasure in being able to place before you and the citizens in general such a favourable record of the Department for the past year. Order and discipline have taken the place of the go-as-you-please and do-as-you-like system which existed a few years ago. This change cannot be so easily noticed at our small everyday fires but at our large ones, such as the Lyceum and Barrington Street fires, could be seen the change there is in fighting fires. The drill which the Department has gone through for the past three years is now bringing forth its fruit and if continued and permanently looked after Halifax will have in a short time a Fire Department which will be to it a credit and assurance of safety. It has often been said through the past year "it is a long time since we had a fire"; but such has not been the case, as we have only four calls less this year than we had last; but the citizens are getting more educated in the use of our chemical engines. They are called by telephone, and thereby save the ringing of fire bells and the disturbing of the whole City. The Department responded to seventy-two calls this year (four less than last year); twenty-nine were bell alarms and forty-three telephone calls (still alarms). All the telephone calls and eighteen out of the twenty-nine bell alarms were extinguished by the chemicals.

The number of fires where the loss did not exceed \$300.00 was sixty-six, and the total loss on that number was \$1,520.00; adding to this the damage to Whelan's house, Grafton Street, \$500.00, Forbes' Factory, Bedford Row, \$1052.00 and Boutillier's Fruit Store, Barrington Street, \$1750.00, will make the total loss this year —\$4822.00, compared to over \$7000.00 last year for all fires under \$2000.00 damages. We had three heavy fires this year — Crowell's Hardware and Heisler's Grocery in the same building on Upper Water Street caused a loss of \$11,784.00, the Lyceum \$9,000.00 and Taylor's, Cabot's and others on Barrington Street \$26,000.00, making the total

loss on these three fires \$46,784.00 and the total loss on all fires this year \$51,606.00, compared with over \$87,000.00 for the year previous. At the Barrington Street fire on the 17th of April was the first time since the Paid Department got organized that fire extended to any building outside of where it originated, and on that occasion it is considered fire had possession of three buildings in the rear before the Department was called, then the dense smoke and the difficulty in getting to work at a fire in such a closely built district shows the firemen did noble work in preventing it from spreading further.

I have since my appointment so often called the attention of the Board of Fire Commissioners to the great need there is for a thorough inspection of buildings and chimnies, I would not again do so only I consider it my duty while holding my present position. I will therefore at an early date place this important matter once more before your Board. Much credit is due Chairman Campbell and the Board in general for the economy used and the buisness manner in which the business of the Department was transacted this year. Many repairs and improvements have been made both in houses and apparatus. West Street Engine House has been finished, which gives to the Department as good and convenient a fire station as may be found in cities much larger than Halifax. Bedford Row Engine House has been repaired and altered, and is now a neat, convenient Engine House. The stables at Queen Street and Central Engine House have been repaired, and it may be considered the repairs for the coming year will be small; but alterations in Queen Street and Cntral Engine House are much required, and I am confident if the same business principle and economy is observed as has been for the past year the alterations can be made without embarrassing the funds of the Commission. Nos. 1 and 4 Steamers have been overhauled, and the running gear of No. 2 steamer has been thoroughly repaired, which places the regular working apparatus of the Department in first-class condition, consisting of five steam fire engines, two chemical engines, eight hose waggons and two hook and ladder trucks, all well equipped. The two thousand feet of hose purchased last year has given the Department, for one or two years at least, sufficient reliable hose for any demand that may be made on it.

I have often asked the Board to place before the Water Department or the City Council the need that exists for hydrants for fire protection in certain parts of the City; but nothing has ever been done about it. I will call the attention of your Board once more to this matter, as it is of much importance; also the extension of the water services for fire protection some distance on Longard Road. There is

a district there building up very fast which has no fire protection, as the nearest hydrant is about fifteen hundred feet from the first house in that district.

While I say the Department is well equipped and able to cope with any ordinary fire in any of our two, three or four storey buildings, it cannot be lost sight of that a fire in the upper stories of any of our many high buildings is beyond the reach of the firemen with the present ladder equipment, and for that reason I consider an Aerial ladder and water-tower the most important addition that can be made to our Fire Department apparatus, and I feel the want of such is the most defective part of the Department to-day. I will therefore ask your Board to consider this important matter.

Our fire alarm has been in perfect order this year, and I may say in closing this has been a very progressive year for our Fire Department in all its branches.

I thank the Chairman and Board of Fire Commissioners for the assistance they have given me, and the thanks of the citizens are due them for the interest they have taken in the Department.

I thank Captain Scott of the Union protection Company and his men for the cordial assistance given me when needed; the Chief of Police and his men for their efforts in preserving order at fires and their promptness in calling the firemen.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CONNOLLY,

Chief Halifax Fire Dept.

Record of Fires and Alarms,

From May 1st, 1898, to April 30th, 1899.

