

CITY HALL.

Minutes of City Council,

No. 30. JANUARY 26th, 1891.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—3.10 P. M.

At a Special Meeting of the City Council summoned for this day, present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Keefe, Hesslein, Sanford, Power, Pickering, Ruggles and Foster.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the time for meeting be extended fifteen minutes. Motion passed.

3.30—Roll called. Present: the above, with Aldermen Boak, Hamilton, Sweet, Power and Outhit.

The Council were summoned to consider License Inspector's report on application of Alexander Renner, 146 Hollis Street, for license to sell liquor, to proceed with business standing over from last meeting, and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Pickering, Chairman Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, submits a report on the appointment of an Engineer for No. 3 S. F. Engine.

His Worship the Mayor submits the application of Alexander Renner for Hotel License, with Special Report from the Inspector of License thereon.

Also, extract from Minutes of Board of Health, in reference to defective drainage Granville Street and Tower Road, as reported on by Assistant City Medical Officer.

Also, extract from Minutes of Board of Health on the reappointment of Dr. G. E. DeWitt as Assistant City Medical Officer.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Read the application of Alexander Renner for Hotel License, Hollis Street, with Special Report from the License Inspector thereon.

Moved by Alderman Ruggles, seconded by Alderman Hesslein, that License be granted to Alexander Renner. Motion passed.

Read report from the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, in reference to the appointment of an Engineer Steam Fire Engine.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be considered with No. 38 item on the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

The Mayor having to retire, Alderman Boak is requested to take the Chair.

Read extract from Minutes of Board of Health of January 23rd, 1891, in reference to certain premises on Granville Street and Tower Road reported by Assistant C. M. O. as dangerous to public health, with the report thereon, as read at said meeting of the Board of Health.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works. Motion passed.

Read extract from Minutes of Board of Health, January 23rd, 1891, in reference to the re-appointment of Dr. G. E. DeWitt as Assistant Medical Officer.

Extract from Minutes of meeting of the Board of Health held 23rd January, 1891.

Read a resolution submitted from the City Council on the subject of re-appointment of Doctor G. E. DeWitt as Assistant City Medical Officer, as follows :

Whereas, Diphtheria and other infectious and contagious diseases exist within the City to a great extent, and it has been deemed expedient to strengthen the hands of the City Medical Officer by the appointment of an Assistant, to whom has been assigned the cases of Diphtheria in City Hospital, in connection with other Sanitary matters, and in which institution there are a number of patients at the present time requiring constant medical attention ; and

Whereas, The time for which the Assistant Medical Officer was appointed expires in a few days ;

Therefore resolved, That the Assistant City Medical Officer's services be retained, and that he be continued in office as Assistant Medical

Officer from the expiration of his present appointment until the first of May next.

Moved by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Campbell, that the services of Dr. DeWitt be retained until the 1st May, and that the City Council be requested to confirm said reappointment to that date. Also, that John Delaney be employed as Health Inspector.

A true extract.

THOMAS RHIND,

Clerk B. H.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the recommendation therein made be concurred in.

Council take up the Order of the Day.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that item No. 37 on Order of the Day be taken up. Motion passed.

Read report from the Board of City Works, asking that funds be provided for the Internal Health Service.

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS BOARD OF CITY WORKS,

January 12th, 1891.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day the subjoined resolution was adopted and ordered to be sent to the City Council:

Whereas, in consequence of the continuance of the ash cart service two months longer than usual, the extra street cleaning undertaken on the order of the Board of Health, and the purchase of additional water carts, the fund at the disposal of the Board of Works for internal health purposes is exhausted, and whereas to meet the necessary outlay of the fund for the balance of the civic year, and partially to repay the horse fund for the work performed by the City horses, a considerable sum will be required.

Therefore resolved, That the City Council be respectfully requested to place to the credit of the Board one thousand dollars for the purposes referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HAMILTON,

Chairman Board of Works.

When the following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be taken from the Unexpended Balance Fund, and placed to the credit of the Internal Health Service to carry on the work of that Department for the balance of the year, the same to be repaid from next year's appropriation for Internal Health. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Foster, and passed.

The following resolution was also introduced :

Resolved, That Three Hundred Dollars be taken from Contingent Account or any funds that the Mayor may have, and be placed to the credit of the Fuel Account. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Sanford, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that item 38 on Order of the Day be taken up. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, in reference to recent disaffection in Union Engine Company :

COMMITTEE ROOM,

January 21st, 1891.

The Fire Commissioners of the City Council, to whom certain complaints and charges from members of the City Fire Brigade were referred, beg to report as follows :

That your committee met twice, viz : On the evenings of January 12th, and 15th inst, and gave both the complainants and the accused officers of the Fire Company, a fair and impartial hearing.

On the charges formally submitted to them, your committee conclude :

That on the first charge, "violating Captain's duty," the evidence adduced in the "Netherton case," shows that Captain Condon was governed by the rules of the company, and cannot in any way be censured for his action in this matter.

On the second charge, "sanctioning the expulsion of members No. 1 Steamer," etc., it appears to your committee that the action of Captain Condon and of the Union Engine Company, was justifiable, and according to a common-sense interpretation of the rules of the company, which are somewhat imperfect on these particular points. Your committee, however, wish to state that the temporarily expelled firemen appear to have acted as they did in making their Fredericton visit, in the belief that they were within their rights in so doing.

Complaint No. 3 refers to a disagreeable incident at a company meeting—a little unpleasantness likely to occur at the meetings of any

society or body—and altogether too trivial to warrant attention or investigation.

Complaint 4 is that Captain Condon unfairly and improperly gave favored friends notice that a test fire alarm would be made on a certain date last summer, and that owing to such "tip" his friends had an advantage in responding to the alarm. Evidence was submitted that notice or "tip" of the test alarm was given one of the fire engineers by some one, but only hearsay evidence, which is altogether inadmissible, connects such information with the captain of the company.

There does not appear to be anything in complaint No. 5.

Complaint No. 6 refers to the improper making up of the voters' list. Mr. Murphy, who urges this charge, certainly discovered a grave irregularity, and for his action in correcting a public abuse, merits much credit. Captain Condon, however, does not appear to have created or fostered the impropriety complained of, but seems to have acted on the lines laid down, and the custom followed by his predecessors; and his acknowledgement that the custom of the company was erroneous, and would not be followed in future, seems all that can be expected from him.

To the main charge of wrongfully voting away the company's funds, your committee gave careful attention, and conclude that the action of the meeting in December at which the testimonial was voted was within its strict legal rights according to the by-laws of the company. Your committee regret that the minority were not allowed to reconsider the vote at a subsequent meeting, which was not an unreasonable request, and would have probably obviated the difficulty which has arisen. However considered, the action of the meeting referred to was not improper, and was within the lines of the constitution of the Union Engine Company.

Captain Condon was not in the city when the meeting referred to took place, and cannot be responsible in any way for the conduct or conclusions of such meeting.

The refusal of certain divisions and members of the Union Engine Company to serve longer under Captain Condon, and their consequent suspension from the company, having resulted from an impression of unfair and illegal treatment at the "December" meeting, your committee recommend that the dissenting firemen be requested to withdraw their letter refusing to serve under Captain Condon, and that in the event of such being done, the Union Engine Company reconsider and withdraw their vote suspending or expelling these firemen from the company.

Your committee recommend that the City Council, in voting the annual payments to the fire companies of the city, grant such funds

to be devoted to the benevolent, benefit or entertainment purposes only of such organizations.

Your committee cannot shut their eyes to the fact that there is a spirit of disaffection existing within the ranks of the Union Engine Company, which is deplorable and unsatisfactory, and may become a source of public danger. The company owes it to the public and to its own useful and honorable career of upwards of a century, that this discord should no longer prevail, but that every effort should be made by officers and men, in the cause of peace and good will, even to the extent of allowing "by-gones to be by-gones."

Attached hereto we return all papers in connection with the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman.*
MINER T. FOSTER,
JAMES ADAMS,
D. F. POWER,
M. H. RUGGLES,
GEORGE E. BOAK,
M. E. KEEFE.

When the following resolution (No. 3) is introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Firewards be received and concurred in by this Council, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to Captain Condon, of the Union Engine Company, and also to Mr. Broderick, for their information, with the hope that it be considered and concurred in by them. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Foster, and passed unanimously.

Read report from the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners in reference to the appointment of an Engineer for the No. 3 Steam Fire Engine :

COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 26th, 1891.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners met this day. Present: Aldermen Pickering, (Chairman) Keefe, Power, Foster and Ruggles.

The following resolution was introduced :

Whereas, It has come to the notice of the Board that the remarks made at last meeting of Council in reference to the Engineer of No. 3 Steamer having neglected his duty in not having properly looked after the Engine under his charge, were somewhat misleading, and no blame

is chargeable to said Engineer, as by reference to the letter submitted by the Engineer it is brought to the notice of the Board that he called the attention of those in authority to the matter in September 18th, 1890 ;

Therefore resolved, That the Board recommend Michael Mulcahy for the position of Engineer No. 3 Steam Fire Engine.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded Alderman Power, and on being put is passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. PICKERING,
Chairman.

