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GOVERNMENT
OF THE
CITY OF HALIFAX,

For the Civic Year . . . 1906-7.

MAYOR.

ROBERT T. MACILREITH, Esq.

DEPUTY MAYOR.

JACOB A. JOHNSON.

ALDERMEN.

WARD No. 1.—JAMES HALLIDAY, 1907.
LEWIS ARCHIBALD, 1908.
INGRAM B. SHAFFNER, 1909.

WARD No. 2.—WILLIAM R. POWELL, 1907.
WALTER C. MURRAY, 1908.
JACOB A. JOHNSON, 1909.

WARD No. 3.—NARCISSE V. GASTONGUAY, 1907.
GEO. A. TAYLOR, 1908.
JOHN B. DOUGLAS, 1909.

WARD No. 4.—ANDREW LAMPIER, 1907.
ANDREW HUBLEY, 1908.
JOHN F. KELLY, 1909.

WARD No. 5.—PETER F. MARTIN, 1907.
WILLIAM H. CAWSEY, 1908.
GEORGE M. CAMPBELL, M. D., 1909.

WARD No. 6.—GEORGE A. MACKENZIE, 1907.
CHARLES W. HAYWARD, 1908.
ARTHUR C. HAWKINS, M. D., 1909.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Appointed for the different Departments Connected with the Civic Government.

Board of Fire Escapes.

Aldermen Gastonguay, *Chairman*,
Shaffner,
Kelly.

Firewards.

Aldermen Cawsey, *Chairman*,
Archibald,
Powell,
Taylor,
Hubley,
Hawkins.

Tenders Committee.

Aldermen Campbell, *Chairman*,
Halliday,
Murray,
Gastonguay,
Lamphier,
Hayward.

City Prison Committee.

Aldermen Hawkins, *Chairman*,
Shaffner,
Johnson,
Douglas,
Hubley,
Martin.

Charities Committee.

Aldermen Halliday, *Chairman*,
Powell,
Gastonguay,
Lamphier,
Campbell,
MacKenzie.

Public Accounts Committee.

Aldermen Johnson, *Chairman*,
Archibald,
Douglas,
Kelly,
Cawsey,
Hawkins.

Laws and Privileges Committee.

Aldermen Johnson, *Chairman*,
Archibald,
Douglas,
Hubley,
Martin,
Hawkins.

Citizens' Free Library Committee.

Aldermen Murray, *Chairman*,
Halliday,
Gastonguay,
Kelly,
Campbell,
MacKenzie.

Commissioners Camp Hill Cemetery.

Appointed by City Council, Chapter 61,
Acts 1906.

Aldermen Murray, *Chairman*,
Shaffner,
Campbell,
MacKenzie,
Mr. J. C. Mackintosh, 1908,
Mr. O. E. Smith, 1908,
Mr. C. H. Mitchell, 1903.

Committee on Works.

Appointed by Sec. 2, Chap. 51, Acts 1900.

His Worship the Mayor, *Chairman*,

Appointed by City Council

Aldermen Taylor,
Cawsey.

Commissioners of Cabs.

Appointed by Chap 33, Acts 1906.

His Worship the Mayor, *Chairman*.

Appointed by City Council, Acts 1905.

Aldermen Johnson,
Cawsey.

City Health Board.

Appointed by City Council.

Aldermen Powell,
Martin,
Hawkin.

Appointed by Governor-in-Council.

Dr. N. E. McKay, *Chairman*,
Mr. William McFatridge.**Board of Police Commissioners.**

Appointed by Sec. 26, Chap. 45, Acts 1907.

His Worship the Mayor, *Chairman*.

Appointed by City Council, Acts 1905.

Aldermen Taylor,
Martin.**Shipbuilding Commission.**

Appointed by Chap. 59, Acts 1901.

His Worship the Mayor, *Chairman*.

Appointed by City Council.

Aldermen Shaffner,
Johnson,
MacKenzie.

Appointed by Board of Trade.

Mr. Geo. S. Campbell,
Mr. Geo. E. Faulkner,
Mr. W. A. Black.**Revisers of City Charter.**

Appointed by Chap. 70, Acts 1903.

Revisors—Mr. Justice Grnham,
Mr. Frank H. Bell.*Consulting Counsel*—Mr. W. F. MacCoy, K.C.*Hon. Commissioners*—Mr. R. T. MacIlreith,
Mr. John M. Geldert,
Mr. Andrew Hubley**Commissioners Halifax Common.**

Appointed by City Council.

Aldermen Taylor, *Chairman*,Powell,
Archibald,
Kelly,
Cawsey,
Hayward,Mr. John R. Rawley, *Vice-Chairman*, 1907.

Mr. W. S. Rogers, 1907,

Mr. D. A. McDonald, 1908,

Mr. E. T. Power, *Hon. Secretary*, 1908.**Arbitration Committee.**Sec. 67, Chap. 73, R. S. 1900. Appointed
by City Council.Aldermen Hutley, *Chairman of City's Com.*
Shaffner,
Johnson,
Taylor,
MacKenzie.

Appointed by Municipal Council.

Warden C. E. Smith.
Councillors W. E. Negus,
S. W. Lydiard,
John S. Fleming.**Commissioners of the County Court
House at Halifax.**Acts of 1905. Appointed by Town of
Dartmouth.

Councillor O. R. Regan.

Appointed by County Council.

Warden Smith.
Councillor Lydiard.

Appointed by N. S. Barristers Society.

