

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 10 against it.

Alderman O'Donnell here rises to a question of privilege and asks for information as to the identity of the Andrew Grant who recently made sales of potatoes to the Charities Committee.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that a special committee be appointed by His Worship the Mayor to investigate statements made relative to Aldermen violating the provisions of the City Charter by participating in financial transactions with the city

To which the following amendment is introduced by Alderman Mosher and seconded by Alderman Eden.

Whereas, Aldermen have been accused of violating their seats in this Council by financial dealings with the city :

Therefore Resolved, That after hearing the explanations given, as far as the same has been brought to the notice of this Council to date, this Council does not deem the matter of sufficient importance to take up their time or attention.

Which amendment, on being put, is passed, 9 voting for the same and 2 against it. The names being called for appeared thus :

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Outhit, Mosher,
Foster, Eden,
McFatridge, Ryan,
Mitchell, Hamilton,
Wallace.—9.

Against it.

Aldermen O'Donnell,
Hubley.—2.

Aldermen Duggan, Morrow and Stewart excused from voting.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

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

Council adjourns at 10.25 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

DECEMBER 13th, 1893.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Mosher, Mitchell, Stewart, Hubley, O'Donnell, Foster and Creighton.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Stewart 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 Eden, McFatrige, Ryan, Morrow and Dennis.

The Council was summoned to receive a message from His Worship the Mayor in *re* appointment of a City Treasurer, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Mosher, chairman, submits three reports from Board of City Works, viz.:

On letter from Archibald McKinnon, asking for an extension of time in which to complete his contract.

On letter of City Engineer recommending that the civic year be changed.

On report from the City Engineer on joint petition of the Halifax Illuminating and Motor Co., Ltd. and the Halifax Gas Light Co. for permission to erect poles on College Street.

Alderman Dennis, chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Public Accounts *re* accounts for payment.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Notice from William Walker of his acceptance of the amount paid into Supreme Court for land of his expropriated by the city.

Letter from John O'Sullivan, Chief of Police, *re* unsatisfactory condition of the street lighting.

Letter from the City Treasurer *re* his resignation of office.

Message from His Worship the Mayor *re* appointment of a City Treasurer.

Resignation of W. B. McNutt of his office of Clerk of Board of Works.

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

Read report of Board of City Works on letter from Archibald McKinnon, asking for an extension of time in which to complete his contract for trenching for New Low Service Water Main.

December 11th, 1893.

The Board of City Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day, they had before them (copy attached) a letter from Archibald McKinnon, Contractor for "New Pipe Line," asking for an extension of time in which to complete his Contract, and also the suspension of the penalty clause until such time in June as might be determined, when it was decided to forward letter to the City Council for its action.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the matter be referred to His Honor the Recorder to prepare the necessary papers approving of said extension, providing Mr. McKinnon's securities are satisfied thereto. To which the following amendment is introduced :

Resolved, That the letter from Contractor McKinnon be referred to the Board of City Works, together with His Honor the Recorder, to report as to the terms and conditions under which the extension of time asked for may be granted if the Council approve of same.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Foster. Said amendment, on being put, is passed.

Read report of Board of City Works covering a report from the City Engineer *re* changing civic year to commence 1st January instead of 1st May. Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said report be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Moved in amendment by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report, which amendment on being put is lost, five voting for the same and six against it. The original motion is now put and passed.

Read report from Board of City Works on report from the City Engineer, on the petition from the Halifax Illuminating and Motor Company, Limited, and the Halifax Gas Light Company, Limited, for permission to erect two poles on College Street.

December 11th, 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 on joint petition from the Halifax Illuminating and Motor Co., Ltd. and the Halifax Gas Light Co., Ltd., to erect poles on street (College Street) between Morris Street and Spring Garden Road, north of Exhibition building, when it was decided to forward the matter to the City Council with a recommendation that the work be carried out in accordance with conditions of Engineer's report.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

ELECTRIC LIGHT POLES, COLLEGE STREET.

December 4th, 1893.

Chairman Board of Works :

SIR,—The accompanying petition for permission to erect poles on College Street was sent to me instead of to the Council.

There is no objection to the placing of poles as proposed except the usual objections to the erection of poles and wires on the streets.

I would recommend that permission be granted; posts to be erected in accordance with city ordinances and where located by the City Engineer; all

holes for posts to be inspected and approved by the City Engineer or his authorized representative before the poles are placed in them.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that said reports be adopted, and the matter be referred back to the Board of City Works to see that the work is carried out in accordance with the report of the City Engineer. Motion passed.

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

December 12th, 1893.

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

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Committee on Public Accounts, held this day, they had before them the following accounts; Messrs. A. & W. MacKinlay, Stationery, etc, for September, for City Collector, 11.50; City Treasurer, 6.00; Police, 7.50; Assessors, 5.71; Clerk, 1.00.—Total 31.71. Messrs. A. & W. MacKinlay, Stationery, etc., for October for City Clerk, 6.12; Recorder, 2.02; Collector, 48 cents; Assessors, 4.52; Police, 37.89. — Total, 51.03. Messrs. A. & W. MacKinlay, Stationery, etc., for November, for His Worship the Mayor, 1.80; City Clerk, 7.17; Recorder, 3.27; Collector, 3.81; Police 52 cents; Clerk of License, 3.32.—Total, 1989. Total of 102 63.

Morning Herald Printing and Publishic Company for printing Minutes of Council, 30.30; Maritime Steam Lithographic Company, lithographing for City Treasurer, 32.31.

All of which having been certified and found correct, your Committee beg to recommend that they be paid.

WM. DENNIS, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said report be adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts therein named. Motion put and passed.

Read letter from William Walker withdrawing his appeal from, and accepting the amount paid by the City into the Supreme Court for land and easements on other land expropriated by the City for the pipe line so called. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder to take any action in the matter that may be necessary. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Chief of Police, complaining of the present unsatisfactory service of street lighting. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works for report at next meeting of Council. Motion passed.

Read letter from Philip Thompson, City Treasurer, requesting that his resignation may take effect at the end of the present month.

Also read letter from His Worship the Mayor *re* temporary arrangement to fill the office of City Treasurer. The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That Mr. W. L. Brown be appointed Treasurer to hold office until such time as the Council shall determine whether such office shall be made permanent, abolished or amalgamated, on such terms and upon such salary as the law now

gives to such officer. Said W. L. Brown only to draw Treasurer's salary and no more until such determination, subject to Mr. Greenwood's claims as by law established.

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

Read resignation of W. B. McNutt of his position as Clerk of Board of City Works. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Foster, that this Council accept the resignation of Mr. W. B. McNutt, and express their sympathy with him and his family in the affliction which has caused, in their opinion, this step to be necessary. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1.—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of resolution *re* Aldermen violating the provisions of the City Charter by participating in financial transactions with the City, is now taken up. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said resolution be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 7 against it. The names being called for, appeared thus:

For reconsideration.
Aldermen O'Donnell,
Dennis,
Hubley,
Morrow.—4.

Against it.
Aldermen Creighton, Mosher,
Foster, McFatridge,
Mitchell, Hamilton,
Ryan.—7.

Alderman Stewart excused from voting.
Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.
Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

DECEMBER 19th, 1893.

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

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Wallace, 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 Morrow, Hamilton, Duggan, O'Donnell, McFatridge and Creighton.

The Council was summoned to consider a report from the Committee on Public Accounts on present system of administration of civic affairs. To proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Mosher, Chairman, submits four reports from the Board of City Works, viz.: Report covering a report from the City Engineer on official plan of the City of Halifax.

A report on letter from Archibald McKinnon, asking extension of time on his contract for trenching for the New Pipe Line, and for suspension the penalty clause in said contract.

Report from the Board of City Works, covering a report from the City Engineer, in *re* authority for constructing Sewer on Tower Road, past the Tower Road School.

Report from the Board of City Works, covering a report from the City Engineer on injury to the pavement on Water Street, with recommendation.