When the following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners in re appointment of Engineer for No. 3 Fire Engine, be received and concurred in by this Council. Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Foster, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster, that item No. 34 on Order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read report of the Committee of Laws and Privileges on the subject of Police matters, &c.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
December 17th, 1890,

The Committee of Laws and Privileges had an investigation into Police matters under the resolution of the Council of the 14th November last, and find as follows :

1. That violations of the City Laws and Ordinances are very fully reported by the Police.
2. That there has been no Police parade or inspection during the last year or more.
3. That there are at least four members of the force over sixty years of age and inefficient on account of age and ill health.
4. That nothing has been done up to the date of the investigation under the resolution of the Council appointing the sergeants Deputy Inspectors under the License Act, 1886, and authorizing the Police to assist the Chief Inspector and enforce the law.
5. That the reason why no action had been taken on a number of the charges reported by the Police between 1st May and 30th Septem-

ber, 1890, was owing to inability on the part of the City Clerk to overtake the work from want of an additional clerk in his office, and also because a number of cases were settled on the quiet, as it is termed, by the party charged coming in before the return of the summons, acknowledging his offence, paying the costs, and in some cases a small fine imposed by the Stipendiary Magistrate, and besides, a large number of the complaints were of such a nature that no action was necessary, as the matters complained of remedied themselves.

The Committee recommend as follows:

(a) That the Junior Assistant Clerk to be appointed be given charge of the Police Book, to see that the cases reported are summoned daily, and that in any cases where fuller details are required from the Police or any questions of law are likely to arise, that he bring the same immediately to the notice of the Mayor or Recorder respectively, that the particulars may be furnished on the proper legal forms pursued as the case may require.

(b) That the selection of men for the force, subject to the requirements of the Police Regulations, be left solely to the City Marshal, and that no applicant be appointed hereafter by the Committee or Council except on the Marshal's written recommendation, and that the Marshal be held strictly responsible for the efficiency and character of the force. (Alderman Keefe dissenting from this recommendation.)

(c) That the City Marshal be relieved entirely in future of the duty of collecting money under the process of the City Court, and that the Assistant Deputy Marshal attend to the collection of monies under executions and process from that Court, and relieve the Marshal altogether from such work in future, and make his returns to City Clerk. (Alderman Keefe dissenting.)

(d) That four additional policemen be appointed to the force to attend to police duty, more especially in the North and West suburbs, which at present are sadly neglected, and that a patrol waggon should also be provided.

(e) That His Excellency the Admiral on the North American Station be communicated with, to respectfully request that the Council be furnished with a return of monies paid from any of Her Majesty's ships at Halifax during the last year for the capture of deserters or the return of absentees to the ship, giving the name of the parties who received the money, the dates when paid and amount, and stating whether the City Police assisted in any or in what cases, as under the law the Police Superannuation Fund is entitled to such monies, and only one reward has been paid into that fund during the last year for that service, and the Committee have been led to believe that further returns should have been made.

(f) That the Council should provide for retiring several of the aged members of the force by putting them in other positions in the City Service, such as Grain and Coal Measurers.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. N. LYONS,
Chairman.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

On motion of Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Mosher, the same is read clause by clause and clauses A and B passed without dissent.

Clause C moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Mosher That this clause pass with the following addition. The Recorder to report any amendment to the Ordinances or Existing Laws if he considers the same necessary to be done. Motion put and passed.

Clauses D and E passed without dissent.

Clause F. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that this clause be referred to Police Committee to report on. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Hesslein, that the report as amended pass. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Hamilton to introduce a resolution in reference to a paid Fire Department.

The same was objected to and placed on order paper by way of notice.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and passed, 7 voting for the same, 5 against it. Names being called for, appeared thus :

For the Adjournment.
 Aldermen Mosher, Foster,
 Lyons, Hesslein,
 Ruggles, Power,
 Keefe—7.

Against it.
 Aldermen Sweet,
 Sanford,
 Hamilton,
 Outhit,
 Pickering—5.

5 P. M.—Council adjourn.

CITY HALL.

Minutes of City Council,

No. 31. • FEBRUARY 4th, 1891.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—3.10 P. M.

At a special meeting of the City Council summoned for this day. Present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Ruhland, Hamilton, Sanford, Pickering, Power, Foster, Lyons, Mosher and Adams.

The Council was summoned to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

At 3.25 there being no quorum to do business, the Council stands adjourned until further notice.

FEBRUARY 13th, 1891.

EVENING SESSION.—8.10 P. M.

At a special meeting of the City Council held this evening. Present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Hesslein, Keefe, Sanford, Hamilton, Foster, McFatrige, Outhit.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the time for meeting be extended twenty minutes. Motion passed.

7.25. Roll called. Present: The above, with Aldermen Pickering, Ruggles, Sweet and Lyons.

The minutes of meetings of 25th January and 4th February were read and confirmed.

Alderman Lyons, Chairman of Committee of Laws and Privileges, submits a report from that Committee.

Alderman Hamilton, Chairman of the Board of City Works, submits a report from the Board on alterations to and additions to Rules and Regulations for Licensed Plumbers.

Also, a report from Board of City Works on sewer, Birmingham street.

Alderman Foster submits petitions from William J. Francis and other residents North George and West streets, asking a sewer in that locality.

Alderman Sweet, in the absence of the Chairman of City Prison Committee, submits a report of that Committee on the accounts against prison for January, 1891.

Alderman Sweet, Chairman of Committee of Cemetery, submits a report from that Committee.

Alderman Pickering, Chairman, submits a report from Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners on a number of accounts passed by the Board.

Alderman Pickering, Chairman, submits a report from Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners on a letter received from the Captain and Officers of the Union Engine Company through their secretary.

His Worship the Mayor submits a report from the City Clerk covering three accounts from Morning Herald Printing and Publish-Company.

Also a letter from Captain Condon, U. E. Co., covering a list of active members of said Company.

Also a letter from P. J. Broderick in reference to expulsion of certain members from the Union Engine Company.

Also a letter from Messrs. Drysdale, Newcombe and McInnis, solicitors, in reference to damages to sleigh of William Robertson.

Also a letter from Samuel Brookfield, President of the Halifax Industrial School for boys, asking payment for boys sent to said Institution.

Also a return from City Collector of rates and taxes and water rates, collected in the month of January, 1891.

Also the cash statement of the City Treasurer for month of January, 1891.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Ruggles, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers handed in. Motion passed.

Read report from Committee of City Prison submitted this day.

CITY PRISON, Feb. 2nd, 1891.

The City Prison Committee met this day. Present: The Chairman, Aldermen Dennis, Sanford. Sweet and McFatrige.

The following accounts amounting to \$262.17 were examined, found correct, and recommended to the City Council for payment:

J. A. Leaman & Co	\$31 43
Dillon Brothers	23 10
Edward J. Lordly.....	41 40
W. H. Cabot.....	10 71
Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow	6 58
J. E. Wilson	5 30
Buckley Brothers	22 55
R. H. Margeson	10 05
George Rent	17 09
John O'Connell	18 26
John Hogan & Sons	1 25
John J. Carnell	74 75
Total.....	\$262 17

The Governor and Matron submitted reports for the month of January, 1891.

Respectfully submitted,

SAUL MOSHER, *Chairman.*

When the following motion, No. 1, is introduced:

Resolved, That the report of the City Prison Committee be adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts mentioned therein. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Sanford, and passed.

Read report from the Board of City Works enclosing report from City Engineer, suggesting some alterations in Rules and Regulations for Licensed Plumbers.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the same be taken up with No. 30 on the Order of the Day.

Read report from Board of City Works in *re* petition for sewer Birmingham Street, from Spring Garden Road to Queen Street.

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS,
BOARD OF CITY WORKS,
February 2nd, 1891.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day they had under consideration the enclosed petition for a sewer on Birmingham Street from Spring Garden Road to Queen Street, and a report from the City Engineer upon it, when it was decided to transmit it to the City Council with the recommendation that the sewer be built in its turn, according to the report of the City Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

Proposed sewer on Birmingham Street from Spring Garden Road to Queen Street.

Length about 370 feet, size according to sewerage plan 18" x 12".

The estimated cost of the work is \$800.00, presuming that very little rock will be encountered.

The estimate return in sewerage rates is \$786.00.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. KEATING.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that that the same be placed on the Order Book to take its turn in sewer construction. Motion put and passed.

Read report from Committee of Laws and Privileges on several matters which were referred to them.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 3rd, 1891.

The Committee of Laws and Privileges beg to report on the several matters submitted to them by the City Council as follows:

(1.) The Committee submit herewith for the approval of the Council, and for transmission to the legislature, the draft act for the better protection and treatment of inebriates, and would recommend an early consideration of the same.

(2.) In reference to the application of Joseph S. Belcher, Esq., for rebate of license fee paid by the Glasgow and London Fire Insurance Company. Your Committee beg to report that if such rebate was granted to any company, as claimed by Mr. Belcher, it was contrary

to law (see Assessment Act, 1883) and therefore recommend that Mr. Belcher be informed that the Council are obliged to adhere to its former action, in approving of the previous report of this Committee on the subject.

