

through the lands of the said William Walker. The said line being more particularly described as follows:—Beginning at a point on Henry Walker's eastern boundary line 116 feet 0 inches from the north eastern corner of his property; thence running in a straight line to a point on the said William Walker's northern boundary line, distant 165 feet 0 inches, from the intersection of William Walker's north line with the south line of Bayers Road. The said piece of land being coloured violet and numbered 5 on a plan entitled, "Right of Way and Land Plan," dated April 2nd, 1892, signed by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, and on file in the City Engineer's office at Halifax.

The lot so described belonging, it is alleged, to William Walker. The said City, not being able to make any contract or agreement with him for the purchase of said rights and easements, and not being able to make a good title thereto. And the City Clerk is hereby authorized to pay into the Supreme Court at Halifax the sum of one hundred and seventy five dollars, that sum being, in the estimation of this Council, a reasonable value for the rights and easements above described in said lot.

Also the rights and easements above mentioned in and to the following lots of land, viz:—All that lot, piece or parcel of land extending a distance of eight feet on each side of a centre line running through the lands of the said Samuel Caldwell from his western to his eastern boundary. The said centre line being more particularly described as follows:—Beginning at a point on the east side line of Windsor Road, distant 350 feet, 0 inches, more or less, from the north-east corner of said Windsor Road and Young Street; thence easterly in a straight line to a point on the western boundary line of the Misses Veith's property, distant 28 feet from their south-west corner.

Also, all that lot, piece or parcel of land extending a distance of eight feet on each side of a centre line running through the lands of the said Samuel Caldwell.

The said line being more particularly described as follows:—Beginning at a point on the southern boundary line of the Misses Veith's property, distant 138 feet, more or less, from their south-western corner; thence in a straight line to the eastern boundary of S. Caldwell's property to a point distant 392 feet, 0 inches, more or less, from the intersection of said eastern boundary line with the north side line of Young Street. The said pieces of land being coloured Red and numbered eight, on a plan entitled "Right of Way and Land Plan" dated April 2nd, 1892, signed by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, and on file in the City Engineer's office at Halifax.

The two lots above described belonging, it is alleged, to Samuel Caldwell. The said City not being able to make any contract or agreement with him for the purchase of said rights and easements in said lots, and not being able to obtain a good title thereto. And the City Clerk is hereby authorized to pay unto the Supreme Court at Halifax, the sum of seventy-five dollars, that being, in the estimation of this Council, a reasonable value for the rights and easements above described in said two lots.

Also the rights and easements above described in the following lot of land, viz:—All that lot, piece or parcel of land extending a distance of eight feet on each side of a line running through the lands of the said Thomas Gooley, from his south-western to his eastern boundary. The said line being more particularly described as follows:—Beginning at a point on the south-western boundary line of the lands of the said Thomas Gooley, distant eighty-one feet, more or less, from his south-western corner; thence easterly in a straight line to a point on the west side line of the Dutch Village Road, distant one hundred and fifteen feet six inches from the south-westerly corner of the lands of the said Thomas Gooley. The said piece of land being coloured blue and numbered 1 on a plan entitled, "Right of Way and Land Plan," dated April 2nd, 1892, signed by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, and on file in the City Engineer's office at Halifax. The above described lot belonging to the heirs of the late Thomas Gooley, as it is alleged. The said City not being able to make any contract or agreement with the said Thomas Gooley in his lifetime, nor since his death with his heirs, and not being able to obtain a good title thereto. And the City Clerk is hereby authorized to pay into the Supreme Court at Halifax the sum of two hundred dollars, that being in the estimation of this Council, a reasonable value for the rights and easements above described in said lot.

Also, the rights and easements above described in the following lots of land.— All that lot, piece or parcel of land extending a distance of eight feet on each side of a line running through the lands of the said Robert Miller. The said line being more particularly described as follows:—Beginning at a point on the northern side line of Bayers' Road, distant one hundred and forty-six feet six inches from the intersection of the said northern side line of Bayers' Road with the eastern side line of McCollough Street; thence running in a straight line to a point on the western side line of Windsor Road, distant 345 feet from the north-west corner of Young Street and Windsor Road. The said piece of land being coloured yellow and numbered seven on a plan entitled "Right of Way and Land Plan," dated April 2nd, 1892, signed by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, and on file in the City Engineer's Office at Halifax. The above-described lot belonging to Robert Miller, who resides in London Great Britain, and out of the Province of Nova Scotia, and with whom the City was unable to make any contract or agreement with him for the purchase of said rights and easements in said lot. And the notices required by law having been duly served on Thomas Jenkins, residing at Halifax, in this Province, said Robert Miller's Agent, and also the party in possession of said property. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to pay unto the Supreme Court at Halifax the sum of five hundred dollars. That sum being, in the estimation of this Council, a reasonable value for the rights and easements above described in said lot.

Also the rights and easements above described in the following Lot of Land:— All that lot, piece or parcel of Land extending a distance of eight feet on each side of a line running from the western to the southern boundary of the property belonging to the Misses Vieth. The said centre line being more particularly described as follows:—Beginning on the western boundary line of the said Misses Vieth's property, at a point distant 28 feet more or less from their southern boundary; thence in a straight line to a point on their southern boundary 138 feet 0 inches more or less from their south-west corner. The said piece of land being colored blue and numbered 9 on a plan entitled "Right of Way and Land Plan," dated April 2nd, 1892, signed by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, and on file in the City Engineer's Office at Halifax. The above described lot belonging to the Misses Ann and Susan Vieth and others, and several of the owners residing out of this Province and in various parts of the United States, and the children of one of the deceased heirs being infants, and the said city not being able to obtain a good title to said lot. And the City Clerk is hereby authorized to pay into the Supreme Court at Halifax, the sum of twenty dollars, that being in the estimation of this Council a reasonable value for the rights and easements above described in said lot.

And further resolved, That the necessary notices be given of these expropriations of the various rights and easements in the lots above described and of the sums paid unto said Court as required by law.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, and being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Mosher to submit a resolution by way of notice. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now submitted and read, as follows:—

Resolved, that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act for submission to the Legislature at its next session, to the following effect:—

That it shall not be lawful for the City Council to borrow in the credit of the City for any specific purpose whatever, in any one civic year, any sum or sums, exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars, without the approval of the rate-payers of the City, which approval shall be expressed and decided by a poll vote, of which, fifteen days notice shall be given, in at least two of the City Newspapers. The poll to be held in the different wards of the City, in the same manner as the Annual Civic Elections are held; and the rate-payers entitled to vote thereat shall be the same as were entitled to vote at the last preceding general election for Mayor and Aldermen.

Alderman Hubley rises to a question of privilege, and asks if the report is true that the Board of City Works contemplate sending the City Engineer to the World's Fair at Chicago, and to other Cities, at the expense of the City and also asks the opinion of His Honor the Recorder, if the Board has such intention, has it the power to do so, without first obtaining the approval of this Council.

Alderman Mosher, Chairman Board of City Works, says that the Board had decided to send the City Engineer to Chicago and other American cities with the view of gathering information in connection with his department that would be of material benefit to the City.

His Honor the Recorder in reply says that the sanction of the City Council must be first obtained before the Board of City Works can grant the money towards defraying the expenses of the City Engineer as contemplated.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the action of the Board of City Works in the matter be not concurred in.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the action of the Board of City Works be sustained, said amendment on being put is passed, 8 voting for the same, and 4 against it. The names being called for appeared thus:—

For the amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Mosher, McFatrige,	Alderman Foster,
Mitchell, Hamilton,	Eden,
Wallace, Duggan,	O'Donnell,
Morrow, Stewart—8.	Hubley—4.

The original is now put and lost by the same vote reversed. Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that No. 23 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 23, viz.: Report of Board of City Works *re* Loan of \$15,000 for water construction.

September 18th, 1893.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day, they had before them the matter of additional funds for Water Construction, when it was decided to recommend the City Council to authorize a loan of \$15,000.00, Fifteen Thousand Dollars for Water Construction as provided for in the Act of Legislature passed April 28th, 1893. Chapter 52, Section 17 (a).

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the Order of the day be suspended to allow Alderman Morrow to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Works report to this Council whether there are any monies due the City for water extension, interest under bond, and if so, what amount, and for what extension, and who are the signers of the bond?

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Wallace, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that No. 10 on order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 10 viz: Ordinance to amend Ordinance 37 relative to dogs third reading. On motion the same is considered, clause by clause.

Clause 1 read and passed.

Read Clause 2. Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said clause be amended by adding after the words "City Clerk," where they appear in said clause, the words "of License." Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said clause do pass as amended.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Duggan, that said clause be further amended by increasing the registration fee for dogs registered before the first day of July, to two dollars, and for dogs registered subsequent to the 1st of July, to four dollars, and the license fee for a bitch to be the same as that for a dog. Said amendment on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Duggan, that said clause do now pass as amended. Motion passed.

Clause 3 read, and passed.

Read Clause 4. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Eden, that this clause be amended by inserting after the word "captured" the words following, "And after the expiration of four days from date of capture." Said amendment on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that clause four pass as amended. Motion passed.

Read Clauses 5, 6 and 7 on motion were severally passed.

Read Clause 8. Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Eden, that this clause be amended by inserting after the words "shall be" on the eleventh line of said clause, the words following, "sold to the highest bidder or." Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Eden, that that said clause do pass as amended. Motion passed.