Alderman Ryan, Chairman, submits a report from the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, in *re* accounts and new Hose.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter from G. E. VanBuskirk, Secretary, Dartmouth Ferry Commission, covering a copy of a letter from Borden, Ritchie & Co., Solicitor of Hon. C. Alexander, claiming possession of the premises leased said Ferry Commission by Mr. C. A. Stayner.

Letter from Borden, Ritchie & Co., solicitors of John Milsom, claiming \$500 for rent of and damage to land alleged to have been sustained by overflow of 1st and 2nd Chain Lakes, etc.

Letter from Edward Walker, naming James Smith, as arbitrator on his behalf for land expropriated for New Low Service Water Main.

Bond of William L. Brown, City Treasurer.

Contract between John Connolly and the City of Halifax, for fodder for horses of Fire Department.

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

Read report of Board of City Works on letter from Archibald McKinnon, *re* extension of time on his contract for trenching for New Pipe Line, and asking suspension of the penalty clause in said contract. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report from the Board of City Works on letter from the City Engineer, in *re* official plan of the City of Halifax.

Dec. 11, 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 on the urgent need of providing an official city plan for the City of Halifax, when it was decided to forward copy of said report to the City Council for its information, with a view of having the matter placed in the hands of His Honor the Recorder to prepare an act to be submitted to the next session of Legislature.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11, 1893.

Chairman Board of Works :

SIR—The experience of this department during the last two years, shows the urgent need of a radical change in the method of keeping, (or rather neglecting to keep) street records and plans, by the aid of which, we could fix exactly the street lines and boundaries. I presume there was originally a town plot and that the lines, grades and boundaries were defined, but if any record or plan existed which would be of value to-day, it has long since vanished from the archives of the City. I have already reported in reference to new streets, and the Council have authorized the preparation of an Act placing the location and laying out of new streets in the proper hands. The proposed Act will not cover the old streets. When a street line is asked for we are often puzzled to know where the exact line is, and even when we do know we cannot always prove it. In a recent suit over a street line, the opposing Counsel admitted to me privately, that he knew I had given the correct line, but added, "Let me see you prove it." So long as the present state of affairs is allowed to continue, the City will be involved in expensive law-suits, or builders must be permitted to encroach on the streets, destroying their appearance and taking land which the City will be obliged to purchase in the future, at ten times its value. We may not be able to recover all we have lost, but we can at least prevent further loss. There should be an official plan, showing all streets and city property, and stone boundaries or monuments should be set at every corner, as is now being done in the Water Department. We would then be able to prove positively all lines and streets.

I would recommend that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act containing the following provisions and such others as he may deem necessary or advisable:—

1. In order to provide that, whenever in future it may be determined to open new streets, highways, squares or public places in the City of Halifax or to extend, widen, alter or locate anew those already in existence, such work may be carried out with a due regard to regularity and system, and for other purposes, the City Council of Halifax are authorized and empowered to cause to be prepared, under the supervision of the City Engineer, an official plan of such City, upon which shall be shown all existing public streets, highways, places and squares which have heretofore been dedicated to and accepted by the said city by resolution of said City Council or conveyed to said City or laid out under any statutes relating to said city or under any law of the province; also such proposed or contemplated extensions or other alterations of the same, and all such proposed or contemplated new streets, highways, places and squares, as the city council may think it desirable, on the recommendation of the City Engineer, to have set down or shown upon such plan.

2. The City Engineer, for the purpose of providing such plan, may employ such persons, if any, in addition to his usual staff of employees as may be necessary. The persons employed by the said City Engineer, shall under his supervision and direction, and under as uniform a system as circumstances may permit, proceed to lay out, fix and determine such contemplated new streets and alterations of existing streets, of such width, dimensions and extent as may appear to him most desirable for the public interest.

3. The City Engineer and any and all of his staff of employees engaged in the discharge of the duties assigned to them, in and by the preceding sections, may and they are hereby authorized to enter in day time upon any property within the limits of such City; they shall under the directions and supervision aforesaid, make out a plan or map indicating the streets now existing, as well as those which they shall lay out and determine in virtue of this Act, and they shall designate upon such plan the new lines of the street or sections of streets that it may be deemed advisable in the interests of the public to widen, extend or otherwise alter.

4. When the plan hereinbefore provided for shall be completed, the City Council shall at a meeting thereof either confirm or alter or amend such plan. Public notice of the completion of such plan and of the contemplated confirmation thereof shall be given in at least two newspapers published in the City aforesaid, for at least four weeks previous to the meeting of the council at which such plan is to be confirmed. Such notice shall also state that such plan may be viewed or inspected by citizens at the office of the City Engineer (where it shall be deposited) up to the day of the date of such meeting, at such meeting or an adjournment thereof or at any subsequent meeting, the Council shall hear all objections to such plan, and shall thereafter confirm, alter or amend the same.

5. When such plan shall have been either confirmed by the City Council as submitted to them or adopted in an amended or altered form, the same shall be transmitted with all convenient speed to the Governor-in-Council, by whom it shall be either confirmed or sent back to the City Council for amendment or alteration. If such plan is so sent back, the City Council shall, if they think proper, amend or alter it in whole or in part, as suggested by the Governor-in-Council, and again submit the same to the Governor-in-Council. If thirty days shall elapse from the date of the first or any subsequent transmitting of such plan to the Governor-in-Council without disapproval or sending back, the plan shall be deemed to have been approved and confirmed by the Governor-in-Council.

6. Such plan, when finally confirmed as aforesaid, shall be decisive and binding upon the City Council, the City, the property owners therein interested, and all other persons whomsoever, and no indemnity or damages shall be claimed, granted or allowed, at the time of or in consequence of the opening of any of the new streets shown on such plan, or at the time of or in consequence of the opening of any of the new streets shown on such plan, or at the time of or in consequence of widening, extending, altering or locating anew existing streets in accordance with such plan, for any building or improvement whatsoever, other than necessary repairs, that the proprietors or other persons whosoever may have made or caused to be made, after the confirmation of such plan, upon any land or property reserved on such plan either for new streets or for the alterations of existing streets. No proprietor or any other person shall claim or receive any damages or indemnify for any right of way or other easement destroyed, injured or affected by the opening of any new street or of any alteration show on such plan; provided that nothing in this Act shall be construed as depriving the City Council of the right to extend or widen any of the streets or squares designated in such plan, after its confirmation, if it be deemed advisable so to do.

7. After such plan shall have been finally confirmed as aforesaid, no street not laid down or shown on such plan shall be dedicated to or for the public use of the citizens, or accepted by the City Council, unless the same shall be throughout fully graded, furnished with proper sidewalks, main sewer and gutters, and completed to the satisfaction of the Board of City Works and also that of the City Engineer, to be shown by his written certificate. Such work shall be planned by and carried out under the supervision of such City Engineer. No

street whatever shall be so dedicated or accepted as aforesaid, unless the same shall open at both extremities upon streets shown upon such plan, or shall so open at one extremity and shall open at the other extremity upon the shore of the Peninsula not higher than the high water mark. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall incur a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars for each such offence.

8. Duplicates of such official plan, certified by the City Engineer, shall be deposited as soon as conveniently may be after its completion, in the offices of the City Engineer and City Clerk, and after the confirmation of the Governor in Council, in the City Engineer's office, the Crown Land office, and the office of the Registrar of Deeds for the County of Halifax.

9. The City Council shall have all the necessary powers to open to the public whenever they shall deem it advantageous to do so in the interest of the City, any new street, highway, public place or square, shown on such official plan; and also to extend, widen or alter any of the streets, highways, public places or squares, therein indicated as extended, widened or altered; after having adopted, however, the formalities and procedure prescribed by the law for the time being in force, with respect to the acquisition of land for such purposes in the City of Halifax.

10. No street whatever, not shown on the official plan, shall be opened by any person without the consent of the City Council approved by the Governor in Council. A correct plan showing any such proposed street on a scale of thirty feet to the inch shall be furnished by the party interested to the City Engineer, who shall certify that such street is of the proper dimensions and otherwise satisfactory, before the consent of the City Council shall be given to open the same.

