

G. P. Henry	51 46
Geo. Gregoire	27 44
Rupert Fulton	48 36
J. W. Flemming	47 85
	\$800 57

Annexed hereto, find statement as to the number of persons admitted, etc., Poor's Asylum during the month of July.

THOS. C. ALLEN, *Chairman*.

July 31st, 1892.

The Chairman and Members of the Charities Committee:

GENTLEMEN,—During the month there has been 25 admitted and 2 born, 12 discharged and 3 died.

Total in the Institution, 270.

J. W. FLEMMING, *Supt.*

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that said report be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder in *re* Miss Crichton's claim for damages, that the City is not liable for any damages or loss sustained by her.

August 2nd, 1892.

IN RE MISS CRICHTON'S CLAIM.

I have examined the particulars of Miss Crichton's claim for damages, and find that that portion of Granville Street in front of the Methodist Book Room was, in October last, and now, in a good state of repair. There were no holes in the sidewalk, then nor now. If Miss Crichton fell, it must have been from some other cause than a hole in the sidewalk. It may be that there was ice or snow causing the fall. At any rate, I am of opinion, the City is not liable in any damages or loss sustained by Miss Crichton.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder*.

His Worship the Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said opinion be concurred in and a copy thereof sent to Miss Crichton. Motion passed.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder *re* Encroachments on Streets. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be considered with No. 27 on Order of the Day, viz., Letters from His Honor the Recorder in *re* Violations of Building Act. Motion passed.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder covering draft ordinance *re* Weighing of Hay and Straw. Moved by Alderman Duggan, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to the committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer *re* sewer, Russell Street. Objected to
 Read report of committee on Tenders on Tenders for loan of \$20,000
 for Water Service.

August 3rd, 1892.

Committee on Tenders met and opened tenders for the \$20,000
 water loan, from J. C. Mackintosh, for the entire amount, offering
 102.5250 for $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ debentures; from John Ternan, M. D., \$10,000.
 offering 101.5315 for 5% debentures.

Your committee respectfully recommend the acceptance of J. C.
 Mackintosh's tender of \$20,000 for $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ debentures at 102.5250.

H. V. WIER, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now introduced: *Resolved*, That the
 tender of J. C. Mackintosh offering \$20,000 for $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ debentures at
 102.5250 be accepted, interest payable half yearly from July 31st,
 1892.

Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman Dennis and passed.

Read petition of the Nova Scotia Telephone Company, Limited,
 asking the Council to grant the permission applied for in communica-
 tion bearing date 25th January, 1892, *re* erection of poles on certain
 streets named therein. To go on Order paper.

Read letter from Margaret O'Laughlin preferring certain charges
 against Policeman Pickrem.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Mosher that said
 complaint be referred to the Police Committee for report. Motion
 passed.

Read letter from Willam Murray, Governor City Prison, in explan-
 ation of evidence given by him before the Royal Commission on the
 Liquor Traffic. To go on Order paper.

Read letter from E. D. Adams, agent of Waterou's Steam Fire
 Engine Works, *re* Steam Fire Engine. Moved by Alderman Pickering,
 seconded by Alderman Wier, that the same be considered with No. 32
 on Order paper (relative to Tender for Steam Fire Engine.) Motion
 passed.

Read applications for position of Assistant City Assessor from the
 following named persons:—William Ackhurst, G. D. Martin, Thomas
 Shields, W. G. Wisswell, A. W. Brockley, Michael Walsh, W. H. Neal,
 W. W. Foster, John W. Watt, Thomas E. Cooke, William Woodill,
 F. C. Stevens and J. D. Barry.

On motion, the Council now proceed to elect an Assistant City
 Assessor. The vote being taken, there appeared, on the nineteenth
 ballot, for W. H. Neal, six, for W. W. Foster, ten. His Worship the
 Mayor then declared W. W. Foster duly elected an Assistant City
 Assessor for the City of Halifax, he having a majority vote of the
 Council.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Pickering that
 the Order of the Day be further suspended to allow Alderman Mosher
 to introduce a resolution. Motion passed. The following resolution

is now introduced:—*Resolved*, That Mr. Samuel Creed, City Librarian, be given leave of absence until May 1st, 1893 and that Mr. Creed be paid a salary at the rate of two hundred and fifty dollars per year. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Duggan, and on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Foster, that No. 32 on Order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 32, viz., Report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners covering tenders for Steam Fire Engine, and correspondence relative to the subject. When the following resolution is now introduced:—*Whereas*, The committee of Fire Wards have failed to agree in the selection of a Fire Engine, and there being so little difference for the capacity of 800 gallons as between the Silsby, Ronald and Amoskeag, while the Waterou's, a new firm, offer the same size at a difference of \$1200.00. *Be it Resolved*, That all parties be invited to a public test on the same date, under the same conditions, at the prices quoted for an engine that will fill the tested capacity of 800 gallons per minute, at or about, the weights already quoted.

That the date of testing shall be sixty days from date, That the City shall appoint one or more experts to consider the mechanical construction of said engines, and conduct the tests for the Board.

That the engine proving the best shall be accepted. That each engine will be housed, and given free fuel during the test. All other expenses to be born by the contestants.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Outhit.

To which the following amendment is introduced:—*Resolved*, That the matter of the purchase of a Steam Fire Engine be referred to the Board of Fire Commissioners to have prepared a specification under which a test shall be had in the City of Halifax, the specification to be submitted to this Council for approval. Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman Foster, said amendment on being put is passed.

The Order of the day being suspended to allow Alderman Hamilton to introduce a resolution. It was moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Foster, that committee be appointed to hold the annual Scull Race for the championship of Halifax Harbor, the date for holding such race to be named by the committee. Motion passed. His Worship the Mayor, in accordance with above resolution, names the following as such committee, viz., Aldermen Boak, Wier, Hamilton, Ryan, Foster and Outhit.

Read report of committee on Laws and Privileges *re* charges preferred against Thomas Spelman, caretaker city property.

August 3rd, 1892.

The committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they investigated the statements made by Mr. Dimock in relation to Caretaker Spelman, and that said statements were unfounded.

W. B. WALLACE, *Chairman*.

August 3rd, 1892.

The committee on Laws and Privileges met on Monday, July 25th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Present: Aldermen Wallace, Hamilton and Lane.

Mr. Dimock and Caretaker Spelman were present at the meeting.

Mr. Dimock testified that in relation to one of the bills referred to in his original written statement, the bill itself was in his own handwriting.

The other bill was not in his handwriting, but might be in the handwriting of his daughter, who occasionally made out bills for him. The items on the bills were furnished to the City. He had furnished a certain portion of the items in the first bill himself. He thought that it was illegal for a city official to do any work or furnish any supplies. Mr. Spelman had furnished a portion of the items. Mr. Spelman had formerly been in partnership with him. Their accounts had never been finally adjusted. He thought the items in the bills were correct. He (Mr. Dimock) had given the information contained in his statement to Alderman Wier and had asked him to bring the matter before the Council. Alderman Wier had not solicited the information from him. The committee, after consultation, did not consider it necessary to examine Mr. Spelman.

W. B. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that said report be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that No. 25 on Order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 25, viz., 2nd clause report committee on Public Accounts in re accounts from Halifax Industrial School and St. Patrick's Home for keep of boys.

For report see printed minutes of June 22nd, 1892.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Duggan, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Duggan to introduce a resolution. Motion passed. When the following resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the City Engineer be asked to report on the condition of that portion of the Horse Railway road between Blower Street and Spring Garden Road. Moved by Alderman Duggan and seconded by Alderman Dennis, and on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed. Council adjourns 11 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

AUGUST 17th, 1892.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour, there were present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Duggan, Hubley, Eden, Hamilton, and Pickering.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the time for meeting be extended until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30, roll called. Present: The above named with Aldermen Allen, Dennis, Wier, Wallace, Lane, McFatrige, Foster, and Mosher.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Hamilton, Chairman, submits a report from City Health Board, covering a report from the City Engineer *re* repairs required to be done at the Infectious Hospital.

Alderman Mosher, Chairman, submits a report from the Library Committee, covering applications for the position of Assistant Librarian.

Alderman Pickering, Chairman, submits two reports from Board Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners.

Alderman Dennis, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Public Accounts.

Alderman Dennis, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Cemetery.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter from H. H. Fuller & Co., covering letter from Manchester Locomotive Works *re* Test of Steam Fire Engines.

Report from His Honor the Recorder on petition of H. P. Burton to be relieved from sewerage assessment, Granville Street.