Clauses 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 13½, 14, 15 were read and on motion severally passed.

Read Clause 16. Moved by Alderman Duggan, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that clause 16 be struck from the ordinance. Motion passed.

Read clauses 17, 18 and 19, which on motion were severally passed.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the ordinances as amended do now pass as a whole, and the City Clerk be instructed to forward the same to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the Council adjourns. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

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OCTOBER 25TH, 1893.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Mosher, Stewart and Creighton. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the time for meeting be extended until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30 roll called. Present: The above named, together with Aldermen Allen, Morrow, Wallace, Dennis, Duggan, Hubley, Foster, Eden and Outhit.

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

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

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

Alderman Allen, submits a petition from the residents of Fenwick Street, *re* filling in and otherwise improving said Street.

Alderman Mosher, Chairman, submits a report from the Board of City Works, covering a report from the Assistant City Engineer on application of Messrs. C. H. Hayward & Co., for Water Supply for their new brewery.

Alderman Dennis, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Charities, *re* payment of accounts.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter from George Lawson, Secretary Halifax County Agricultural Society, *re* tri-ennial Provincial Exhibition.

Letter from Charles W. Beckwith, City Clerk of the City of Fredericton, N. B., *re* copy of resolution passed by the City Council of the City of Fredericton relative to Short Line Railway from Moncton to Harvey via Fredericton.

Letter from the Misses Landells asking exemption from taxation on their properties destroyed by fire on the 26th July last.

Letter from Daniel J. Smith, Supervisor of Weighers and Measurers of Salt and Grain, complaining of grain being sold in the city without first being weighed by them.

City Treasurer's cash statement for September, 1893, and statement of balances to 30th September, 1893.

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

Read report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, recommending sundry accounts for payment :

October 20th, 1893.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg leave to report that they have examined the following accounts and recommend the same for payment, viz:—R. Martin & Co, harness and leather work, \$36.80; Martin Young & Co., Painters work, 13.23; Craig Bros. & Co., hardware, 3.50, 1.40, 65.22, 70.12; H. Trenaman, 6 months services as Secretary, 30.00; W. P. C. Inglis, horse and waggon hire, 6.50; Power & Co., Plumbing work at Islesville, 85.00; W. M. Cameron, attendance on driver Fultz, 10.00; C. S. Blakney, chairs, etc., 3.95; Austen Bros., lard oil, 30.63; Brookfield Bros., lumber, 9.76; John Tobin & Co., soda, 5.00; G. M. Cullen & Co., painting, etc., 50.90; John G. Colp, carpenter work, 383.21; W. & C. Silver, oil cloth, 85.75; N. S. Telephone Co., material and labour, 46.94; John Starr & Sons, Crowfoot Batteries, 23.00; John Foley, plastering, 5.75; A Gunn & Co., for feed, 16.05, 7.01, 28.09, 111.70; John O'Connell, horse shoeing, 12.31, 14.95, 27.26; Bangor extension ladder, 100.00; Charles C. Berry, patent harness, 89.15. Total \$1224.65.

GEOFFREY MORROW,

*for Chairman of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, *re* accounts be received and concurred in by the Council, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the several amounts named therein, amounting in all to \$1224.65.

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Duggan, and passed.

Read report of Committee on Charities, *re* Tenders for supplies.

October 25th, 1893.

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report : That they have examined accounts against maintenance to the amount of \$2165.51 found them correct and ordered them to be paid.

Tenders were opened for the following articles and awarded to the parties named, they being the lowest: Groceries, Dillon Bros.; dry goods, W. & C. Silver; beef, W. A. Maling & Co.; pork, W. A. Maling & Co.; straw, F.d.w. Fenton; milk, Chaddock Bros.

The Superintendent's report for September was read and showed there had been 20 admitted, 2 born, 11 discharged and 2 died; number of inmates Sept. 30th, 1893, 158 men, 126 women and 11 children. Total 295.

WM. DENNIS, *Chairman.*

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

Read report of Board of City Works, covering a report from the Assistant City Engineer on application of C. W. Hayward & Co. for Water Supply to their new brewery, corner of Longard Road and Macara street.

October 23, 1893.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this evening they had before them a report from Asst. City Engineer on letter from C. W. Hayward & Co. asking to have water supply extended to their new brewery, corner of Longard Road and Macara Street. When it was decided to refer the matter to the City Council with a recommendation that the work be carried out in accordance with Asst. City Engineer's report.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

## WATER EXTENSION LONGARD STREET, C. W. HAYWARD &amp; Co.

October 23, 1893.

*Chairman Board of Works:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from C. W. Hayward & Co. asking for water extension on Longard street. The extension will be on the high service. Estimated cost: 18 ft. 6 in. pipe at 73c., \$13.13. One 6 in. single branch \$5.06, 22 ft. excavating and pipe laying \$17.60, 30 lbs. lead \$1.05. Total, \$36.85.

I would recommend that the extension be made. The estimated cost of a three in. service pipe will be about \$75.00, which Messrs. Hayward & Co. should bear the whole cost of.

H. W. JOHNSTON, JR., *Assistant City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the matter be referred back to the Board of City Works to be carried out in accordance with the recommendation in report of Assistant City Engineer. Motion passed.

Read petition from W. M. Richardson and others, owners and residents on Fenwick Street and vicinity, asking that the eastern end of said street be filled in and finished without delay. Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Duggan that said petition be referred to the Board of City Works with the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Halifax County Agricultural Society, *re* triennial Provincial Exhibition of Nova Scotia, to be held in 1894. Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that His Worship the Mayor nominate a Committee to confer with the Halifax County Agricultural Society on the subject. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Clerk of the City of Fredericton, N. B., containing a copy of a resolution passed by the City Council of the City of Fredericton, *re* construction of Short Line Railway from Moncton to Harvey, via Fredericton. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that His Worship the Mayor nominate a Committee to consider the matter, and report thereon. Motion passed.

Read letter from Miss Elsie and Margaret Landells, asking that they be exempted from payment of taxes now standing against them for property destroyed by fire on John and Charles Streets. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that this matter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges, together with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Weighers and Measurers of Salt and Grain, complaining that they have not been allowed to weigh more than one-quarter of the grain sold by retail in the city. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said letter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges, together with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read City Treasurer's Cash Statement for the month of September, and statement of balances to the 30th September, 1893. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be

referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

*Resolved*, That the City Clerk inform this Council at its next meeting the cost for printing minutes of Council meetings from September 30, '92 to Sept. 30, '93.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to allow Alderman Foster to introduce a resolution. Motion passed, and the following resolution is introduced :

*Resolved*, That the Chairman of Board of City Works be requested to lay on the table of this Council the report of the City Engineer on Sackville street Sewer.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, and passed.

Alderman Mosher in response to the above resolution submits the report asked for.

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that No. 10 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 10, viz: Resolution of Alderman Morrow by way of notice in *re* assessment on personal property, &c. Moved by Alderman Morrow seconded by Alderman Allen, that said resolution be adopted. Moved in amendment by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that said resolution be referred to the special committee on assessment for consideration and report. Said amendment on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that No. 20, viz: Report City Health Board *re* letter of Arthur Wyatt asking pasturage for horse and cow be struck from Order Paper. Motion passed.

Read No. 2, 2nd Clause report of Board of City Works in *re* charge for water supplied Halifax Graving Dock.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Allen, that the same be referred back to the Board of City Works and City Engineer for further consideration. Motion passed.

Read No. 3.—Petition from Retail Grocers Association, asking for a City Market, with report of Board of City Works on New Market site, covering a report from the Sub-committee of said Board, and a letter from Lieut.-Col. Hill, R. E., *re* acquisition of Queen's Wharf Property as a site for same. Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that the same be struck from Order Paper. Motion passed.



Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that No. 4, viz:—Report of Board of City Works, *re* Sidewalk on Prince Street, between Granville and Hollis Streets be struck from Order Paper. Motion passed.

Read No. 6, viz:—Report of Special Committee on Assessment Law. Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that the same be struck from Order Paper. Motion passed.

No. 5, viz:—Balance of Ordinance relating to Streets, 3rd reading was now taken up.

Read Clauses 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, which on motion are severally passed.

Read Clause 33. Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that this clause be amended by adding thereto the words following: "The foregoing provisions of this clause shall not interfere with existing rights, except reported against by the City Engineer as being dangerous or against public interest. Motion passed. Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that Clause 33 do now pass as amended. Motion passed.

Clauses 34, 35 were read and on motion passed.

Read Clause 36, *re* Cellars, Vaults, Hatches, etc. encroaching upon Street. Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that this Clause be struck from the Ordinance. Motion passed.

Read Clauses 37 and 38, which on motion were passed. Moved by Alderman Duggan, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that this Ordinance (as amended) do now pass as a whole, and that the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to forward the same to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Allen, that No. 15 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 15, viz:—Petition of John Silver & Co., and other merchants, and others asking for the appointment of a Public Prosecutor, and letter A. M. Payne, *re* payment of account of Drysdale & McInnes, for prosecuting cases of shop-lifting. Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Duggan, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Alderman Mosher rises and expresses his regret at the unfortunate accident that had befallen Alderman O'Donnell since the last meeting of the Council, and desires that the sympathy of this Council for the Alderman be placed on record.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the Board of City Works report upon the location of the telephone pole in front of Thomas Hemsworth's property at corner of Gottingen and Cunard Streets. Passed.

Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Duggan, that No. 17, viz: "Return of City Auditor *re* amounts paid in connection with Moirs' and the Upper Water Street fires," be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the City Board of Works report upon the advisability of having the gas lamp posts in the various streets of the city taken down and removed. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

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NOVEMBER 8th, 1893.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Stewart, Mosher, Eden and Wallace.

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

8.30 roll called. Present, the above named together with Aldermen Allen, Morrow, Dennis, Hamilton, Hubley, Foster, Outhit and Creighton.

The Council was summoned to appoint two School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Dennis, chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Charities *re* Accounts, &c.

Alderman Morrow, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Tenders.

Alderman Mosher, Chairman, submits two reports from Board of City Works.

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

Alderman Wallace, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Laws and Privileges.

His Worship the Mayor, submits a letter from His Honor the Recorder, *re* suit Taylor vs. the City of Halifax.

Letter from A. M. Payne, on behalf of John Silver and Co. and other Merchants, covering account of MacDonald and Jones, Solicitors, for professional services in proecuting cases of shop-lifting.

Letter from A. McKay, Secretary Victoria School of Art and Design, asking that the City continue the annual grant of \$500 to said school.

Letter from City Board of Health, *re* Plumbing Rules and Regulations.

Letter from George Lawson Secretary Halifax County Agricultural Society, *re* proposed Provincial Exhibition 1894.

Report of Committee on Publication of Annual Report, 1892-3.

Report of City Clerk on cost of printing minutes of Council from October 1, '92 to September 30, '93.

Report of City Clerk, covering account of Morning Herald Printing and Publishing Co., (\$30.30) for printing minutes of Council.

Petition of Richard Forrestall and others for water extension through Maple Street.

Notice from Borden, Ritchie, Parker & Chisholm, solicitors, of appointment of W. A. Hendry as arbitrator on behalf of Robert Miller, in the matter of expropriation of land for new low service water main.

Notice from F. H. Bell, solicitor, of appointment of R. J. Sweet as arbitrator on behalf of the Misses Hennessey in the matter of expropriation of land for new low service water main.

City Collector's return of rates and water rates collected during the month of October, 1893.

Letter from John T. Bulmer, solicitor, *re* amount due by James McDonald to workmen employed on new road near Chain Lakes.

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

Read report of Board of City Works *re* amount due as interest on bonds for water extension, covering memo. of said amount as prepared by W. L. Brown, clerk water department. To go on Order Paper.

Read report of Board of City Works, covering a report from the City Engineer *re* water rates for the Halifax Graving Dock.

November 6th, 1893.

The Board of Works beg to report, that at a meeting held this day, they had before them a report from the City Engineer, upon the water rates for the Halifax Graving Dock, a copy of which is enclosed, when it was ordered to be sent to the City Council with a recommendation that it be adopted

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

November 6th, 1893.

#### WATER RATES DRY DOCK.

*Chairman Board of Works:*

Sir,—In the matter of supply to the Dry Dock, the water rates was fixed in 1888, at \$500.00 per annum. The Company refused to pay it, and a meter was put on in September, 1891. The Company is paying by meter about \$200.00 a year. It is difficult to say at this date, what amount of water was used previous to September, 1891. I am of the opinion that a great deal more water was used then than now. However, it cannot be determined, and to settle the matter, I would suggest that the back rates unpaid to be made up at the rate of \$200.00 a year.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said report be adopted Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Public Accounts on present system of administration of civic business and suggesting certain changes therein.

Halifax, November 5th, 1893.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

Your Committee on Public Accounts have made a careful investigation of the books, accounts and methods of doing business in certain departments receiving and expending civic moneys, and beg to report thereon, together with suggestions which, if adopted, your committee believe will be greatly in the public interest.

The Board of Assessors is the foundation of the entire civic financial edifice. A keen knowledge of the value of real estate, its increase in districts made valuable by growing trade or settlement, sewers, side-walks, lights, improved streets, etc., of the existence and value of personal property and the placing of a just and fair valuation thereon, is essential on the part of the assessors. Having determined the value of real estate, and estimated the amount and worth of the stocks of business men and furniture and other personal property, and having thus equitably and justly determined the amount of taxes to be contributed by each citizen (and which for the current year aggregates over \$425,000, including water) the next most important step is the collection of these taxes. The corporation requires the money promptly and places most autocratic power in the hands of the collector to enforce payment; but the combination of judiciousness and energy characteristic of the officials, makes the exercise of extreme measures rarely necessary.

We made a very careful investigation of the books of the collector. The system, devised and inaugurated by ex-Mayor Mackintosh, can scarcely be improved upon. From the assessment books and bills made by the assessors the collector's ledger is made up. The bills, 5,300 in number, are distributed by the four sub-collectors. When the tax is paid a receipt (and generally a new account is made out) is given from a receipt book. From the stub the amount is posted into the cash book and thence into the ledger, and the entry in the assessment book is also marked paid. So that besides the receipt given the sum paid is entered in four different books, and thoroughly checked and regularly audited and certified by the auditor. The cash book is balanced daily and the sum collected paid over to the treasurer and his receipt taken therefor. A complete new set of books are opened each year, and the ledger commences with over 5,000 separate accounts.

The assessment books are made up to the 15th March, are sworn to and cannot be changed after that. But frequently "special assessments" are levied on people doing business transiently. The "special assessments" are entered by the chief assessor, and the taxes collected credited in a special column and duly audited as in the ordinary accounts.

Interest at 6 per cent. is charged on overdue taxes. This item, like special assessments, cannot be estimated, and its imposition must obviously be largely left to the discretion of the officials. The amount collected is entered in a special column, and is also regularly audited. For seven years the amount collected for interest on overdue taxes was \$7,630.45.

The duty of collecting sewerage rates and amounts owing by citizens for side-walk improvements, etc., formerly received by the Board of Works is now imposed on the collector. This has become an important matter and necessitates the keeping of special ledgers and cash books. Sewerage rates are charged as soon as the sewer is built, at \$1.25 per foot frontage, and is secured by lien. Citizens may pay the full assessment, or extend the payments over a period of ten years with 6 per cent. interest. Nine-tenths take advantage of this provision. The amounts already collectable under this law, and bearing interest, aggregates \$100,000 as follows :

1888.....	\$ 9,307
1889.....	4,726
1890.....	14,698
1891.....	24,723
1892.....	20,512
Estimated 1893.....	26,000
Total.....	<u>\$99,966</u>

Of this \$20,481, and interest \$2,540, had been collected, up to the 31st December, 1892, and has been collected this year, leaving, say, \$ to be collected. About \$7,500 is also collectable on pavement accounts. The keeping of over 1,500 sewer and pavement accounts in special ledgers, rendering 1,500 bills annually, and collecting the same, involves a large amount of extra labour.

## THE WATER RATES.

The water rates, \$72,000, are collected by the City Collector, but the accounts are made out and the ledger and cash book kept by W. L. Brown, clerk of the water department.

The engineer furnishes a statement of all houses and properties using water. From this Mr. Brown makes up a ledger, and, except in special cases, the amount to be collected for water is determined by the assessed value of the property, which amount is fixed by the assessors. When this is done the accounts are entered up and classified by Mr. Brown and the bills made out. There are 3,308 separate accounts in the ledger, involving 4,700 separate entries, and as the bills are made out half yearly, 6,616 bills are made out.

A monthly statement of all tax and water collections in detail is furnished to the Council, certified by the auditor.

## THE CLERK OF LICENSES.

The Clerk of Licenses, though in the Collector's office, is a head of a department himself, and keeps a special set of books of his own. He collects license fees for hacks, cabs, trucks, plumbers, hawkers and peddlers, marine and junk, auctioneers, night carts, bumboat men, etc. The items are entered in different pages in the cash book instead of on one page and in separate columns. The accounts for 1892-3 had not been balanced in June. There had been no audit of the receipt stub to show that the collections had been posted into the cash book, though the treasurer's receipts were checked by the auditor. The collections are paid to the treasurer when \$200 or \$300 have accumulated. They should be paid over weekly. There is nothing to show what common rents are collectable except "Morris' old books." The clerk merely receives the license fees and issues (but does not sign) the licenses. He depends on the police to see that truckmen, etc., have licenses. When absent from the office, the water clerk or collector act as deputy clerk of license.

When not employed in clerk of license work, Mr. Rhind assists the collector and devotes special attention to the sewer and sidewalk ledgers, for which work he has good qualifications. His license collections last year were as follows :

70 Hack licenses .....	\$ 386
350 Truck licenses .....	933
100 Peddler licenses .....	796
Old junk licenses .....	100
Auctioneers' licenses .....	560
Night Carts .....	108
Plumbers .....	180
Total license fees .....	\$3,063
Common rents .....	276
City property .....	1,012

## INSPECTOR OF LICENSES.

Another official, collecting civic revenue, is the Inspector of Licenses. He collects, (1) Fees for liquor license applicants deposit when the license is applied for. The applications are not numbered consecutively. (2) The license fee. (3) Fines and penalties. His total collections for the year ending December 31st, 1892, were \$11,830, as follows :

Application fees .....	\$ 1,200
Licenses .....	10,270
Fines .....	360

We found a number of irregularities in the Inspector's books and accounts. He has no stated time for paying his collections over to the Treasurer. He frequently pays himself his salary from moneys on hand without reference to the Treasurer, Auditor or Mayor. Upon reference to the Treasurer's books (on

the 12th June) we find no record of any salary paid Mr. Mackasey between December 16th, 1892, and May 6th, 1893, and in the latter instance the payment for the month appears to be in advance.