Mr. Frank H. Bell.

Appointed by City Council.

His Worship the Mayor.
Aldermen Murray,
Hubley,
Hayward.**Directors of Point Pleasant Park.**

Appointed by Chap. 12, Acts 1873.

His Worship the Mayor.

Appointed by City Council.

Aldermen Halliday,
Murray,
Gastonguay,
Lamphier,
Campbell,
Hayward.

Appointed by the Directors.

Hon. Wm. Chisholm, *Chairman*,
Mr. Thos. Ritchie, *Hon. Secretary*,
Mr. Justice Graham,
Mr. C. C. Blackadar,
Mr. Geo. S. Campbell.

Commercial Committee.

Appointed by City Council.

His Worship the Mayor, *Chairman of City's Committee.*Aldermen Shaffner,
Johnson,
Douglas,
Hayward.

Appointed by the Board of Trade.

Mr. A. M. Bell,
Mr. J. E. DeWolf,
Mr. Geo. S. Campbell,
Mr. Geo. E. Faulkner,
Mr. W. J. Clayton,
Mr. N. B. Smith.**Commissioners of Public Schools.**

Appointed by City Council.

Aldermen Murray, 1909,
MacKenzie, 1909,
Gastonguay, 1907,
Doyle, 1907,
Halliday, 1908,
Hubley, 1908.

Appointed by Governor-in-Council.

Mr. A. S. Barnstead, *Chairman*, 1907,
John Connolly, 1909,
Mr. John H. Bentley, 1907,
Mr. J. Johnson Hunt, 1908,
Mr. Thos. J. Egan, 1908.**SPECIAL COMMITTEES.****Convention Union Canadian
Municipalities.**His Worship the Mayor, *Chairman*,Aldermen Archibald,
Johnson,
Taylor,
Kelly,
Campbell,
MacKenzie.**Harbor Championship Committee.**Aldermen MacKenzie, *Chairman*,
Powell,
Gastonguay.**Market Site.**His Worship the Mayor, *Chairman*,Aldermen Johnson,
Martin.**Electric Lighting.**Aldermen Hubley, *Chairman*,
Archibald,
Johnson,
Taylor,
Cawsey,
Hawkins.**Greater Halifax.**

Appointed by City Council.

His Worship the Mayor, *Chairman*,
Aldermen Murray,
Martin,
MacKenzie.

Appointed by Town of Dartmouth.

His Worship Mayor Williams,
Councillors Tobin,
Wisdom,
Regan.**Provincial Exhibition Commission.**

Appointed by Provincial Government.

Mr. Justice Longley, *President*,
Mr. E. B. Elderkin, *Vice-President*,
Hon. W. T. Pipes,
Mr. F. W. Trotter, M.P.P.,
Mr. J. W. Bigelow.

Appointed by City Council.

His Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen Johnson,
Martin,
Lamphier,
Mr. W. J. Clayton.

Appointed by Farmers' Association.

Mr. Wm. Corning,
Mr. David Logan

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE.

GEORGE H. FIELDING.

CITY RECORDER	F. H. BELL.
CITY TREASURER	W. L. BROWN.
CITY AUDITOR.....	W. W. FOSTER.
CITY CLERK.....	L. FRED MONAGHAN.
CITY COLLECTOR.....	ROBERT THEAKSTON.
CITY ENGINEER	F. W. W. DOANE.
CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.....	THOS. TRENAMAN, M.D.
CLERK OF WORKS.....	J. J. HOPEWELL.
CHIEF OF POLICE.....	NICHOLAS POWER.
CHIEF ASSESSOR.....	S. R. PHELAN.
CLERK OF HEALTH BOARD	JOHN A. WATTERS.
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.....	JOHN McDONALD.
SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER DEPARTMENT	EWAN MORRISON.
CHIEF LICENSE INSPECTOR.....	W. E. MESSERVEY.

These Officials, as well as the Mayor, have their apartments in the City Hall.

Chief Fire Department, P. J. BROYDERICK, Office, Spring Garden Road Engine House.

ESTIMATES FOR 1906-1907.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure as finally passed by the
City Council for the Civic year ending 30th April, 1907.

SALARIES.	PROPOSED EXPENDITURE.	LAST YEAR'S ESTIMATES.
His Worship the Mayor	\$ 1000 00	
His Honor the Recorder	1200 00	
The City Treasurer	1500 00	
The City Clerk	1200 00	
Assistant City Clerk	1000 00	
Stipendiary Magistrate.....	2000 00	
City Engineer	2400 00	
Assistant City Engineer	1600 00	
City Auditor	1500 00	
Collector of Rates and Taxes and 4 Sub-Collectors..	4000 00	
1st Clerk in Collector's Office	800 00	
2nd " " "	800 00	
City Assessor.....	1400 00	
Two Assistant Assessors at \$1100 each.....	2200 00	
Registrar of Voters	200 00	
Janitor City Hall	800 00	
City Medical Officer	1000 00	
Clerk of Works Department	1200 00	
Stenographer	600 00	
Superintendent of Streets and Sewers.....	1000 00	
Superintendent of Water Department.....	1200 00	
Water Inspector	728 00	
License Inspector	1000 00	
Librarian Citizens' Free Library	450 00	
Assistant Librarian	300 00	
2nd Assistant Librarian	200 00	
Plumbing Inspector.....	800 00	
Electrician	1000 00	
	\$23078 00	\$31676 00
<i>Less—Charged to Water Department.</i>		
Assistant City Engineer	\$1600 00	
2nd Clerk Collector's Office.....	800 00	
Superintendent Water Department.....	1200 00	
Water Inspector	728 00	
Clerk of Works Department	1200 00	
	5528 00	

Amount brought forward \$33078 00 \$31676 00

Charged to Sewerage.