Petition from Reuben Shaw, asking that he be reimbursed expenses incurred in obtaining release of his son from Dorchester Penitentiary, and that a committee be appointed to enquire into the matter of his conviction.

Annual report of City Auditor for civic year ending 30th April, 1892.

Report of City Engineer on condition of Street Railway track on Barrington Street, between Blower Street and Spring Garden Road.

Report City Health Board *re* reducing of staff of officials in connection with Sanitary Department.

Draft bye-law or ordinance relating to the streets of the City of Halifax, with letter from His Honor the Recorder.

Return of City Collector for City Rate and Water Rates for month of July.

Cash statement City Treasurer for May and July; cash statement City Treasurer, Water Department, for month of July.

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

Read report City Health Board, covering a report from City Engineer *re* repairs, etc., to be done at the Hospital for Infectious Diseases. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Duggan, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Citizens' Free Library, covering applications for the position of Assistant Librarian, and requesting the Council to make a selection.

August 5th, 1892.

The Committee on Citizens' Free Library beg to report that applications were received from the following named persons for the position of Assistant Librarian, viz: Misses Fenerty, Smith, Rhind, King, Locke, and Barnaby. The following named made application for the position of Librarian: Messrs. Blenkhorn, Connolly, and Pearce. Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Eden, that applications for within named position be referred to the City Council for their selection. Motion passed.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Allen, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The Council now proceeds to elect an Assistant Librarian. Applications were read from the following named persons: J. Forbes, Charles Blenkhorn, Kate H. Major, Bessie Fenerty, Bertha Locke, Janie King, Jennie Rhind, Mattie Barnaby. Miss Mattie Barnaby receiving a majority vote of the members present, was declared by His Worship the Mayor elected Second Assistant City Librarian.

Read report of Board Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners covering accounts.

16th August, 1892.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report that they have examined the following accounts and recommend the same for payment:

W. N. Brown, repairs ladder cart	\$19 00
James McLearn, cartage, etc.....	2 00
Thomas Walsh, glass.....	70
Charles F. Mott, soap.....	3 75

Gutta Percha and Rubber Manf. Co., suction hose etc.,	149 50
S. Cunard & Co., coal	6 25
R. Martin & Co., leather straps.....	6 00
John Starr & Son., electrical supplies	5 43
Thomas Robinson, hire of waggon.....	10 00
	\$202 63

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman.*

When the following resolution is introduced:—*Resolved*, That the report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, in *re* accounts be received and concurred in by Council, and His Worship the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign warrants for the payment of accounts therein named amounting to \$202.63. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Foster, and passed.

Read report Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, recommending a specification for trial tests for Steam Fire Engines.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to submit the following *re* trial tests for Steam Fire Engines.

Date—Tuesday, 11th day October.

Site—Near Sugar Refinery if possible.

Weight—Not less than 6500 lbs., nor more than lbs., (weight of No. 4)

Engines to be presented dry without fuel or water, and to be subject to the inspection of the judge.

Check valve not allowed.

Fires to be made with shavings, wood and coal to be provided by the Board. No other combustible to be used.

Owners to have test with full capacity of steam, if so required.

All proper tests to be made with safety valve set at 100 lbs. Each test to be for 30 minutes.

- Test 1.—1 line hose, 300 feet, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch nozzle.
 2.—2 " 300 " $1\frac{1}{4}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch nozzle
 3.—2 " 300 " siamese to one, $1\frac{1}{4}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch nozzle.
 4.—4 " 100 " departmental nozzle.
 5.—1 " 1000 " " "
 6.—2 " 1000 " " "
 7.—2 " 1000 " siamese to one, department nozzle.

Above tests to be both perpendicular and horizontal.

8.—Salt water in boiler.

9.—Capacity test into tank made for the purpose.

10.—Time test, 6 hours—from 10 to 4 o'clock—with fresh water—100 lbs. steam.

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman.*

When the following resolution is introduced:—*Resolved* that the report in *re* test of Steam Fire Engines as reported by Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners be received and concurred in, and that the same be referred back to Board to carry into effect. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Wier, and being put is passed.

Read reports of Committee on Public Accounts, recommending accounts for payment.

August 17th, 1892.

To the Mayor and Council:—

The following accotnts being duly certified to by the proper officials are hereby recommended for payment.

A. & W. McKinlay	\$56 78
A. & W. McKinlay	48 49
Maritime Lithograph Co.,.....	67 40

\$172 67

In reference to the account from St. Patricks Home, for \$221.85 for the support of boys committed under the Compulsory Education Act for truancy. The committee report that no money was provided in the estimates for this purpose. The account is certified as correct by the City Clerk. The only available source appears to be is to borrow the amount from the unexpended balances fund, provide for the same in the next estimates and return the amount to the unexpended balances fund. Your committee suggest that His Honor the Stipendiary should be conferred with in regard to the periods for which boys are sentenced for truancy.

WM. DENNIS, *Chairman.*

When the following resolution is introduced:—*Resolved*, that the report of the Committee on Public Accounts is hereby adopted, the recommendation approved, and the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of accounts specified therein. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Lane, and passed.

Read report of Committee on Cemetery *re* limited area of unoccupied ground in Camp Hill Cemetery, and recommending that the committee be authorized to take preliminary steps to secure a site for a new Cemetery.

Halifax, August 12th, 1892.

To the Mayor and Members of the Council:—

At a meeting of the Cemetery Committee, held this day, attended by the Chairman and Aldermen McFatrige and Hubley, Superintendent McDougall stated that in accordance with instructions he had filled in the plot of land in the south western side of the cemetery adjoining the portion reserved for the poor, and had thus availale 25 lots for sale. There were five or six other lots scattered over the cemetery. These were being disposed of at the rate of three per week. Were

it not for the land so filled up the City would be in the position to-day of not having a lot in the Camp Hill Cemetery in which to inter a citizen—not the previous owner of lot. At the present rate of sales every lot will be disposed of within three months. So that before the end of the year the City of Halifax will be in the deplorable position of having no place in which to bury its dead. This fact has time and time been urged upon the Council, and the Council has taken the necessary preliminary steps to obtain a new cemetery, but the authority to borrow money was not granted by the legislature. Your committee recommended that they be authorized to report upon available sites and take preliminary steps to secure a suitable one, pending obtaining an act from the legislature to purchase same.

WM. DENNIS, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of City Health Board in reference to reduction of staff of officials in connection with the Sanitary department.

August 17th, 1892.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honor to forward you the enclosed copy of a resolution passed by the City Health Board at a meeting held yesterday.

Your obedient servant,

WM. J. NISBET, *Secretary.*

To His Worship the Mayor :

Extract from Minutes of a Meeting of the City Health Board, held August 16th, 1892.

Resolved, That a copy of the following be sent to His Worship the Mayor.

Resolved, That in compliance with suggestions made by the Committee on Public accounts, the City Board of Health desire to recommend and to notify you that they intend to transfer the Secretaryship of the Board, from Mr. Nisbet to Mr. Meagher, Health Inspector, who will perform these duties without additional recommendation. Also that they have given Inspectors Delaney and Penney notice that their services will not be required after the end of the present month, as their present duties will be performed by the Inspectors in the Water Department under the Supervision of the City Engineer, whom the Board have appointed Sanitary Superintendent, and respectively ask for confirmation of the above at the first meeting of the Council. Passed.

[A true extract.]

WM. J. NISBET, *Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the date of dismissal of officials named in the report be changed from 31st August, to 31st October, 1892. Said amendment in being put was lost. The names being called for appeared thus:—

<p>For the Amendment :</p> <p>Alderman Duggan, Wallace, Eden, Hubley, Foster,—5.</p>	<p>Against it :</p> <p>Alderman Allen, Dennis, Wier, Hamilton, Pickering, Lane, McFatrige,—7.</p>
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The original motion was then put and passed.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder on letter from H. P. Burton, *re* Sewerage Assessment on his property, at corner of George and Granville Streets, said opinion being that Mr. Burton is liable for sewerage rates as assessed.

Halifax N. S., August 9th, 1892.

IN RE H. P. BURTON'S LETTER RE SEWER.

The City has built a sewer along Granville Street, which ends within a short distance of his property, corner of Granville and George Streets, and Mr. Burton claims in as much as there is an old stone sewer built on George Street, and into which his corner property drains, he thinks he should be relieved of the sewer tax on the corner property, inasmuch as the property was taxed and paid its share of the George Street sewer.