May 1st.	Telephone.	House on North Barrington St.	No damage.
10th.	Box 17.	Mackasey's liquor store, cor Grafton and Duke Streets,	Damage \$100.
10th.	Telephone.	Nichol & Tracey's, Grafton St.	No damage.
13th.	Telephone.	Tower Woods.	No damage.
17th.	Telephone.	37 Tobin Street.	Damage \$50.00.
29th.	Box 36.	Mallone's shop, Upper Water Street.	Damage \$100.
31st.	Box 32.	Fitzpatrick's, Lockman Street.	Damage \$25.00.
Jun. 7th.	Telephone.	Murphy's house, Albermarle Street.	No damage.

	19th.	Telephone.	Brigade Office. No damage.
	21st.	Box 36.	Crowell's hardware and Heister's Grocery, Upper Water Street. Damage \$10,884.00.
	22nd.	Box 15.	Whelan's, Grafton Street. Damage \$500.
	22nd.	Box 34.	European Hotel, Upper Water Street. Damage \$25.00.
July	4th.	Box 24.	House 72 Agricola Street. Damage slight.
	10th.	Box 13.	Cor. Salter and Hollis Street. No damage.
	11th.	Telephone.	Colonial market. No damage.
Aug.	4th.	Box 62.	Cashen's barn, Seymour Street. Damage \$25.00.
	7th.	Box 5	House south end of Robie Street. Damage \$25.00.
	18th.	Telephone.	Cragg Bros., hardware. No damage.
	20th.	Box 6.	Mr. Seaman's house, Brenton Street. Damage \$100.
Sep.	21st.	Box 41.	Boutillier's fruit store, Barrington St. Damage \$1,750.00.
	24th.	Telephone.	Halliday's, Barrington Street. Damage slight.
	24th.	Telephone.	Rec. Mr. Stephen's house, Seymour St. Damage slight.
Oct.	4th.	Telephone.	R. A. Barracks. No damage.
	7th.	Telephone.	Sugar Refinery Office. No damage.
	10th.	Telephone.	Peart's fancy goods store, Duke Street. Damage slight.
	12th.	Telephone.	House Creighton Street. No damage.
	15th.	Box 24.	Chimney, Agricola Street. No damage.
	24th.	Box 14.	Forbes manufacturing, Bedford Row. Damage \$1,052.
	26th.	Box 28.	House Cor. Russell and Campbell Road. Damage \$100.
	27th.	Telephone.	Campbell Road. No damage.
	28th.	Box 16.	Imperial Oil Co's Office, Water Street. Damage \$50.00.
Nov.	10th.	Telephone.	Smith's tailor shop, Hollis Street. No damage.
	18th.	Telephone.	Crump & Perrior, Barrington Street. Damage \$25.00.
	18th.	Telephone.	House, Bloomfield Street. Damage slight.
	19th.	Telephone.	House, Robie Street. Damage slight.
	20th.	Telephone.	Chimney, Cornwallis Street. No damage.
	27th.	Telephone.	Chimney, Cor. Cornwallis and Water Sts. No damage.
Dec.	4th.	Telephone.	Chimney, Gottingen Street. No damage.
	5th.	Telephone.	House, Campbell Road. Damage slight.
	14th.	Telephone.	House, Cor. May St., and Kempt Road. Damage slight.
	20th.	Box 27.	Oil Works at Colored Settlement. Damage \$75.00.
	21st.	Telephone.	B. F. Pearson's house, Pleasant Street. Damage \$50.
Jan.	2nd.	Box 24.	House 126 Gottingen Street. Damage slight.
	11th.	Telephone.	A. & W. MacKinlay's, Granville Street. Damage \$25.00.
	14th.	Telephone.	Yetman's, Upper Water Street. Damage slight.
	15th.	Telephone.	House, Carlton Street. Damage slight.
	16th.	Telephone.	House, Argyle Street. Damage slight.
	21st.	Telephone.	House, South Street. Damage \$25.00.
	21st.	Telephone.	Chimney, Creighton Street. No damage.
	31st.	Telephone.	Capt. Clarkson's, South Park St. Damage \$125.00.
Feb.	10th.	Box 3.	Citadel. Damage not known.
	10th.	Telephone.	Citadel. Damage not known.
	17th.	Telephone.	Blind Asylum. Damage slight.
	25th.	Telephone.	Mrs. J. N. Lyons, Tower Road. Damage slight.
	26th.	Box 24.	House, Longard Road. Damage \$100.00.

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- Mar. 5th. Box 3 Cor. Grafton and George Streets. Damage slight.
 13th. Telephone. Ward's Cigar Store, Barrington St. Damage \$50.00.
 14th. Box 34. Barn off Lockman Street. Damage slight.
 15th. Box 18. Lyceum, Poplar Grove. Damage \$9,700.00.
 16th. Telephone. Lyceum, Poplar Grove. No damage.
 16th. Telephone. Lyceum, Poplar Grove. No damage.
 15th. Telephone. Pine Hill College barn. Slight damage.
 16th. Telephone. Dr. Mader's barn, Pleasant Street. Damage slight.
 31st. Box 51. McDermott's house, Chebucto Road. Damage \$250.00.
- Apr. 1st. Telephone. Store, McFatridge's wharf. Damage slight.
 10th. Box 73. House, 160 North Street. Damage \$100.00.
 13th. Box 73. Chimney Agricola Street. No damage.
 14th. Box 14. Hames shop, Cor. Argyle Street. Damage slight.
 17th. Box 17. Taylor's hat and furnishing goods store, Barrington Street. Damage \$26,000.00.
 28th. Box 57. Molr's barn, off Quinpool Road. Damage \$50.00.
- No. 3 Steamer used hand chemical on the Rev. Mr. Crawford's house, Queen Street. No alarm.
- No. 4 Hose used hand chemical house Bloomfield Street. No alarm.
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REPORT OF ELECTRICIAN.