11. The City Council shall not be obliged to accept, on behalf of the citizens, any street heretofore laid out, which shall not at the time of the passing of this Act have been effectually dedicated to the public use and duly accepted, unless such street shall be shown on such official plan. Any such street not so shown, shall be closed up by order of the City Engineer, and fenced up by the party legally bound to fence the same.

12. In this Act, unless the context precludes such construction, the word "Street," shall include street, highway, public place and square; the word "Alter" shall include alter, widen and extend; the word "Alteration" shall include alteration, widening and extension; and the word "Plan" shall include plan and map.

13. The expense to be incurred in procuring the official plan herein provided for, and completing the same according to the provisions of this act, may be defrayed out of the street appropriation or such moneys as the City may appropriate for the purpose out of any sums at the disposal of such Council, or out of the unexpended residue of any sum borrowed for any other purpose whatsoever under any other act of the Legislature.

Immediately after the confirmation of the official plan of the City by the Governor in Council, the City Engineer shall set and fix such bounds and monuments as he may deem necessary on all streets and proposed streets and in such other places as he may think advisable, and such bounds and monuments when set and fixed as provided, shall determine the location and lines of all public streets and city property.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the matter be referred back to the City Engineer to give an estimate of the cost of the preparing such plan. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of City Works, covering a report from the City Engineer, on a letter from the Board of School Commissioners, asking upon what authority the Sewer on Tower Road, past the Tower Road School was constructed.

December 18th, 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 covering minute of Council in re letter from R. J. Wilson, secy. of schools, when it was decided to forward copy of report to the City Council for its information.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

TOWER ROAD SEWER.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 15, 1893.

Chairman Board of Works:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from R. J. Wilson asking at whose instance and under what authority the Tower Road sewer was constructed.

It was ordered by the Council on the recommendation of the Engineer, on the 14th day of September, 1892, under the authority of Section 16 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1890.

I find on consulting the reports that the City Engineer was instructed to inspect the Tower Road School, and investigate the cause of complaints made to the Board of Works in August, 1892. In September, 1892, the Chairman of the Committee on School Sites requested me to report the urgency of the sewer to the Board of Health. In view of a possible visit of Cholera and the attendance of children at the school the Board of Health asked the Council to order the construction of the sewer, and their request was complied with.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that the said papers be placed on file, and a copy of the report of the City Engineer forwarded to the Board of School Commissioners. Motion passed.

Read report from the Board of City Works, on a report from the City Engineer, calling attention to defects in the newly constructed pavement on Water Street, caused by unauthorized persons tearing up the same, and recommending that an Act be passed for submission to the Legislature to prevent this practice.

December 18th, 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, calling attention to defects in the newly constructed pavement on Water Street owing to unauthorized parties tearing up the same in the prosecution of work, and recommending that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act (or if deemed sufficient, an Ordinance) to prevent this practice, both as regards the pavement and concrete sidewalks as well, and placing the power for the performance of all such work in the hands of the City only when it was decided to forward a copy of said report to the City Council with a recommendation that the conditions of said report be carried out.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

WATER STREET PAVEMENT.

Halifax, N. S., December 18, 1893.

Chairman Board of Works:

SIR,—In passing over Water street this morning, I noticed several depressions in the pavement where trenches have been opened. The breaking up of the pavement is the ruination of the work, and to prevent the destruction of concrete sidewalks and further injury to the paving, I would recommend that the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act providing that no permits be granted to break the street where it is paved or concrete sidewalks are laid. All necessary work should be done by the City, the person who requires the work done first

depositing with the City Treasurer, the City Engineer's estimate of the cost of the work. The Gas Company are in the habit of breaking up the paving where they feel inclined, and the Act should include their work as well as private work. Possibly an Ordinance will be sufficient. However, that is a matter for His Honor the Recorder.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that the report be adopted, and the matter referred to His Honor the Recorder to prepare an Act in accordance therewith for submission to the Legislature at its next session. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, submitting sundry accounts for payment, and recommending the purchase of 2000 feet of hose.

December 19, 1893.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report that they have examined the following accounts and recommend the same for payment:—T. W. Bateman, locksmith work, etc., \$17.50; J. J. Brownley, stoves, pipe, etc., 41.15; John Silver & Co., carpets, etc., 43.50; J. H. Holland, roller blinds, 13.40; E. D. Adams, lead bails for chemical engine, 13.84; J. A. Leaman & Co., Neats foot oil, 2.00; Henry W. Brown, brooms and salt, 2.45; Geo. E. Smith & Co., scales, 19.40; Charles F. Mott, soap, 4.50; Black, Bros. & Co., brushes, fork, etc., 3.50; John O'Connell, horse shoeing, 17.46; John Foley, plasterers work, 5.15; George F. Harris, tinsmith work, 9.76; V. F. Farrell, oil, 8.87; Martin, Young & Co; painting, papering, etc., 139.76; John Connolly, feed, 426.57, Cragg, Bros. & Co. 17.50, 10.65, 4.80, 31.50, 29.88, total 94.33; James Monaghan & Son, mason work 16.80; A T Graves, repairs to engine, 97.50 —Total \$977.44. Your board also beg to report that a quantity of hose now in use by the department is on account of age becoming unservicable and in the event of an emergency arising where a very large quantity of hose would be required or in the case of a second fire occurring in winter before the hose used at the first fire was thawed out and again ready for use. Your Board feel that they would hardly be in a position to successfully cope with said second fire as they could not place any reliance upon the hose they would have to fall back upon. They therefore recommend that this council make provision for the purchase of an additional 2000 ft. of hose to place the department in a thorough state of efficiency.

JOHN F. RYAN, *Chairman.*

On motion the same is taken up clause by clause. Read Clause 1, *re* accounts for payment.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That First Clause of the report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, submitted this day, be received and adopted, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts therein named.

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

Read Clause 2, recommending purchase of Hose.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the Board of Fire Commissioners be authorized to advertise for Tenders for Two Thousand feet of Hose, more or less. And also, that the Recorder be authorized to prepare a Bill to borrow the money on the usual conditions. The Tenders to be submitted to the Council before acceptance.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Morrow.

The following amendment is now introduced :

Resolved, That the amount 1000 feet be substituted for 2000 feet.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, said amendment on being put is lost, 2 voting for the same and 11 against it. The names being called for appeared thus :

For the Amendment.
Aldermen O'Donnell,
Hubley.—2.

Against it.
Aldermen Mosher, Creighton,
Foster, McFatridge,
Ryan, Duggan,
Hamilton, Wallace,
Dennis, Morrow,
Stewart.—11.

The original resolution is now put and passed.

Read letter from G. E. VanBuskirk, Secretary Dartmouth Ferry Commission, covering a letter from Borden, Ritchie & Co., relative to property leased to the Dartmouth Ferry Commission. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the matter be referred to the Board of City Works and City Engineer, together with His Honor the Recorder for report, and that the Dartmouth Ferry Commission be informed of the action taken by the Council. Motion passed.

Read letter from Borden, Ritchie & Co., Solicitors for John Milsom, claiming \$500 damages for rental, use and occupation of land of said John Milsom, which has been overflowed at the first and second Chain Lakes by reason of the dam connected with the City Water Works. The claim also was for damages to some of this land. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works, together with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Edward Walker, naming James Smith as arbitrator in his behalf in the matter of land expropriated by the City for the New Low Service Water Supply. Filed.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the City Clerk be instructed to write William J. Veith, asking him upon what terms he would act as arbitrator for the City of Halifax, in the matter of expropriation of certain lands required by the City in connection with the laying of the pipes for the New Low Service Water Main. Motion passed.

Read bond of William L. Brown City Treasurer, elect.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the bondsmen offered be accepted, and that the bond be referred to His Honor the Recorder for report as to its validity. Motion passed.

Read contract of John Connolly for supplying feed for horses of Fire Department. Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that Mr. Connolly's tender be accepted, and that the bond be approved. Motion passed.

His Honor the Recorder having examined the bond submitted by W. L. Brown, City Treasurer, elect, reports the same as in due form

and correct. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that said bond be accepted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that No. 14 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read 14—Report of Committee on Public Accounts on present system of administration of Civic business, and suggesting certain changes therein. (See printed minutes page 139.)