Mr. Mackasey also appears to contract and pay accounts upon his own responsibility, without reference to the Mayor or Auditor. We found the accounts of many expenditures neither audited nor certified.

The cash book was audited up to December 11th, 1892, but not checked off from the application and licenses granted book. Thus, there was nothing to show that the receipts were in keeping with the licenses granted. From December 15th, 1892, to the 12th June, 1893, no entry had been made in the cash book, though between those dates about \$10,000 had been received by Mr. Mackasey, but not entered in the cash or any other book. He had merely made a memo on the bonds and had deposited the balance not expended with the treasurer. There had not been an entry of expenses in any book in the Inspector's office for a period of six months, though he had receipts on hand purporting to show an expenditure of \$600 or \$700 during that period. Those accounts had neither been audited nor certified. One receipt read as follows:

" J. A. MACKASEY,

Please pay City Marshal \$10 on my account.

(Sd.) C. W. SMITH."

Feb. 23rd, 1893.

This document does not specify what the services were for, nor did it show that the Marshal received the \$10. When the inspector pays himself his own salary, he sometimes files a receipt. The fines for violations of the law are entered in the City Clerk's general report book, and in a report book kept by the inspector, but there is nothing to show that they are collected, except the entries are marked "paid." In other words, the magistrate may impose \$5,000 in fines during the year, and Mr. Mackasey's books may only show \$500 collected. There is no audit or anything else to show why the \$4,500 was not collected—or if collected, what became of it. Mr. Mackasey, under the act has absolute control of the collection of all liquor license fees and fines, and also disburses the money apparently without any supervision, and keeps his books and accounts in a very unbusiness like manner. We instructed him to enter up all his receipts and expenditures, to certify all accounts, and have them properly audited before being paid.

#### THE CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT.

The City Clerk is a collector of city revenue. He collects the fines and fees in the Police and Civil Court, the dog tax, and exhibition and show license fees. Mr. Trenaman has three assistants. The work of the City Clerk's office has about doubled in recent years. Nevertheless, the same system, or rather want of system, in the division of the work and in the running of the department prevails that has been in operation for a quarter of a century. There is no proper method. Each of the four officials does a little of all the work of the office, and the head of the department, at \$1,200 a year, does a large amount of purely routine and clerical work that could be just as well done by a girl at \$250. Mr. Trenaman should appoint the work of his subordinates, and see that each does his work; he should be the superintendent, and instead of spending a portion of his time on mere routine, should devote himself to the more profitable work of being the right-hand man of the Mayor, and the second most important official in the civic employ.

Mr. Monaghan is nominally clerk of the Police and Civil Courts and these duties absorb the largest portion of his time, though the others give general assistance. This division of the work necessitates the keeping of five books—(1) petty cash, (2) process book, (3) docket book, (4) judgment book, (5) record of judgment fees. The City Clerk collects the fees for summonses, writs and executions, etc., and daily pays over to the Marshal his proportion of the same, according to the following ratio:

For	Clerk.	Marshal.	Total
Summons .....	\$0 40	\$0 35	\$0 75
Execution.....	0 20	0 35	0 55
Capias .....	0 70	0 35	1 05
Judgment.....	1 00	—	1 00

The balance retained by the clerk, together with other petty collections, he deposits weekly with the Halifax Banking Company, where he keeps a special account, and on the first of each month draws a cheque against this account and deposits the same with the City Treasurer. The writs are served by the Police. The Clerk delivers them to the Marshal with his proportion of the fees, the Marshal hands them to the Chief of Police or the sergeants, they to the policemen, and the documents find their way into the hands of the people for whom they were intended, after this lengthy journey through red tape.

In the Police Record Book the clerk enters all the fines imposed in the Police Court. But in the case of liquor licence fines, for instance, he does not know if they are ever collected or if the alternative (imprisonment) is inflicted. That is a matter for the License Inspector, who may or may not collect the fines—the City Clerk's book contains no record of the final result. This record book may show thousands of dollars imposed in fines and not one dollar collected.

An instance of waste of time is the signing of warrants by the City Clerk and his record of the same. Fifty years ago the law provided that the City Clerk should sign warrants on the Treasurer for the payment of accounts. The Clerk still does so, though he knows no more about the correctness of the accounts or whether they should be paid or not, than the man in the moon. He merely does it as a matter of form; but this useless piece of red tape necessitates the Clerk's keeping two books, and involves the waste of much valuable time.

#### THE CITY MARSHAL.

The portion of fees received daily from the City Clerk by the Marshal, the Marshal deposits in his cash box, and after keeping the same carefully for three months, he nays them over to the Treasurer. But there is no check to show that the receipts of the clerk tallies with the documents he issued, or that the amount paid to the Treasurer tallies with the amount received by the Marshal from the Clerk.

#### THE CITY TREASURER.

Your Committee made a careful examination of the books, etc., of the City Treasurer. That Official gives a receipt for all moneys received (except cemetery, which is a special account,) the counterpart of which is entered on the stub. This stub has not been audited since 1884. From the stubs the receipts are posted into the cash books and from the cash books into the ledgers. A monthly statement of receipts and expenditures compared by the Auditor with the cash book is submitted to the Council.

The Treasurers books are not balanced for four years. They cannot be balanced sooner, as the lien law does not operate until the taxes are three years in arrears, and it takes about a year to place the lien law in operation. The law provides that a complete set of books shall be opened up, for each and every year, in which the receipts and expenditures of that year shall be entered.

The receipt of water rates, and expenditures for construction and maintenance, is a separate department, and involves the opening and keeping of a duplicate set of cash books, ledgers, etc., for each year.

Thus, if John Jones pays his three years taxes and water rates to-day, there will be eleven entries made in the cash books, ledgers, etc., of these departments in the collector's office. The collector pays the same to the Treasurer to the credit of taxes and water for the respective years, and the same is entered by the Treasurer—not in one common cash book, with columns ruled for the different years—but in the six separate cash books for these years. Thus, any one desiring to ascertain the Treasurer's receipts on a given day, must consult not one, but six different books. The large amount of clerical work and the possibilities for mistakes, will be apparent to the most obtuse. This also imposes a great deal of unnecessary labor on the auditor. In the middle of June, a large proportion of



the entries in the Treasurer's cash book for 1891-92, was not audited, and the cash book was not audited for 1891. Similar neglect was apparent in the audit of other books.

The system of borrowing from unexpended balances, or any other available fund, to pay pressing demands, is a very pernicious one ; wrong in principle, and bad in practice ; and liable to lead to much confusion in the accounts, and other blunders.

In 1891-2 the sum of \$2,500, was borrowed from unexpended balances for health purposes. In 1892-3 that sum was assessed for to be returned, but instead of being returned it was taken to pay another "over expenditure," and to this day the \$2,500, is still owing the unexpended balance fund ; so that were it not for this elastic fund, the city might have been saved some thousands of dollars.

Not only does the Treasurer keep a separate set of books for each year for both general civic and water purposes, but he also keeps separate bank accounts for each year for those departments, besides a number of special accounts.

Deposits are made daily and are sent to the Bank by a Policeman. Sometimes (Especially when loans are received) tens of thousands of dollars will be sent to the bank at a time, and it is exceedingly fortunate, that our policemen, as well as other officials, are honest men. On June 15th, 1893, the bank books showed balances at the credit of the various years as follows :

To May 31st, 1889 .....	\$ 575 26
To May 31st, 1890 .....	3,884 25
To May 31st, 1891 .....	5,587 43
To May 31st, 1892 .....	3,451 00
To May 31st, 1893 .....	11,271 92

These balances were of taxes and general revenue.

There are two bank books for the water department, and there was \$71,821.02 on hand at this date (June 13th), as follows :

Maintenance account .....	\$29,637 21
Construction .....	11,478 80
New Pipe Line .....	33,879 40
Cheques issued, not paid .....	9,408 72
Petty Cash .....	1,104 31

The special deposits included :

1. Police Superannuation Fund, to May 31st, 1893, bearing interest at 3½ per cent., \$6,697.65.

This account necessitates a special set of books.

2. Temporary deposits for opening streets, sewers, etc., to May 31st, \$1,075.91.

This is a new account. These moneys (\$5 deposit for permit to break streets) were formerly received at the office of the Board of Works and mixed with other moneys there, and was the principal cause of the financial muddle in that department. These deposits are now made with the treasurer, and necessitate the keeping of a set of five books, (1) stub receipt book, (2) cash, (3) ledger, (4) bank book, (5) cheque for paying back the deposits.

3. D. Y. Stewart & Co, security for water pipe contract, deposit receipt, \$6,000.

4. Sinking Fund, \$18,252.

This fund was established to pay off the old floating debt of \$100,000 incurred by loss of taxes previous to the lien law of 1883. It now amounts to \$41,752.16. Of the balance, \$7,500 is invested in debentures and \$16,000 in 5 per cent. stock.

5. Common Commutation Fund, \$1,634.79.

This is the proceeds of the sale of common lots on a 99 year lease, the interest of which goes to the support of the Gardens.