Halifax, June 19th, 1899.

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners:

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit the following report of work done in connection with the Fire Alarm system during the past year.

Wires. During the year eight miles of new wire was put in service, renewing the Upper Water Street circuit and the greater part of circuit serving the North and Western part of the City. These circuits are now in good condition, being run for the greater part on good pole lines and have been free from grounds and other interferences since being reconstructed.

The circuits serving the South end of the City are yet in very bad condition and should be renewed this Summer, requiring eight miles of wire. This will put the entire system in good condition as far as line construction is concerned.

Strikers and Gongs The tower strikers and gongs have given good service during the year, having, with one exception (Quinpool Road striker) responded to every alarm. As referred to in my last report, the tower strikers are much worn in some of their parts, and work will be required on them to keep them in good condition.

Signal Boxes. During the year eighteen of the signal boxes have been taken out of service one at a time and the mechanism thoroughly overhauled, cleaned and regulated, some new parts added to make them more economical and convenient in operation.

Twelve boxes yet remain to be overhauled, and when all are done this part of the system will be in good condition, with one exception -- the outside box locks.

This lock was an old style latch lock, and when the trap lock was introduced it was decided by a former Board to add trap levers to the old locks rather than buy new locks. This I believe was a mistake, it having necessitated the making of parts of the locks too slight for the exposed position they occupy, considering the climatic condition of our City. The result is springs frequently break or corrode, rendering the lock inoperative. I had hoped through frequent inspection to avoid trouble from this cause, but in this I was deceived, the locks on two adjoining boxes being unworkable at the last fire, though I have since found that every other box has opened without any difficulty. This being a very important matter, I would recommend that all outside boxes be provided with new locks. This will require thirty-five locks. The cost will be in the vicinity of \$2.00 per lock.

Batteries. The saving in battery cost, resulting from better line construction, noted in my last report, has been further increased this year; the repairs on the boxes also increases this saving, so that when the line work is all new and the boxes all fitted up I look for a saving of at least 50 percent; but with the greatest economy this method of generating current is expensive. A storage battery system would be very much more economical.

Repeater. In my last report the attention of your Board was called to the need of providing a new automatic repeater for the office. The instrument now in use is twenty-five years old, and is too small for present requirements. There are at the present time four alarm circuits while the Repeater is only constructed for three circuits, necessitating the placing of two circuits in series on one circuit of the Repeater. This means that a break in one of these circuits disables both of them, besides the greater liability of trouble from grounds

and short circuits when so much wire is connected together. Now that there is a chance of disposing of the old instrument at a fair value, I would earnestly recommend action in the matter, as only \$50.00 is offered by the manufacturers in exchange for an instrument that cost when new \$600.00.

Work Room. I would again beg to call your attention to the need of a larger work room with a small lathe and motor. My office is too small for this purpose, while there is ample space on the upper flat for a small room that would suit my requirements.

Door Bells. By directions of your Board, electric call bells have been in all the engine houses.

I respectfully tender thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Board for consideration shown to me, also to Chief of Fire Department and Police and other officials for valuable assistance rendered in discharge of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

P. R. COLPITT,

City Electrician.

Estimate of Cost of Material for Fire Alarm System.

8 miles No. 10 Copper Wire	\$500.00
6 circuit repeaters \$800.00, less probable revenue from sale of old repeater \$200.00	\$600.00
Lathe and Motor	\$250.00
Labour for line work	90.00
	\$1440.00
35 Locks \$200.00	\$70.00
	\$1510.00

PUBLIC BATHS.

Committee Room, City Hall, May 9th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Public Baths beg to submit the following report of the first year's operating of Public Baths in Halifax.

For many years the City Council has recognized the want existing in the City of proper facilities for salt water bathing; but a number of causes prevented, until the present time, the construction and operation of public baths.

The urgent demand of the citizens in this connection during recent years first received expression in the City Council some six years ago, when in August, 1893, the Council appointed a Committee of four "To enquire into the feasibility of constructing, locating and probable cost of a public bath suitable to the wants of the City."

For a year and a half after this no very active steps were taken. The idea then prevailing was that floating baths would be the most feasible. On February 5th, 1895, the City Engineer reported to the Council that the probable cost of erecting two floating baths would be \$7,000 and contingencies \$1,000, and this report remained before the Council until the end of March, 1896, at which date the Council again placed itself on record as recognizing that "It is very desirable that public baths be erected in and maintained by the City of Halifax, but the question of suitable sites being undetermined, nothing was accomplished beyond an unsuccessful attempt to secure privileges from the Imperial Authorities at the Lumber Yard.