On motion it was decided to separately consider the several recommendations contained in the latter part of said report.

Read Clause 1, recommending as follows:

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.

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

Read clause 2 *re* changing the location of City Treasurer's office.

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Stewart that said clause be amended by substituting the City Collector's private office for the Mayor's general office as the office to be used by the Treasurer and that said clause be adopted as amended.

To which the following amendment is introduced:

Resolved, That the office of City Treasurer be abolished and the duties of that office in so far as drawing cheques, signing bonds and debentures are concerned be amalgamated with the city clerk's office. Moved by Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Foster—said amendment on being put is lost 5 voting for the same and eight against it. The names being called for appeared thus:

For the amendment.

Ald. Wallace, Hamilton,
Duggan, O'Donnell,
Foster—5.

Against it.

Ald. Stewart, Morrow,
Dennis, Ryan,
Hubley, McFatridge,
Creighton, Mosher—8.

Alderman Hamilton gives notice of reconsideration.

The original resolution is now put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Creighton that the council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.50 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

DECEMBER 26th, 1893.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. Present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Morrow, Stewart, Wallace, Dennis, Hamilton, Duggan, Mitchell, Ryan, Hubley, O'Donnell, Foster, McFatridge and Mosher.

The Council was summoned to consider the estimates for the civic year 1894-5. to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Dennis submits estimate for year 1894-5.

Alderman Mosher. Chairman Board of City works, submits a report from the City Engineer on cost of making an official plan of the City of Halifax.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers: A letter from the Citizen's Reform Association, giving outline of bill to be presented to the Legislature, *re* civic reform.

Letter from Archibald McKinnon *re* extension of time on his contract for trenching for new pipe line.

Report of Exhibition Committee on exhibition matters.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder *re* suit Pollet vs. The City of Halifax.

Report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners for the year 1892-3.

Letter from William Woodill covering account of appraisers for appraising property *re* Extension of Agricola Street.

Cash Statements City Treasurer, "General and Water," for November, 1893.

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

Read report of the City Engineer giving an estimate of the probable cost of preparing an official plan of the City of Halifax. Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from Hon. L. G. Power giving an outline of the Bill on Civic Reform proposed to be presented to the Legislature at its next session by the Citizens' Reform Association.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be placed on the Order Paper, and the City Clerk instructed to acknowledge its receipt and request that the City Council may be furnished with a copy of the proposed Act as they do not deem it advisable to take any action in the matter until they have before them the entire Act. Motion passed.

Read report of the committee appointed to confer with a committee of the Halifax County Agricultural Society relative to the holding at Halifax of the Provincial Exhibition, 1894. Recommending that the Exhibition be held at Halifax, and offering certain suggestions respecting the management of the Exhibition.

To the Members of the City Council:

The committee appointed to confer with a committee of the Halifax County Agricultural Society with respect to the Provincial Exhibition of 1894, beg leave to report as follows:

The joint committee met in the City Hall, on Saturday afternoon, 23rd inst.

The joint committee were of opinion that the funds available for the Exhibition, namely, government grant, four thousand dollars (\$4,000) surplus from last exhibition, three thousand dollars (\$3,000) city grant for improvements to grounds, three thousand dollars (\$3,000), in all ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), together with a guarantee from the city, of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) if needed to make up any deficiency, were sufficient to warrant the undertaking of the Exhibition.

Your committee therefore recommend that the City Council notify the Provincial Secretary that the City of Halifax is prepared to undertake the holding of the Provincial Exhibition of 1894 under the conditions established by law.

The joint committee offered the following suggestions respecting the management of the Exhibition.

That a general committee be appointed to have full and complete control of all the affairs of the Exhibition, such committee to be composed as follows:— Eight aldermen to be nominated by the Mayor, and approved by the City Council, and to continue on the committee so long as they remain in the Council, five citizens of Halifax to be chosen by the Provincial Government; five other citizens of Halifax, to be chosen by the Halifax County Agricultural Society.

The Mayor of the City of Halifax, the representatives of Halifax in the House of Commons and House of Assembly and also the Senators and Legislative Councillors who are citizens of Halifax, to be also members of the committee.

This general Committee to appoint a small executive committee of such number as may be determined on by the general committee, to have the general management of the exhibition, subject of course, to the general committee.

The general Committee to have power to appoint auxiliary sub-committees not confined to their own number, for the purpose of assisting in the various departments of exhibition work.

That application be made to the Legislature, for an Act constituting the members of this General Committee and their successors in office, a permanent commission for the management of exhibitions in the City of Halifax.

That pending the enactment of Legislation creating the commission, the general committee above referred to be requested to proceed with all necessary work for holding the exhibition, and that the general committee have power to add to their number such persons as may be approved by the City Council.

Your Committee recommend that this outline plan for the management of the exhibition be approved by the City Council.

M. E. KEEFE, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said report be adopted and His Worship the Mayor requested to nominate the Councils' Committee at this meeting. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor names the following as the committee of the City Council on Provincial Exhibition, 1894, viz.:—Aldermen Allen, Dennis, Duggan, Ryan, McFatrige, Mosher, Hamilton and Morrow. On motion said nominations were confirmed.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder announcing the judgment in the suit, Pollett vs. The City of Halifax, was given in favor of the City.

POLLETT VS. THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

Halifax, N. S., December 26, 1893.

This was an action brought by the Plaintiff against the City, for negligently piling brush near the sewer on Gottingen Street while building, in consequence of which it fell down it is alleged, and upset the plaintiffs carriage and injured his horse. It was tried before Judge Townshend a few days ago, who gave judgment for the City.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, Recorder.

His Worship the Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be filed. Motion passed.

Read Annual Report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners for the Civic year, 1892-3. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that said report be referred to the Committee on Publication of Annual Report, to be printed in said Annual Report. Motion passed.

Read letter from William Woodill covering an account from the appraisers appointed to appraise the property required in connection with the proposed extension of Agricola Street. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Duggan, that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to pay said account (\$30.00) out of any available fund. Motion passed.

Read report from the committee on Public Accounts on various matters referred to them by the Council. On motion the same is taken up clause by clause.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 18, 1893.

To the Mayor and City Council,

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Public Accounts beg to report as follows, on various matters referred to them:—

1. With reference to the annexed account of George H. Fielding for \$45. for professional services in the police Court, etc.—Mr. Fielding says that he was employed by Policeman Louis Nickerson, and the bill was sent to the City by Nickerson's instructions. In another instance he was engaged by Policeman Watchhorn. Neither the Mayor or Recorder has any recollection of authorizing the employment of Mr. Fielding.

Your Committee cannot recommend the payment of accounts contracted by policemen without proper authority, and therefore suggest that the City Clerk write Mr. Fielding that the City does not hold itself liable for the amount.

His Honor the Recorder is the legal officer of the City, and your Committee recommend that hereafter when additional legal assistance is required that outside Counsel be employed upon the written instructions of the Mayor.

2. With reference to the appeal of the Directors of the "School of Art and Design" for a renewal of the Civic grant of \$500.00, your Committee recommend that the same be granted for the next year. The existence of the school depends upon the Civic grant, and we believe that the work done by the Institution in

instructing your mechanics in free-hand drawing, etc., is worth the money to the City. But your Committee believe that the grant to this school, as well as to the schools for the blind and deaf and dumb, should be dealt with by the School Board, and not by the Council; and recommend that in future the Directors of these Institutions be notified to apply to the School Board for Civic assistance.

3. In reference to the request of the Commissioners of Point Pleasant Park for \$1,000. for filling up Steeles' Pond, etc. Your Committee, while appreciating the efforts of the Chairman of that Board to improve and beautify the park, urge that the Commissioners be notified that they must keep their expenditure within their appropriation. We recommend that the over expenditure by the Commissioners to the extent of \$500. be paid by the City, as authorized by the Legislature last year; and that any additional over-expenditure be paid out of the appropriation.