Part Salary of Stenographer \$ 300 00
 Superintendent of Streets and Sewers..... 1000 00
 _____ 1300 00

Charged to Various Appropriations.

License Inspector (License Fund).....\$1000 00
 Librarian and Assistant Librarians(Library) 950 00
 Plumbing Inspector (Board of Health) 800 00
 _____ 2750 00
 _____ 9578 00 8826 00
 _____ \$23500 00 \$22350 00

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief of Police and Men..... 30000 00 30410 00

ROCKHEAD PRISON.

Governor and Matron 1200 00
 Underkeepers. 4 at \$480.00 1920 00
 Messenger..... 480 00
 Shoemaker 216 00
 Maintenance \$2084 00
 Less probable income from Broken Stone.. 400 00
 _____ 1684 00
 _____ 5500 00 5900 00

DEPARTMENT OF CITY WORKS.

Streets 21935 00
 Internal Health 17000 00
 Maintenance of Sewers 500 00
 Teams and Stables 5000 00
 Fuel 1125 00
 Telephones 264 00
 Lighting City Hall..... 835 00
 Lighting Streets 21000 00
 Insurance 1175 00
 City Property .. 2500 00
 Maintenance of Baths 400 00
 Preparing Official Plan 500 00
 _____ 72234 00 67169 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and Maintenance 33468 00 30900 00

 Carried forward \$164702 00\$157229 00

Amount brought forward.....\$164702 00\$157229 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing and Stationery	2500 00		
Interest on Commutation Fund (Common Lots)			
\$5509 @ 4 per cent.....	220 36		
Contingent, including fees Medical Examiner.....	3000 00		
Revising and Printing Juries Lists	200 00		
		5920 36	4920 36
		170622 36	162149 36

Less—Probable Income.

Liquor Licenses	30000 00		
Hack, Truck and other Licenses	3000 00		
Fines and Fees Police and City Courts	3500 00		
Rents City Property.....	2400 00		
Dog Tax	1500 00		
Current Interest	1500 00		
Halifax Electric Tramway Co	7500 00		
Rents of Hatchways	1000 00		
		50400 00	32150 00
Total General Assessment		\$120222 36	\$129999 36

EXTRA ASSESSMENT.

County of Halifax	\$ 11000 00		
Public Schools	125300 00		
Bank, for Interest on Advances to Public Schools..	2500 00		
Poor's Asylum	24588 00		
Public Gardens and Common	5000 00		
Point Pleasant Park	2000 00		
Citizens' Free Library	2500 00		
Halifax Dispensary and Morgue.....	750 00		
School for Blind, 14 pupils at \$90.00 each.....	1260 00		
Deaf and Dumb Institution, 7 pupils at \$75.00 each	525 00		
Industrial School for Boys at \$60 00 each			
not to exceed	\$1600 00		
Industrial School for Boys, 1904-5, short..	246 25		
		1846 25	
St. Patrick's Reformatory for Boys at \$60.00 each			
not to exceed	1600 00		
Truants under Compulsory Act	1200 00		
" Industrial School			
short 1904-5	14 69		
Infants' Home, Tower Road	300 00		
Infants' Home, Brunswick Street.....	300 00		
Protestant Home for Females.....	300 00		
Roman Catholic Home for Females.....	600 00		
Camp Hill Cemetery	500 00		
Dalhousie University	500 00		
County Rifle Association	1 00		
Victoria School of Art and Design.....	500 00		
Carried forward.....		\$183,084 94	\$120222 36 \$129999 36

Amount brought forward	\$183084 94	\$120222 36	\$129999 36
Board of Health	\$4000 00		
" for deficit salaries, 1905-6	800 00		
" extra grant by Council for legal adviser	100 00		
		4900 00	
Court of Appeal from Assessments		300 00	
One-half Subsidy to Dry Dock, 17th year		5000 00	
One-half Deficit Provincial Exhibition, 1905, \$10932 56		5466 28	
Superannuation, Sergt. Joseph McNally, one year.		167 13	
" Chief John O'Sullivan, 16 mos., @ \$297.14 per year		396 19	
" Sergt. John Baker, 16 months, @ \$148.56		198 09	
			199512 63 191304 38

TEMPORARY LOANS AND INTEREST.

8th payment on loan for Public Baths (\$8,000),	800 00		
Interest on balance of same, unpaid, at 4 per cent.	80 00		
5th payment on loan for Duke of Cornwall (\$3,000).	500 00		
Interest on balance of same, unpaid, at 4 per cent.	30 00		
5th payment on loan Deficit Provincial Exhibition, 1900 (\$3,300)	550 00		
Interest on balance of same, unpaid, at 4 per cent.	33 00		
4th payment on loan Deficit Provincial Exhibition, 1901 (\$4,343.94)	403 38		
Interest on balance of same, unpaid, at 4 per cent.	145 61		
4th payment on loan for House Public Gardens (\$4,000)	371 37		
Interest on balance of same, unpaid, at 4 per cent.	134 08		
1st payment on loan for various purposes (22,300)	4700 00		
Interest on same, viz: \$22,300, 1 year at 4 per cent	\$892 00		
Interest on same, viz: \$17,600, ½ year at 4 per cent	352 00		
		1244 00	
Amount to pay interest on advance for widening Upper Water Street (\$3,588.00), 14 months, at 4 per cent		167 10	
			9158 54
City Hall Debentures \$25,000 at 4 per cent. }			2125 00
" " 25,000 4½ " }			
Halifax and South Western R. R Land Damages, Debentures (\$46,000) at 4%			1840 00

CONSOLIDATED FUND (OLD).