The matter lay in abeyance for another eighteen months, until September 7th, 1897, when the following resolution, on motion of Aldermen Mitchell and Geldert, was adopted by the Council:

"Resolved, that the necessity of building and providing bathing houses in the City, and the cost thereof be referred to a committee of three to report on at an early date."

The present Committee, viz: Aldermen Mitchell, Faulkner and Rogers, was then appointed, the former being elected Chairman.

The Committee immediately went to work with a determination that so important a matter should no longer be delayed.

By December 28th, 1897, the Committee were in a position to submit a scheme satisfactory to the Council, and secured the sanction of the Council to the passing of an Act authorizing the borrowing of \$8,000 (to be repaid in ten equal annual instalments) for the purpose of establishing Public Baths. The Act was concurred in by the Legislature at the Session of 1898 (sub-section 7 of the sec. 15 Acts 1898.)

Having so far met with success, the Committee were encouraged to devote considerable attention to the matter. Plans were prepared and tenders for the construction of one or two floating baths were called for. In the meantime it had been found by the Committee that it would not be practicable to place more than one floating bath, the difficulty being to find a suitable site for the second one. The tender of John McInnes & Son for the erection of the floating bath was accepted on May 5th, 1898. The site selected for this bath was at the City's water lot at the north end ferry, just south of the Dry Dock property.

The Committee then immediately requested and obtained permission from the Council to provide beach bathing facilities at the sandy cove near the Chain Rock, North West Arm, and at Green Bank, on the harbor side of Point Pleasant, if possible.

Plans were at once prepared and tenders asked for the construction of a pier at Green Bank, and on June 30th, 1898, the tender of D. W. B. Reid was accepted for this work.

Plans were also prepared forthwith for fitting up the Sandy Cove, N. W. Arm, and it was decided that the work there should be done by the Works Department by days work. These different works were begun at the earliest possible moment and hastened as rapidly as possible. Some delay was met with, owing to the necessity of obtaining permission from the War Department to erect the bathing houses at the Arm.

The Committee, as before stated, started with an appropriation of \$8,000.00.

The cost of the floating bath was \$3,159.81, to which is added \$325 for towing and wintering, making \$3,484.81.

The Green Bank pier cost \$269.00.

The North West Arm Beach Bath cost \$1,394.93.

Added to these amounts, equipment for the floating bath and Sandy Cove cost \$494.68, making the total cost charged to Capital Account to date \$5,643.42, and leaving a balance out of the \$8,000.00 of \$2,356.58.

The results of operating the public baths were satisfactory beyond the hopes of the Committee.

The pier at Green Bank was finished and opened to the public about July 25th. No fee was charged for the use of the Pier, and, of course, no revenue was derived. The number of people using the pier for early morning bathing was very considerable.

The floating bath was opened on Thursday, July 14th. The total number of bathers registered during the season was 12,620.

The total receipts from bathers for use of dressing rooms, bathing suits and towels, was \$127.25, and the expenses of maintenance, including wages of caretaker, John Brush, \$110.98, leaving a balance to credit of \$16.27.

The Sandy Cove bath was opened on Tuesday, August 2nd. The total number of bathers registered there was 9,803. The receipts were \$276.60, and expenses, including salary of caretaker, F. W. Stevens, were \$146.26, leaving to credit \$130.34.

These figures show the total attendance at the two public baths (leaving out Green Bank, where no record was kept) to have been 22,423, and the surplus over running expenses \$146.61—an excellent return for the first year and a short season.

The baths were closed about the middle of September.

The floating bath, the Green Bank Pier and the Sandy Cove arrangements were all designed by the City Engineer. The two former were constructed under contract and the latter by days work by the Works Department under the supervision of the City Engineer.

Your Committee believe that these bathing facilities have been very much appreciated by citizens of all ages and classes, and have afforded health giving pleasure to many summer tourists. Care was taken to have all users of the baths register their names and addresses in books kept for the purpose, and a glance at these registers, which are being

preserved by the Committee, shows that the baths were taken advantage of by people from all parts of the United States, Maritime Provinces and Upper Canada.

The fee of five cents charged for use of dressing room, bathing suit and towel has not been regarded by users of the baths as a tax, and has brought in more than enough to pay the ordinary running expenses; and if cheaper means are found than could be secured last fall for securing the floating bath for the winter season, your Committee believe that the Public Baths will become entirely self-sustaining.

Your Committee urge the necessity of providing additional dressing rooms at the Sandy Cove bath for the coming summer.

Following is a brief description of the different baths:

FLOATING BATH.

The outside measurement of this bath is 80 feet by 33 feet. In the centre is the swimming tank, 60 feet by 20 feet, the level depth of water in which is 4 feet. Out of this at one end has since been railed off a square about 10 feet by 10 feet with 2 feet level depth of water for children. Surrounding the swimming tank are the dressing rooms or cabins, about 35 in number, and the office for the caretaker. A platform railed off from the swimming tank runs all round the front of the dressing rooms with steps at each end leading down to the water. Life lines are stretched around the sides of the tank. The roof is slatted for ventilation and light. The tide constantly flows through the bath.

The Committee provided the bath with 12 doz. bathing trunks, 2 doz. ladies' bathing suits and 15 doz. towels.