4. Your Committee have examined a number of old accounts referred to them for report. These liabilities were incurred by various Committees, without any moneys being provided to pay them. In some cases the accounts stand back for two and three years. These unprovided for accounts are another object lesson of the slipshod manner in which the City business is sometimes transacted. But the liabilities having been incurred, the accounts must be paid, and your committee recommend that application be made to the Legislature to borrow the money to pay the same, and that the sum with interest be assessed for in three annual instalments. These accounts are:—

(a) For printing Electoral Lists, etc.:

Blackadar Bros.....	\$419 50
A. Stephen & Son	50
A. & W. Mackinlay.....	17 76
Herald Printing Co	2 50
	\$440 26

These accounts are certified to by Alderman McFatridge, Chairman of the Revisors. Owing to the requirements of the Statute regarding the printing of the occupations and residences of voters. The revision of the lists last year cost the City over \$1,000.

(b) Amount due the Association for the Relief of the Poor, \$2,600.00. In order to provide employment during the winter months, the City has for a great many years purchased 20,000 to 30,000 bushels of broken stone from the Association for the Relief of the Poor. These stones were used on the streets and paid for out of the street funds, but it is found fully 20 per cent. cheaper to use broken stone from the Crusher (or Rockhead); therefore but comparatively little of the 65,000 bushels of stone purchased from the Association was used this year, and not being used, only about half was paid for from the usual fund. But the obligation having been incurred with the approval of the Council, the Council must provide the money to pay the balance due with interest.

(c) The following accounts were contracted by previous Boards of Works:—

Baldwin & Co., December 31st, 1892	\$1 50
Bell, A. M., December, 31st, 1892.....	1 22
Bateman, T. W., November 27th, 1892	5 00
Buckley Bros., December 31st, 1892.....	5 04
Fidler, W. B., November 24th, 1892.....	4 50
Fuller, H. H. & Co., December 31st, 1892.....	1 08
" " October 31st, 1892	8 72
Harrison, Jas. & Co., December 31st, 1891.....	31 91
Malcolm & Johnson, April 14th, 1893.....	6 75
Judge, Wm., April 6th, 1893.....	3 00
Longard Bros., March 3rd, 1893	5 06
Lordly, E. J., October 14th, 1892.....	4 80
MacDonald & Co., June 23rd, 1893.....	26 10
Mahon Bros., March 7th, 1893.....	1 82
Myers, W. S., December 31st, 1893.....	25
N. S. Furnishing Co., December 31st, 1892.....	106 40

by Alderman Dennis, that the same be referred to the committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

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

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be requested to furnish each alderman for their information with a certified copy of the lists prepared by him on the 15th September last, giving the names and the number of rate-payers who were entitled to sign liquor licenses in the several license districts in the City of Halifax, for the year 1893. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell. Said resolution on being put is lost, 6 voting for the same, 8 against it. The names being called for appeared thus:

For the Resolution.	Against it.
Aldermen Stewart, Dennis,	Aldermen Morrow, Allen,
Hubley, O'Donnell,	Wallace, Hamilton,
Foster, Mosher—6.	Duggan, Mitchell,
	Ryan, McFatridge—8.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1. Alderman Hamilton's notice of reconsideration of resolution on clause 2 of Report of Committee on Public Accounts *re* office of City Treasurer is now taken up.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the resolution passed at the last meeting of this Council relative to the office of City Treasurer be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same, and 8 against it.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the Council now proceed to consider the estimates for the civic year, 1894-5. Motion passed

ESTIMATES 1893-4.—SALARIES.

His Worship the Mayor	\$1000.00
His Honor the Recorder	1200.00
The City Treasurer	1800.00
The City Clerk	1200.00
Assistant Clerk	700.00
2nd do. "	600.00
3rd do. "	350.00
Retiring allowance to Mr. Rhind	550.00
Clerk of Licenses	550.00
Stipendiary Magistrate	2000.00
City Engineer	2000.00
City Auditor	1500.00
Collectors of City Taxes and 4 sub-collectors	3400.00
Chief Assessor	1200.00
Assistants (2 at \$1000)	2000.00
Janitor City Hall	800.00
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	\$20850.50

L. J. O'Connell
W. J. O'Connell
 DECEMBER 26th, 1898.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the sum of \$200 for Registrar of Voters be added to the estimate for salaries, and that the total for salaries do pass at \$210.50.

No. 18 on Order of the Day, viz.:—Letter City Engineer, asking for an increase of salary is now taken up, and the same is read.

In amendment to the original resolution it is moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that the item—Engineer's salary, \$2,000, be amended by substituting therefor the sum \$2,400. On the vote being taken, there appeared for the amendment, 7; against it, 7. His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote against the amendment.

Alderman Allen gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the sum, \$200 for Registrar of Voters be amended by substituting therefor the amount, \$100. Said amendment on being put is lost. The original motion, salaries \$21.050 is now being put and passed.

Police Department \$26,000.00. Passed.

ROCKHEAD PRISON.

Governor and Matron	\$1200.00
Underkeepers and Officials	2144.00
Maintenance	2506.00
Repairs	300.00
Fire Escapes, &c.	500.00
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	\$6650.00
Less probable income	1200.00
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Passed.	\$5450.00

BOARD OF CITY WORKS.

Streets for work and material \$17,000.00

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Foster, that this item pass. Moved in amendment by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Duggan, that said item be amended by substituting the sum of \$18,000 for that of \$17,000, and that the Board of City Works be instructed to pay to the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor their account of \$2,600 for broken stone out of said sum of \$18,000. Said amendment on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee, that the account of \$2,600 from the Association for the Relief of the Poor be included in the proposed borrowing bill to be submitted to the Legislature be struck from said report. Motion passed.

Internal Health	\$13000 00	Passed.
Horses and Drivers	1500.00	Passed.
Caretaker City Property	1200.00	

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that this amount be amended by substituting therefor the amount \$800. Motion put and lost, and the amount passed at \$1200.

Caretaker Exhibition Building	\$ 364.00	Passed.
Fuel.....	850.00	"
Telephones	300.00	"
Lighting City Hall	1000.00	"
Street Lighting.....	16000.00	"
Insurance.....	1500.00	"
City Property	2500.00	"

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that this item be reduced to \$1,500. Motion passed.

Allowance to Commissioners	\$ 1000.00	Passed.
Total Amount for Board of City Works	56214.00	Passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Electrician	\$500.00	Passed.
Maintenance Fire Alarm	600.00	

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that the appropriation for this service be \$800. Motion passed.

5 Engineers for Steam Fire Engines.....	\$2000.00	Passed.
1 " " Chemical Engine.....	600.00	"
Grant to Engine Companies	1400.00	"
Lighting and Fuel.....	1000.00	"
Rent of Division Rooms	300.00	"
Incidental Expenses	1500.00	"
Keepers of Engine Houses	650.00	"
Repairs to Engine Houses	1000.00	"
Maintenance 24 Horses	3700.00	"
Drivers' Wages.....	7500.00	"
Bedford Row Engine House	340.00	"
Total.....	\$21290.00	"

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing and Stationary	\$2000.00
Interest on Commutation Fund	400.00
Contingent Account	2000.00
Total	\$4400.00
Total Appropriation	\$134,404.00

LESS PROBABLE INCOME.

Liquor Licenses.....	\$11000.00
Hack, Truck and other Licenses.....	2250.00
Fines and Fees, Police and City Courts	5250.00
City Marshal's Fees	800.00
Rents City Property	1400.00
Dog Tax	500.00
Balance of Interest.....	4000.00
Passed.....	\$25200.00
Total of Appropriation	\$134,404
Less	25,200
	\$109,204.00
	Passed.

EXTRA ASSESSMENTS UNDER SPECIAL ACTS.

County of Halifax	\$10000 00
Public Schools	85600 00
Poors Asylum	22060 00
Public Gardens and Common	4000 00
Point Pleasant Park	2000 00
Citizen's Library	1600 00
Halifax Dispensary and Morgue	750 00
" School for Blind	375 00
" " Deaf and Dumb	300 00
" Industrial School for boys	1600 00
" St. Patrick's Reformatory	1600 00
Infants Home Tower Road	300 00
" " Brunswick St	300 00
Truants under Compulsory Act	500 00
Dalhousie College	500 00
School of Art and Design	500 00

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that this item pass. Moved in amendment by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that said item be struck from the estimates. Said amendment on being put is lost. The original motion is now put and passed. Alderman Morrow gives notice of re-consideration.