\$905,000 at 5 per cent	40250 00
\$1,143,700 at 4½ per cent	51476 60
\$1,032,890 at 4 per cent	41516 60
\$67,000 at 3½ per cent	2345 00
\$5,000 at 4 per cent. (broken period)	50 00
	135427 10

Carried forward \$332858 53 \$321303 74

Amount brought forward \$332858 53 \$321303 74

LESS CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT.

\$153,000 at 5 per cent	\$ 7650 00	
\$679,000 at 4½ per cent	30582 00	
\$214,000 at 4 per cent	8560 00	
\$10,000 at 3½ per cent	500 00	
	<u>47142 00</u>	88285 10

CONSOLIDATED FUND, 1905.

\$207,000 at 4 per cent	\$8280 00	
\$107,000 at 4 per cent. (broken periods) ..	594 49	
	<u>8874 90</u>	
Less estimated earnings on unexpended portion of loan.....	3887 34	4987 15

SINKING FUNDS.

Under Chapter 65, Acts of 1908	200 00	
“ “ 51, “ 1902	3000 00	
“ “ 54, “ 1903-4	5000 00	
“ “ 49, “ 1905	1300 00	
	<u>9500 00</u>	
		\$435630 78 \$430180 12
Add 1 per cent. for short collection.....		<u>4356 30 4301 88</u>
		\$439987 08 \$434482 00
Less this amount from unexpended balances.....		<u>5000 00 5000 00</u>
		<u>\$434987 08 \$429482 00</u>

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, May 16th, 1907.

Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—It becomes my duty in entering upon the duties of the office of Mayor for the third time to address you on matters to which your attention should be specially directed.

Naturally, the question of

FINANCE.

comes first; but as this whole subject has been very fully dealt with by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee on a recent occasion I do not propose to do more than to refer to the larger items of our

BORROWING.

Last year the sum of \$264,800.00 was authorized to be borrowed, but owing to the unfavorable condition of the money market it was not considered advisable to place the bonds upon the market.

At the present Session of the Legislature the sum of \$558,000.00 was authorized to be borrowed.

Of this amount \$125,000 is the City's contribution to the establishment of the Silliker Car Works as security for which the City is to have a first mortgage on the property of the Company. Under the terms of the agreement the Company will provide a sinking fund to redeem the bonds at maturity and in the meantime will pay the interest thereon.

\$135,000 was authorized to be borrowed for the extension and improvement of the water service, to which reference will be made later. Suffice it to say here that the interest and sinking fund for this

amount will be paid out of the revenue received from the Water Department and does not affect the civic rate of taxation. The water rates will not be increased thereby and at the present time the rates paid by the citizens of Halifax are the lowest of any City in Canada.

Another large item of our borrowing is \$95,000 for Schools which the City is required to provide under instructions from the Governor-in-Council.

Among other items the following have been authorized:—

Sewerage Construction	\$50,000.00
Fire Department (land & buildings)	43,200.00
Purchase of sites for manufacturing industries (including Africville) ..	21,500.00
Paving Streets	25,000.00

The remainder of the sum authorized to be borrowed is made up of a number of smaller items, all of which expenditures appear to be necessary.

While it would be much more pleasant if we could obtain our much needed improvements without having recourse to borrowing, I am nevertheless convinced that the great majority of the ratepayers are desirous of seeing the City progress and are satisfied so long as full value is received for the money expended.

In my two previous addresses the following matters were fully referred to:—

Taxation.

Enforcement of Law.

The Revision of the City Charter.

Public Market.

Dominion Exhibition.

Meeting of the Union of Canadian Municipalities.

Permanent Pavement.

Official Plan.

The Encouragement of Manufacturing Industries.

City Wharf.

The Improvement of Terminal Facilities.

and in various messages through the year I had the honor to direct your attention to the

Fast Atlantic Mail Service and Running Rights of the C. P. R. over the Intercolonial.

All these matters have been before you, have received your best consideration and I have to thank you for the time and attention which you have given to them. I think we may safely say that progress has been made in connection with every one of them and that we in common with all citizens of Halifax have reason to feel that our old City has at last awakened and taken a considerable step in advance.

As to

TAXATION

a committee was appointed at the last meeting of Council to further consider this difficult problem and to evolve if possible an equitable system of taxation. Its solution is a trying and serious matter and the gentlemen who compose the Committee that are grappling with the subject should, and no doubt will, have every assistance this Council can render them in their work.

With a Police Department which is second to none for a City of the size of Halifax, the

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW

is satisfactorily carried out and the Chief of Police, his officers and men are to be congratulated on the way their at all times unpleasant duties are performed. Their instructions are to enforce the laws and ordinances of the City using judgment and discretion and they are continually giving evidence of their ability to cope with the matters that arise in that department.

THE REVISION OF THE CITY CHARTER

has been completed and the Revisers are to be congratulated on the result of their labors. The revision has been a most thorough and careful one and the laws and ordinances of the City are now so plain that "He who runs may read."