SANDY COVE BATH, N. W. ARM.

This was naturally a sandy cove with a sloping beach. The weeds and boulders were all cleaned off and a considerable quantity of gravel and sand added. The grade of the beach is one foot in ten. A boom was stretched across the entrance of the cove and provided with spring boards for diving, one facing inside the boom towards the cove and the other outside towards the Arm. From highwater mark near the dressing rooms to low water mark out towards the the boom the distance is 60 feet, and from high water mark to the boom is about 125 feet. From point to point of the Cove is about 150 feet. The office of the caretaker and about 32 dressing rooms surround the cove on the south-

east and east sides, with a veranda all around facing the beach. The plank walks run from the veranda to below low tide. The windows of the dressing rooms are covered with translucent fabric instead of glass. They give plenty of light, and are less liable to breakage than glass.

The stock provided here was about 23 1-2 doz. bathing trunks, 1 doz. men's suits, 5 doz. ladies' suits and 24 doz. towels.

BATHING PIER AT GREEN BANK.

Green Bank has been a favorite spot for bathing for many years, and while providing accommodation elsewhere the inadequate facilities here could not be neglected. The pier constructed by the Committee is 60 feet long by 10 feet wide. The depth of water at high tide at the outer end of the pier is 10 1-2 feet. The top of the pier is 2 feet 6 inches above high tide. At the outer end of the pier three ladders lead from the top of the wharf to bottom, and at the high tide level there is a small diving platform. The pier is built on two cribs and a trestle. The pier is all fenced around to a height of 8 feet on the shore end, and provided with benches for accommodation of bathers.

Bathing is permitted here every day from daylight to 9 a.m.

The hours for bathing at the other two baths, are: Males, 6 a. m. to 9 a. m., and 12 noon to 7 or 8 p. m., according to season. Ladies 9 a. m. to noon every day besides one afternoon (Wednesday) each week at the Sandy Cove bath.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MITCHELL,

Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CASH STATEMENT OF CITY TREASURER FOR MAY, 1898.

1898.	Dr.		
May 16.	Salaries—Registrar of Voters		\$ 200 00
2.	Police—Jas. Brackett, et al.	\$ 781 70	
17	Alex. Frizzle	7 50	
			789 20
May 11.	Streets—Department of City Works.....	\$ 272 11	
26.	Department of City Works.....	729 78	
			1001 89
May 9.	Internal Health—Department of City Works.....	\$ 75 28	
11.	Department of City Works	518 50	
26	Department of City Works.....	677 07	
			1270 75
May 7.	Horses and Drivers—Department of City Works ...	\$ 142 04	
11.	Department of City Works	64 00	
26.	Department of City Works	64 00	
			270 04
May 11.	Fuel—Department of City Works	10 20	
26.	.....	10 20	
			20 40
May 30.	Telephones—Department of City Works		119 00
30.	Lighting City Hall—Department of City Works		2 90
26.	City Property—Department of City Works	21 70	
30.	.....	25	
			21 95
May 30.	Insurance—Department of City Works	826 50	
31.	Department of City Works	30 00	
			856 50
May 13.	Fire Department—Jas. Murphy, et al	290 00	
21.	Thos. Spelman	700 00	
21.	John Little	98 50	
27	Jas. Murphy, et al.....	306 00	
			1394 50
May 27.	Printing and Stationery, Maritime Steam Lith. Co..		94 00
5.	Contingent—Robert Theakston	200 00	
6.	Robert Theakston	40 34	
6	City Clerk	18 00	
6	City Clerk	72 00	
6.	City Clerk	11 88	
9	Wm. Parsons	4 00	
26	D. A. R. Express	9 00	
			355 22

May 2.	Public Gardens and Common—W. F. Pickering ...	20 00	
6.	John Stone, et al ...	159 99	
9.	Peart's Bazaar	2 75	
	James Roue	14 40	
	Blackadar Bros ...	6 25	
	Longard Bros.	43 19	
	Brown and Webb .	20 75	
	Black and Flinn ...	1 50	
	Chas. Annand	7 75	
	John McInnes & Son	3 47	
	J. A. Simons	15 40	
13	Geo. Blakeley	60 00	
17.	John Stone, et al ..	290 12	
20.	Lowe and Ebsary .	170 00	
21.	Geo. Thompson	44 65	
28.	Lowe and Ebsary .	125 00	
30.			970 16
May 2.	Point Pleasant Park—S. Venner.....	88 50	
16	Jas. Griffiths, et al.....	108 00	
30.	Jas. Griffiths, et al.....	90 50	
			287 00
May 20.	Citizens' Library—Royal Insurance Company.....		31 80
20.	Board of Health—American Express Co.....		2 40
12.	Court of Appeal—Thos. E. Cooke.....	100 00	
16.	W. F. MacCoy.....	100 00	
16.	Jno. H. Symons.....	100 00	
			300 00
May 4.	Short Loans Repayment—Nelson Murphy		1500 00
4.	Interest Short Loans—Nelson Murphy.....		90 00
9.	Interest Exhibition Building—Union Bank.....		600 00
25.	Interest Consols—Trustees of Mrs. Gardner.....		35 04
11.	Steam Roller—Department of City Works.....	42 00	
26.	Department of City Works.....	45 69	
			87 69
May 2.	Camp Hill Cemetery—Felix Murphy, et al.....	22 00	
16.	Felix Murphy, et al.....	30 00	
30.	Felix Murphy, et al.....	20 90	
			72 90
May 11.	Permanent Pavements—Department of City Works	147 53	
26.	Department of City Works	206 83	
			354 36
May 11.	Sewerage—Department of City Works.....	231 63	
26.	Department of City Works	362 35	
30.	Department of City Works.....	5 61	
			599 59
May 4.	Halifax Electric Tramway Co.—Deposit returned..	500 00	
	Balance		17087 98
			<u>\$28915 27</u>