County Rifle Association	1 00	Passed.
Board of Health	4000 00	"
Board of Appeals	300 00	"
One-fifth Loan to Gardens (\$5,000), 5th year	1000 00	"
Interest on \$1,000 1 year, at 4 p.c.	40 00	"
One-half Subsidy to Dry Dock	5000 00	"
One-fifth Loan for Fire Purposes (\$12,000, Act 15th April, 1890), 4th year	2400 00	"
Interest 1 year on balance, \$4,800, at 4 p.c.	192 00	"
One-fifth Exhibition Loan Act 1891 (\$15,698), 3rd year	3140 00	"
Interest, one year, on \$9,420 at 5 p.c.	471 00	"
One-fifteenth Loan to County (\$15,000), 2nd year	1000 00	"
Interest, one year, on \$14,000, at 4½ p.c.	630 00	"
One-fifth Loan for New Engine (15,000)	3000 00	"
Interest, 1 year, on \$12,000, at 5 p.c., 2nd year	600 00	"
One-third Loan for City Property (\$5,000) 1st year	1667 00	"
Interest on whole amount, 1 year and 10 mos., at 4½ p.c.	413 00	"
Total	\$15579 00	"

OLD FUNDED DEBT.

Interest on old Funded Debt, including \$1,168 Gardiner Fund (\$24,528 at 5½ and 6 p.c.	1355 59	"
Old Sewerage Debentures, \$70,000, at 6 p.c.	4200 00	"
Public Gardens, \$15,000 at 6 p.c.	900 00	"
Exhibition Building, \$20,000 at 6 p.c.	1200 00	"
City Hall, \$50,000 at 4½ p.c.	2125 00	"
	\$9780 59	

CONSOLIDATED STOCK.

\$705,000, at 5 p.c.	35250 00	"
799,700, at 4½ p.c.	35987 00	"
266,800, at 4 p.c.	10672 00	"
Total	\$ 81909 00	

Less this amount, charged to Water Department, \$800,000 at different rates	36765 00	
	45144 00	Passed.
Special Loan, 1882. \$100,000 at 5 p. c	5000 00	"
Sinking Fund	3000 00	"
Interest on New Loans, broken time.....	12683 00	"
	<u>\$340,590.59</u>	

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Foster that the sum of \$15,000 be taken from unexpended balances account to reduce the amount to be assessed upon the citizens and their property, for the civic year. 1894-5, leaving the total amount to be assessed at \$325,590.59. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the general City and ordinary assessment, amounting to \$109,204 and the extra assessment, amounting to \$231,386.59 as per estimates, do now pass, less \$15,000 taken from unexpended balances and that the citizens and their property be assessed for the total sum of \$325,590.59, and that the City Clerk be directed to give the usual order to the Assessors, to make up the assessment for the year 1894-95. on the basis of that amount as directed by law.

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

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

Council adjourns 11.50 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

DECEMBER 29th, 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, Foster, O'Donnell, Hubley, Wallace and Eden.

Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Hubley, 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, Ryan and McFatridge.

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 Dennis, chairman, submits a report from the committee on Public Accounts *re* changing civic year, accounts, etc.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Return of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the month of November, 1893.

Notice of Borden, Ritchie, Parker & Chisholm, Solicitors of James Walker, M. D., of Fairville, N. B., that application would be made for the money paid into the Supreme Court, at Halifax, for lands of the said James Walker, expropriated by the City for the New Low Service Water Main.

Letter from Hon. L. G. Power, President Citizen's Reform Association, covering copy of draft act *re* Civic Government of Halifax.

Letter from R. Theakston, City Collector, *re* Vacancy in the position of Clerk of the Water Department.

Letter from C. W. Outhit tendering his resignation of the office of Alderman.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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

Read report of Committee on Public Accounts on a report from the City Engineer recommending that the civic year be changed to correspond with the calendar year, statements of the City Collector and City Treasurer, etc., etc.

December 29th, 1893.

To the Mayor and Council:

Your committee on Public Accounts beg to report that they have examined the monthly returns referred to them:

1. Of the rates and taxes collected by the City Collector.

2. Of the water rates collected by the City Collector.
3. The statement of the moneys received and paid by the City Treasurer for general civic purposes.
4. The statement of the moneys received and paid out by the City Treasurer for the Water Department.
5. The statement of monthly cash balances at the credit of various departments.

These returns are signed by the Auditor as having been examined by him and compared with the books of the Collector and Treasurer. They are furnished to the Council as an exact copy of the books of these officials showing each entry of taxes received the day the amount from whom each payment made by the Treasurer the amount to whom and for what purpose. By examining these monthly returns each alderman and citizen may make and keep himself familiar with the detailed receipts of taxes and water rates and the purposes for which the moneys are disbursed.

Your committee had before them the report of the Board of City Works covering report from the City Engineer recommending the changing of the commencement of the civic year from May 1st to January 1st, and beg to report that while endorsing the recommendation of the City Engineer it is advisable the City work should commence as early in the season as possible. They find there are so many objections to the changing of the civic year that they could not recommend it as feasible but would suggest that the Engineer be empowered to have the street and other work carried out as early in the season as practicable, and if the taxes cannot be collected in season to meet the outlay that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to borrow from the bank doing the City business, or from any moneys in fund any sums that may be required to meet said expenditure, and that the said moneys be paid back as soon as the City Treasurer is in a position so to do. The interest on the money borrowed, if any, to be a charge against the service for which said money was used.

WM. DENNIS, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read return of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the month of November, 1893. Filed.

Read notice from Messrs. Borden, Ritchie, Parker & Chisholm, solicitors, on behalf of James Walker, Esq., M. D., of Fairville, St. John, New Brunswick, that they would move in the Supreme Court for an order directing that the sum of \$1048.81 paid into court as compensation for lands expropriated by the City for the New Pipe Line be paid them as such solicitors. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Allen, that the matter be referred to His Honor the Recorder to take action thereon. Motion passed.

Read letter from Robert Theakston, City Collector, relative to the filling of the position of Clerk of the Water Department, made vacant by the appointment of W. L. Brown to the position of City Treasurer. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the matter be referred to the Board of City Works to make arrangements for the performance of the duties of Clerk of the Water Department until 1st May next. Motion passed.

Read resignation of C. W. Outhit of his office of alderman for the City of Halifax. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the resignation of Alderman Outhit be accepted, and his seat in the Council declared vacant. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that a poll be opened on the third Tuesday of January next for the election of an alderman for Ward No. 6, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman Outhit. Motion passed.

Read letter from Hon. L. G. Power, President Citizens Reform Association, covering copy of draft act entitled "An Act respecting the Government of the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, 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 His Honor prepare an Act to amend the present Act in respect to the Constitution of the City Council.

1. The City Council shall consist of a Mayor, who shall be elected annually and who shall be paid a salary of \$1000.00 per year, and 18 Aldermen 2 representing each ward and 6 representing the whole city and called the Executive.

2. The term of office for the 12 Aldermen representing the 6 wards shall be 2 years unless he shall be elected to fill an extraordinary vacancy, in which case, he shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor, or unless he shall resign or become disqualified.

3. The term of office for the 6 Aldermen elected by the City, shall be 3 years unless he shall be elected to fill an extraordinary vacancy, as named in Clause 2 of this resolution, when the same course would be pursued.

4. Qualifications to be the same as mentioned in present constitution.

5. Election for the 12 Aldermen for the 6 wards to be conducted as it is at present for Aldermen, the election of the other six to be conducted and held the same as that for Mayor.

6. Vacancies, penalties, rules of Council, to be the same as they are at present.

7. Committees—The 6 Aldermen elected by the whole city shall do the work of the present named Committees in clause 105 of the City Charter.

Also serve as School Commissioners for the City of Halifax with 6 others, appointed by the Local Government.