(3.) In reference to the petition of Herbert M. King, and others relative to infringement by certain hackman of the Ordinance relative to hackway carriages. The Committee are divided on the subject. Alderman Hamilton considering that the Hack and Truck Committee should have their Inspector report all hackmen violating the provisions of the Ordinance and have their licenses cancelled, and Alderman Keefe being of opinion that the provision as to single sleighs should be repealed. The Chairman having acted as Council with the prosecution in the police court, declining to vote on the matter.

(4.) In reference to the protest of a number of citizens against selling the old Market Building.

Your Committee and His Honor the Recorder recommend that the proceedings for sale of said Market Building by tender be confirmed and that the Legislature be asked at its next session to approve of the same. The Chairman dissenting from the recommendation.

(5.) In *re* letter of Capt. George Murray in reference to recent action of the Marine Board.

Your Committee recommend that this complaint be referred to the Hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa if he should deem it worthy of the consideration of his department, it being a matter over which the City Council has no control.

(6.) Return of City Collector in *re* Collection Sewerage Rates.

Your Committee have instructed His Honor the Recorder to draft an amendment to the present Sewerage Act and submit the same to the City Council before the next session of the Legislature, providing that the lien for sewerage rates shall be realized at the regular tax sale in each year and that the amount of instalments due shall be placed in future on the ordinary tax bills and collected as part of the ordinary assessment, and that the filing of said list and the preparation of said bills be transferred from the Board of Works office to the Collector's office.

Your Committee have also asked His Honor the Recorder to have the schedule returned from the Engineer's office under present Sewerage Act, properly certified by the Engineer and filed with the Board

of Works, in compliance with the Act of 1889, and that the City Collector proceed to collect the amount due.

The papers connected with the above are returned herewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. N. LYONS, *Chairman.*

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

An Act for the Better Protection and Treatment of Inebriates.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

1st. The City Council of Halifax is hereby authorized to provide and maintain an asylum or home for the confinement and treatment of inebriates (hereinafter called the Inebriates Home or the Home) . . . said Inebriates Home to be located in the city or county of Halifax, within a radius of ten miles from the City Hall.

2nd. The City Council shall appoint a superintendent, and such other officers or keepers as may be necessary in the opinion of such Council from time to time for the proper government of said Home, and shall fix from time to time for such sum for the monthly keep of each person committed to or under treatment in such Home, as shall be sufficient in the opinion of said City Council to make said Home self supporting.

3rd. Notwithstanding any provision in the Liquor License Act of 1886, or any other act passed or to be passed, on the subject of licenses, or as to the application of fines and penalties, the City Council may apply the proceeds of all fines imposed and collected in the police court at Halifax, or by the Stipendiary Magistrate of said city, for drunkenness or for breach of the License Act of 1886, or any other act or law in reference to the sale or disposal of intoxicating liquors, towards the support and maintenance of said Inebriates Home, and in the event of a deficit in any year, of the revenue of said Home, to meet the running or ordinary expenditure, the same may by resolution of said Council be met and made good out of the license fund or any moneys collected or received by said city from Licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and if their be no such fund or the same be not sufficient, such deficit or the balance thereof may be assessed for and included in the civic estimates for the year following.

4th. When any person is charged before the Stipendiary Magistrate of the City of Halifax with drunkenness, or with drunkenness coupled with any other offence or crime, and the evidence offered would in the opinion of said magistrate warrant him in convicting the party charged of drunkenness, the said magistrate may at the request of the father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, or lawful guardian

of the person so charged, commit such person to said Inebriates Home for a period not less than one month and not more than six months, on the relative or guardian of such person giving security to the satisfaction of such magistrate to pay to the City of Halifax the sum fixed or to be fixed by the City Council for the keep and maintenance of an inmate in such home and such confinement in said home, shall be in lieu of any fine or imprisonment or any other penalty prescribed by law for such offence of drunkenness.

5th. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision or any other provision in this Act, the said Stipendiary Magistrate may of his own motion commit any person convicted of drunkenness before him to said home, when from the youth or antecedents of the offender or for any other reason confinement and treatment in said home, would be in the opinion of the Magistrate more likely to reform such offender than the imposition of a fine or confinement in jail or City Prison.

Provided always, however, that the City Council may by resolution at any time limit the number of persons that may be sent to said home by said Magistrate without pay, and that not more than five non-paying inmates shall be so committed or confined therein at any one time, unless the said Stipendiary Magistrate has the written authority of the Mayor of said City before the committal of any non-paying inmate in excess of such number.

6th. The Inebriates Home established under this Act shall be an asylum and institution for the use and cure of drunkards within the meaning of Chapter 97 of the Revised Statutes (5th series), and any Judge of the Supreme Court may on the *ex parte* application of any guardian of an interdicted person under said Act order the arrest and commitment of such interdicted person by the sheriff, guardian or any police officer to such home for any period not less than one month that such judge may deem expedient, on said guardian paying or securing to the City of Halifax the sum fixed or to be fixed for the keep and maintenance of an inmate in said Home.

7th. Any person, whether of full age or not, may be received and admitted for treatment in said home with his own consent in writing, verified by the oath of a subscribing witness, subject to the approval of the Mayor or Chairman of the Civic Committee in charge of said home, on paying or securing to the City the sum required for one or more months maintenance as an inmate. The consent shall fix the time for which such person shall remain in said home, and when a person is so received his consent shall be irrevocable and he shall be subject to the rules and discipline of the institution in the same manner as if committed by a Court or a judge for a fixed term. The consent of such person may be in the form or in the like effect as given in the schedule to this Act.

8th. No person shall be received into said Home as a patient or under treatment for a less period than one month, and all persons received or committed, shall be kept employed at suitable work or study, for not less than five or more than twelve hours each day, unless excused by the superintendant or medical attendant on account of illness.

9th. No license shall be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor nor any intoxicating liquor sold within 500 yards of the outer fence or boundary of said Home or grounds connected with the same, and any person violating this provision or any person bringing any intoxicating liquor into said Home, or within the enclosed grounds used in connection therewith, or giving or offering to give, or bringing or offering to bring any intoxicating liquor to any inmate or patient confined or undergoing treatment therein, unless under the written instructions of the superintendent or medical attendant of such institution, shall be liable for each offence to a penalty of \$100.00 or imprisonment with or without hard labor in the city prison or both.

10th. Any patient or inmate undergoing treatment in said Home, who breaks out or escapes from the same, may be arrested at any time within one week from such breaking out or escape, without warrant, by any keeper or officer of said Home or any peace or police officer, or any other person or persons knowing such patient or inmate to have broken out or escaped within a week and immediately returned and re-committed to such Home.

11th. When it is established to the satisfaction of the Stipendiary Magistrate for the city of Halifax, that any person who has been discharged as cured from said Inebriates Home, or whose term of confinement therein has expired, has within one month after such discharge or expiring of such term, commenced drinking again, and is leading a dissipated or dissolute life said magistrate may by warrant, under his hand and seal, order the arrest and re-commitment of such person to said Home for a further period of not less than two months and not more than six months on proper security being given the city for the keep and maintenance of the person so re-committed as aforesaid.

12th. When any person confined or undergoing treatment in said Home, is possessed of real or personal property to the value of \$500 or upwards, or has been carrying on a business up to the time of his reception into or commitment to said Home, and such person has not interdicted under chapter 97 of the Revised Statutes, 5th series, any judge of the Supreme Court may, on the *ex parte* application of the father, mother, husband, wife, sister, brother, son, daughter or a creditor of such person to the amount of \$100 or upwards, if such judge considers in the interest of the inmate of said Home and for the protection of his property or business, appoint a guardian of his real and personal

property or business such guardian shall have and exercise all the powers of a guardian of an interdicted person under said chapter 97, but before acting as such, the person so appointed as guardian shall give security in such reasonable amount as the judge shall fix for the performance of his duty as such and for the protection and care of the property or business of such inmate, and to faithfully account with him at the expiration of three months from the date of his discharge from said Home, or at such further or other time that he may be ordered to account. Such guardian shall have the control and management of the property, real and personal, of and the business if any carried on by said inmate, not only during the time of his confinement or treatment in said Home, but for the further period of three months thereafter at the expiration of said period of three months, if in the interval, the inmate so discharged from said Home has continued sober and become reformed, the guardian shall hand over to him his property or business and render him a just and true account in writing of his dealing with and management of the same. If the person so discharged from said Home has not reformed or continued sober during said probationary period of three months, his guardian shall continue in possession of said property and manage said business until otherwise ordered by the Supreme Court or a judge thereof.

13th. The City Council may make rules and regulations for the good government and management of said Home and for the treatment of the inmates therein and for the discipline and punishment of any refractory patients, and from time to time alter and amend or revoke the rules and regulations so made and impose penalties for the breach of the same, but all such rules and regulations of the same shall be immediately transmitted by the Mayor of said City to the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council. Such rules and regulations shall have the force of law from the date of the transmission to the Provincial Secretary for submission to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council and shall continue in force until disallowed by the said Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council or revoked or altered by the City Council. All rules and regulations made, together with any rules or regulations disallowed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, shall be laid before the House of Assembly and Legislative Council within ten days after the same are so received or disallowed, as the case may be, if the Legislature be then in session or if not within ten days after the next meeting of the Legislature, and either House may at any time during the session present an address to the Lieutenant-Governor praying for further disallowance of the same or the reconsideration or allowance of any rule or regulation disallowed.