6. Gardiner Bonds, \$1,168.00.

This is a special deposit in the Merchant's Bank, at four per cent. and was subscribed by the Public for the support of the widow of Policeman Gardiner, killed on an American vessel in the harbor in the discharge of his duty, the interest of which is paid Mrs. Gardiner. There is another sum of \$200 on deposit in the Savings' Bank, also to the credit of the City. The Mayor and Treasurer are the trustees. At the death of Mrs. Gardiner, the principal goes to her Grandchild.

7. Proceeds sale old City Market Building, \$20,200.00.

8. Cemetery—special deposit, \$1,484.24.

9. Harbor Championship, 5 p. c. stock, \$1,000.00.

This sum was left to the city by Dr. Chas. Cogswell, and the interest so appropriated for the championship belt.

10. "Bank Book, No. 10," balance of consolidated fund, \$1,715.71.

This appears to have been the balance of premiums received from loans when city debentures sold at a premium. Instead of the premium being applied to the purposes for which the money was borrowed (in which case a lesser amount would be required to be borrowed,) it has been used for general or special purposes, has in effect been another contingent account.

Your committee have traced this item down through a series of years to 1892, when, on the 14th of June, the apparent total sum received for premiums to that date, \$8,286.54, was transferred to and swallowed up in the general account. This appears to have been done by order of the Mayor. Since that date, the sum of \$1,725.71, above noted, has been received, and is still on hand. Thus a total of \$10,000 has been unnecessarily added to the debt of the city.

On the 1st of June, the Treasurer had a balance in the bank on general account of \$24,763. Of this sum the balances for 1889, 1890 and 1891, \$10,040 would be transferred to "unexpended balances" account, and should be used—as it was intended to be used—for reducing the taxes of the next year, but which is largely used to pay liabilities that would not be incurred were it not for the existence of this fund. He had also a balance of \$71,821 for water, interest and construction, or a total for general city and water expenditure of \$96,500.

He also had on special deposits the sum of \$100,970. The only record we found of some of these amounts was the bank book or the special deposit receipt.

There was no entry in any ledger for instance, of the \$29,200 proceeds of the sale of the old city market building.

All these special accounts should be entered in a miscellaneous ledger, or in the general ledger of the year, and carried forward to the next year; and all these special amounts should form the subject of an annual report to the council from the Treasurer.

We find the books of the treasurer not properly written up, balanced, or regularly or systematically audited. We don't say that this is the fault of Mr. Thompson, whom we believe to be a conscientious, honest, painstaking and thoroughly reliable official, but his office hours are only from 10 to 4, and it is impossible for any man to perform the duties of the Treasurer, do the amount of clerical work necessary, and properly keep the elaborate set of books for each year within the prescribed hours.

#### THE POORS' ASYLUM.

Your committee have not made any investigation of the books and accounts of the Charities Committee. That committee claims to be a semi-independent body. But we understand that the books and accounts kept at the Poor House have never been audited since the institution came under the control of the city, and that many thousands of dollars have been annually lost to the city through the neglect of the officials and the committee to make proper efforts to collect moneys that should be contributed to the maintenance of inmates from relatives legally responsible and well able to pay. This will probably form the subject of a special report from the Chairman of the Charities Committee.

#### THE BOARD OF WORKS.

Neither have your committee made any investigation into the books and accounts of the Board of Works. That duty is supposed to be done by the present Board and Mayor under a resolution of Council.

Your committee, however, deem it their duty to call the attention of the Council to the fact that all moneys expended by the Board of Works, which, during the past two or three years aggregates between \$200,000 and \$300,000 per annum, are drawn from the City Treasurer upon the "requisition" of the Chairman and Clerk of the Board. Upon receiving that requisition, the Mayor, Clerk and Auditor sign "warrants" to the Treasurer to pay over the amount demanded.

The money is paid to the Clerk of Works by cheque, and by him deposited in the Peoples' Bank, where the Board of Works has a special account of its own, independent of all the other numerous city bank accounts. The money is then at the absolute disposal of the Chairman and Clerk. This system makes it possible for a chairman and a clerk to act in collusion and to divert civic moneys to their own uses. Or a chairman having perfect confidence in a clerk, may sign cheques in blank on this account, and thus place the deposit at the sole disposal of a clerk; or a clerk desiring a month's holiday, may sign blank cheques and thus leave the moneys in hand in the undisputed control of a chairman. The auditor gets no voucher for the payment of moneys thus drawn by the board. The only thing that official or any other official outside the Board has to show for the expenditure is the "requisition." The moneys thus referred to are principally drawn for labor—by far the largest item of expenditure by the Board. Accounts duly passed by the Board and certified by the Chairman and Clerk are paid in the usual way.

#### THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

The expenditure for the Water Department now reaches over \$70,000 a year, and this is very largely, if not absolutely, in the control of the Chairman and Clerk of Works. There is no audit of the expenditures. The usual piece of red tape of getting the Auditor to sign the "warrant" is not even complied with; and the Auditor knows nothing about the expenditure for water until after the bills are paid.

There does not appear to be any system on the part of the Auditor, the Board or any other official, whereby the actual cost of any work is compared with the estimated cost and the excess or decrease reported to the Council. The explanation of this anomaly is that the unlimited powers of the old board of water commissioners were transferred over twenty years ago to the Board of Works, and there has been no change since.

#### THE CITY AUDITOR.

The duties of City Auditor are vague and indefinite. When a warrant is drawn he signs it, certifying that there is enough money in the appropriation to pay the account. This appears to be a senseless form, because if the money is not provided and in hand it could not be paid. For instance, John Smith has an account of \$5; the bill is passed by the Committee, signed by the Chairman, sent to the City Clerk, and railroaded through the Council. The Clerk draws out a warrant and enters it in his two books, though he knows nothing about it. Then the clerk pins the warrant to the bill and sends it by a policeman to John Smith. Next afternoon John Smith comes to the City Hall, finds the Auditor in the middle of checking a column of figures in the Treasurer's books, and the Auditor leaves this important work to hunt up his books and see if there is \$5 to the credit of account. If so, he certifies the same on the warrant, and charges the same up in his books against the appropriation. Next day Smith again comes to the City Hall at noon and gets the Mayor to sign the warrant. Then he goes to the Treasurer and gets a cheque. The Treasurer charges the payment to the department and files the warrant and receipt as a voucher. John Smith next goes to the bank and gets his \$5 in cash.

The Auditor's books are thus a duplicate of those of the Treasurer; but they do not compare for several reasons. In the first place, the Auditor has not the time to keep them promptly posted and balanced. In the next place, the Auditor's duplicate books show a larger expenditure than the Treasurer's in a given year. Here is an instance: for the year 1889-90 the Treasurer's books, according to the published report, showed \$11,232 paid for street lighting. The Auditor's books show the payment to have been \$12,210. The reason of this was that \$977 was paid after the Treasurer's report of the year's expenditure was made. It was not charged to the next year in the Treasurer's books and the payment thereof never appears in the published annual report.

The Treasurer reports an expenditure of \$8,057 for the Fire Department in 1890-91, while the actual expenditure, according to the Auditor's books was

\$9,440. For the year ending April 30th, 1892, the following discrepancies in these "duplicate books" appears in the expenditures:—

Item.	Treasurer's report.	Auditor's books.
Police .....	\$ 24,375	\$ 27,481
Fire Department .....	10,030	10,358
Internal Health .....	19,323	16,196
Gas City Hall .....	636	874
Street Lighting .....	15,449	16,657
Poors' Asylum .....	23,133	24,376
Paving Streets.....	46,612	53,702
Total .....	\$139,558	\$149,644
A difference of .....		10,086

For the year ending April 30th, 1893, the estimated expenditure for general purposes was \$134,100. The actual expenditure, according to the Auditor, was \$147,336, while the Treasurers report only Shows \$138,180. Thus the actual expenditure exceeded the estimate in this year by \$13,236, and was really \$9,156 greater than was shown in the Treasurer's report.

Your Committee merely note these discrepancies to show that the supposed duplicate set of books are not duplicates, and that there is annually a large expenditure of money that never appears in the published reports. Beyond recording these discrepancies, there appears to be no necessity for the Auditor to keep a set of books, and if the actual expenditures were reported by the Treasurer, we think that the Auditor's time could be much more profitably employed in auditing the books of the officials.

3. The Auditor prepares the annual report and supervises its publication, and the estimates for the year. This takes up a large share of his time.

4. The balance of his time is devoted to auditing the books of the various departments, and, from the facts shown in this report, he is utterly unable to overtake the work.

#### A REMEDY FOR SOME OF THE EVILS.

Having submitted the above as some specimens of what your committee found in the course of their investigation, we feel it incumbent upon us to make recommendations which we believe will remedy some of the evils of the present system, do away with a large quantity of absurd red tapeism, save a great deal of time, simplify the work of the department, make it more efficient and satisfactory to both the officials and the citizens, and at the same time will not add one dollar to, if it does not reduce, the expenditure.