Mr. Burton, the Collector, and myself have more than once talked this matter over and what Mr. Burton means is that inasmuch as the George Street sewer built very many years ago out of the general revenues of the City, and this property in common with the rest of the citizens property having paid its share of taxes, it should not now be taxed. Under these circumstances I am clearly of opinion Mr. Burton is liable for this sewerage rate, unless indeed he can show that his corner property has been duly assessed and paid the sewerage rate for George Street. He admits he cannot show this.

WM. F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

His Worship the Mayor:—

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the opinion of His Honor the Recorder be concurred in by the Council and a copy thereof sent to Mr Burton. Motion passed.

Read letter from H. H. Fuller & Co., covering letter from A. Blood, Agent, Manchester Locomotive Works, asking that Steam Fire Engine Halifax, No. 4, be allowed to compete as their representative Engine, in the proposed trial tests of Steam Fire Engines in the City. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said letter be referred to the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners to act upon. Motion passed.

Read petition from Reuben Shaw, asking that he be reimbursed expenses incurred by him in securing his sons release from prison and requesting that a committee be appointed to consider said petition.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to the committee on Laws and Privileges to report on. Motion passed.

Read report from City Engineer on the condition of Street Railway Track on Barrington Street, between Blower Street and Spring Garden Road.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that said report be placed on Order Paper, to be considered with No. 24, on Order Paper, correspondence in *re* present condition of the line of Street Railway. Motion passed.

Read report of City Auditor for civic year ending April 30th, 1892. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the same be published in the Annual Civic Report. Motion passed.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder covering a draft ordinance relating to street coal holes and awnings. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Wier, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to allow Alderman Pickering to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced:—*Resolved*, That the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to advertize for tenders for loan of four thousand dollars, authorized by Act of Legislature, Sec. 6, Chap. 59, of acts of 1892, for the purpose of creating a public square on the site of the Old City Building, and the Stairs property. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman Foster, that No. 29 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 29, viz., Report of Appraisers appointed to value property for the widening of north end of Maitland Street.

Report of Appraisers on the widening of Maitland Street.

Agreeably to the condition of the act we recommended the City Council, to appropriate the whole of the following properties marked on the plan as per valuations which we set opposite each property viz :

William Matthews.....	\$850	Miss M. Johnston.....	\$1100
John Farquharson.....	325	Dr. Stephenson	2850
Mrs. J. Johnston	800		

Total \$5925

Appraisers' fees,..... 75

\$6000

We consider that for the purpose of widening the street, the expropriation of the above properties is all that is now necessary to be done, and we do not recommend the undermentioned properties (as marked on the plan) to be interfered with at present, except in the case of the "Peters" property, the damage to which is offset by the frontage which will be given to its back lot.

We appraise damages as follows:—

John Edwards	\$10
Mrs. Kerwin	300
Peters	50

Mr. John Farquharson is the owner of properties fronting on Maitland and Brunswick Streets, and as he has to take all his fuel in by way of Maitland Street and would be liable for sewerage rates, we recommend the City to allow him the frontage on the widened street to extent of the breadth of the property, marked O. C. Herbert on said plan.

W. G. Wiswell, Appraiser, appointed by the City Council.

Rufus J. Sweet, Appraiser, appointed by the Owners of the property.

Henry C. Walker, Appraiser, appointed by His Lordship the Chief Justice.

When the following resolution is introduced:—*Resolved*, That the report of the appraisers in *re* the widening of Maitland Street be adopted, and that this Council expropriate the several properties recommended for expropriation in said report under the authority of Section 4, Chapter 59, Acts of N. S. Legislature for 1892. (As per plan annexed.) Also that said report be handed the Board of Works and His Honor the Recorder to take the necessary steps for securing possession of the properties and ground recommended now to be taken. *Also resolved*, That the City Treasurer be authorized to advertise in the usual way for a loan of six thousand dollars, as provided for in the Act above referred to. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Wier, that No. 28 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 28, letter from His Honor the Recorder in *re* piece of land at the corner of Gottingen and Falkland Street, purchased by the City.

July 11th, 1892.

IN RE PORTION OF STREET PURCHASED FROM CARNELL.

DEAR SIR:—I received a notice that a mortgage, held by Messrs. McFatridge, including a portion purchased by the City for widening Gottingen and Falkland Streets, would be foreclosed and sold.

This piece of property was purchased by the City in December, 1883, from Mr. Carnell, and Mr. James Thomson holding a first mortgage on the land release the piece purchased, but no release was obtained from

Messrs McFatridge. I understand that \$80 was paid for the piece of land. If it is the intention of the Council to purchase it again, it would be wise to do so without delay.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

When the following resolution is introduced:—*Resolved*, That the land corner Falkland and Gottingen Street, previously purchased from J. J. Carnell, be repurchased at a sum not exceeding eighty dollars, said sum to be taken from Ward 5, appropriation for the present, provided a good title be had therefor. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that No. 16 on Order Paper be now considered. Motion passed.

Read No. 16, viz.: Resolution of Alderman Wier in *re* Tax Reform. Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman Pickering, as follows:—*Whereas*, it is desirable that this Council give the question of Tax Reform further consideration; *And whereas*, there are many intelligent and well disposed citizens who are large tax payers, and who with others, have at various times manifested deep interest, and much ability in the investigation of civic affairs, together with a large class of competent business men to whom this enquiry is important, and who would doubtless be willing to give some thought and time to the solution of this problem. *Therefore resolved*, That His Worship the Mayor be, and is hereby requested to appoint a special committee from this Council who shall have power to add to their members from among the citizens, and that said committee enquire into the present method of assessment, and devise, if possible, a more equitable method of taxation. Which resolution on being put, is passed.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that No. 30 on Order Paper, viz.:—Report of Library Committee in reference to granting a retiring allowance to Librarian, with two letters from the Librarian, be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that No. 31 on Order Paper be taken up. Motion passed.

Read No 31, viz.: Resolution of Alderman Duggan, in reference to return of fine and costs to Henry Lethbridge for violation of Building Act.

Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the letter of John Connolly in *re* expropriation of his property at Maynard and West Streets be placed first on Order of the Day for the next meeting of Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.25.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

SEPTEMBER 7th, 1892.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Boak, Morrow, Dennis, Wier, Wallace, Pickering, Hamilton, Lane, Ryan, Hubley, McFatrige, Foster, Eden, Adams and Mosher.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Wallace, chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Laws and Privileges *re* petition of Policeman Shaw.

Alderman McFatrige, chairman, submits a report from Committee on City Prison, covering accounts recommended for payment.

Alderman Pickering, chairman, submits eight reports from Board of City Works.

Alderman Pickering, chairman, submits a report from Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners *re* accounts.

Alderman Wier, chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Tenders *re* Tender for Loan.

Alderman Dennis, chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Public Accounts.

Alderman Dennis submits a petition from Maynard H. Hubley and others for sewer on south end of Granville Street.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Return of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the months of July and August, 1892.

Return of City Collector of Rates and Water Rates collected during the month of August.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder *in re* payment of Board of Fire Escapes.

Petition from Pickford & Black and others, steamship owners and agents, *re* Taxes on Shipping.

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Petition for an electric light at corner of Robie and Cunard streets.

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Petition from R. I. Hart and others for sewer on Hollis street, from George to Prince streets.

Petition from Retail Grocers' Association *re* City Market Place.

Report of His Honor the Recorder *re* John Connolly's, claim for an additional payment for land expropriated by the City on West and Maynard streets.

Petition from George P. Henry and others for extension of Agricola street.

Petition from Thomas Ritchie and others for sewer in Rottenburgh street.

Petition from Patrick Madigan for water extension on Edward street.

Alderman Eden, chairman, submits a report from the Sanitary Committee.

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

Read report Board of City Works, on petition from James H. Harris against the construction of granite curb and gutter on North street, between Lockman and Brunswick streets, covering a report from the City Engineer thereon.

August 22nd, 1892.

The Board of Works beg to report: that having had under consideration the Minute of Council and petition from citizens *re* curb on North street, together with a report from the City Engineer upon the matter, a copy of which is enclosed. When it was decided to forward the papers to the Council with a statement that the Board adopt the report of the Engineer and concur in his recommendation, that the work be carried out as directed by the Board.

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman*.

July 16th, 1892.

CURB NORTH STREET.

Chairman Board of City Works.