14th. Such Home be at all times open to the inspection of such person or persons as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council or the House of Assembly or Legislative Council may appoint to visit or report upon

the same, and a copy of the annual or any special report of the Superintendent or Manager of said Home shall be transmitted by the Mayor of said City to the Provincial Secretary within one week after the receipt of the same.

15th. The room or office in which any Judge of the Supreme Court or the Stipendiary Magistrate of the City hears an application or is asked to make and order under this Act, shall not be deemed an open Court and such Judge or Magistrate may in his discretion order that persons strangers to the application shall be excluded from such room or office during such hearing or proceeding.

16th. The City Council of Halifax is hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of the City a sum not exceeding \$25,000.00 to be applied solely for the purchase of grounds and the erection of a building for the Home provided for by this Act, the amount so borrowed to form part of the consolidated fund of said City and debentures or stock or both to be issued therefor under the provisions of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 1880, in addition to the amount authorized by said Act or any subsequent Act, the interest thereon to be collected and paid in the manner provided for the collection and payment of the interest on other loans under said Consolidated Fund Act.

17th. This Act be cited as the Inebriates Act of 1891.

CONSENT.

HALIFAX, SS.

IN RE INEBRIATES ACT OF 1891.

I, (*give name in full*) of (*place of residence*) in the County of, (*specify trade or occupation*) do hereby consent to become an inmate of the Halifax Inebriates Home and to be subject to the rules and discipline of that Institution for the period of (*specify number*) months.

And I hereby undertake or (*name of third person, if pay or security not furnished by party consenting*) having undertaken to pay the City of Halifax the sum of \$ for my maintenance in said Institution during said term.

Signed this (*date*) day of (*month*) A. D. 1891.

In presence of (*signature of witness*).

(*Signature of person consenting.*)

CERTIFICATE OF EXECUTION.

(to be endorsed thereon.)

Place when sworn to
On this (date when sworn to) day of, A. D. 1891.

Personally appeared before the undersigned, (state whether Justice, Commissioners or Notary, give name in full and address of attesting witness.) The subscribing witness to the foregoing consent, who made oath before me that (Insert name of party consenting) the party thereto freely and voluntarily signed the same in his presence and that the signature (copy as written) thereto is in the proper handwriting of the said (name of party consenting), or substitute if the party consenting be illiterate, from the word "signed" made his mark in his presence, the same having been first read and explained, to the said (name of party consenting), who thoroughly understood the same.

.....
Signature of official administering the oath.

.....
State whether J.P., Com. or N.P.

(To be endorsed by the Mayor or Chairman of the Civic Committee in charge.)

I approve and authorize the admission of (name of party consenting) to the Inebriates Home for the period of (number as in consent) months from this date.

Halifax.....(Date of admission.) A. D. 1891.

.....
Signature of Mayor or Chairman.

.....
Mayor or Chairman of Committee.

To the Superintendent of Halifax Inebriates Home.

On motion of Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Keefe, the same is taken up clause by clause.

Read first clause in reference to draft Act for the better protection and treatment of inebriates.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that the Draft Act be printed with the minutes, and considered at next meeting of Council. Motion passed.

Read second clause in reference to the application of Joseph Belcher for rebate of license paid by the Glasgow and London Fire Insurance Company.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read third clause in reference to petition of Herbert M. King in reference to violations of Hack Ordinance. (Laid over.)

Read fourth clause in reference to sale of Market Building. (Laid over.)

Read fifth clause in reference to the letter from Captain George Murray in *re* action of Marine Board. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read sixth clause in reference to Return of City Collector of Sewerage Rates, etc.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that said clause be adopted. Motion put and passed.

Read report from Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners covering sundry accounts passed by said board.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

January 26, 1891.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report that at a meeting held this day the following accounts were submitted and recommended for payment:

H. C. Tully & Son.....	\$ 17 35
W. N. Brown.....	7 00
John Starr.....	5 28
John J. Carnell.....	4 20
E. W. Crease.....	55
W. H. Larkin.....	5 40
Cummings & Myers.....	1 50
Cragg Bros. & Co.....	80
William Roche.....	12 00
William Roche.....	529 55
Fortune & Co.....	3 50
Thomas W. Offen.....	3 40
H. Trenaman.....	15 00
Hx. Illuminating & Moter Co.....	8 17
Union Axe Company.....	37 50

Cornelius Callahan & Co.....	\$ 80 00
Thomas Spelman.....	25 45
	\$756 65

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman.*

When the following resolution No. 2 is introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners submitted this day, be adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw cheques for the payment of the same amounting to \$756.65. Moved by Alderman Pickering seconded by Alderman Keefe and passed.

Read report from Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners on letter from Captain Condon of the Union Engine Company, and placing the apparatus in charge of said company.

Read report from Committee of Cemetery in reference to site for a new Cemetery.

The Cemetery Committee beg to report as follows :

Having for some months under consideration the suitability of certain properties offered your committee as sites for a new Public Cemetery and having obtained prices and terms of sale from the owners thereof, your committee deem it advisable that before proceeding further application be made by the Council to the Local Legislature for an act to enable the Council to borrow a sum not exceeding Thirty Thousand Dollars to purchase a site to erect if necessary a house for keeper, office, etc., also a proper fence around such property, and to direct that one half of the proceeds of the sale of lots in such cemetery shall be put aside and form a sinking fund for the redemption of the above loan, and the interest to be derived from said sinking fund to be applied towards the payment of the interest on the loan.

R. J. SWEET,
Chairman.

HALIFAX, Feb. 5th, 1891.

When the following resolution is introduced.

Resolved, That the Report of the Cemetery Committee be adopted, and His Honor the Recorder instructed to prepare an act in accordance with the recommendation in said report. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Pickering, and passed.

Read report from the City Clerk covering several accounts for printing and advertising.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on. Motion passed.

Read petition from William J. Francis and other property owners, North George Street, asking for a sewer.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works and City Engineer to report on. Motion passed.

Read letter from Samuel Brookfield, Chairman of Halifax Industrial School, in reference to boys sentenced to said school over the number provided for in the City Estimate.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the same be sent to His Honor the Recorder to report on. Motion passed.

Read letter from Messrs. Drysdale, Newcombe & McInnis, in reference to damages of horse and sleigh of William Robertson.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the letter be referred to His Honor the Recorder and City Engineer to report on. Motion passed.

Read letter from P. J. Broderick covering resolutions passed at meeting of No. 1 S. F. E. Co., No. 2 Hose and No. 2 Steam Fire Division, U. E. Co.

Read letter from Captain Condon, U. E. Co., covering supplementary list of names of U. E. Co.

Read second letter from P. J. Broderick in reference to expulsion of certain members of the Union Engine Co.

The Council next take up the Order of the Day.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that item No. 26 on Order of the Day be taken up. Motion passed.

Read report from Committee of Public Accounts on several matters referred to them.

The Committee of Public Accounts beg to report:

That having considered the report of the Police Committee submitted to the Council and referred to this committee, beg to recommend,

1. That legislation be obtained to enable the Council to borrow \$700 to purchase and equip a patrol waggon. With regard to the other items in said report this committee makes no recommendation,

2. That having under consideration the letter from Mr. S. M. Brookfield and His Grace the Archbishop, asking that the grant for boys' at both the Industrial Schools be increased from \$60 to \$80. The Committee have not exceeded the amount allowed by law in the provision made in next year's estimate, and also decline to recommend any change.

3. With regard to the resolution of Alderman Pickering, regarding the salary of a City Medical Officer, who is to give his whole time to the City, the Committee (Alderman Pickering dissenting) do not recommend any change.

4. Concerning the report of the Commissioners of the Halifax Common, the committee has placed the usual amount in the estimates, but recommend that legislation be procured to enable the Council to increase the appropriation to \$4,000 yearly, and also to borrow a sum to wipe out the present indebtedness, said amount to be repaid in annual instalments.

5. That the Act of last Session of the Legislature be amended, if possible, to enable the Council to purchase and pay for the land to be taken on Maynard and West Streets.

6. The Committee have also considered the application of His Honor the Recorder for an increase of salary, but do not recommend any change.

7th. The Committee respectfully remind the Council that the Act concerning the Treasurer, will require to be amended as previously recommended; also Act to borrow \$400 to pay for bell and striker for No. 7 Fire Station.

8th. That 500 copies only of the Annual Report be published, instead of 1,000 as heretofore.

R. J. SWEET, *Chairman.*

Clause by clause :

Read 1st clause in reference to purchase of a patrol waggon.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Second Clause in reference to grant to Halifax Industrial School.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Foster, that this clause with the letter from Samuel Brookfield be sent back to Committee with His Honor the Recorder to reconsider and report on. Motion passed.

Read Third Clause in *re* salary of City Medical Officer who is to give his whole time to the City.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said Clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Fourth Clause in reference to obtaining legislation to pay off indebtedness of Halifax Common, &c.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said clause be adopted. Motion put and passed.