#### ONE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

1. There are many firms and institutions in the city handling larger sums of money annually than the revenue of the City of Halifax, but not one of them perpetrates the folly and reckless extravagance of paying a dozen cashiers to do the work of one. The revenue of the City of Halifax, however, is collected by the following staff, each a head of a department and each under bond for his good behaviour, making it necessary to citizens to visit half a dozen or more offices in the same building to pay their money, and involving the keeping of many unnecessary sets of books:

A. The City Collector and staff of five assistants. His collections this year will aggregate \$455,000, as follows:

City taxes .....	\$357,323
City water rates .....	72,000
Sewerage rates .....	20,500
Permanent pavement rates .....	5,843
Total for the year .....	\$455,666

The cost of this department is \$5,100, or little over half of one per cent. of the sum collected.

2. The Clerk of License, another head of department in the Collector's office, who collects truck and old junk licenses, etc., to the extent of \$4,000, and is paid a salary of \$550, or 15 per cent. of the amount collected.

3. The City Clerk, whose petty collections of auctioneers, show and other licenses, part of the court fees, etc., reaches \$ a year and involves the keeping of an independent bank account.

4. The Inspector of Licenses, who collected liquor licenses and fines (formerly paid to the Clerk of Licenses) to the extent of \$11,000 a year at a cost of 9 per cent. for collection.

5. The City Treasurer, who collects deposits for breaking streets, etc.

6. The City Marshal, who receives a proportion of the court fees from the City Clerk daily.

7. The Clerk of the Board of Health makes certain petty collections.

8. The pound keepers—we find do record of their collections.

9. The Clerk of the Board of Works who receives money for materials sold or for work done by the Board at the expense of the citizens.

10. The Superintendent of the Poors' Asylum, the Clerk of Charities, the Chief of Police, etc.

If the City Collector can be trusted to collect \$455,000 a year and does it at a cost of  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent., he can also certainly be intrusted with the collection of the balance of \$23,000 or \$24,000 now collected by the other petty cashiers. Thus the responsibility would be centered on one head of a department in one office instead of being scattered among a dozen, and this could be done without any extra expense (it may be noted as a matter of fact that the City Collector's department costs the city less now than it did seven years ago). And we would suggest that the working of the Collector's office be so systemized that only one official should be receiving cashier.

We recommend that after the end of the civic year all civic revenue (other than hereinafter stated) be paid into the City Collector's office, and that any necessary changes in legislation to carry out this recommendation be applied for at the coming session of the Legislature.

2. The office of the Treasurer, if not in the Collector's department, should be as convenient to it as possible. At the present time two large rooms adjoining the Collector's department are set aside for the use of the Mayor. The Mayor only occupies his office one hour a day, and cannot possibly use both rooms. We recommend that the Treasurer's office be removed to that now occupied by the Mayor, and that the one at present unused as the Mayor's private office, be converted to general use by His Worship. It is all important that the chief executive officer of the city should be in constant communication with the Treasurer; that he should have personal knowledge of the general condition of the finances and of the state of the Treasurer's books, etc., and have a grip on the whole finance department. This can easily be accomplished by carrying out this suggestion, and to the great convenience of both the Mayor, the Treasurer, and all others concerned.

3. We call attention to the fact that the remuneration of the City Treasurer of Halifax, handling between half and three quarters of a million dollars annually and frequently having \$200,000 or more under his control at a time, is less than that given to the janitor of the City Hall. Mr. Thompson's actual salary is only \$1000 a year. For this remuneration he not only handles \$600,000 or \$700,000 of city moneys, but attempts to keep an elaborate set of 15 or 20 books. It is no wonder that those books are not properly pested or balanced, and consequently not audited. The Treasurer has far more clerical work than he can do in office hours, and to properly do his work he ought to be given assistance.

We recommend that the Treasurer keep one general cash book, with columns in which shall be entered the taxes or other receipts for the various years and services, instead of being entered in half a dozen or more different cash books, as now, so that all his daily receipts will be entered in one book, and the amount and to what years or services credited may be seen at a glance.

That instead of having ten or twelve bank accounts, the Treasurer shall keep but one general bank account and one special deposit account; that the amount to the credit of each fund shall be kept balanced; that no cheque shall be drawn against any fund or appropriation unless the ledger shows there is money in

fund; and that a report of all payments on account of any fund or appropriation and the balance on hand, certified by the Auditor, shall be made to the Council at the first of each month; and a summary report immediately after the close of the civic year.

That instead of making payments at all hours of the day and every day in the week, there shall be one day, say Monday, for the payment of all civic moneys, except perhaps interest by coupons, which, if not paid on the day due, shall also be paid on the civic pay day. This would save the Treasurer a large amount of worry and time, and be a great convenience to all concerned.

That the Treasurer be instructed to send his deposits to the bank by a more responsible official than a policeman.

That the office of Clerk of License as a separate head of department be abolished; that the City Collector be appointed Clerk of License, without extra salary, and that the present Clerk of License be retained in the civic employ as a clerk.

That the present haphazard method of doing the work of the City Clerk's department be systematized; that all the work of the office relating to the records, reports and correspondence of the Council and City generally be supervised and attended to by the City Clerk and Mr. Nisbet; that all the duties of the Clerk of the Police and City Civil Courts, the keeping of the records, the making out of writs, summons, and other legal documents and the collection of all fines and fees be attended to by Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Hamilton; and when not engaged in the duties of the Police and Civil Courts, clerks Monaghan and Hamilton render assistance required to the City Clerk.

That all fees and fines collected by the Clerk of the Court be paid over to the Treasurer every Saturday, and that the whole amount of fees for writs, etc., be paid direct by the Clerk to the Treasurer, instead of one-half direct monthly and the other half by the round-about way of the City Marshal every three months.

That all writs and other legal documents issued by the Clerk of the Court be numbered consecutively, and that the numbers be entered on the duplicate stubs and in other records for the purpose of convenience.

That the office of the Clerk of the Court and his assistant be in the room now occupied as an office by the Stipendiary Magistrate, the Stipendiary using the room now occupied as a private office. This arrangement would be a great convenience to both the Stipendiary and the clerks, and would centre the legal and the court department in adjoining offices, and at the same time afford the City Clerk enough room in which to turn around in his office.

That hereafter all moneys received as premiums on loans be devoted to the purposes for which the loan is made, and only the amount actually required be borrowed; and in case of a loan under par, that the full sum required be borrowed.

That hereafter all payments by the Board of Works be made upon properly certified accounts, through the Auditor and Treasurer, as other civic payments.

The Auditor should be the principal man in the city's finance department. At present the law only permits the Auditor to be figure head. Mr. Bell does his duty to the best of his ability, but instead of being a real auditor of the city's accounts and finances, he is merely a checker. It is not necessary for the Auditor to keep a set of books. The books of each department should speak for themselves, and the Auditor should be held responsible for having them properly kept, and for their regular and thorough audit. To do this efficiently he should be independent as to position and salary. At the present time, the only "audit" of an account by the Auditor is to "certify that there is enough money in the appropriation" to pay the amount already duly certified by the chairman and passed by Council. In the opinion of your committee, the Auditor should not certify any account for payment, unless (a) the money has been provided, (b) that the money is in fund, (c) that the account is properly chargeable to that fund, (d) and that the account has been properly contracted and is duly certified by the proper official; and unless so satisfied in these points, the Auditor shall refuse to certify the account. Warrants for payment should hereafter be signed by the Mayor and Auditor (who has thus made himself familiar with the account) instead of the City Clerk, and this would save a lot of red tape, save the City Clerk useless work, and simplify and systematize the work of the Auditor. Armed with such powers as

these, the Auditor would be able to refuse to sign warrants for the payment of moneys upon the order of ex-eldermen and other citizens, which was recently done, in spite of the refusal of the Council to authorize the same. He would also be able to refuse to sanction the payment of \$1,000 to the Board of Works out of "sewerage" and "water" funds, as was done last year in violation of law.

In view of the vastly increased expenditures of the city, now aggregating a half million a year, and of the absolute need of a thorough audit of the details of receipts and expenditures, and of an auditor who will supervise the opening and keeping of the books of the various departments, and systematically audit the same; and in view of the fact that Mr. Bell is unable to undertake the greatly increased work of the city in this respect, we recommend that Mr. W. L. Brown clerk of the water department, be made Assistant Auditor. Mr. Brown has been for many years familiar with the receipts and expenditures of the city, and is well qualified for the duties.

In consideration of being relieved of the larger portion of his work and responsibilities, Mr. Bell's salary should be correspondingly decreased, and the balance of his present salary, together with what would be saved by the appointment of a new water clerk, would pay Mr. Brown's full salary. The duties of the position could be clearly defined so that there would be no clashing. Thus, while no injustice would be done Mr. Bell, the city would have a thorough system of audit, and be assured that its books and accounts were properly kept, without adding one dollar to the expenditure.

That hereafter all the civic offices be open to the public from 9.30 to 5 o'clock, and that all clerks be subject to the instructions of the head of their department.

WILLIAM DENNIS, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be placed on the Order of the Day, printed in the Minutes, and considered at next meeting of Council. Motion passed.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder *re* verdict in favor of the city in the cause Taylor vs. the City of Halifax. To be filed.

#### TAYLOR VS. THE CITY.

Halifax, November 8th, 1893.

This was an action brought by the plaintiff against the city for damages sustained by the plaintiff while working on the sewer on Blowers Street, in consequence of the banking falling on him while at work in the sewer. The action was tried yesterday before Judge Meagher and a jury. His Lordship discharged the jury from giving a verdict and directing judgment to be entered for the City.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY.