SIR,—The accompanying petition having been referred to me, I beg to report:

The work objected to, embraces the laying of a granite curb and gutter on the north side of North street, from Lorne Terrace to the Railway Station, to replace the ragged and ugly looking cobble stone gutter. While I have not had the experience of the leading conservatory managers in the neighbourhood of the proposed improvement, I may point to a similar piece of work done on North Park Street, between Cogswell Street and Cornwallis Street, last season. There is a row of trees along this sidewalk, immediately inside the

curb, and much nearer than those on North Street will be. Only one tree in the whole row was seriously injured by the laying of the curb.

The old cobble stone gutter on North Street cannot carry off the water fast enough, and the consequence is that it flows over the street, cutting away the surface and carrying it into the sewer.

It is the first street seen by the stranger entering the City and the improvement should have been made long ago. I would recommend that the work be proceeded with as ordered by the Board.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report of the Board of Works be received and concurred in and the Board authorized to proceed with the work as originally proposed. Motion passed.

Read Report of Board of City Works on scale of rates for water supplied by meter, covering a report of City Engineer on same.

September 5th, 1892.

The Board of Works beg to report: that at a meeting held this day, they had before them Minute of Council, referring to them a proposition of the last Board, for re-adjustment of the rates charged for water supplied by meter, and a report from the City Engineer, which is enclosed herewith, when it was decided to forward the papers to the City Council, with the recommendation that the report of the Engineer be adopted and the present rate of charge for water by meter be continued.

In the matter of supply to the Halifax Graving Dock, the rate of charge was fixed in 1888 at \$500.00 per annum. This the Company refused to pay, as too high. A meter was put in on September, 1891, and the Company are now charged in that way. The Board requests the Council to make such adjustment of the rate from 1888 to 1891 as may to them seem right.

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman.*

August 27th, 1892.

WATER RATES.

Chairman Board of City Works.

SIR,—The accompanying schedule of rates for water supply, by measurement, having been referred to me, I beg to report:

The following statement shows the present scale of rates and the proposed changes:

	Present rate.	Proposed rate.
Under 10000 gals. daily consumption... ..	20c	per 1000 gals...
10000 " " " " " " " "	..12½	" " " " " " " "
10000 to 20000 " " " " " " " "	..12	" " " " " " " "
20000 to 30000 " " " " " " " "	..11½	" " " " " " " "

	Present rate.	per 1000 gals.	Proposed rate.
30000 to 40000 daily consumption..	11c.	..	11c.
40000 to 50000 " " "	..10 $\frac{1}{2}$.. " "	..10 $\frac{1}{2}$
50000 to 60000 " " "	..10	.. " "	..10
60000 to 70000 " " "	..9 $\frac{1}{2}$.. " "	..9 $\frac{1}{2}$
70000 to 80000 " " "	..9	.. " "	..9
80000 to 90000 " " "	..9	.. " "	..8 $\frac{1}{2}$
90000 to 100000 " " "	..9	.. " "	..8
100000 to 110000 " " "	..9	.. " "	..7 $\frac{1}{2}$
110000 to 120000 " " "	..9	.. " "	..7
120000 to 130000 " " "	..9	.. " "	..6 $\frac{1}{2}$
130000 upw'ds " " "	..9	.. " "	..6 $\frac{1}{2}$

The first change proposed is from 20c. to 13c. per 1000 gallons for a daily consumption of 10000 gallons and under.

This is a sweeping reduction, as the consumption, with a few exceptions, would come under this rate. In my opinion, the Water Department cannot stand such a decrease in revenue as this change would cause, more especially, as large expenditures are being made to improve the service. I would recommend that no change be made in this part of the scale until the daily consumption, through meters, put on during the last twelve months, is determined. It will then be advisable to change the rates for small consumption, as under the present rates a daily average of 9000 gallons costs more than one of 14000 gallons.

The change recommended above 80,000 gallons, will put a premium on waste, for while 100,000 gallons a day \$8.00, 120,000 gallons only costs \$7.80, and 110,000 gallons \$7.70 a day. When the daily consumption is 100,000 gallons, a saving of 30c. a day or over \$90.00 a year will be effected by running 10,000 gallons into the harbor every day. This may be a good thing for the consumer, but is a bad measure to stop waste and should not be put in force. If the scale were continued indefinitely, and consumers could get a pipe large enough, they could get all the water they require for nothing.

I would respectfully recommend that the proposed scale be not adopted. If it is considered advisable by the Board or the Council, that the rate for any very large consumer should be reduced, it would be better to fix a special meter rate for that particular case.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the first paragraph of the report, recommending that the present rate of charge for water supplied by meter be continued, be adopted, and that the second paragraph, relative to the rate of charge for the Halifax Graving Dock, be placed on the Order of the Day for consideration at the next meeting of the Council. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of City Works, asking the Council to provide funds for the purpose of effecting repairs at the Infectious Diseases'

Hospital, covering reports of the City Health Board and City Engineer thereon.

September 5th, 1892.

The Board of Works begs to report: that having duly considered the report of the City Engineer and Minute of City Health Board, respecting repairs at the Infectious Diseases' Hospital, they are convinced of the necessity of the work being done. They, however, have no funds at their disposal from which to pay the cost. They would therefore respectfully ask the City Council to provide funds for the purpose.

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman.*

August 5th, 1892.

The City Health Board begs to report: that at a meeting held this day, they had before them the enclosed report from the City Engineer in reference to repairs, alterations and improvements necessary to be done at the Hospital for Infectious Diseases, and it was decided to forward the same to the City Council with a request that it receive their earliest attention.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

August 1st, 1892.

Chairman City Health Board.

SIR,—In compliance with your request, I beg to submit the following report, respecting repairs, alterations and improvements necessary at the Hospital for Infectious Diseases:

The roof of the barn is in a bad state and needs shingling, and in its present condition is unfit for storing hay or feed. The well should be deepened and a pipe laid to the kitchen where a pump should be placed, so that a supply of water would be available night and day. It would also be advisable to put in two water closets, and bath tub with an iron tank for supply, fed by force pump and pipes from rain water leaders. Down spouts are needed at the corners of the wings. A storm door is required at the main entrance, on the north side, and the steps should be repaired. A new floor should be put down at once in the cellar. The kitchen sink waste pipe should be trapped and vented, and a pantry built adjoining the dining room, as there is now no suitable place for this purpose. The walls of the corridors and rooms, except the male and female wards, should be painted. The ventilators on wings should be closed and the grounds should be graded and put in order. A rough estimate places the cost at about \$1600.00.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

When the following resolution is introduced: *Resolved*, That the report *in re* Infectious Hospital be concurred in, and that the Board of Health be requested to make requisition to the Mayor for the necessary funds, on receipt of which, the Board of Works are hereby

instructed to proceed with the work. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Hamilton and being put is passed.

Read report of Board of City Works, recommending the widening of Cogswell street, between Brunswick and Gottingen streets, covering copy of letter from Colonel Hill, C. R. E., and report from City Engineer thereon.

September 5th, 1892.

The Board of Works begs to report: that having had under consideration the enclosed report from the City Engineer, and copy of letter from Colonel Hill, C. R. E., they decided to transmit the papers to the Council, with the recommendation that the proposed improvement on Cogswell Street be carried out on the terms mentioned in the letter from Colonel Hill.

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman*.

WIDENING COGSWELL STREET.

Chairman Board of City Works.

SIR.—I beg to submit herewith a copy of a letter received from Col. Hill in reply to a communication, asking on what terms a strip of land on the north side of Cogswell Street and a piece of the corner on the South side could be obtained.

The general officer commanding is willing to recommend that the strip on the corner and a piece, 6 feet wide, on the north side be conveyed to the City on certain conditions named in the letter.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer*.

R. E. Office, 30, 8, 92.

1. SIR.—In reply to your letter of 26th inst., I beg to inform you that the General Officer Commanding is willing to recommend to the War Office that the small piece of W. D. Ground at junction of Cogswell and Brunswick Streets, south corner, and a strip 6 feet wide on north side of Cogswell Street, between Brunswick and Gottingen Streets, under conditions detailed hereafter.

2. The General Officer Commanding cannot recommend a grant of a strip 10 ft. wide, as such width would seriously interfere with a road in rear of the Military Hospital.

The conditions are as follows:

(a) That the fences of Hospital and Garrison Chapel enclosures be taken down and substantially re-erected at the cost of and by the city; any new timber that the removal may prove to be necessary being provided by the City; the work to be furnished by two coats of paint on all wood work.

(b) If found necessary by the Commanding Royal Engineer a new catch-pit to drain in Hospital enclosure, to be constructed to his satisfaction inside the altered fence at the expense of the City.