The question of a

PUBLIC MARKET

which has been under consideration of the Council for a great many years is now about to become a reality. The Militia Council of Canada have recommended to the Army Council in England that the large Fuel Yard should be conveyed to the City on terms which you have already considered and agreed to and we now only await the approval of the Imperial Government which there appears to be every reason to believe will be granted. We have the funds on hand with which to erect a market building and as soon as the transfer of property is made it will be possible to begin the erection of such a building as you may approve.

During the past year, the

DOMINION EXHIBITION

was held at Halifax and was a great success as an exhibition pure and simple, and I am glad to say the accounts show a small balance on the right side.

The Annual Convention of the

UNION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

was also held at Halifax during the past year, was most successful in every way and resulted in advertising our City and affording those persons charged with the government of cities and towns of other parts of Canada a fuller knowledge of Halifax.

THE PERMANENT PAVEMENT

of our streets and some of our sidewalks speaks for itself. The improvement which it has made in the appearance of our City well warrants the expenditure entailed. Before the close of the year upon which we are now entering is reached and the work now ordered is completed the streets and sidewalks of Halifax will compare more than favorably with the leading cities of the Dominion.

The work on the

OFFICIAL PLAN

has been going steadily forward and before the year closes several

sections more will be completed and submitted for approval as required by law.

In my last annual message I referred at some length to the matter of

ENCOURAGING MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

to establish in our midst.

It is pleasing now to note that the attention and consideration which you have given this matter and the inducements which you were able to offer as well as the favorable situation of Halifax for certain industries have, with the hearty co-operation and hard work of the Board of Trade, resulted in considerable success.

The Silliker Car Works was the first important industry to establish here. A suitable site for this enterprise has been secured by the Company and work is rushed so that the buildings may be erected as speedily as possible.

Negotiations are now being carried on with the W. P. MacNeil Company looking to the establishment of an iron works in Halifax, and a site is being expropriated for the purpose. The latest report from the gentlemen interested in this Company, is that your offer is acceptable, and that work will be commenced on the erection of the plant as soon as the land is available, provided certain negotiations they are carrying on with outside parties are successful.

Negotiations have also been begun with some other gentlemen looking to the establishment of a boiler works on a large scale, and present indications would lead one to believe that this industry will establish itself here.

All these industries, together with the new Round House and Car Shops of the Intercolonial Railway are to be established in the northern portion of our City which lends itself so admirably to such enterprises, and before long this section should become a veritable hive of industry, employing a very large number of men, a large proportion of whom will be skilled mechanics.

CITY WHARF.

An agreement was reached between the Dartmouth Ferry Com-

mission and your Council looking to the improvement of the ferry accommodation on the Halifax side, but failed to meet with the approval of the ratepayers of Dartmouth. As you have decided to purchase the Stayner Wharf property, I am still in hopes that an arrangement fair alike to the town of Dartmouth and the City of Halifax will be reached whereby a much-needed improvement in ferry facilities on this side of the Harbor will take place.

IMPROVEMENT OF TERMINAL FACILITIES.

In view of the great trade that is springing up in the West, this is one of the greatest questions with which we have to deal. In the consideration of this matter we have had the hearty co-operation of the Board of Trade, and a great improvement is now going on. When the extension of the facilities for handling freight now under construction in Water Street is completed and the Railway Department has taken over the Cunard Wharf property, a shed for the storage of flour being then provided, and the Richmond Yard has been cleared of the obstructions, in the nature of tumble-down buildings, etc., which have so greatly cramped the proper handling of freight, our port will be in a far better position to take its place in the export and import business of Canada, a considerable portion of which we are assured must come to us.

Whether or not an expert on railway and steamship matters should be brought here to look over our facilities and advise us as to what further should be done to improve our port, is a question to which I would direct your earnest consideration.

THE FAST ATLANTIC MAIL SERVICE

came up before us in a very acute form during the past winter when the management of the C. P. R. steamships refused to land mails and passengers at this port. The strong representation which you were able to make on the question to the Government, ably supported by the Board of Trade, resulted in the steamers of the line in question coming to the wharf for the purpose of disembarking and embarking passengers and the landing and reception of the mails. Not only the Government, but I think I am safe in saying the Steamships Management, agreeing that this was the proper course to adopt in the best interest of the Dominion and of the Company.

A question closely allied to this is the matter of

RUNNING RIGHTS OF THE C. P. R. OVER THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

At the time that the C. P. R. Company made the request for running rights I had the honor of presenting my views on this very important question to you, and the recommendations I made at that time you unanimously approved. The question is, I understand, still under consideration by the Department of Railways and the Government, and we should continue to press our policy on this question not only as being in the interest of Halifax, but in the interest of the whole Province of Nova Scotia and the Dominion.

One of the most difficult and pressing problems with which we have to deal during the coming year, and the consideration of which should not be delayed, is the matter of our

WATER SUPPLY.

The report of Mr. Willis Chipman, Consulting Engineer of Toronto, is before you, which shows beyond doubt the imperative necessity of at once taking some action.

You have also before you the report of our own City Engineer made to the Council in February, 1892, which is practically confirmed by the report of Mr. Chipman.