*His Worship the Mayor.*

Read letter from A. M. Payne on behalf of John Silver and Co. and other Merchants, asking that the City pay the account of MacDonald and Jones, Solicitors, for professional services in prosecuting cases of the Queen vs. Mrs. Forrest, for shop-lifting. On motion the same was placed on Order Paper to be considered with the report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges submitted this day.

Read letter from A. McKay, Secretary Victoria School of Art and Design asking that the City continue the annual grant of five hundred dollars to said school. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from George Lawson, Secretary Halifax County Agricultural Society, covering a copy of resolution passed by said society

relative to the holding at Halifax of the Provincial Exhibition for 1894. Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be referred to the Exhibition Committee. Passed.

Read letter from the City Board of Health, covering a communication from the Plumbing Inspector *re* plumbing rules and regulations. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the same be placed on Order Paper for consideration with No. 4 thereon.

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges on several matters. On motion the same is read clause by clause.

November 8th, 1893.

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

The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report as follows:—In regard to the petition from certain City Merchants asking for the appointment of a public prosecutor, your Committee after full discussion decided that there was no necessity for the appointment of such an officer by the Council, as provision has already been made by the Local Legislature, which is sufficient to meet the necessities of the class of cases mentioned in said petition.

Your Committee decided that they could not recommend the payment by the City of the legal expenses incurred by the prosecution of the alleged shop-lifters.

In reference to the petition of the Grain Measurers, His Honor the Recorder was of opinion that the matter mentioned in said petition was now within the control of the Dominion Legislature, and accordingly the matter was laid over by the Committee. His Honor the Recorder undertaking to look fully into the matter and furnish the Council at a later date with a recommendation as to the best course to be adopted, so as to endeavor to meet the request of the petitioners.

In regard the Misses Landells' asking that the collection of their taxes on the property owned by them which was recently destroyed by fire be not enforced. Your Committee decided that they had no legal power to grant said application although they sincerely sympathized with the loss sustained by these two ladies.

W. B. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

Read clause 1 *re* letter from A. M. Payne, et al., asking that the City pay the legal expenses incurred in recent prosecutions for shop-lifting, and also that a public prosecutor be appointed. Also read letter submitted this evening from the same, asking that the City pay the account of MacDonald & Jones for prosecuting the cases of the Queen vs. Mrs. Forrest for shop-lifting. Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said clause be adopted and a copy thereof sent to Mr. Payne. Motion passed.

Read clause 2, *re* weighing of grain, and clause 3, *re* collection of taxes on the property recently destroyed by fire and owned by the Misses Landells. Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Charities *re* accounts for October, &c.

Nov. 8th, 1893.

The Charities Committee met this day, and beg to submit the following report: That they have examined the following accounts chargeable to maintenance, found them correct, and ordered to be paid: Dillon Bros., Groceries, \$463.85, R. T. Braine & Co., Dry Goods \$91.96, Wm. Roche, Leather, \$15.04, Isaac Durling, Beef, \$217.01, W. A. Maling & Co., Pork, \$30.00, George Parker, Milk, \$67.17, George Gregoire, Fresh Fish, \$30.00, E. J. Fenton, Straw, \$16.07, W. A. Maling & Co.,



Potatoes, \$19.41, Hamilton & Outkit, Potatoes, \$12.00, Andrew Grant, Potatoes, \$19.35, A. M. Bell, Hardware, \$16.40, Wm. Taylor, Slippers, \$12.30, H. A. Taylor, Hospital Supplies, \$5.45, B. Mulcahy, House Expenses, \$37.22, Geo. Rent, Kitchen Utensils, \$17.40, John Borton, fittings, \$7.10. Total, \$1077.73.

Superintendent's report for October, showed there had been 36 admitted, 4 born, 25 discharged and 4 died. Total number of inmates, Oct. 31st, 310.

WM. DENNIS, *Chairman.*

When the following resolution is introduced :

*Resolved*, That the report of the Charities Committee, be adopted and that the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts.

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

Read report of Committee on Publication of Annual Report, on printing the annual report 1892-3, printing minutes of Council, etc.

October 30th, 1893.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :*

Your Committee appointed to have the 1892-3 Annual Civic Report published, beg to report that they met at 7.30 p.m., to-day, and elected T. C. Allen, Chairman, and instructed the City Clerk to ask by letter, for tenders for doing the work.

Your Committee takes this opportunity to remind you that the complete sheets of the Minutes of the Council, for the years ended 30th April, 1892, and 30th April, 1893, are still in the Printers hands, and recommend that the matter of indexing and binding said sheets be referred to this Committee to have the work done. Your Committee further recommend that the Minutes be not printed after the expiration of the present contract.

THOS. C. ALLEN, *Chairman.*

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

Read letter from the City Clerk, submitting the cost of printing the Minutes of Council and Orders of the Day, from October 1st, 1892 to September 30th, 1893, viz: \$353.55. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from City Clerk, submitting the account of Morning Herald Printing and Publishing Company for printing Minutes of Council from the 14th September to 16th October inclusive. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Tenders, *re* Tenders for loan of \$5,000.00 for permanent pavement.

Nov. 3rd, 1893.

The Committee on Tenders beg to report, that they received tenders for the loan of \$5,000 00, for permanent pavement and recommend the acceptance of the offer of J. C. Mackintosh, viz: 100 0125, at 4½ per cent, for stock certificates.

GEOFFREY MORROW, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:—

*Resolved*, That the Report of Committee on Tenders be received and concurred in and the Treasurer be authorized to issue the stock certificates in accordance.

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Mosher, and passed.

Read petition of R. Forristal and others, for water extension from Cedar Street, through Maple Street to Jubilee Road. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read notice from Borden, Ritchie, Parker and Chisholm, Solicitors, of appointment of William A. Hendry as arbitrator on behalf of Robert Miller, in the matter of expropriation of land for the new Low Service Water Main. Placed on Order Paper.

Read notice of F. H. Bell, Solicitor, of appointment of R. J. Sweet as arbitrator on behalf of the Misses Hennessey, in the matter of expropriation of land for New Low Service Water Main. Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from J. T. Bulmer, solicitor, on behalf of P. J. Hunt and other workmen employed by James McDonald, on the construction of the new road near Chain Lakes *re* amounts due them by Mr. McDonald the contractor. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the letter be referred to His Worship the Mayor, the Chairman of Board of City Works, together with His Honor the Recorder, to effect a settlement between the parties. Motion passed.

Read returns of City Collector of the amounts collected for rates and water rates during the month of October. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Aldermen Allen, Dennis, Duggan, Ryan, McFatrige and Mosher as a committee to confer with the Halifax County Agricultural Society on the matter of the proposed Provincial Exhibition for 1894. Also Aldermen Morrow, Wallace, Hamilton, Hubley, Foster and Outhit as a special committee on Short Line Railway. On Motion the said nominations were confirmed by the Council.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to allow Alderman Hubley to introduce a report of the City Prison Committee. Motion passed.

Said report relative to City Prison accounts is now submitted and read.

November 7th, 1893.

At a meeting of the Prison Committee, held this day. There were present: Aldermen Hubley, Stewart and McFatrige, Acting Chairman. They had before them a number of accounts, which on examining were found to be correct, and are herein submitted, amounting to \$139.68:—R. Martin & Co., \$1.80; Dillon Bros., 54.90; G. P. Henry, 19.44; W. E. Crowe & Co., 11.20; A. J. Grant & Co., 10.44; R. T. Braine, 9.65; George Rent, 27.00; Carnell & Company, 5.25.—Total \$139.68.

W. MCFATRIGE, *Chairman.*

And the following resolution is introduced :

*Resolved*, That the report of the Prison Committee be received and concurred in and the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the amounts named therein.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Stewart, and passed.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that No. 11, viz., Resolution of Alderman Foster by way of notice *re* Inspector of License, be struck from the Order paper. Motion passed.

The Council now proceed to appoint two Commissioners of schools for the City of Halifax, vice Aldermen Hubley and Outhit whose terms of office have expired.

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that Alderman Creighton be one of the Commissioners of Schools, for ensuing term. Motion passed.

For the second vacancy on the Board, Aldermen Stewart, O'Donnell and McFrtridge are nominated.

On the vote being taken, there appeared for Alderman Stewart, 6, and for Alderman O'Donnell, 5.

His Worship the Mayor, declares Aldermen Creighton and Stewart elected Commissioners of Schools for the City of Halifax, for the ensuing term.

Read No. 1. on Order Paper, viz : Report of Board of City Works, covering a report from the City Engineer, on streets of the City. (For reports, see printed minutes, Dec. 28th, 1892.) On motion the recommendations contained in the Engineer's report are taken up clause by clause. Clauses 1, 2 and 3, are read and severally passed.

Read clause 4. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that this clause be amended by striking out the word "shall" on the first line of said clause and substituting therefor the word "may". Motion passed, and the clause passed as amended.

Read clause 5. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said clause be struck out. Motion passed.

Read clause 6, which on motion is adopted and referred to His Honor the Recorder for his guidance in drafting the necessary Act. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the report as amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that No. 16, viz : Report of Board of City Works and Engineer *re* Sewer on Sackville Street, be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that No. 4 on Order of the Day, viz : Report City Health Board, covering amended rules and regulations for the guidance of architects, plumbers, &c., (3rd reading), be now taken up. Motion passed, and the said rules are taken up.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost,—4 voting for the same and 7 against it.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that the consideration of No. 4 on Order Paper be deferred until next meeting of Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost,—5 voting for the same and 6 against it.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that No. 3 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 3, viz: Deed of dedication of Mott and Selden Streets. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder for report at next meeting of Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, that No. 14. on order paper, be now taken up.