(c) All legal expenses of necessary conveyancing to be borne by the City.

(d) No action to be taken by the City in the matter until War Office approval be obtained, and the deed of conveyance duly completed.

4. On receipt of intimation that the City Council accepts these terms, steps will at once be taken to obtain War Office approval.

5. I take this opportunity of stating that no steps appear to have been taken by the City Council to carry out the requirements of the War Office in regard to transportation from War Department to the City of certain other small plots of land.

These requirements were set forth in letter from C. R. E. to City Clerk of 28, 4, 92.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR HILL,
C. E. K. C.

City Engineer.

When the following resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the report of Board of Works and Engineer and Officer of War Department *in re* widening Cogswell Street be concurred in by Council, and that the matter be referred back to the Board to continue negotiations and carry out the work. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Lane and passed.

Read report of Board of City Works on petition for Electric lights on Brussels and Atlantic Streets, covering a report from the City Engineer thereon.

September 5th, 1892,

The Board of Works begs to report that at a meeting held this day they had before them the Minute of Council *re* electric light on Brussels and Atlantic Streets, as well as a report from the City Engineer upon the matter, a copy of which is inclosed, when it was decided to transmit the report to the City Council for its information.

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman*.

August 27, 1892.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, ATLANTIC STREET.

Chairman Board of City Works.

SIR,—The accompanying petition, for an electric light on Atlantic Street, having been referred to me, I beg to submit the following report:

There are about a half dozen houses in the district which this light would be placed in.

The locality is out of the way, and there is no doubt that a light would be a benefit. There are many other places in the City far

more in need of attention in this respect. The appropriation for the year is only sufficient to pay for the lights now in use and no more can be put up until provision is made for payment for extra lamps.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer*.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the said reports be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of City Works recommending the placing of granite gutters and curbs on Barrington Street, from Bell's Lane to Cornwallis Street, covering copy of report from City Engineer thereon. Objected to.

Read report of Board of City Works on the matter of Capt. O'Bryan's claim for rent of City Market Building, so-called, covering copy of report of special committee on said claim. Copy of letter from His Honor the Recorder to the Chairman of Board of City Works, and also report from Chairman of said Board on the same subject.

August 22nd, 1892.

The Board of Works beg to report that having had under consideration the matter of Capt. O'Bryan's claim for rent of a part of the City Market Building; so-called, and the report of a committee appointed upon said claim, they accepted the report and decided to refer the paper to the City Council for its concurrence to be accompanied by a statement of the recent action of Capt. O'Bryan in the matter.

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman*.

August 22nd, 1892.

Your committee to whom the account of Capt. O'Bryan for rent of No. 4 Engine House was referred, beg leave to report as follows:— After due consideration, and the advice of His Honor the Recorder, and the fact of Mr. O'Bryan's indebtedness to the City for rent of same building; your committee declined to pay Mr. O'Bryan's claim of \$125.00, and respectfully submit herewith the facts and opinion of His Honor the Recorder.

W. F. PICKERING.

F. W. W. DOANE.

August 22nd, 1892.

IN RE CAPT. O'BRYAN'S PURCHASE OF MARKET PROPERTY.

Sir,—In obedience to the request of your board, I give the following facts in the above matter:

In 1890 a movement was made to purchase the Market Building, and representations were made—the purchaser would either erect a new buildings covering the whole ground or alter the old one, also covering the whole ground.

Mr. O'Bryan, by letter to the Council, asked upon what terms the property would be sold, and the matter was referred to the Board of

Works and His Worship the Mayor to report upon. They reported recommending the property be not sold, which was adopted by the Council, who instructed the Board to report what action should be taken to utilize and improve the property. The Board subsequently reported on the condition of the building, and the Council passed a resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Chairman of the Board of Works and the Recorder to negotiate for the sale of the property for a sum not less than \$20,000, said sale not to be completed until plans were submitted shewing the building or buildings to be erected, and a deposit of ten per cent. was required as a guarantee of good faith.

The committee advertized for tenders on the basis of the above resolution, and Mr. O'Bryan's tender was the highest, viz: \$20,200, and in his tender he informed the committee that the plans, &c., could be seen at his office.

In December, 1890, the City Clerk informed Mr. O'Bryan that his tender was the highest and requiring his plans and specification of the new building to be forwarded, in order to be submitted to the Council for approval, after which the Committee would be prepared to enter into a provisional contract of sale, and informing him that no binding contract could be made until the City obtained authority from the Legislature to sell the same.

I believe a subsequent plan was shewn the then Mayor, which was taken away by Mr. O'Bryan, and no plan or specification was ever sent by him or submitted to the Council for its approval, and no provisional contract was ever made for the sale of property, and no deposit, as required by the Council's resolution, was ever made.

Sometime after the tender was made, I understood from the then Mayor, that Mr. O'Bryan had sent a cheque for the amount of the deposit, but not certified by any bank, and when left with the Mayor, he informed Mr. O'Bryan that he would present it, draw the money and deposit it to the credit of the City. Mr. O'Bryan requested him not to present the cheque, and intimated that there were no funds to meet it and the leaving the cheque was only a matter of form, as the City could not then give a good title and the whole matter would have to remain until the Legislature met, in consequence of which, the cheque was never presented by the Mayor, and when the property was subsequently paid for, this cheque was not taken into consideration, but the whole amount of the purchase money was paid by the cheques of F. D. Corbett and J. C. Mackintosh, and a month after Mr. O'Bryan's cheque was returned to him.

It was well understood at the time the deed was given, and he repeatedly promised me as well as the then Mayor to pay his rent, and also wrote the Mayor to that effect, and it is only now he repudiates the rent.

It is true that at one time he requested two of the City tenants to pay him their rent, but I demanded it from them and they sub-

sequently paid. It is too clear for argument that he ever owned or had the slightest claim to refuse to pay his rent.

He is indebted to the City of Halifax for rent and taxes in the sum of \$841.65.

W. F. PICKERING,

Chairman of Board of Works.

W. F. McCoy,

Recorder.

I have been requested by the Board of Works to report by the Council, together with the foregoing, the subsequent action of Mr. O'Bryan.

A few days after the rent was due, and upon Mr. O'Bryan hearing that the rent, \$125.00, was not likely to be paid for the reasons stated in the report of Mr. O'Bryan, placed the Deputy-Sheriff in charge, and levied on the fire apparatus contained in the Old Market Building referred to. He remained in charge for several hours, then left. At this time causing no inconvenience to the department other than anxiety. A few days after Mr. O'Bryan again levied on the apparatus, removing several lengths of hose from the hose carriage, and conveyed the hose carriage and several lengths of hose from the building and offered the same for sale, causing inconvenience to the department and an expense in providing for the loss of same. A day or two after His Honor the Recorder replevined the property, since which time the City has been in peaceable possession of the same.

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman B. of F. Wards.*

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Boak, that the said reports be received, and the action of the Board of City Works in the matter concurred in. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of City Works relative to sewer in connection with Tower Road Public School, covering a report of the City Engineer thereon. Objected to.

Read report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners covering accounts for payment.

Sept. 7th, 1892.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report that they have examined the following accounts, and recommend the same for payment:

Farquhar Bros.....	7 00
Theakston & Co.....	13 50
M. Murphy.....	36 50

\$57 00

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman.*

When the following resolution is introduced:—*Resolved*, That the report of Board of Fire Wards be received and concurred in, and His Worship the Mayor is hereby instructed to sign warrants for the payment of accounts therein named. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, and passed.

Alderman Pickering, by leave of Council, submits a report from City Engineer relative to petition of Horton and others for Water Extension on Vernon Street, the same is read.

June 27th, 1892.

VERNON STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Chairman Board of Works.

SIR,—The petition of Mr. Horton and others for water extension on Vernon Street having been referred to me, I beg to report, that an extension of about 590 feet on the high service will be required to reach the north end of the street.

The estimated cost is \$1426.87.

The annual revenue cannot be estimated as no houses are yet erected.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that the water be extended as petitioned for, on security being given to the satisfaction of His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder for the payment of interest, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, on the cost of the work. Motion passed.

Read report of Sanitary Committee, relative to the sanitary condition of the City and the authority and responsibility of the Committee.

A meeting of the Sanitary Committee, held in the committee room, City Hall, September 5th, 1892.

I beg leave to report: The minutes of previous meeting being read and approved, the City Medical Officer made a statement, which was in effect, that the City was in an unusually healthy state and the death rate lower than in former years.