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1897.	Cr.		
May 31.	City Rates—Received from City Collector..	\$11950 93	
	Less Rebate	284 28	
			\$11666 65
	County Rates—Received from City Collector.....	238 27	
	School Rates—Received from City Collector.....	2099 89	
			\$14004 81
May 19.	Liquor License Fund 1898-9—Received from License Inspector		150 00
9.	Hack and other Licenses—Rec. from City Collector	90 00	
16.	Rec. from City Collector	339 00	
21.	Rec. from City Collector	332 00	
31.	Rec. from City Collector	189 00	
			950 00
May 9.	Dog Tax—Rec. from City Collector.....	202 00	
16.	Rec. from City Collector	66 00	
21.	Rec. From City Collector	28 00	
31.	Rec. from City Collector	82 00	
			378 00
May 9.	Poor's Asylum, Maintenance—Rec. from J. H. Dow		40 41
9.	Board of Health—Rec. from N. Meagher.....		2 60
27.	Common Commutation Fund—Rec. from J. J. Ferguson.....		108 25
16.	Loan—Widening Lockman St.—Rec. from James Davidson		825 00
31.	Permanent Pavements—Rec. from City Collector		126 92
31.	Sewerage—Rec. Sewerage Deposit Account	16 14	
	Rec. from City Collector.....	2313 14	
			2329 28
May 1.	Unexpended Balances—Rec. from 1894-5 Account.	7293 09	
	Rec. from 1895-6 Account	2706 91	
			10000 00
			<u>\$28915 27</u>

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1898.	Dr.		
June 1.	Salaries—The Mayor et al.	3182 08	
June 30.	The Mayor, et al.	3182 08	
			6364 16
1.	Police—G. Cotter et al.	2101 41	
29.	John O'Sullivan.	2118 07	
			4219 48
June 1.	Rockhead Prison—Wm. Murray et al.	310 00	
20.	Black & Flinn	1 10	
	J. A. Leaman & Co.	4 68	
	J. F. Kelly	2 20	
	Wm. Robertson & Son	2 86	
	John MacInnes & Son.	3 00	
	Wm. Parsons	4 00	
30.	Wm. Murray et al	310 00	
			637 84
June 6.	Streets—Department of City Works	20 20	
8.	Department of City Works	832 98	
18.	Department of City Works	3144 48	
23.	Department of City Works	1025 74	
			5023 40
June 6.	Internal Health—Department of City Works	93 78	
8.	Department of City Works	502 55	
10.	Department of City Works	80 82	
20.	Department of City Works	80 82	
23.	Department of City Works	631 47	
27.	Department of City Works	39 00	
			1428 44
June 6.	Horses and Drivers—Department of City Works....	15 99	
8.	Department of City Works	64 00	
23.	Department of City Works	64 00	
			143 99
June 13.	Lighting City Hall—Department of City Works		2 90
13.	Lighting Streets—Department of City Works		1283 06
6.	City Property—Department of City Works	10 42	
8.	Department of City Works	27 05	
23.	Department of City Works	42 25	
			79 72
June 1.	Fire Department—E. Condon et al	233 30	
	J. T. Murphy	66 66	
6.	Longard Bros.	69 54	
	Wm. Jordan	9 50	
	French and Healy	46 71	
	Wm. Watt	48 00	
10.	James Murphy	306 00	
	P. H. & Light Co.	34 20	
13.	E. J. Fenton	236 68	
	P. R. Colpitt	15 29	
20.	Wm. Jordan	8 91	
	Lamont Buskins	8 00	