Read fifth clause in reference to land West and Maynard Streets.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read sixth clause in reference to salary of His Honor the Recorder.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read seventh clause in reference to an amendment to the Act concerning the City Treasurer.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read eighth clause in reference to printing 500 copies of Annual Report instead of one thousand as heretofore.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that this clause pass. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the report as amended pass as a whole. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the Order of the Day be suspended to take up the several letters from Captain Condon, U. E. Co., P. J. Broderick, U. E. Co., and the report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners. Motion passed.

Read report from the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners covering a letter from Secretary of U. E. Co., dated 4th February, 1891.

February 13th, 1891.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report that at a meeting of the Board held 5th February inst., they had before them the accompanying letter from the Secretary Union Engine Co.

When the following resolution was introduced :

Resolved, That it is expedient in the interests of the citizens of Halifax that Chairman Pickering be instructed to notify the dissatisfied parties that until a meeting of the City Council is held and their communication be dealt with, the apparatus at present under them shall be managed in such a manner as the Captain of the Engine Co. shall direct. Which motion on being put was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman*.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feby. 4th, 1891.

To the Chairman Board of Firewards and Commissioners :

At the regular monthly meeting of the Union Engine Company held this Wednesday evening, the following was adopted :

The Captain, officers and members of the Union Engine Company take the present opportunity to assure the Mayor, Council and citizens of the City of Halifax, that the Union Engine Company are fully competent in all branches of their usual duties as firemen of the city to fill such duties with credit to themselves and their fellow citizens.

The Company has at present 107 active members enrolled on their books, who are cheerfully willing to respond to all alarms of fire, and also a large and effective staff of honorary members ready at the call of the fire bells.

We make this explanation to allay any possible uneasiness that might arise through the actions of a few dissatisfied members refusing to acknowledge the Captain of our Company, which necessitated their expulsion at our meeting to-night.

M. J. DOYLE, *Secretary, U. E. C.*

Read letter from P. J. Broderick, covering a resolution adopted by No. 1 Steamer, No. 2 Hose and No. 2 Steam Fire Engine Division, January 30th, 1891.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 30th, 1891.

THOS. RHIND, Esq., *City Clerk*.

Sir,—I have been instructed to forward to you a copy of resolutions passed unanimously at a meeting of the officers and members of No. 1 Steamer, No. 2 Hose, and No. 2 S. Division of the Union

Engine Co., held on the 29th inst. Hoping that you will immediately place the same before the proper authorities.

I am, yours, etc.,

P. J. BRODERICK, *Chairman.*

Whereas, we the Members of No. 1 Steamer, No. 2 Hose, No. 2 Steamer Divisions of the Union Engine Co., saw fit to and did pass resolutions of protest against Capt. Condon, and the majority of the Company with regard to voting away the funds for the Condon Testimonial at the December meeting.

And whereas, by said resolution, we decided not to recognize Capt. Condon or the U. E. C. in any way until we had received a satisfactory settlement of our complaints.

And whereas, we have have received through the action of the City Council and the Board of Fire Commissioners, the settlement we had coveted in the matter, *i.e.*, that in future the funds granted us by the City Council for our common benefit cannot again be utilized, etc.. to purchase testimonials for the chosen favorites of a majority.

Resolved, That we now in accordance with the request of the Board of Fire Commissioners cheerfully withdraw all and any resolutions passed by us in this matter.

And further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be immediately forwarded to the City Clerk for the information of City Council, Board of Fire Commissioners and others interested.

Read second letter from P. J. Broderick in reference to expulsion of members of Union Engine Co. February 9th, 1891.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 9th, 1891.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

Gentlemen,—On behalf of the complaining officers and members of the Union Engine Company, I have again to approach your honorable body.

I had earnestly hoped that after your action in adopting the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners you would be spared the necessity of again being called upon to give your valuable time towards arranging this trouble.

I shall leave you to judge whether it is the fault or not of the men whom I am proud to represent, that I am again compelled to appeal to you.

You are of course conversant with the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners referred to above, so that it is only necessary that I should call your attention to that part of it which "requested the complaining members to withdraw their resolutions of protest, and if such was done the Union Engine Co. were requested to withdraw their resolutions of expulsion." That I may show you how anxious we were to do what was right in the matter, I shall give you the facts.

Upon the receipt of a copy of the Commissioners report from the City Clerk, I immediately called a meeting of those interested, when resolutions were unanimously adopted withdrawing all and any former resolutions which had been passed by them. A copy of our withdrawal resolutions were immediately forwarded the City Clerk and Chief Pickering notified that the request of the Board had been cheerfully complied with by the complainers.

By this action we not only accepted the decisions of the Board as a whole, although some of the conclusions were not as favorable as we had hoped for, but we immediately complied with their request to withdraw our resolutions of protest, thinking of course that the majority of the Union Engine Co. would do likewise, and thus this much regretted quarrel would be at an end.

But we are doomed to be disappointed; our reward for withdrawing our resolutions so promptly was that we were all unceremoniously expelled at the last regular meeting of the Company.

This is the reason why I am compelled to approach you gentlemen, and ask that justice be done those men.

You will readily understand how painful this extreme measure must be to the majority of the complainers who have served the City faithfully as firemen for terms extending from seven to twenty-five years, and who have not the slightest reason to be ashamed of their record as firemen or citizens.

I have also to call your attention to the fact that since this trouble started, two members who were parties to our resolutions, Lieut. Mahoney and W. E. Murphy, have been expelled from the company. Neither of these men received any notification, verbal or otherwise, that they were charged with an offence, neither have they been given the slightest possible chance of defending themselves against the charges which I now inform you were totally groundless.

Actions of this kind will give you a slight idea of what the minority of the Union Engine Co. have had to contend with.

I regret very much that Capt. Condon was permitted to address the Fire Commissioners at their last meeting as I feel that statements made by him with reference to our expulsion have had some effect

on the Board, especially as no opportunity was offered to refute them.

I have attempted to put the facts clearly before you as requested, and I have not the slightest fear that whatever decision you come to it will be in the same spirit of justice to all which characterized your action upon our former appeal to you.

Believe me to be, gentlemen,
Your humble servant,

P. J. BRODERICK.

Read letter from Captain Condon, U. E. C., covering a supplementary list of members willing to serve in said company.

HALIFAX, N. S., 13th Feby. 1891.

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

Gentlemen,—In view of the recent internal trouble in the Union Engine Company, it has been thought advisable to present to your honorable body a complete list of the members of the U. E. C. together with a statement of the respective divisions, etc., to which they are attached, and the same are herewith submitted.

On behalf of the Union Engine Company, I beg further to say that the body are willing and ready to do their duty now and in the future as they ever have been in the past, but in the event of it being deemed advisable that a paid fire department be employed, or that the department be reorganized we will cheerfully acquiesce in such decision.

I am, gentlemen,
Respectfully yours,

M. H. CONDON, *Captain, U.E.C.*

UNION ENGINE COMPANY.

[SUPPLEMENTARY LIST.]

Showing the number of men, and giving their names, as attached to the eight different Divisions of the Company this day, Feb. 11th, 1891 :

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 11th, 1891.

List of Members of the Union Engine Company as placed on their respective divisions :

Capt. Matthew H. Condon.

No. 1. S. F. E. Division :
 Rodger O'Brien, 1st Lieut.,
 John Lawrence, 2nd " "
 William Fobin,
 Michael Sullivan,
 James Maguire,
 John Power,
 Charles Sweeney,
 Frederick Hyland,
 Maurice Kavanagh,
 David McGlenn,
 John Flemming,
 Thos. Sullivan,
 James Dee,
 Thomas Griffin,
 John T. Woods,
 Martin Flinn,
 William Tierney,
 John Spruin—18.

No. 2 S. F. E. Division :
 Patrick Murphy, 1st Lieut.,
 Thomas Drohan, 2nd " "
 John Connolly,
 Timothy Hannigan,
 Patrick O'Toole,
 Edward Gerard,
 James Manning,
 Patrick McDonald,
 William Hurley,
 John Walsh,
 James White,
 William Hodgekiss,
 John Washington,
 Cornelius Driscoll,
 William Laughlen,
 John Drohan,
 Edgar Estano,
 Michael O'Brien,
 John Killeen—19.

No. 4, S. F. E. Division :
 Wm. P. C. Inglis, 1st. Lieut.,
 Thomas J. Conlon, 2nd " "
 John Purcell,
 Thomas O'Donnell,
 Nicholas J. Redmond,
 Alexander Fraser,
 William Pittepas,
 Michael Miller,
 William Ryan,
 James Fahie,
 John Maguire,
 William Connors,
 Michael Ward,
 Edward Phalen,
 John Walsh,
 John Bulger,
 James Garde,
 John E. Burns,
 Thomas Joyce—19.

No. 2, Hand Division :
 George Maguire, 1st Lieut.,
 John Cleas, 2nd Lieut.,
 Patrick Flinn,
 James Power,
 Edward Ryan,
 Michael G. Power,
 James Donnelly,
 William White,
 Willis Boutilier,
 James Lynch,
 Thomas O'Malley,
 John Quinn,
 Patrick Shelly,
 Daniel McIntosh,
 James Floyd,
 Michael Mahar,
 Augustus Lowe,
 Michael Murphy—18.