Chief Inspector Meagher, while admitting that there were a few dangerous spots in the city that needed constant looking after by the Inspectors, yet the City was in a cleaner and healthier state than for years past.

After hearing these statements, your committee are of the opinion that the Board of Health is doing all that can be done to secure the health of the City. And that since the formation of the Board, your committee has no authority in the premises and consequently no responsibility.

FRANK EDEN, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the report be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

Read petition from Michael Conroy and others for an electric light at corner of Robie and Cunard Streets. Moved by Alderman Mc-Fatridge, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read report from Committee on Laws and Privileges *in re* petition

of Policeman Reuben Shaw for compensation for expenses incurred by him in securing his son's release from Dorchester Penitentiary.

The committee on laws and privileges beg to report as follows:—

August 31st, 1892.

In regard to the petition of Policeman Shaw, referred to your committee for investigation, your committee met and inquired into the statements contained in the said petition, and after hearing the testimony of the petitioner, His Honor the Recorder and Sergeant Condon, and after examination of the documents produced by the petitioner, your committee decided that they could not recommend that the Council should comply with the request of Mr. Shaw to compensate him for the expenses incurred by him in securing his son's discharge from Dorchester Penitentiary.

Your committee also beg to report that in regard to the statement in the petition reflecting upon the testimony given by Sergeant Condon at the trial of young Shaw, no evidence was produced at the investigation before your committee to justify the statement contained in the petition.

W. B. WALLACE, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Wier, that said report be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

Read report of Tenders' Committee in *re* tender for loan of \$30,000 under the Permanent Paving Act.

August 31st, 1892.

The Tenders' Committee met this evening. Present: Aldermen Pickering, Morrow and Eden. They had before them the tender of J. C. Mackintosh, offering to take the \$30,000 loan as per tender hereto annexed.

Your committee recommends the acceptance of J. C. Mackintosh's offer.

H. V. WIER, *Chairman*.

When the following resolution is introduced:—*Resolved*, That the report of the committee on Tenders be concurred in, and that the tender of J. C. Mackintosh be accepted, interest payable from 1st July, 1892. Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman Wallace, which motion on being put is passed.

Read report of City Prison Committee, covering sundry accounts:

September 6th, 1892.

At a meeting of the Prison Committee, held this day, there were present Aldermen Duggan, Ryan and the Chairman.

They had before them a number of accounts, which, on examining, were found to be correct and are herein submitted, amounting to \$135.48:

G. P. Henry	\$ 18 00
McLearn & Son.....	48 63
G. E. Smith & Co	6 12
Wentzell & Co.....	54 70
R. T. Braine	8 03
	\$135 48

W. McFATRIDGE, *Chairman.*

When the following resolution is introduced: *Resolved*, That the report of the Prison Committee be received and concurred in and the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the amounts named therein. Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Ryan and passed.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder, relative to payment Board of Fire Escapes. To go on Order Paper for consideration at next meeting with No. 16, viz: appointment of a Board of Fire Escapes, with opinion of His Honor the Recorder *in re* appointment of Aldermen as members of Board of Fire Escapes.

Read petition from Pickford & Black, and other steamship owners and agents, respecting taxes on shipping. Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Boak, that said petition be referred to the Assessment Committee with His Honor the Recorder for consideration and report. Motion passed.

Read petition from the Truckmen's Union, asking reimbursement of costs incurred by the Union in defending actions against its members brought by the City. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said petition be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from ———— relative to Cattle Pound at Dutch Village. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Boak, that said petition be referred to the Board of City Works to locate a pound and appoint a pound-keeper. Motion passed.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder *in re* Henry Lethbridge's claim for reimbursement of fine and costs in suit brought against him by the City for violation of the Building Act. Objected to.

Read letter from the City Clerk covering accounts for the consideration of the Committee on Public Accounts. Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Wier, the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of R. I. Hart and others, for Sewer on Hollis Street between George and Prince Street. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said petition be referred to the Board of City Works and City Engineer for report thereon. Motion passed.

Read petition from the Retail Grocers' Association asking the Council to provide a suitable public city market place. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Boak, that said petition be

placed on Order Paper, and the City Clerk furnish this Council at its next meeting with the report of appraisement on the two sites previously reported upon and other documents relating thereto. Motion passed.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder *re* John Connolly's claim for an additional amount in payment for property, West and Maynard Streets, expropriated by the City.

August 31st, 1892.

IN RE JOHN CONNOLLY'S CLAIM.

Looking at the quantity of land claimed by John Connolly and that of other parties, it appears to me that he has not received as much as he should.

I would recommend that an additional \$100.00 be paid him. The Council will recollect his land is on West and Maynard Streets.

W. F. McCoy, *Recorder.*

His Worship the Mayor.

When the following resolution is introduced: *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid by the City of Halifax to John Connolly in addition to the sum awarded him by Engineer Keating, when in office, for property on corner of West and Maynard Streets, upon the receipt, from Connolly, of a good title, to the satisfaction of His Honor the Recorder, in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Recorder; *Further resolved*, That His Worship be authorized to sign warrants for the amount of one hundred dollars, said amount to be taken from the money borrowed for the purpose. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden and passed.

Read petition from George P. Henry and others, for the extension of Agricola Street northwardly. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said petition be referred to the Board of City Works and City Engineer to report on. Motion passed.

Read petition from Thomas Ritchie and others for sewer in Rottenburg Street from Queen Street. Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works to report on. Motion passed.

Read petition from Patrick Madigan for Water Extension on Edward Street. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works to report on. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Public Accounts recommending the payment of a number of accounts.

August 26th, 1891.

To the Mayor and Council.

The following accounts having been examined and certified to as correct by the proper officials, are recommended for payment.

Theakston & Co, City Clerk's Office	\$ 23 10
" " Clerk of License	14 30
" " City Assessor's.....	38 00
" " Cemetery Committee	2 00
" " Police Department	5 00
" " City Assessor	38 00
" " City Collector	90 31
" " City Clerk	18 75

\$227 46

Protestant Industrial School \$140 00

In regard to the account from the Protestant Industrial School, no money was provided in the last estimates for committals under the Compulsory School Act. We therefore recommended that the amount be borrowed from the unexpended balances or other available fund, to be assessed for in the next estimates and returned to the fund so borrowed from, as was done in the case of a similar account for the St. Patrick's Home.

WM. DENNIS, *Chairman.*
 CHAS. S. LANE,
 MINER T. FOSTER.

When the following resolution is introduced: *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee of Public Accounts be adopted and that the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the amounts recommended to be paid. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Foster and passed.

Read petition from Maynard H. Hubley and others for sewer on Granville Street between Blower and Sackville Streets. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works to report on. Motion passed.

Read return of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the months of July and August, 1892, the same are filed.

Read monthly return of City Collector for City rates and Water rates collected in August, 1892, the same are ordered to be filed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Wier, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to allow Alderman Dennis to introduce a resolution. Motion passed, and the following is introduced:—*Whereas*, Spring Garden Road is one of the main thoroughfares of the City, and the gutters from Pleasant to South Park Street are in a delapidated condition, and owing to not being curbed portions of the sidewalks are washed away by every rain storm, involving constant destruction, as well as being an eye-sore to citizens. *Resolved*, that the City Engineer is hereby requested to report at the next meeting of Council as to the advisability of curbing said gutters with granite, the work to be done under the Permanent Paving Act.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Wier, and on being objected to is placed on Order Paper.

In accordance with resolution of Meeting of Council of 17th August, His Worship the Mayor names the following as a Special Committee on Assessment Laws: Aldermen Morrow, Wier, Pickering, Ryan, McFatrige and Mosher.

Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the committee as named by His worship the Mayor be confirmed by the Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Wier, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Lane to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced: *Resolved*, That this Council instruct the Board of Works to select a market site and to report to this Council its locality and the price for which same can be obtained. Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hubley and passed.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Boak, that No. 29 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 29, viz: Petition of Nova Scotia Telephone Company, Limited, for permission to erect poles on certain streets of the City.

August 3rd, 1892.

The Honorable the City Council of the City of Halifax:

The petition and application of the Nova Scotia Telephone Co., Limited, humbly sheweth:—First. That on the 27th September, 1887, by a resolution of your honorable body, permission was given to your petitioner to erect poles upon and along the streets of the City of Halifax, for the purpose of its business, subject to the supervision or direction of the City Engineer, and subject to the control of the Board of Works.