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June 22.	Fire Department—	T. Spry, Assignee	112 50	
23.		James Murphy et al	306 00	
23.		E. Condon et al	233 30	
		John T. Murphy	66 66	
				1801 25
June 24.	Printing and Stationery—	City Treasurer		10 00
1.	Contingent—	Church of England Coffee Rooms	12 50	
3.		City Clerk	18 04	
		W. R. Hamilton, et al	94 90	
14.		C. C. DeFreytas et al	50 58	
20.		Halifax Transfer Co.	6 00	
		Fraser Bros.	2 50	
22.		Alderman Rogers	160 00	
27.		M. S. Brown & Co.	20 00	
		W. H. Isnor	5 00	
				369.52
June 30.	Dog Tax—	Forbes Manufacturing Co.		21 03
30	Current Interest—	Bank of B. N. America.....		244 66
30.	County of Halifax—	County Treasurer.....		238 27
4.	Public Schools—	Commissioners		9400 00
1.	Poor's Asylum Maintenance—	J. H. Dow et al	473 00	
6.		Wm. Rose, et al	6 00	
		John F. Kelly	18 60	
		J. W. Heckman	10 20	
		George Kent	3 90	
		Wm. Roche	67.00	
		W. A. Maling & Co..	31 42	
		George Parker	69 75	
		W. N. Brown.....	7 10	
		Dr. T. W. Walsh	5 00	
		John Walker	218 28	
		P. H. & Light Co. ..	35 40	
		W. & C. Silver	114 12	
		Wm. Roche ..	23 67	
		George Greggoire ..	53 70	
		Wm. Robertson & Sn	8 07	
		H. H. Fuller & Co. ..	5 15	
		A. & W. MacKinlay..	7.98	
		Brookfield Bros.	17.31	
		N. S. Telephone Co..	17 50	
		Dillon Bros.	579 92	
		Fleischman & Co.	4.20	
13.		Black & Flinn.....	85 50	
20.		J. H. Dow et al	470 50	
30.		C. J. P. Clarkson....	75 00	
		Alfred J. Bell.....	75 00	
				2483 27
June 1	Public Gardens and Common—	Richard Power.....	83 33	
3.		John Stone, et al.....	268 59	
6.		Morn. Herald Pub. Co*	3 75	
13.		Dowe & Ebsary.....	175 00	
		J. F. Kelly	1 75	
		Jas. Dempster & Co..	36 55	

June 14.	Public Gardens and Common—MacDonald & Co..	20 50	
17.	John Stone, et al.....	230 88	
	J. T. Lowry & Co..	370 00	
20.	John Fernandes	10 00	
	Wm. Robertson & Son	32 98	
	Alex. Ross, et al.....	240 99	
30.	Rich. Power	83 33	
			1557 65
June 6.	Pt. Pleasant Park—S. Venner.....	31 00	
13.	Jas. Griffiths, et al.....	104 00	
27.	Jas. Griffiths, et al.....	124 00	
			259 00
June 2.	Citizens' Library—D. A. Shiers.....	30 34	
6	Marshall, Son & Co.....	31 56	
	N. J. Bartlett & Co.....	32 84	
	Library Bureau	45 65	
13.	Barnstead & Sutherland.....	1 85	
			142 24
June 28.	School for the Blind—C. F. Fraser.....		675 00
13.	Infants' Home, Tower Rd—E. J. MacIntosh, Treas.		300 00
13.	Infants' Home, Brunswick St., Sister de Paul.....		300 00
1.	Board of Health—A. J. Penny	56 00	
	J. A. Watters	25 00	
	W. H. Hardesty	40 00	
	W. H. Hardesty	10 00	
	W. H. Hardesty	5 00	
	Isaiah Mantley	6 00	
6.	Chas. Putman	3 75	
	N. S. Telephone Co.....	12 50	
11.	W. H. Hardesty	10 00	
	W. H. Hardesty	25 25	
13.	C. Donovan	50	
25.	John McDonald	6 00	
	C. McSweeney	6 00	
27.	W. H. Hardesty	10 00	
30	J. A. Watters	25 00	
	A. J. Penny	56 00	
	W. H. Hardesty	40 00	
			337 00
June 1.	Robert Motton—Allowance for May	83 33	
30.	Allowance for June	83 33	
			166 66
June 2.	Short Loans Repayment—Halifax Banking Co.....		2510 00
2.	Interest Short Loans—Halifax Banking Co.....	112 96	
22.	People's Bank	56 48	
			169 44
June 4.	Interest Sewerage—H. H. Fuller	150 00	
6.	Union Bank	60 00	
7.	Merchants' Bank	30 00	
14.	Bank of Nova Scotia	30 00	
			270 00

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June 30.	Interest Consols—Rev. E. Ansell		7 50-
June 6.	Steam Roller—Department of City Works	24 50	
8.	Department of City Works.....	43 15	
23.	Department of City Works	43 69	
			111 34
June 8.	Bank of B N. America—School Rates Deposited....		2099 89-
13.	Camp Hill Cemetery—Felix Murphy, et al	22 00	
23.	F. Reardon	90 00	
27.	Felix Murphy, et al	33 00	
			145 00-
June 20.	Special Loan \$10,859—Union Axe Co.....	100 00	
23.	Mrs. W. H. Lewin.....	300 00	
25.	Transfer Camphill Cemetery.	500 00	
			900 00-
June 25.	Consols Loan Acct.—Transfer Young St. Extension		1140 00-
6.	Loan Lockman St. Widening—Dept. City Works....	8 00	
23.	Dept. City Works....	39 14	
			47 14-
June 6.	Loan Public Baths—Department of City Works....	14 16	
8.	Department of City Works....	27 18	
23.	Department of City Works....	41 71	
30.	Department of City Works....	1500 00	
			1583 05-
June 6.	Permanent Pavements—Department of City Works..	1 10	
8	Department of City Works..	165 98	
23	Department of City Works..	132 90	
			299 98-
June 6.	Sewerage—Department of City Works.....	2495 86	
8.	Department of City Works.....	208 19	
23.	Department of City Works.....	258 03	
			2962 08-
June 20.	Young St. Extension—Department of City Works..		125 06-
30.	Balance		14319 92-
			<u>\$64178 88</u>

Cr.