No. 4, Hand Division :
 Joseph Johnson, 1st Lieut.,
 Patrick Joy, 2nd " "
 Michael Moreash,

No. 5, Hand Division :
 James Allen, 1st Lieut.,
 Andrew Duggan, 2nd Lieut.,
 Michael Kennedy,

James Harris,
James Fogerty,
Robert Estano,
David Gray,
Robert Dalrymple,
Charles Robson,
Frank O'Donnell,
Luke Harris,
Dennis Driscoll,
James Tynan,
Alfred Pitts,
James Burns,
Martin Killeen,
George Brown,
John Delaney—18.

John Butler,
James Fahnert,
William H. Larkins,
John Cahill,
Cornelius Ead,
Samuel Duggan,
R. G. Fraser,
John Kennedy,
Michael Neville,
James Sullivan,
James Ryan,
Michael J. Doyle,
Thomas Doyle—16.

No. 6 S. F. E. and Hand Division :

James Foley, 1st Lieut.
Thomas Sunderland,
William Broderick,
Edward Killeen,
John Tobin,
John Ryan,
Patrick Dwyer,
William Smith,
Frank O'Brien,
Stephen Major,
Henry Bourke,
Henry Quirk,
Michael Burns,
James Purcell,
Patrick Connors,
James Coppenger,
Michael Mulcahy,
David Irons—18.

No. 7 Hand Division :

Thomas Mont, 1st Lieut.,
James J. Larmen, 2nd Lieut.
Michael Whales,
Richard Hennessy,
John Hennessy,
Rufus Keating,
Jeremiah Driscoll,
Hedley McKay,
Frederick Harvey,
Patrick Driscoll,
William Lewin,
Maurice Foley,
John Foley,
Robert Boutlier,
George S. Churchill,
John Canfield,
Edmund O'Donnell,
Timothy Wallace—18.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct list.

M. J. DOYLE, *Rec. Secy.*

When the following resolution No. 4, is introduced :

Resolved, That this Council regret the action of the Union Engine Company at the meeting on the 4th February instant, expelling the minority of the Company, seeing that the minority had withdrawn the resolutions complained of, in accordance with the recommendation of the Fire Commissioners and the previous resolution of this Council adopting the Fire Commissioners report, and that the Union Engine

Company be requested to rescind the resolution expelling said members, and that they be reinstated as members of the Company, and that a copy of this Resolution and a copy of the communication of P. J. Broderick covering the withdrawal resolution of the minority be sent to Captain Condon for immediate submission to the Union Engine Company. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Hamilton. Which resolution on being put is lost 9 voting for the same, 3 against it, and the names being called for appeared thus :

For the Resolution.	Against it.
Aldermen Outhit, Pickering,	Aldermen Boak,
Hesslein, Hamilton,	Keefe,
Sanford, Sweet,	McFtridge—3.
Ruggles, Lyons.	
Foster—9.	

The Rules of the Council requiring that the above resolution should pass by a two-third vote of the Council. Alderman Pickering gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Foster, that item No. 34 on Order of the Day be taken up. Motion passed.

Read report from Committee of Public Accounts on the petition of citizens in reference to the deficit of funds in *re* Summer Carnival.

At a meeting of the Committee on Public Accounts held January 7th, 1891.

It was on motion of Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Foster,

Resolved, That the matter providing for the deficit of the Summer Carnival Committee be referred back to the Council, together with the petition, and statement without making any recommendation concerning the same.

R. J. SWEET, *Chairman*.

MEMO.—The total cost of the Carnival was \$10,986.
The deficit is \$1,547.46.

When the following resolution, No. 5, is introduced :

Whereas, A petition signed by a number of influential citizens has been presented to this Council asking this body to make provision for the payment of the deficit in the accounts of the Summer Carnival Committee, which amounted to the sum of fifteen hundred and forty-seven dollars and forty-six cents ;

Therefore resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act enabling the Council to borrow the above-mentioned

amount and to liquidate the outstanding accounts, said amount to be assessed in two equal yearly payments, the interest thereon to be added. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Boak, and passed, 8 voting for the same, 4 against it. The names being called for, appeared thus :

For the Resolution.	Against it.
Aldermen Ruggles, Sweet, Sanford, Hamilton, Keefe, Boak, Pickering, Outhit—8.	Aldermen Foster, Lyons, McFtridge, Hesslein—4.

10.40—Moved by Alderman Ruggles, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourn.

CITY HALL.

Minutes of City Council,

No. 32. FEBRUARY 20th, 1891.

EVENING SESSION.—8.10 P. M.

At a special meeting of the City Council held this evening. Present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Foster, Boak, Ruhland, Pickering, Hamilton, Ruggles, Sweet, Lyons, Mosher, Outhit, Adams, Sanford, Dennis, McFatrige, Keefe and Hesslein.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Boak, Chairman Committee on Charities, submits report from that Committee.

Alderman Hamilton, Chairman Board City Works, submits report from the Board in *re* condition of cellars in houses on Granville Street and Tower Road, with report from City Engineer thereon.

His Worship the Mayor submits an extract from minutes of Board of Health in *re* construction of sewer, Lorne Terrace.

Also a report from Supervisor of Measurers of Coal.

Alderman Lyons submits a petition from Charles H. Harvey and others in reference to hawkers and peddlers.

Alderman Pickering submits petition of C. H. Smith preferring charges against J. O'Sullivan, Assistant Deputy Marshal.

Moved by Alderman Ruhland, seconded by Alderman Boak, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the paper handed in. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Charities in reference to accounts for month of January.

HALIFAX, Feby. 6th, 1891.

The Committee of Charities met this day. Present: The Chairman, Aldermen Power and Outhit.

The following accounts were examined, found correct and ordered to be paid:

Dillon Brothers	\$626 09
Smith Brothers	77 25
J. L. Whytal, Jr.	9 38
Wm. Whiston	137 74
John Patterson	16 60
E. Fenton	64 58
Wm. S. Myers	12 92
John O'Connell	11 32
Longard Brothers	6 08
Malcolm & Johnston	65 54
H. C. Tully & Son	8 25
J. W. Flemming	64 86

\$1100 01

Annexed hereto find statement of the number of persons admitted, etc., Poors' Asylum during the month of January.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. BOAK.

HALIFAX, January 31st, 1891.

To the Chairman and Members of the Charities Committee:

GENTLEMEN,—During the month of January there has been 40 admitted, 7 born, 17 discharged and 3 died. Number in the Institution: 174 men, 140 women, 18 children. Total, 332.

January 31st, 1891.

J. W. FLEMMING, *Superintendent.*

Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Ruhland, that the report be received and adopted. Motion passed.

Read report from Board of City Works in *re* condition of cellars of houses on Granville Street and overflow of cellars in houses 134 and 136 Tower Road, with report of City Engineer thereon.

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS BOARD OF CITY WORKS,

February 16th, 1891.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day, they had under consideration the minute of the Board of Health,

re condition of Cellars in houses on Granville Street and the overflow of cellars in houses 134 and 136 Tower Road referred to them, and a report of the City Engineer thereupon, when it was decided to report to the City Council, as follows :

The Board recommend that a Sewer be built on Granville Street, between Duke and Buckingham Streets as proposed in the Engineer's report.

With regard to the houses on Tower Road, they are of opinion that it is a matter entirely for the property owners to remedy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HAMILTON, C. B. W.

[Extract from Minutes of Board of Health.]

January 23, 1891.

Read report from the Assistant Medical Officer in reference to certain premises on Granville Street and Tower Road dangerous to public health.

When the following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That the state of places on Tower Road and Granville Street, as mentioned by the Assistant Medical Officer in his report, be referred to the City Council, so that a report may be obtained from the City Engineer on the matter. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by William Crompton, and passed.

A true extract.

THOS. RHIND, *City Clerk*.

Extract from report of Assistant Medical Officer, read at meeting of Board of Health :

Jany. 23rd 1891.

Gentlemen,—I wish to call your attention briefly to Nos. 176, 178, 164, 152, 151 and 156 Granville Street, the basement or cellars of these places are reported by Health Inspector Delaney, whom I had in my charge, in an almost constant state of dampness owing to water soaking down from the rear, and owing probably to the drain in the street not being of sufficient depth to carry off the water which accumulated on account of it, and renders the places unhealthy for the inmates. A proper City Sewer would remedy the defect.

Also at 134 and 136 Tower Road, the inmates of those houses have been subject to a great deal of inconvenience and discomfort and their health endangered owing to a water course which crosses from Welling-

ton Street, in rear of those properties, and enters a stone drain which connects with the Sewer on Tower Road, but owing to the small size of the drain in heavy rain or freshets it becomes choked and flows into the backyards and basements of 134 and 136 which keeps the houses in a chronic state of dampness. I would especially call the attention of the Board to this locality and ascertain at once where the fault lies, whether with the property owners or the city.

While a great deal is being said and written in the press concerning diphtheria, its causes, etc., and while some are saying that this or that or the other thing is the cause, the profession recognizes not only one but many conditions of environments favorable to the spread of diphtheria, and dampness of habitations not by any means the least.

G. E. DEWITT, M.D., A. C. M. O.

January 23rd, 1891.

COMPLAINTS GRANVILLE STREET AND TOWER ROAD.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

February 9th, 1891.