Second. That under said resolution your petitioner has from time to time obtained from the City Engineer, upon application to the Board of Works, permission to erect poles in various streets of the City. Your petitioner begs leave to refer to the said resolution.

Third. On the 25th of January, 1892, your petitioner applied to the City Board of Works for permission to erect certain poles, a copy said application is enclosed herewith. In reply, your petitioner received from the City Board of Works, through the City Engineer, a letter granting permission to erect such poles, thereafter the City Engineer located and approved of the sites of all the said poles, including these on the north side of Spring Garden Road, between Pleasant Street and Dresden Row, and poles have been erected by your petitioner on the said north side of Spring Garden Road, at the points located and approved by the City Engineer. All the poles in said application mentioned, have been erected, excepting about nine poles on Granville Street, and six poles on Barrington Street, and

they have been so erected under the supervision and direction of the City Engineer.

Fourth. Doubts have been cast upon the power of the City Board of Works and of the City Engineer to grant such permission, and the Board of Works has been called upon to remove three of said poles on the north side of Spring Garden Road.

Fifth. The said poles have been erected at considerable expense, and in good faith, under the permission aforesaid, and they are necessary to enable your petitioner to carry on its business.

Your petitioner has used every possible means and has gone to considerable increased outlay to render said three poles as little inconvenience as possible to property owners on the said street and solely for this purpose has placed them much farther apart than usually. This will considerably increase the cost of maintenance.

Sixth. Great injustice will be done to your petitioner unless the consent so given by the Board of Works and the City Engineer is ratified by your honorable body. Your petitioner therefore prays that your honorable body may be pleased to grant the permission asked for in the said application of your petitioner, dated 25th January, 1892, and therein to ratify and confirm the permission already granted by the Board of Works and the City Engineer, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever humbly pray.

The Nova Scotia Telephone Company, L^td.

C. E. HARRIS, *General Manager*.

When the following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the Council cannot comply with that portion of the petition of the Nova Scotia Telephone Company, dealing with three encumbrances on the north side of Spring Garden Road, between Pleasant Street and Grafton Street, as a lawsuit is now pending in the Supreme Court in relation to the same. Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Lane.

To which the following amendment is moved by Alderman Pickering, and seconded by Alderman Wier:—*Whereas*, The Nova Scotia Telephone Company, limited, on the 25th of January, 1892, applied to the Commissioners of the Board of City Works for permission to erect the following poles, namely: 13 poles on the north side of Spring Garden Road, running from Pleasant Street westerly; 6 poles on east side of Barrington Street, running from Salter Street northerly, 18 poles on Granville Street, running on both sides from Salter Street to Sackville Street, and thence running on the west side to Buckingham Street; 9 poles on the north side of Sackville Street, running from Bedford Row westerly; four poles on the west side of Hollis Street, running from Sackville Street southerly, and 3 poles on the north side of Salter Street, running from Water Street westerly.

And whereas, such permission has been granted by the Board of Works, and by the City Engineer, and the sites of all of the said poles have been located and approved by the City Engineer, and nearly all

of the said poles have been erected under the said permission, and under the supervision of the City Engineer.

Therefore resolved, That permission is hereby granted and given to the said Nova Scotia Telephone Company, Limited, to erect and keep erected the said posts or poles, and the permission granted by the Board of Works and by the City Engineer is hereby ratified and confirmed, and the erection and location of such of the said poles or posts as have been already erected is hereby approved and confirmed.

Before taking the vote, it was decided to have the written report of the City Engineer on the subject read, which was done.

The Engineer being present, appeared, by request of the Council, within the rail, and on being asked his present views, as to whether any practicable route, other than the one along which the poles had been erected, west of Pleasant Street on Spring Garden Road, could be found, stated that he in company with others interested had examined all possible practicable routes and after the most careful consideration concluded that the suggested Blower Street plan would not be feasible, and that the poles would therefore have to be erected on the north side of Spring Garden Road; he also said that three of the poles which had been placed on the north side of Spring Garden Road, between Pleasant and Grafton Streets, were removed to-day by order of the Board of Works. The amendment being now put was passed, ten voting for the same and three against it.

The names being called for appeared thus :

For the Amendment :	Against it :
Aldermen Boak, Morrow, Pickering, Wier, Hamilton, Hubley, McFatrige, Foster, Adams, Mosher—10.	Aldermen Lane, Ryan, Eden—3.

Alderman Lane gives notice of reconsideration. The original motion was now put and lost.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Wier, that No. 25 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 25, viz. : Letters (2) from His Honor the Recorder in *re* violation of the Building Act, with opinion of His Honor the Recorder in *re* encroachments on streets.

Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that said letters and opinion, together with a letter from the City Engineer to His Worship the Mayor *re* encroachments on streets, be placed first on the Order Paper for next meeting. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the original photograph of the City Council from Notman & Co. to be received as satisfactory, and that His Worship the Mayor be instructed to draw a warrant for payment of the same. The said photograph to be placed in the Committee Room, City Building. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourn 11.05.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

SEPTEMBER 14th, 1892.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present:—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Morrow, Foster, Allen, Pickering, Hamilton, Hubley and Ryan.

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

8.30. Roll called. Present: the above-named, with Aldermen Dennis, Wier, Duggan, Lane and Eden.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Allen, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Charities, covering accounts for August.

Alderman Pickering, Chairman, submits report of Board of City Works on second report of Appraisers *re* Widening of Maitland Street, with report of City Engineer on same.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers: Letter from Nova Scotia Telephone Company, Limited, per C. E. Harris, General Manager in *re* Erection of Poles on north side of Spring Garden Road.

Report of City Engineer on petition for Sewer on Rottenburg Street.

Letter from Policeman William Brown in *re* fine imposed upon him by the Police Committee.

Letter from City Clerk covering accounts for the consideration of the Committee on Public Accounts.

Letter from William Nisbet, Chairman of Board of Fire Escapes *re* amount due said Board.

Report of Commissioners of Point Pleasant Park on work done during the season, the payment for said work, and asking the Council to provide means for the building of a lodge near the gates, etc.

Copy of resolution passed at a public meeting of the Citizens of Quebec *re* quarantine station and ships coming from infected countries to Canada.

Letter from J. T. Bulmer, solicitor of James McDonough, preferring certain charges against policeman Lewis Nickerson.

Cash statement of City Treasurer for August.

Cash statement of City Treasurer, Water Department for August.

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

Read report of Committee on Charities, covering sundry accounts, together with monthly statement of Superintendant for August.

Halifax, Sept. 14th, 1892.

The Charities Committee met this evening. Present: Alderman Allen, Chairman, Pickering and Foster. The following amounts were examined, found correct and ordered to be paid :

E. J. Lordly	\$452 24
Smith Bros.	44 25
J. L. Whytal	10 23
Geo. McLellan	184 83
Geo. Gregoire	34 40
G. P. Henry	32 00
Rupert Fulton	48 14
Cragg Bros.	3 25
McManus & Butler	11 72
Water Rates	250 00
A. C. Ross	34 00
Mackintosh & McInnes	27 94
Halifax Gas Co	64 00
	\$1197 00

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

THOS. C. ALLEN, *Chairman.*

August 31st, 1892.

To the Chairman and Members of the Charities Committee :

Gentlemen,—During the month there has been 25 admitted, 4 born, 17 discharged, and 2 died. Total number in the institution 287, August 31st, 1892.

J. W. FLEMMING.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that said report be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of City Works, covering a second report of appraisers of land to widen Maitland Street, with plan and report of City Engineer on same.

September 12th, 1892.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day, they had before them a report from the Appraisers of Land to widen Maitland Street, and report of City Engineer upon the matter, which are enclosed, when it was ordered that they be forwarded to the City Council for its concurrence.

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF APPRAISERS IN RE WIDENING OF MAITLAND STREET.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 5, Chap. 59, Acts of 1892, the following valuation is made.

Properties marked on plan.

William Mathews	\$ 850 00
John Farquharson	325 00
Mrs. J. Johnson	800 00
Dr. Stephenson	2850 00
Miss M. Johnston	1100 00
"Peters"	50 00
Mrs. Kerwin	300 00
John Edwards	10 00
Arbitrators' fees (3)	75 00

Dated Halifax, 26th August, 1892.

RUFUS J. SWEET,
Appraiser appointed by owners of property.

W. G. WISWELL,
Appraiser appointed by City Council.

H. C. WALKER,
Appraiser appointed by the Chief Justice.

September 12th, 1892.

MAITLAND STREET EXTENTION.