Mr. Doane's predecessor also presented several reports on the water question, and these three authorities and others who have examined our water service from time to time all agree that there is a volume of water being discharged into the City of Halifax daily which should be more than sufficient for the needs of double our present population. Excessive waste is the main cause of the low pressure over the service generally, and on the higher elevations the total absence of water service. Mr. Chipman in his report makes various suggestions to remedy the difficulty. Mr. Doane and Mr. Keating did likewise. For these various reports I would ask your careful and immediate attention pointing out to you the risk which we are continually running in the case of a large conflagration and also the serious inconvenience which the people of Willow Park and those on the other higher levels of the City are called upon to endure. Realizing the urgency of the matter, I presented a message to you when forwarding Mr. Chipman's report suggesting that authority should be obtained from the Legislature to borrow the sum of \$100,000.00 in order that

you might be able to grapple with the difficulty as soon as you had had time to consider the report of the Consulting Engineer. You unanimously endorsed the suggestion then made and asked the Legislature for authority to borrow the sum named, which authority the Legislature has granted. I would now recommend that the matter should be referred at once to a special committee with instructions to report to a special meeting of the Council to be called at an early date.

Here let me remark upon the increased facilities which last year's Council have provided in the way of

FIRE FIGHTING APPARATUS

and the additional accommodation which is now being provided for further equipment. When the fire stations now under construction and in contemplation have been erected (the funds for which have already been authorized) and the increased equipment installed our Department should be not only satisfactory to our citizens but should meet the requirements of the most exacting Board of Fire Underwriters.

COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

Legislation was obtained at the 1906 session of the Legislature authorizing the borrowing of money for the extension and improvement of the County Court House. The Court House Commission at once approached the Government with a view to reaching an agreement as to the proportion to be paid by the Province. The Government has agreed to contribute one third of the cost on the understanding that its total contribution shall not exceed seven thousand dollars. The Grand Jury at the last sittings of the Supreme Court called attention to the state of the Court House and it is imperatively necessary that some steps should be taken in this matter at once.

CHANGE IN CIVIC YEAR.

Each recurring spring brings to us all the usual and well founded complaints about dusty, dirty streets, and every year as soon as the snow and ice disappear repairs are needed which cannot be made on account of the appropriations not being available until the first of May. Another evil resulting from commencing the work late is that a great deal has to be done in a rush at the end of the season.

There are two remedies—either to change the commencement of the civic year to April 1st or to obtain legislation permitting the Council to anticipate a stated proportion of the coming year's appropriations on and after April 1st.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the members of last year's Council for their co-operation and assistance in the performance of the responsible duties of my office, and I would ask the same support and assistance from the Council of the present year in order that the programme of progressive government which we have entered upon may be in a large measure completed, and Halifax shall take its proper place as one of the progressive cities of Canada.

I would extend a cordial welcome to those members of our Council who are present for the first time this evening. Undoubtedly the part which they will take in the government of our City will make for its progress and development.

R. T. MACILREITH, *Mayor.*

CITY AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1906-7.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

HALIFAX, N. S., July 22nd, 1907.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—As required by our City Charter and Ordinances, I have during the civic year just passed examined all books and papers connected with the financial departments of the City and find same correct and sufficiently vouched.

Our gross debt last year was	\$3,687,690
And has been increased this year	5,000
For Half Dry Dock Subsidy, and is now	\$3,692,690
Besides which we have an overdraft on the Royal Bank of Canada on our loan account of	58,743
And the Bank of British North America, for schools, of	30,682
Making a total gross debt of	\$3,782,115

That is to say:

For Water Purposes	\$1,056,600
School "	366,782
General "	2,358,733
	\$3,782,115

Our short term bonds are now \$23,089; but as same are paid yearly by direct assessment I have not included them in gross debt.

There is a further amount of \$45,240 which we have borrowed from the Royal Bank of Canada on account of amount due by abutters on sidewalks and pavement, but as same with interest thereon is payable by the property owners I have not included it as it is an indirect liability.

SINKING AND RESERVE FUNDS.

Our Sinking and Reserve Funds have increased during the year \$39,734.46—when examined last, May 27th, 1907, they were as follows:—

Sinking Fund, 1901, \$100,000	\$ 119,271 46
“ 1898	1,897 46
“ 1901, Water Department	4,232 36
“ \$15,000	15,492 84
“ 1902	78,954 42
“ Halifax & South Western Railway	10,399 89
“ Schools	13,934 57
“ Reserve Fund	51,500 00
“ Market House Fund	35,506 89
“ Refund Street Fund	5,000 00
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	\$336,189 89
Our gross debt April 30th, 1907, was	\$3,781,088 00
From which deduct Water Bonds	1,056,600 00
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Leaving	\$2,724,488 00
Less Sinking and Reserve Funds as above	336,189 00
Shows our net debt April 30th, 1907, to be	\$2,388,299 00

I examined the securities of the Sinking and Reserve Funds, May 27th, 1907, and found them as above agreeing with the books of the City Treasurer. They are kept in the strong box of the City at the Royal Bank and are in the immediate custody of the City Treasurer.

Past experience has convinced me that it will be much more satisfactory to give a yearly statement of valuations of the City's assets and thus keep same up-to-date than to let the matter drift for say five years and then take it up in committee, thus causing unnecessary delay; consequently I shall endeavor to deal with this portion of my report yearly from this date.