The Chairman of Board of Works :

SIR,—The accompanying resolution from the Board of Health, together with the report of the A. C. M. O., having been referred to me for a report, I beg to say that I have had the premises on Granville Street examined by Mr. Prat, of this office, whose report thereon is attached. He corroborates the statements of the A. C. M. O. and also calls attention to the fact that some of the cellars have been made the receptacles for refuse for a long period of time.

I may say that improved drainage will be of little avail if the practice is continued.

The premises referred to are all on the upper side of Granville St., between Buckingham and Duke Streets. A new sewer in this locality in accordance with the Sewerage plan of the City, will cost about \$1050, and the sewerage rates will amount to about \$670.

With reference to the complaint from Tower Road, (Nos. 134 and 136) the matter was fully reported upon on the 7th April, 1888. The trouble exists entirely on private property, and is caused by an old and neglected water course, now partly covered over. Obstructions exist in this water course, so that during heavy rains or floods the water backs up and flows into the basement windows in the rear of the houses, which are below the level of the surface of the ground.

The proper remedy is to clear away the obstructions and deepen the brook, so that the water may have a free flow. This, however, is

work that should be done by the owners of the property, as the City is in no way responsible for the damage.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. KEATING,

City Engineer.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Halifax, N. S., February 7th, 1891.

E. H. Keating, Esq., City Engineer :

DEAR SIR,—At your request I have visited and inspected the cellars of the properties on Granville Street Nos. (152, 154, 156, 164, 176 and 178) reported by the Assistant C. M. O.

Undoubtedly the cellars are in a bad condition; the dampness I attribute to the surface flow from the yards in the rear, to obviate this a proper sewer is needed in the street and some simple arrangement of drains in the yards or cellars. I feel bound to report that any disease arising from the cellars, (no tattributable to dampness) is due to the filthy condition the cellars are in Nos. 152 and 154, I should judge had been the receptacle of the shop sweepings for years, those together with No. 156 I recommend to the immediate attention of the Health authorities.

Yours obediently,

RICHARD PRAT.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Rhuland, that the report be received and adopted, and that the Sewer, Granville Street, be placed on Order Book in Board of Works Office for construction. Motion passed.

Alderman Sweet submits report from Committee on Public Accounts on several matters.

Read Extract from minutes of Board of Health in *re* construction of Sewer Lorne Terrace to connect with North Street.

Extract from minutes of meeting of Board of Health held Feb, 19th, 1891.

Resolved, that this Board recommend the City Council to construct a sewer in Lorne Terrace to connect with North Street.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lyons and passed.

A True Extract,

H. TRENAMAN, *Assistant City Clerk.*

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Adams, that a sewer be built in Lorne Terrace as requested, and that the same be placed on Order Book in Board of Works office to take its turn in sewer construction. Motion passed.

Read petition of C. Hudson Smith preferring certain charges against J. O'Sullivan, Assistant Deputy Marshal.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges, and that copies of said petition be sent to the City Marshal and Assistant Deputy Marshal. Motion passed.

Read a petition from Charles H. Harvey and other citizens in reference to Hawkers and Peddlers.

When the following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That the petition be referred to the Committee of Laws and Privileges to hear any citizens or other parties interested and to report a bye-law on the subject or a draft Act for submission to the Legislature if deemed advisable by the Committee. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster, and passed.

Read report Committee on Public Accounts on account for printing and advertising letter from Board School Commissioners asking advances from City funds and other matters.

The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report:

That having examined the accounts of the Morning Herald Printing and Publishing Co. for

Printing Minutes.....	\$80 00
For advertising.....	\$45 83
And.....	55 10
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They find them certified as correct and recommend they be paid and charged to the several services, with the exception of the account for \$45.83 of which \$38.83 being the items connected with the last civic year should be taken from the Unexpended Balance Account.

With regard to the request for advances from the civic funds made by the Board of School Commissioners, your Committee would call the attention of the Council to the fact, that of the last loan made to the School Board \$3500 still remains uncollected, and that in view of the present state of the Unexpended Balances it is not expedient to inaugurate a system of continuous loans to the School Board, but would recommend a temporary loan at some future date of an amount which may then be spared from the Unexpended Balance Account.

With regard to the letter of S. M. Brookfield, President of the Halifax Protestant Industrial school and in view of the opinion of His Honor the Recorder, on the acts governing the Council in this matter, your committee would recommend that the Council instruct His Honor the Recorder, to prepare an act authorizing the Council to increase the appropriation for the Protestant Industrial School and St. Patrick's Home from \$1200 to \$1600 each.

With regard to the resolution of Council concerning the payment of the amount which the law says shall be paid the Art School during the next civic year, your committee recommend that the amount be then paid out of any funds on hand which may be available for that purpose.

R. J. SWEET, *Chairman.*

HALIFAX, N. S. February 20th, 1891.

In *re* Industrial School.

I understand that there is a resolution of the City Council limiting the number of boys to be sent to this Institution to twenty, for which the City is to pay \$60.00 each per year. Sometimes the Stipendiary Magistrate exceeded this number at the request of some official of the School, but with the distinct understanding they were not to be a charge on the City.

However, under Chapter 29 of the Acts of 1883, Section 3, the City can only assess \$1200 for those boys.

THE ST. PATRICK'S HOME.

The City Council, under Chapter 59 of the Acts of 1886, Section 12, can only assess for this institution a sum not exceeding \$1200.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY,

His Worship the Mayor.

Recorder.

When the following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Committee of Public Accounts be adopted and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the accounts recommended to be paid in said report, with the exception of that clause which refers to the advancing money to the School Commissioners. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, and passed.

The Order of the Day is now taken up.

Alderman Pickering's notice of reconsideration on Alderman Lyons' resolution of last meeting in *re* disaffection among members of the Unuo Engine Company is taken up.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the same be reconsidered. Motion passed.

Read resolution of Alderman Lyons submitted at last meeting on the subject, which on being put is passed, 13 voting for the same, 3 against it. The names being called for, appeared thus :

For the Resolution.	Against it.
Aldermen Ruhland, Dennis, Hesslein, Hamilton, Sanford, Pickering, Sweet, Ruggles, Lyons, Foster, Adams, Mosher, Outhit—13.	Aldermen Boak, Keefe, McFatrige—3.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that item No. 36 in *re* paid Fire Department be taken up. Motion passed.

Read resolution of Alderman Hamilton submitted at last meeting by way of notice, as follows :

Resolved, That the Board of Fire Commissioners enquire and report to this Council the probable cost of a paid Fire Department at an early date as possible. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Ruhland, and on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Ruhland, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that item No. 36, in *re* Draft Act in reference to Inebriates, be taken up. Motion passed.

Read Act in reference to Inebriates.

When the following resolution was introduced :

Resolved, That the Draft Act in reference to Inebriates, submitted by the Committee of Laws and Privileges, be approved by this Council and sent to the Legislature for its adoption at its next session, and that public notice be given of the intention of the Council to submit the same to the Legislature. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Sweet, and on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that item No. 12 on Order of the Order of the Day be taken up. Motion passed.

Read (No. 12) Report from the Board of City Works on letter from Rhodes, Curry & Co. in reference to amount deducted as demurrage delay in completion of contract for building City Hall.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS BOARD OF CITY WORKS,

September 1st, 1890.

The Board of Works having had before them at a meeting held this day the letter from Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co. referred to them by the City Council, beg to report that on August 4th, 1890, the Board after full consideration adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That nine hundred and seventy dollars be deducted as demurrage for delay in completion of contract by Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co.

The Board further report that they see no reason for departing from the resolution then adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HAMILTON.

AMHERST, N. S. Aug. 19th, 1890.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council, Halifax, N. S.

GENTLEMEN,—We beg leave to call your attention to the settlement proposed by the Board of Works in connection with our contract on City Hall, they propose to deduct \$970.00 from the balance due us on account of Building not being completed at the specified time.

We enclose copy of letter sent the Board of Works at their request, explaining our position and views on the matter, and we pray that your honourable body will order the balance to be paid us according to the architect's certificate, or failing that, that you will refer the matter to the architect or to three arbitrators to be chosen in the usual way.

The fact that the delay in completing the City Hall was a gain to the City, and at the same time a loss to us can be proved beyond question and in all fairness and justice we should be paid in full without any deduction for lapse of time.

We do not find any fault with the Board of Works, and presume they did what they supposed was for the best interests of the City and they being only a small part of the Council, we take it for granted that they will be quite willing that the full Council take the responsibility of settling the matter.

Yours very truly,

RHODES, CURRY & Co.

AMHERST, N. S., July 11th, 1890.

W. B. McNutt, Clerk of City Works, Halifax, N. S.

DEAR SIR.—We have your favor of the 8th inst. and note contents. In reply, we beg to give as some of the reasons why the City Hall was not completed at the specified time :

First.—The contract was not signed for a long time after tenders were received. This delay alone by throwing the work back into the late Autumn, which was unusually wet and stormy, caused us more loss than all the demurrage you claim amounts to.

Second.—We were confined to one quarry for the red stone, and although we repeatedly urged, coaxed and begged for the stone to be delivered faster and for the sizes wanted first to be delivered first, we could not get them as fast as wanted and were greatly delayed on this account, and put to great loss and inconvenience beside.