June 1.	To balance from May		17087 98-
30.	City Rates—Rec. from City Collector	17367 75	
	Less rebate	414 23	
			16953 52
June 30.	County Rates—Received from City Collector ...	349 69	
June 30.	School Rates—Do.	3116 66	
			20419 78-
June 1.	Streets—Rec. from Department City Works.....		7 73
1.	Internal Health—Rec. from Department City Works		5 40
2.	Liquor License Fund 1898-9—Rec. from License		
	Inspector	300 00	
15.	Do.	300 00	
17.	Do.	90 00	
27.	Do.	300 00	
			990 00-

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June 15.	Hack and other Licenses—Rec. from City Collector	314 00	
27.	Rec. from City Collector	87 00	
			401 00
June 8.	Fines and Fees—Rec. from City Clerk		409 10
15.	Dog Tax—Rec from City Collector	106 00	
27.	Rec. from City Collector	366 00	
			472 00
June 30.	Current Interest—Interest on Bank Balances		91 15
1.	Citizens' Library—Rec. from Miss Warren		15 02
15.	Unexpended Balances—Rec. from J. C. MacKintosh		28 23
1.	Steam Roller—Rec. from Department of City Works		23 00
29.	Bank of B. N. America—Cash to pay Interest.....		244 66
June 25.	Camp Hill Cemetery—Transfer from Loan \$10,859..		500 00
15.	Special Loan, \$10,859—Rec. from J. C. Mackintosh		10859 00
1.	Land on Young Avenue—Rec. from Department of City Works		12 00
1.	Loan Widening Lockman St.—Rec. from Department of City Works		10 00
1.	Permanent Pavements—Rec. from Department of		
30.	Rec. from City Collector ..	324 87	
	City Works	7 00	
			331 87
June 1.	Sewerage—Rec. from Department of City Works ..	61 89	
30.	Rec. Sewerage Deposit Account	37 01	
	Rec. from City Collector	1632 06	
			1730 96
June 4.	Bank of B. N. America—Cash to Public Schools.		9400 00
25.	Loan Young St. Extension—Transfer from Consols- Loan Account		1140 00
			<u>\$64178 88</u>

CASH STATEMENT OF CITY TREASURER FOR JULY 1898.

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Dr.

July 16.	Salaries—Mrs. E. G. W. Greenwood		250 00
4.	Rockhead Prison—J. M. Collins	30 60	
	Wm. Parsons	3.00	
23.	W. F. Pickering & Co.	70 00	
			103 60
July 4.	Streets—Department of City Works	22 99	
6.	Department of City Works	1210 65	
20.	Department of City Works	1360 00	
			2594 14
July 4.	Internal Health—Department of City Works..	85 82	
	Department of City Works	519 38	

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July 18.	Internal Health—Department of City Works	80 82	
20.	Department of City Works	844 12	
			1530 14
July 1.	Horses and Drivers—Dep. of City Works	54 93	
6.	Department of City Works ..	64 00	
20.	Department of City Works ..	64 00	
			182 93
July 4.	Lighting City Hall—Department of City Works		2 75
11.	Lighting Streets—Department of City Works		1282 56
4.	City Property—Department of City Works	51 90	
6.	Department of City Works	18 15	
20.	Department of City Works	80 98	
27.	Department of City Works	1631 44	
			1782 47
July 4.	Fire Department—Captain Scriven, U P. C.	700 00	
5.	Farquhar Bros.	35 80	
6.	Edes. Mfg. Co	46 27	
	James Dempster & Co.	2 72	
	Burns & Co.	5 00	
8.	John Murphy et al	306 00	
11.	Simson Bros. & Co.	7 32	
	People's Heat & Light Co.	27 90	
	John Tobin & Co.	7 20	
	P. W. O'Toole	33 00	
11.	Fire Department—E. J. Fenton	152 46	
	N. S. Telephone Co.	132 50	
	Cragg Bros. & Co.	13 10	
	John F. Kelly	16 50	
	Neil Fox....	8 35	
	Halifax Coal Co.	16 47	
	Daniel McLeod	10 46	
	Wm. Robertson & Son.	9 25	
	H. H. Fuller & Co.	5 02	
	John Davidson & Son	25 75	
18.	Electric Tramway Co.	2 25	
	Black Bros. & Co.	3 49	
	George Thompson	3 25	
21.	James Murphy et al	306 00	
25.	Daniel McLeod	15 63	
	A. Lamphier	7 00	
	Electric Tramway Co.	30 09	
	John Starr, Son & Co.	7 75	
	John Tobin & Co.	4 50	
	Wm. Jordan	11 15	
	Vail Brothers	2 08	
	Robert Homer	9 45	
	Eastern Oil Co.	8 52	
	Blackadar Bros.	2 98	
	Wm. Roche	2 50	
	Neil Fox	3 50	
	Charles Annand	5 44	