Chairman Board of City Works:

Sir,—I have had an interview with some of the appraisers in the above matter, and beg to report that although they recognize the claim made they believe the strip of land not taken is of no value to the owners. They recommend that it be taken for Sewer Assessment if not paid, and fenced by the City to close the frontage of the other properties.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

When the following resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the report of Board of Works, City Engineer, and the valuation of appraisers in re the Widening of Maitland Street, be received and concurred in by Council, and that the matter be referred back to the Board to carry into effect. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Foster, and passed.

Read letter of C. E. Harris, General Manager Nova Scotia Telephone Company, Limited, relative to erection of certain poles on Pleasant Street and Spring Garden Road. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Dennis that the same be referred to the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer and petition for Sewer Rottenburg Street.

Sept. 14th, 1892.

ROTTENBURG STREET SEWER.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In accordance with instructions received from the Board of City Works, I beg to report on the accompanying petition for the immediate construction of a sewer on Rottenburg Street. A sewer has been ordered for some time, but its turn has not been reached. This block has been reported several times by the Sanitary Inspector and myself. A good sewer is badly needed, as there is no drain at all in the block. The work should be carried out as soon as possible.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

When the following resolution is introduced;—*Resolved*, That the report of the City Engineer in *re* Sewer in Rottenburg Street and Tower Road be received and concurred in by Council, and that the matter be referred back to Board of Works to construct immediately regardless of turn. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, and passed.

Read Petition of William Brown, Policeman, relative to fine imposed upon him by Police Committee for smoking while on duty on the street. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Wier, that the same be referred to the Police Committee for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from City Clerk, covering accounts for the consideration of the Committee on Public Accounts. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from William Nisbet, Chairman of Board of Fire Escapes in *re* account of said Board to May 1st, 1892. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the same be placed on Order Paper for consideration with No. 17, viz: Appointment of Board of Fire Escapes, with opinion of His Honor the Recorder in *re* appointment of aldermen to said Board, and opinion of His Honor the Recorder relative to the account from said Board. Motion passed.

Read letter from John Doull, Chairman, and George Lawson, Secretary of Point Point Pleasant Park Commissioners, asking that arrangements be made for the payment of \$1,850.00 advanced by them for wages, &c., and also asking that additional work be done at the Park this season, including the building of a lodge for keeper at the entrance gates, and that the Council consider in what way means may be provided to carry out said improvements.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Allen, that the said letter be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from E. T. Nesbit, Secretary, covering resolution passed at a public meeting of citizens of Quebec, P. Q., relative to precautionary measures to guard against the visitation of Cholera to Canada.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the City Clerk acknowledge receipt of said letter, and inform the secretary of Quebec citizens' meeting that the authorities of the city were taking action and precautionary measures to prevent the introduction of said disease into Canada through this port. Motion passed.

Read letter from J. T. Bulmer, solicitor of James McDonough, preferring certain charges against Policeman Lewis Nickerson in connection with evidence given by said policeman in the suit *The Queen vs. McDonough*, before the County Court. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to the Police Committee for report. Objected to.

Read cash statement of City Treasurer for the month of August. Filed.

Read cash statement City Treasurer Water Department for August. Filed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Alderman Lane withdraws his notice of reconsideration of resolution granting permission to Nova Scotia Telephone Company, Limited, to erect poles on certain streets *vide* number one on Order Paper. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Wier, that No. 36 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 36, viz.: Resolution of Alderman Dennis in *re* Gutters on Spring Garden Road, from Pleasant Street to South Park Street as follows:—*Whereas*, Spring Garden Road is one of the main thoroughfares of the City, and the gutters from Pleasant to South Park Street are in a dilapidated condition, and owing to not being curbed portions of the sidewalks are washed away by every rain storm involving constant destruction as well as being an eye-sore to citizens.

Resolved, That the City Engineer is hereby requested to report at next meeting of Council as to the advisability of curbing said gutters with granite, the work to be done under the Permanent Paving Act. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Wier, that said resolution be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Duggan, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Pickering to introduce a resolution. Motion passed, and the following is introduced:—*Resolved*, And the City Engineer is hereby instructed to pave that portion of George Street sidewalk running west from the Ferry Wharf to Water Street, the same to be paid for out of the appropriation for permanent work. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Lane, and on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Foster, that No. 32 on Order Paper be now considered. Motion passed.

Read No. 32, viz.: Report of Board of City Works relative to placing granite gutters and curbs on Barrington Street from Bells' Lane to Cornwallis Street, and report of City Engineer thereon.

August 22nd, 1892.

The Board of Works beg to report that having had before them a resolution regarding the placing granite gutter stones and curbs on Barrington Street from Bell's Lane to Cornwallis Street, and a report from the City Engineer endorsing the proposition. They now forward the same to the City Council with the recommendation that the work be done in accordance with the report.

W. F. PICKERING, *Chairman*.

August 27th, 1892.

CURB AND GUTTERS, BARRINGTON STREET.

Chairman Board of City Works:

SIR,—At the last meeting of your Board a resolution was referred to me for report favouring the laying of granite curbs and gutters on both sides of Barrington Street, where required from Bell's Lane to Cornwallis Street, the cost to be charged to the Permanent Paving Fund. In considering the question of any expenditure or permanent paving account, I would strongly advocate the restriction of such expenditure at present to the principal business streets. There has always been a cry from the rate-payers that a great deal of money was spent, but there was nothing to show for it. The principal reason is because the money spent has been scattered about in alleys and bye-streets in the suburbs, while the requirements of streets in which the result of any expenditure would be seen were overlooked. This gave people the impression that the money was not spent to the best advantage.

I am of the opinion that the permanent pavement fund was intended for the improvement of our principal streets, and for that reason urge that the expenditure be restricted to certain districts.

Barrington Street seems destined to be our main street. If the railway is extended to Cornwallis Street the greater part of the traffic between the station and the centre of the City will be on that street. The street railway track takes the best part of the roadway and throws ordinary traffic into one rut on either side between the rails and the cobble stone gutter. This keeps the street in a bad condition the year round. A granite curb and gutter could not only greatly improve the appearance of the street, but would practically widen it, as the whole roadway from curb to curb, would be available for traffic. It is certainly advisable that the first impression of strangers should be favorable, and the improvement suggested on this street would, in my opinion, justify the expense. I therefore recommend that it be carried out, and the expense charged to permanent pavement.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer*.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said reports be adopted and referred back to the Board of City Works to carry out the recommendations therein contained. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Wier, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Dennis to introduce a resolution. Motion passed, and the following introduced:—

Whereas, The piece of property at the corner of Pleasant Street and Spring Garden Road, commonly known as the old burying ground, though controlled by the parish of St. Paul's in this City, was used as a place of Sepulture by all religious denominations from the very foundation of Halifax down to the close of the century, and afterwards by all except the Roman Catholics and the Methodists until the year 1844, when the whole of the Cemeteries in the City, excepting those belonging to the Imperial Government, were closed by law.

And whereas, The old burying ground afore mentioned has remained since the closing, and is at present in a state of neglect and dilapidation surprising to strangers, and most discreditable to the Citizens of Halifax.

Resolved, That a committee of this Council be appointed to confer with the authorities of St. Paul's parish with a view to ascertain whether some arrangement satisfactory to all parties cannot be arrived at whereby the old burying ground, the last resting place of the forefathers of our Citizens for many generations, may be renovated and beautified, so as to become, as undoubtedly it would, an attractive place of resort to be ever open and free to all, and kept in order at the public expense.

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that No. 8, viz: Report City Health Board, covering draft rules and regulations for Water Takers, Plumbers, &c., with letter from Secretary Board of Health, be struck from Order Paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the following items be struck from Order Paper, viz.:—No. 12, letter of E. L. Fenerty, County Councillor, asking the City Council to pay proportion of cost of keeping in repair the road leading from the head of the North-West Arm to 3-mile house, with letter of County Clerk on the subject. No. 3, report of City Engineer in *re* waste of water through Hopper Water Closets and otherwise. No. 4, report Board of City Works and City Engineer *re* sidewalks to be paved under paving act. No. 15, report of City Engineer on streets requiring macadamizing with estimated cost of same. No. 33, report of Board of City Works, relative to sewer in connection with Tower Road School and report of Engineer thereon. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Lane, that No. 26 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 26, viz.:—Letters 2 from His Honor the Recorder in *re* violation of Building Act, with opinion of His Honor the Recorder in *re* Encroachments on Streets, and letter from City Engineer on same subject.