Aldermen Hamilton and Foster now move a call of council.

Moved by Alderman Creighton, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and passed.

Council adjourns, 10 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

DECEMBER 6th, 1893.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Mosher, Outhit, Mitchell, Stewart, Foster, Eden and Morrow.

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

8.30, roll called. Present, the above-named, together with Aldermen Duggan, Wallace, Hubley, O'Donnell, McFatrige, Ryan, Hamilton.

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 Morrow, chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Tenders *re* tenders for loan.

Alderman McFatrige, Acting Chairman, submits a report from the City Prison Committee.

Alderman Ryan, Chairman, submits a report from the Board Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners.

Alderman Mosher, Chairman, submits two reports from the Board of City Works.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter from the City Engineer *re* increase of salary.

Letter from F. W. Cunningham *re* lease of Exhibition Building.

Letter from George Lawson, Secretary Halifax County Agricultural Society. Also letter from the Hon. the Provincial Secretary *re* Provincial Exhibition, 1894.

Letter from the City Treasurer *re* Dry Dock subsidy.

Letter from R. J. Wilson, Secretary Board of School Commissioners *re* sewer Tower Road.

Application of William Woodill for position of City Treasurer.

Report of City Clerk on account of A. & W. MacKinlay.

Letter from William Walker *re* appointment of J. G. Bennett as arbitrator on his behalf in the matter of expropriation of land for new low service water main.

Report of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the month of October, 1893.

City Treasurer's cash statement, general and water department, for month of October,

City Collector's returns of "Rates" and "Water Rates" for month of November.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers submitted this day. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Tenders on tenders for loan of \$15,000 for water service.

November 22, 1893.

The Committee on Tenders beg to report that they have examined the tenders offered for the \$15,000 loan for Water Service, and recommend the acceptance of that of J. C. Mackintosh, who offers 100.1300 for 4½ per cent. debentures or City Stock Certificates, as may be required.

GEOFFREY MORROW, *Chairman*.

When the following resolution is introduced :

*Resolved*, That the report of Tenders Committee be received and adopted, and that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue \$15,000 debentures or City Stock Certificates as may be required, at 4½ per cent. for J. C. Mackintosh's loan as per tender of 9th November last for at 100.1300 accrued interest to be paid from July 1st, 1893.

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Mosher, and passed.

Read report of City Prison Committee covering accounts and Governor's and Matron's statement for November.

December 5th, 1893.

At a meeting of the Prison Committee held this date, there were present Aldermen Hubley, Stewart, Mitchell and McFatrige Acting Chairman.

They had before them a number of Accounts which on examining were found to be correct and are herein submitted, amounting to \$150.24 :

Dillon Bros., \$70.94; McInnes & Son, \$3.11; A. J. Grant & Co., \$4.10; G. P. Henry, \$21.12; F. J. Horneman, \$44.83; W. Roche, \$6.14; Total, \$150.24.

W. McFATRIDGE, *Acting Chairman*.

The following resolution is now 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 Hubley, and passed.

Read Report of Board of City Works, covering a report from the City Engineer *re* location of the telephone pole at corner of Gottingen and Cunard Streets.

November 13, 1893.

The Board of City Works beg to report that a meeting held this day they had before them a report (copy appended) from the City Engineer covering minute of Council, October 25, 1893 *in re* location of the telephone pole at corner of Gottingen and Cunard Streets, when it was decided to forward Engineer's Report therein to the City Council for its information.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

## LOCATION OF TELEPHONE POLES, CUNARD STREET AND GOTTINGEN STREET.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 13th, 1893.

*Chairman Board of Works :*

SIR,—The accompanying Minutes of Council having been referred to me, I beg to report :

The Telephone Company obtained permission from the Council to place three poles on the south side of Cunard Street. One of them was located at the corner of Gottingen Street. It appears to be in the best location. It cannot be moved farther up the hill without cutting off the service on Gottingen Street south of Cunard Street. If it is moved down the hill it will obstruct the crossings. The poles could not be placed on the north side as there is an old drain under the edge of the sidewalk.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the report of the City Engineer be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of City Works on report from the City Engineer upon petition for water extension North Street.

November 13th, 1893.

The Board of City Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day they had before them a report from the City Engineer upon petition for water extension North Street. When it was decided to forward the matter to the City Council with a recommendation that the work be carried out in accordance with terms of Engineer's report.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

## WATER EXTENSION NORTH STREET.

November 13th, 1893.

*Chairman Board of Works :*

SIR,—In reference to the accompanying petition for water extension on North Street, I beg to report that the proposed extension would be on the high service.

The estimated cost is: 45 feet of 6 inch pipe, \$32.85; 50 feet of lead, \$1.75; excavation, &c., \$31.50; service pipe, \$12.00. Total, \$78.10.

There is no building erected, but the foundation is taken out and the revenue will probably pay the interest. I would recommend that the extension be made, provided a bond be given, as there is no guarantee until the building is up.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the matter be referred back to the Board of City Works to carry into effect the prayer of the petitioners in accordance with the suggestions contained in the report of the City Engineer. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Engineer asking for an increase of salary. On motion the same was placed on Order paper.

Read letter from F. W. Cunningham *re* lease of Exhibition building. Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said letter be referred to the Board of City Works and His Honor the Recorder, to report on. Moved in amendment by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Said amendment on

being put is lost, five voting for the same and nine against it. The original motion now, on being put, is passed.

Read report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, *re* accounts.

November 14, 1893.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report that they have examined the accompanying accounts and recommend the same for payment, viz: E. R. Heartz, 1 gray mare, \$122.50; Robert Vickerson, 1 bay horse, \$80; Thomas Spelman, expenses to Charlotfetown and return with horses, \$42.95; G. M. Cullen, painter's work new ladder house, \$137.83; John O'Connell, blacksmith work, \$13.26; Black Bros. & Co., Horse brushes, \$2.20; Charles W. Davies, rubber gloves and nippers, \$19.50; Jonathan Adams, horse hire, \$84.75; William Muir & Sons, Oats, \$114; A. Gunn & Co., Hay, etc., \$17.27, \$19, \$24.74, \$8.92, Total \$70.93; W. C. Silver, linoleum, etc., \$78.88; W. & A. Moir, Repairs 3 and 4 S. F. E., \$9.92; Total \$776.72.

JNO. F. RYAN, *Chairman*,

When the following resolution is introduced:

*Resolved*, That the report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, *re* accounts be received and adopted, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several amounts therein named.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman McFatrige and passed.

Read report of City Clerk covering accounts for the consideration of the Committee on Public Accounts.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to the Committee on public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from John Doull, Chairman of Commissioners of Point Pleasant Park *re* payment of balance of appropriation toward maintenance of the Park for the year 1893-4. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the City Clerk be instructed to write the Park Commissioners that in order to secure a more speedy payment of the accounts incurred by them it is necessary that they should proceed in the manner adopted by the several civic departments, viz: to present their accounts when due regularly certified by the chairman, on presentation of which, warrants for the payment of the same would be at once drawn upon the City Treasurer. Said motion on being put is passed.

Read letters from Hon. W. S. Fielding, Provincial Secretary, and George Lawson, Esq., Secretary Halifax County Agricultural Society *re* Provincial Exhibition 1894.

The following resolution is now introduced:

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable to hold an Exhibition in this City in the fall of 1894.

*Further resolved*, That the sum of \$3000 be voted for that purpose.

*Further resolved*, That an additional sum of \$2000 be guaranteed to meet any deficit if such should occur in the carrying out of said Exhibition.

*And further resolved*, That any legislation necessary to carry out this resolution be obtained.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Wallace.



Moved in amendment by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Council vote the sum of \$3000 for exhibition purposes in accordance with existing legislation, which amendment on being put is lost, 3 voting for the same and 11 against it.

Names being called for appeared thus :

For the amendment.	Against it
Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell, Foster.—3.	Aldermen Stewart, Morrow, Duggan, Wallace, Hamilton, Mitchell, Ryan, McFatridge, Eden, Mosher, Outhit.—11.

The original resolution now being put is passed.

Read letter from Philip Thompson, City Treasurer, *re* annual subsidy payable to the Dry Dock Company. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the City Treasurer be authorized to advertise for a loan of \$5000.00 for payment of subsidy to the Dry Dock, in accordance with the Act relative thereto. Motion put and passed.

Read letter from Philip Thompson, tendering his resignation of the office of City Treasurer. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said resignation be accepted and His Worship the Mayor empowered to make such temporary arrangements as may be necessary to secure the fulfilment of the duties of that office. Motion passed.

Read application of William Woodill for the position of City Treasurer. Filed.

Read letter from R. J. Wilson, Secretary Board of School Commissioners *re* construction of sewer on Tower Road past the Tower Road School. Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from William Walker *re* appointment on his behalf of J. G. Bennett as arbitrator for land expropriated for New Low Service Water Main. Filed.

Read return of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the month of October. Filed.

Read City Treasurer's cash statement for October and cash statement Water Department for October and the City Collector's returns of Rates and Water Rates collected during the month of November.

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