As shewn by my report of 1905-6, pages 23-28,	
Our assets were	\$2,936,000
Against our net debt of	2,223,313
Leaving an overplus of	\$711,687,000
This year we show assets as follows; of	\$3,118,184
Against our net debt of	2,388,299
Leaving an overplus of	\$729,885

The valuations of our property are as follows:—

Lot of Land Kempt Road, Young Street	\$ 1,000 00
“ Chebuoto Road	1,000 00
Market Square	5,000 00

Ward Lot, Young Avenue	\$1,000 00	
Market Lot, Governor's Farm	400 00	
2 Lots, Wellington Street	500 00	
2 Lots, South Hollis Street	800 00	
Dock, foot of Morris Street	500 00	
Dock, North Slip, foot of Gerrish Street	1,500 00	
Magazine Lots, adjoining Magazine, north	1,500 00	
Lots, Africville, foot of Longard Road	500 00	
Lots, Africville, foot of Gottingen Street	500 00	
Lot, Pleasant Street, south of Miller Water Lots	300 00	
Lot, Sewer outlet, north of Hurd's Lane	500 00	
" " south of Queen's Wharf		
" " south of Salter Street		
" " Porter's on Plan, adjoining Boak's Whf.		
		\$15,000 00
Halifax Academy	\$50,000 00	
Acadian School	10,000 00	
Africville "	1,000 00	
Albro St. "	25,000 00	
Alexandra "	45,000 00	
Quinpool Road School	18,000 00	
Bloomfield St. "	20,000 00	
Compton Avenue "	18,000 10	
LeMarchant St. "	15,000 00	
Morris Street "	40,000 00	
Richmond "	18,000 00	
Tower Road "	6,000 00	
Young Street "	15,000 00	
Kaye Street "	20,000 00	
Manual Training "	18,000 00	
Furniture in Schools	20,000 00	
Repairs to Morris Street School and advances St. Patrick's High School	30,682 00	
		369,682 00
Engine House, Bedford Row	\$20,000 00	
" West Street	12,000 00	
" Central	14,000 00	
" Gerrish Street	3,000 00	
Queen Street	4,000 00	
" Spring Garden Road	1,500 00	
" Isleville	2,500 00	
" Quinpool Road	4,000 00	
" Grafton Street	6,000 00	
Apparatus, Horses, Equipment	\$56,547 00	
Fire Alarm System	14,155 00	
		70,702 00
		137,702 00
Public Gardens	\$100,000 00	
Commons Land	50,000 00	
City Hall	150,000 00	
Poor's Asylum and Grounds	120,000 00	
Old Exhibition Building and Grounds	65,000 00	
New Exhibition Building and Grounds	65,000 00	
Park opposite Old Exhibition Grounds	20,000 00	
Grafton Park, Spring Garden Road	8,000 00	
Mulgrave Park	5,000 00	
Acadia Square	1,000 00	

Esplanade	\$ 6,000 00	
Lot, Inglie Street	2,000 00	
Lot, Tower Road	600 00	
Fish Market	3,000 00	
Dartmouth Ferry and South Wharf	15,000 00	
Rockhead and Land	20,000 00	
Infectious Diseases Hospital	7,000 00	
		637,600 00
Valuation placed on Water Supply, 1905-6 Report This amount is fixed on the net earnings of this supply, notwithstanding that the water rates charged the inhabitants are lower than we know of other cities of like proportion, that is to say, the minimum charge for properties up to \$1,500.00 value is \$4.00 ; in cases where meters are supplied (meters free of charge) a fire protection rate of 12c. per \$100 00 valuation is charged, and the meter reading is taken for consumption purposes.....		
	\$1,750,000 00	
Expenditure during year for additions to service.....	30,000 00	
	\$1,780,000 00	
Deduct outstanding Water Bonds	1,056,600 00	\$723,400 00
Permanent Sewers, including plant, material on hand and catchpits—less Sinking Fund	870,000 00	
Permanent Pavements, including street pavements, concrete, asphalt and brick sidewalks, curbs, gutters, crossings, plant and material on hand and City's proportion of pavements built 1906-7—less Sinking Fund	330,000 00	
Streets, broken stone, scrapers, sweepers, plough, paper carts, tools, boxes, picks, shovels, lawn mowers, salt and fresh water sand, gravel, cobble, stones, rough granite, stone granite curb, gutters, engine and cylinder oil	14,300 00	
2 Steam Rollers	5 500 00	
Stone Crusher and gear	1,500 00	
3 driving and 11 draught horses	1,500 00	
Water, ash, tip carts, sleighs, &c	5,500 00	
Fish market wharf and sea wall	1,300 00	
Public Baths	4,000 00	
Tank and Motor Market Wharf	200 00	
Miscellaneous instruments Engineer's Office	1,000 00	
		\$3,118,184 00

This does not include our payments to Dry Dock, \$170,000.00; Grain Elevator, \$52,000; Cemeteries for Burial of the Poor, \$10,000, and much besides that could be enumerated.

We have beside in exempted property \$7,990,200 in valuation made up as follows:—

EXEMPTIONS.

Dominion Government Property.

Custom House.....	\$ 300,000	
Post Office.....	150,000	
Old Drill Hall.....	10,000	
New Armouries.....	300,000	
Grain Elevator.....	150,000	
Deep Water Terminus.....	1,000,000	
North Street Depot.....	250,000	
Richmond Terminus.....	500,000	
		\$2,660,000

Imperial.