8. City officers to be appointed as at present excepting the 2 Aldermen now elected by the Council to serve on the Board of Health who after the passing of this Act will be elected by the 6 Aldermen from their number.

9. The amount \$1000.00, estimated for Commissioners of Board of Works, also \$200.00, the sum paid the 2 Aldermen at present by the Board of Health and any other sum this Council may agree upon to be paid the 6 (Executive) Aldermen for their services and shall be apportioned amongst themselves at the close of the civic year according to the regularity and promptness of their attendance at their Committee meetings and the City Council.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, and placed on Order Paper.

No 1. Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of resolution re lists of persons entitled to sign liquor license applications for the year 1893 is now taken up. Alderman Hubley withdraws said notice.

No. 2. Alderman Allen's notice of reconsideration of item—Salary City Engineer, \$2,000, in estimates 1894-5, is now taken up.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that the item—Salary City Engineer at \$2000—as passed at last meeting of Council be now reconsidered. On the vote being taken there appeared for reconsideration, 7; and against it, 6. The names being called for appeared thus:

For Reconsideration.	Against it.
Aldermen Ryan, Dennis McFatrige, O'Donnell, Wallace, Allen, Morrow—7.	Aldermen Mosher, Foster, Eden, Hubley, Hamilton, Stewart—6.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that the City Engineer's salary be \$2,400 instead of \$2,000.

It was now moved in amendment by Alderman Dennis that the sum of \$3,700 be placed in the estimates for the Engineer's Department, \$1,700, of which amount shall be taken from Water Service and the balance (\$2,000) provided for as per Estimates, 1894-5.

Alderman Foster moves a call of Council at 9.30 o'clock.

No. 3. Alderman Morrow's notice of reconsideration of item—School of Art and Design, \$500—passed at last meeting of Council is not taken up. Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said item be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same, and 7 against it. The names being called for, appeared thus:—

For Reconsideration.	Against it.
Aldermen Hubley, Hamilton, Wallace, Allen, Morrow, Stewart—6.	Aldermen Mosher, Eden, Dennis, McFatrige, Foster, O'Donnell, Ryan—7.

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

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby requested to lay on the table of this Council at its next meeting, a certified copy of the lists prepared by him on the 15th Sept. last, giving the names and number of rate-payers entitled to sign Liquor Licenses in the several license districts in the city of Halifax, for the year 1893.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Stewart, and on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that No. 17 on Order Paper, viz.:—Balance report of Committee on Public Accounts on present system of administration of civic business, etc., be now taken up.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed. Council adjourns 9.45 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

JANUARY 9th, 1894.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening, at the above hour, there were present—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Mosher, McFatrige, O'Donnell, and Hubley.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, 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, Stewart, Wallace, Dennis, Hamilton, Duggan, Mitchell, Ryan, Foster, and Eden.

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, Chairman, submits a report from the Board of City Works, recommending that Joseph Scriven, be appointed as storekeeper at the City Work Shops.

Alderman Ryan, Chairman, submits a report from the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, *re* tenders for Hose, and accounts for payment.

Alderman McFatrige, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on City Prison, covering accounts &c., for month of December.

His Worship the Mayor, submits the following papers: viz.,

Letter from His Honor the Recorder, covering draft copy of an act, entitled, an act to amend the City Charter, etc.

Petition of Charles Greig, and others, against the planing mill, at corner of Falkland and Maynard Streets.

Letter from J. A. Payzant, M. D. relative to the case of Mrs. Robert Ward. 19 Starr Street.

Letter from Drysdale and McInnes, Solicitors, for Samuel Caldwell, giving notice that James Shand, had been appointed as Arbitrator, for said Samuel Caldwell, in the matter of expropriation of certain lands, etc., for new low service water main.

Resignation of H. V. Wier, of his office of alderman for Ward No. 2.

Letter from W. H. Neal, Chairman, City Health Board, complaining that the amount placed in estimates for 1894-5, is not sufficient to meet requirements of the Board.

Letter from Charles M. Creed, Secretary Board of Trade, *re* copy of a resolution relative to Civic Reform, passed by said board.

Letter from D. Driscoll, relative to certain land on James Street, expropriated by the City.

City Collectors returns of rates and water rates collected during the month of December 1893.

City Treasurer's cash statements, general and Water Department for month of December, 1893, also statement of balances to 30th December, 1893.

Report of City Clerk, covering accounts of A. & W. MacKinlay.

Report of Committee on Tenders for Loan, Printing, Advertising and Stationery.

Report Committee on Charities, covering accounts, &c., for month of December, 1893.

Copy of bill *re* Civic Reform proposed to be by the Citizens' Reform Association to the Legislature at its present session, with letter from Hon. L. G. Power, President of said Association relative thereto.

Petition from C. M. B. Manley and others, rate-payers Ward 5, against the erection of a steam saw planing mill on the property lately owned and occupied by David L. Johns.

Suggested resolution from His Worship the Mayor *re* changes in Civic government, also *re* franchise.

Notice from Geo. H. Fielding, Solicitor of Sarah Smith, of action in City Civil Court against the City of Halifax, to recover the sum of four dollars, alleged to have been wrongfully exacted from the said Sarah Smith.

Letter from R. Theakston, City Collector, covering two complete sets of lists of rate-payers entitled to sign liquor licenses as prepared by him September 15th, 1893.

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

Read Report of Board of City Works in *re* appointment of Joseph B. Scriven as Foreman in charge of City Workshops, &c.

January 9th, 1894.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held on the 18th ult., the urgent necessity of placing some responsible person in charge of the City Workshops and the material stored there, was shown, and by the resolution decided to appoint Joseph B. Scriven to the position at a salary of \$750.00 per annum. Subsequently it was shown as per Recorder's opinion, that the Board had not the power to make the appointment or increase the salary.

Accordingly at a meeting held on the 2nd inst, it was decided to forward the matter to the City Council, recommending Mr. Scriven to the position, but the salary to be \$700.00 per annum instead of \$750.00.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the report be received and concurred in, and that Joseph B. Scriven, be appointed foreman, in charge of City Workshops, at a salary of \$700 per annum. Motion passed.

Read petition of Charles Greig, and others complaining of the presence of Quigley & Co's., Saw and Planing Mill, at corner of Maynard and Falkland Streets, as being dangerous to the property in its neighbourhood. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the same be referred to the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, together with the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Dr. J. Austin Payzant, relative to a charity patient in the city, Mrs. Robert Ward, 19 Starr Street, suffering from Erysipelas. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the matter be referred to the City Health Board, to take such steps towards her relief as the necessities of the case may require. Motion passed.

Read letter from Drysdale & McInnis, solicitors notifying the Council of the appointment of James Shand as arbitrator for Samuel Caldwell in the matter of expropriation of land for new low service water main. Moved by Alderman Mosher seconded by Alderman McFatridge that William J. Vieth be appointed arbitrator on behalf of the city in the several matters of expropriation of land by the city for the new pipe line which have been referred to arbitration in accordance with section 434 of the city charter, and that all documents bearing on the subject, be submitted to Mr. Vieth together with His Honor the Recorder for their information. Motion passed.

Read resignation of H. V. Wier of his office of Alderman for Ward No. 2. Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Wallace that said resignation be accepted, and the seat declared vacant, and that the mayor be authorized to issue notices for an election to be held on the first Monday in February to fill the vacancy. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that Alderman Dennis, be the presiding officer at the said election. Motion passed.

Read letter from W. H. Neal, Chairman of City Health Board, re amount placed in estimate 1894-5, for said board. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the receipt of said letter be acknowledged, and that His Worship the Mayor be requested to direct the attention of the chairman of the Board, to section 546 of the City Charter. Motion passed.

Read letter from Charles M. Creed, Secretary of Board of Trade, recommending to the favorable consideration of the council, the draft act relative to Civic Reform, proposed by the Citizens Reform Association. On motion the same was placed on Order Paper to be considered with No. 20 thereon.

Read letter from Dennis Driscoll re lot of land on James Street, expropriated by the City. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the same be referred to the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, together with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read Report of Charities Committee, covering accounts &c., for December.