Third.—It is impossible to finish such a building in a satisfactory and permanent manner in this climate without the heating apparatus being used. We called your attention to this fact through the Mayor and Council as early as February 11th, 1889, and again on July 16th, 1889, and urged upon you to have the heating put in at once, and if the heating had been proceeded with immediately after our letter of Feb. 11th, 1889, the building could have been finished at the specified time by allowing for detention in signing contract.

If the building could possibly have been forced to completion at the specified time, and had we persisted in doing it regardless of heating, we would have done a great injustice to the City as well as to ourselves, and the building would not be worth as much by ten thousand dollars as it is to-day.

Fourth.—Some changes were made in plans and extra work done, all of which caused delay. Also, other persons did work on the building for the City while in our hands.

Fifth.—This whole matter was settled by the architect's final certificate, given some four months ago, in which the balance due us was fixed after all deductions and allowances had been made, and this decision according to the contract is absolutely final, binding and conclusive on both parties.

We trust that this reply will be satisfactory to your board, and that the balance due us according to architect's certificate will be paid at once.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) RHODES, CURRY & Co.

Extract from articles of agreement.

Every dispute and difference (if any) between the parties hereto respectively relating to the proper amount payable under this contract or to the proper amount of the architect's certificate for work done, or the final settlement of accounts or relating to or arising out of, or concerning these presents or the construction thereof, or the said plans or specifications, or of any difference between the same or the conditions of the contract respectively, or any matter or thing therein respectively contained or referred to, or the construction, meaning or intention thereof respectively or otherwise in any manner relating to or respecting the works or material, shall from time to time be referred to the architect hereinbefore named, whose sole written decision thereon shall be absolutely final, binding and conclusive between and on the said parties of the second part, and each of them, his or their executors and administrators, and the party of the first part and all persons concerned and every such reference and decision respectively may be made a rule of Court as a submission and as an award respectively, and no action or other proceedings shall be instituted or prosecuted in reference to any matter so in dispute or difference until the architect shall give his written decision thereon, and then only for the purpose of enforcing such decision.

When the following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of Works be concurred in, and that His Honor the Recorder notify Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co. that the City will without prejudice pay the sum of \$420 in settlement of their claim. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Rhuland, which on being put is passed.

10.30. Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Rhuland, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and passed.

Council adjourn.

CITY HALL.

Minutes of City Council,

No. 33. MARCH 11th, 1891.

EVENING SESSION.—8.10 P. M.

At a special meeting of the City Council summoned for this evening at the above hour. Present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Ruhland, Hesslein, Hamilton, Sanford, Sweet and Outhit.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Hesslein, that the time for meeting be extended 20 minutes. Motion passed.

8.35.—Roll called. Present: The above, with Aldermen Keefe, Dennis, Pickering, Power, Lyons, McFatrige and Adams.

The Council were summoned to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed.

Alderman Ruhland, in the absence of the Chairman of Committee of City Prison, submits report of said Committee on accounts against the prison for February, 1891.

Alderman Hamilton, Chairman of the Board of City Works, submits report from the Board on construction of sewer, North George Street.

Also, a report from City Engineer on proposed sewer from Birmingham Street to a point at or near Dresden Row.

Alderman Keefe, Chairman of Police Committee, submits report from said Committee on the appointment of a truant officer.

His Worship the Mayor submits petition from Robert Cogswell and others in reference to a sewer or crock drain, Bland Street south.

Also, a letter from M. J. Doyle, Recording Secretary of Union Engine Company, covering resolution passed by said Company.

Also, a letter from Captain Condon, U. E. Co., in reference to the reinstating of members expelled from said Company.

Also, a notice of action from Messrs. Ross, Sedgwick & MacKay, solicitors for Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co., for recovery of balance due on account of City Hall contract.

Also, the statement from the City Treasurer of cash received and disbursed for the month of February, 1891.

Also, the return from City Collector of the amount received for City taxes and water rates in month of February, 1891.

Moved by Alderman Ruhland, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers handed in this evening. Motion passed.

Read report from Committee of City Prison, covering sundry accounts passed for the month of February, 1891.

CITY PRISON, Halifax, March 2, 1891.

The City Prison Committee met this day. Present: The Chairman, Aldermen Sanford and Sweet.

The following accounts, amounting to \$125.63, were recommended for payment:

J. A. Leaman & Co.....	\$ 36.75
Anderson & Co.....	40.48
A. M. Bell	1.16
R. T. Braine	21.39
Longard Brothers.....	14.85
James McLean & Son.....	11.00

\$125.63

With regard to the letter of Robert Murray, Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance, dated February 3rd, requesting permission for persons duly authorized by the Alliance to hold service in the prison, the Committee recommend that the present practice be adhered to and that any exception to the rule now in force can only be made with the sanction of the Chairman of the City Prison Committee at the request of the Evangelical Alliance.

The Governor and Matron submitted reports for the month of February, 1891.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

When the following resolution, No 1, is introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the City Prison Committee be adopted, and the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the bills recommended therein. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Ruhland, and passed.

Read report from the Board of City Works on the petition for a Sewer, North George Street, with a report from the City Engineer on the subject.

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS BOARD OF CITY WORKS,

March 2nd, 1891.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day, they had before them the petition for Sewer on North George Street, and report of Engineer thereon, when it was decided to transmit the papers to the City Council with the recommendation that the Sewer be built in its turn.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HAMILTON, C. B. W.

Proposed Sewer North George Street, from West Street northwardly to King Street.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

26th February, 1891.

The accompanying petition from W. F. Francis and others, together with Minute of Council thereon having been referred to me, I beg to report as follows:—The Sewerage plan of the City shows a Sewer 18" x 12" to be required. The length to meet the requirements of the petitioners will be about two (200) hundred feet. The discharge will be into the proposed Sewer on West Street, now on the order book to be built.

The estimated cost is \$600 and the estimated revenue in Sewerage rates about \$375.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. KEATING.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Ruhland, that the said report be adopted and the same placed on the Order Book of the Board of Works, the sewer to be constructed in its turn. Motion passed.

Read report from City Engineer on the construction at a point near Dresden Row of a sewer for Morris and Birmingham Streets.

Proposed sewer on Morris Street from Birmingham Street to a point at or near Dresden Row.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
11th March, 1891.

To the Chairman Board of Works :

SIR,—In compliance with the resolution of your Board of the 9th inst., requiring an estimate of cost of constructing a new sewer in the above locality, I beg to say that a close estimate cannot be made without digging up the ground near Dresden Row to ascertain the exact position of the old sewer into which the new one will discharge. The length of the new sewer from say the centre of Birmingham Street will not, I should think, exceed 300 feet. A sewer of the smallest size, 18x12, will be sufficient, and two man-holes will be required. The estimated cost on the above data will be about \$850, and the sewerage rates will amount to about \$500.

The existing drain in this locality was previously thought to be an earthenware pipe of 9 inches diameter, some 7 or 8 feet in depth, but has recently been found to be a shallow 6-inch pipe.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

E. H. KEATING.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that said report be adopted and the sewer constructed in its turn. Motion put and passed.

Read report from Police Committee on the appointment of a truant officer.

Read petition from Robert Cogswell and others in reference to Sewer required on South Bland Street.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that said petition be referred to the Board of City Works to report on. Motion passed.

Read notice of action from Messrs. Ross, Sedgewick & MacKay, Solicitors for Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co., on claim for balance due on account of City Hall.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Ruhland, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder, to take the necessary steps to defend said action. Motion passed.

Read letter from M. J. Doyle, Secretary U. E. Co., covering copy of resolution passed at a meeting of said Company on 27th Feb. 1891.

Read letter from Captain M. Condon of 11th inst, in reference to the action of certain disaffected members of said Company.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the Order of the Day be suspended to take up and deal with said letters. Motion passed.

When the following resolution, No. 2, is introduced :

Resolved, That the City Clerk notify Captain Condon that the City Council considers the so called dissenting firemen, now members of the U. E. Co., and that he (Captain Condon) notify them to assume their former duties in the U. E. Co. Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Power, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Sweet to introduce a resolution in reference to Water Debentures falling due. Motion passed.

The same is read as follows :

Whereas, Water Debentures bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, amounting to \$284,000 of old currency, fall due on the first day of July next, and a further sum of \$80,000 on the first day of July, 1892; beside Debentures issued up to and including July, 1871, (the date of the maturity of which cannot be ascertained) amounting to the sum of \$202,000, on which interest is being paid at rates varying from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 per cent.

And Whereas, The Water Service in its present state does not meet the requirements of the tax payers and householders of the city (particularly those residing at the north end) and the necessity of important improvements in the works has for some time been very apparent.

Therefore Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act to be submitted to the Local Legislature authorizing the Council to negotiate a loan to retire said Water Debentures as they fall due and to borrow a further sum, not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, on Water Account, of which one hundred thousand dollars is to be expended in providing and laying a main pipe from the lakes to the north end of the City, and the balance to be used in increasing the means of supply and the efficiency of the service in such manner as may be determined upon after surveys are completed and plans adopted by this Council; also that permanent stock or debentures be issued to parties making said loans to the City. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Hamilton.