Lumber Yard.....	\$ 30,000	
Belle Vue.....	25,000	
South Barracks.....	65,000	
Commissary Fuel Yard.....	25,000	
Married Quarters.....	100,000	
Military Hospital.....	85,000	
Military Gymnasium, &c.....	25,000	
Queen's Wharf.....	60,000	
Wellington Barracks.....	450,000	
Brigade Office.....	12,000	
Admiralty House.....	65,000	
Dockyard.....	800,000	
Magazine Wharf.....	20,000	
Ordnance Yard.....	150,000	
Citadel and Buildings.....	500,000	
Fort Needham.....	4,000	
		\$2,416,000

Provincial Government Property.

Province Building.....	\$ 240,000	
Burns Building.....	35,000	
Government House, &c.....	90,000	
Hospital, &c.....	200,000	
		\$ 565,000

County.

Court House, &c.....	\$ 100,000
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Educational.

Ladies' College	\$ 50,000
Theological Hall	30,000
Dalhousie College.....	75,000
Convent, Spring Garden Road	50,000
Medical College	6,000
St. Joseph's College	30,000
Windsor Street College.....	14,000
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	\$ 255,000

Charitable.

St. Paul's Alms House	\$ 10,000
Protestant Orphanage.....	10,000
Catholic Orphanage	30,000
Infant's Home, Protestant.....	14,000
Infant's Home, Catholic	10,000
Industrial School, Protestant	20,000
Girls' Home	4,500
Old Ladies' Home	29,000
Deaf and Dumb Institution.....	60,000
Dispensary	10,000
Infirmary	30,000
Industrial School, Catholic	18,000
Blind School	100,000
Sisters of Good Shepherd	30,000
St. Theresa's Home	6,000
Old Men's Home	12,000
Women's Christian Association	10,000
W. C. T. Union	2,000
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	\$ 396,500

Churches.

St. Andrew's	\$ 20,000
St. Matthew's	30,000
St. Luke's (burnt)	10,000
St. Mary's	80,000
St. Patrick's	50,000
St. Paul's	45,000
St. Mathias'	3,000
St. John's	15,000
St. Mark's	12,000
St. Joseph's	20,000
St. George's	20,000
First Baptist	25,000
Bishop's Chapel	10,000
Coburg Road	5,000
Robie Street	10,000
Village Road	2,000
Charles Street	20,000
Mission House (North)	2,000

Park Street	\$ 25,000	
Tower Road	1,000	
Universalist	35,000	
Starr Street	3,000	
Fort Massey	35,000	
Mission Chapel (South)	6,000	
Old Dutch	2,000	
Kaye Street	8,000	
North Baptist (Tabernacle)	12,000	
" Gottingen	15,000	
" West End	5,000	
African Baptist	3,000	
" Methodist	4,000	
Quinpool Road	5,000	
Duffus Street	8,000	
Village Church	3,000	
St. Agnes	12,000	
South Park Street	5,000	
Brunswick Street	30,000	
Quinpool Road	10,000	
Grafton Street	30,000	
Garrison Church	15,000	
Holy Heart Chapel	35,000	
		\$ 686,000

Miscellaneous.

Church of England Institute	\$ 15,000	
Cotton Factory	\$ 300,000	
Assessed by law at	75,000	
		225,000
Moir, Son & Co.	100,000	
Less assessment on	37,000	
		63,000
Academy of Music		50,000
Masonic Hall	30,000	
Less assessment on	5,000	
		25,000
Clayton's Building	40,000	
Less assessment on	10,000	
		30,000
Argyle Hall		25,000
Temperance Hall		3,000
Y. M. C. Association	35,000	
Less Assessment on	2,000	
		33,000
St. Paul's Coffee Rooms, &c.		3,000
St. Mary's Young Men's	20,000	
Less assessment on	1,000	
		19,000
St. Patrick's Temperance Hall	7,000	
Less assessment on	800	
		6,200
St. Joseph's Temperance Hall	2,000	
Less assessment on	500	
		1,500

Odd Fellows' Hall	\$ 18,000	
Less assessment on	5,000	
		\$ 13,000
Halifax Graving Dock	600,000	
Less assessment on	200,000	
		400,000
		<u>\$911,700</u>

The Provincial Legislature at its last session passed bills allowing us to borrow sums as follows:—

Loan to assist Siliker Car Works	\$125,000
(The work of installing buildings for this concern is progressing favorably).	
New sewers, \$50,000; Extending Water Service, \$135,000	185,000
Acquisition of properties for different purposes; and building of engine houses	97,000
And for necessary civic improvements	30,700
	<u>\$437,000</u>

But owing to the stringency of the money market, caused more especially in Canada by the opening up of the great wheat fields of our North Western Provinces which calls for railroad extension as well as seaboard facilities in the east for handling these enormous crops, we are finding it difficult to float our securities and realize anything near such prices as at our last flotation which was a slight premium on our 4% 35 year bonds. However, after careful consideration, your Council have accepted the offer of two of our leading brokers, Messrs. J. C. Mackintosh & Co and F. B. McCurdy & Co, on a basis on $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ or \$91.45 for our 4% 33 years. This, while a heavy shrinkage, more especially compared with our last sale, is as well as any City in the Dominion of Canada can do to-day.

The Legislature saw fit to change our mode of handling the school debt and in future the City will provide funds for the School Board's requirements and issue debentures or stock for same, and also will be entrusted with the care of their Sinking Funds.

The valuation for assessment 1905-6 was \$27,030,050.00 and the rate per \$100.00, \$1.73.

The valuation this year, 1906-7, is \$26,988,175, and the rate per \$100.00, \$1.72, and is as follows:—