Halifax, Poor Asylum, January 8, 1894.

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report : That they examined accounts chargeable to maintenance and to the amount of \$2231.62, and to construction account of \$60.96, found them correct and ordered them to be paid.

The Superintendent's report for December, 1893, was read and showed that during the month there had been 52 admitted, 23 discharged, 1 born and 4 died. Number of inmates in the institution Dec. 31, 1893, 191 men, 134 women, 9 children, total 334.

WM. DENNIS, *Chairman*.

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

Read report of City Clerk, covering accounts of A. & W. MacKinlay for month of December. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to the committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Tenders, *re* tenders for \$5,000, (dry dock subsidy,) and also on tenders for Printing, Advertising, and Stationery, for the year 1894.

City Hall, 9th January, 1894.

The committee on Tenders, beg to report that they opened tenders from J. C. MacKintosh, and Frederick Perrin, respectively for the loan of \$5,000, subsidy to dry dock, and recommend that the tender of J. C. MacKintosh, viz, \$100.2675 for the said loan, interest at 4½ per cent. be accepted.

Your committee had also before them the tender for Printing, Advertising, and Stationery, for the year 1894, and recommend the acceptance of the following viz. For advertising, Morning Chronicle, and Acadian Recorder, for Printing, Theakston & Co., for Stationery, A. & W. MacKinlay.

Respectfully submitted,

GEOFFREY MORROW *Chairman*.

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

Read report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners. *re* tenders for Hose, and accounts for payment.

Committee Room, City Hall, 9th January, 1894.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, beg to report that they have carefully examined the tenders (with samples,) for Fire Hose, received by them in response to advertisement as follows:—H. H. Fuller & Co., Excelsior Rubber, \$1.08½ per foot; Phoenix Rubber, 98½ per foot; Knit or Woven, 77½. Austen Bros. Maltese Cross Rubber, \$1.10 per ft., 5 per cent. 30 days; Crescent Rubber, 90 cts. per ft., Beaver Rubber, 80 cts. per ft., Baker Fabric Cotton, 90 cts. per ft., Ajax Cotton, 75 cts. per ft., Black Bros & Co., Starr Rubber, 92½ cts. per ft., E. D. Adams, Crown Rubber, \$1.00 per ft., Eureka Cotton, \$1.05 per ft., Paragon Cotton, 90 cts. per ft., Red Cross, 75 cts. per ft.

Your Board recommend the purchase of 1000 feet of Maltese Cross Brand, at 1.10, less 5 per cent and 1000 feet of Phoenix at 98½c. per foot.

Your Board also recommend the payment of the following accounts: Nova Scotia Telephone Co, use of Telephone to May 1, 1894, \$112.50, Cragg Bros. & Co., Hardware, \$13.15, Halifax Illuminating and Moter Co. Lighting No. 7 E. house, 5 mos. \$43.01, Installing 2 lights \$11.49, Daniel McLeod, horse shoeing, \$12.57,, John O'Connell, horse shoeing, \$23.53, Union Axe and Ladder Co., 6 months services, \$75 00, William Ferris, repairing lanterns for waggons, \$2.25, DeWolfe, Son & Co., carriage work, \$150, R. Martin & Co., horse blankets and harness work, \$218 50, John Starr & Sons, electrical supplies, 75c., William Jakeman, Farrier's work, \$93.00, W. N. Brown, wheelwright work, \$27.00, James Dempster & Co., boards, \$2.20, Martin, Young & Co., Painting and Papering, &c., \$92.67, Black, Bros. & Co., hardware, \$6.45, Frank Reardon, \$8.25, Thos. Hann, et al, labour, \$10.00, McDonald & Co., contract ladder house, \$385.00, repairs Steam Engines, \$98.17, total \$433.17. W. & C. Silver, Carpets, \$35.70, G. M. Cullen & Co., glazing, \$12.20. Total \$1203 44.

JOHN F. RYAN, *Chairman.*

On motion, the same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re tenders for Hose (the same being objected to is placed on the Order of the Day.

Read clause 2 re accounts for payment. The following resolution is now introduced:

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

Moved by Alderman Ryan seconded by Alderman Mosher and passed.

Read notice from George H. Fielding, solicitor of Sarah Smith that an action would be brought against the city in the City Civil Court at Halifax to recover the sum of four dollars amount of fine imposed upon the said Sarah Smith in the Police Court. Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Duggan that the same be referred to the committee on laws and privileges together with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Robert Theakston, City Collector, covering lists in duplicate, of rate payers entitled to sign petitions for liquor licenses. Ordered to be filed.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder, covering Draft Act to amend the City Charter, &c., also read said Draft Act.

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

The following resolution is now introduced:

Whereas, On several occasions, bills have been introduced into the Legislature, vitally affecting the interests of the City of Halifax and imposing additional taxation upon the citizens, without the consent or knowledge of the City Council the direct representatives of the citizens.

Resolved, That the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council be and are hereby respectfully asked not to consider any bills relating to the City of Halifax emanating from any source other than the City Council, without first furnishing the Mayor with a copy of such bill and thus affording the Council an opportunity of considering and expressing its opinion on the same.

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Speakers of the Assembly and Legislative Council and the Hon. Provincial Secretary.

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman McFatrige and on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Ryan that clause 2 of the draft Act submitted by His Honor the Recorder and herein before referred to, be amended by substituting for the words "as heretofore to the City Clerk" the words "to the clerk of the Police and City Courts." Aldermen Hamilton, Duggan and O'Donnell, object to said clause 2 which is placed on Order Paper.

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Ryan that said draft Act with the exception of said clause 2, be adopted, and His Honor the Recorder directed to forward it to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Wallace seconded by Alderman Dennis that His Honor the Recorder be directed to prepare a summary of the Acts relating to the City of Halifax emanating from the City Council and to be submitted to the Legislature at its present session and have them published in the newspapers advertising for the city. Motion passed.

Read petition of C. M. B. Manley and others against the erection of a Steam Saw and Planing Mill on property between Gottingen and Maitland streets. Moved by Alderman McFatrige seconded by Alderman Ryan that the same be forwarded to the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read report of committee on City Prison covering accounts, &c., for month of December.

City Prison, Jan. 2, 1894.

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee, held to-day these were present Aldermen Stewart, Hubley and Acting Chairman Alderman McFatrige.

They had before them a number of accounts, which on examining were found to be correct and are herein submitted amounting to \$125.18; Moir, Son & Co., \$13.18, G. P. Henry, \$26.88, A. J. Grant & Co., \$4 25, Barnstead & Sutherland, \$29.58, E. J. Lordly, \$29.99, Dil on Bros., \$21.30. Total \$125.18.

WM. McFATRIGE, *Acting Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the Report of the Prison Committee be received and concurred in and His Worship 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 City Collector's statements, of rates and water rates collected during the month of December.

Read City Treasurer's cash statements (general and water) and statement of balances to 31st December. Moved by Alderman Foster seconded by Alderman Dennis that said statements be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read suggested resolution from His Worship the Mayor re changes in civic government.

Read letter from Hon. L. G. Power covering a draft Act entitled "An Act respecting the Government of the City of Halifax" and asking that representatives of the Citizens' Reform Association be heard in behalf of said Bill. Said Act is now read by its title.

Moved by Alderman Foster seconded by Alderman Hubley that Hon. Senator Power be heard by the council. Motion passed.

Having been invited by His Worship the Mayor to the floor of the Council, Senator Power now addresses the Council explaining the features of the Bill.

Moved by Alderman Allen seconded by Alderman Duggan that the further consideration of the various proposals concerning the government of the City be deferred to a meeting of the Council to be called by His Worship the Mayor at an early date for the special purpose of dealing therewith. Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 8 against it.

His Worship the Mayor leaves the chair which is taken by Alderman Mosher.

The Mayor from the floor of the Chamber addresses the Council on the proposition submitted by him relative to change in system of Civic Government. After which His Worship the Mayor again resumes the chair.

Moved by Alderman Mosher seconded by Alderman Foster that the Council adjourn. Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 6 against it.

Council adjourns 10.40 o'clock.