

Extract from minutes of meeting of City Health Board, March 20th, 1894.

Read a report from the City Engineer, *re* the construction of proposed sewer extension.

Also a letter from Mr. Pennington, relative to a sewer passing through the late Mr. Hamilton's property on Brunswick Street.

The following resolution was passed :

Resolved, That the recommendation of the City Engineer, with regard to the order of construction of sewers during the coming season, be concurred in, and forwarded to the City Council, with a recommendation that it be carried out.

A true Extract.

N. MEAGHER, *Secty.*

ORDER FOR SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

Halifax, March 19, 1894.

Chairman Board of Health :

SIR—The accompanying petitions for a sewer on Woodill St. and the removal of a sewer nuisance opposite the foot of Brunswick Lane, having been referred to me, I beg to report :—

I have recommended the construction of a sewer on Woodill St and it has been placed on the Order Book, but I cannot urge that it be placed among the first on the list, for there are many that are needed more.

The following sewers are among those most needed :—

DeWolf's wharf outlet.

Marine & Fisheries outlet.

Queen St. from Morris St. to South St.

Hollis " " George " " Prince "

Brunswick St. Brunswick Lane " Procter's Lane.

Water St. " Prince St. " Ordnance.

and connecting sewers mentioned in report dated January 26th, 1894, to City Council.

Cunard St. from Robie St. to Windsor St.

Creighton St. " Gerrish St. " North St.

James St. " West St. " William St.

Dresden Row " Sackville St. " Spring Garden Rd.

Pleasant St. " Bishop St. " Morris St.

" " Morris St. " South St.

Creighton St. " Falkland St. " Cornwallis St.

Russell St. " Campbell Road " Gottingen St.

I have endeavored to place these sewers in the order of greatest necessity, a difficult task, and I would respectfully recommend that the Council be requested to adopt the order named as the order of construction for the coming season.

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

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to advertize for a loan of twenty thousand dollars for sewerage purposes under the Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, passed 15th October, 1891.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, and passed. Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Read returns of the City Collector of Rates and Taxes of city rates and water rates collected during the month of February. Also, read statements of City Treasurer, "general" "water" and "balances" for the month of February. Moved by Alderman Foster,

seconded by Alderman Stewart, that said returns and statements be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read application of Alfred Crossman, for a wholesale liquor license at No. 188 Upper Water Street, under the Liquor License Act, 1886. Objected to by Alderman Hubley, Mosher and Creighton, and placed on order paper.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Foster seconded by Alderman Mosher, that No. 27 on Order Paper, viz : Report of His Honor the Recorder, *re* appeal of the suit of the City of Halifax vs. Reeves to the Supreme Court of Canada be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

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

Whereas, The power and authority of the Board of Works will be transferred on the first day of May next, to His Worship the Mayor, who will be the head of the Department of Works, subject to the control of the Council.

And Whereas, It is advisable and in the City's interests, that His Worship shall be conversant with the management and work of the Department, and further, that the business coming before this Council can be dealt with in a much more expeditious manner, by leaving all available information respecting such business at His Worship's immediate command.

Therefore Resolved, That the City Engineer be instructed to attend all meetings of Council after 1st May next, and to occupy the seat on the right of His Worship, for the purpose of affording such information His Worship the Mayor and Council may deem advisable.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Duggan. Objected to, and placed on Order Paper.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Dollars be granted to the wife of the late librarian, as a final grant in consideration of the long services of her late husband as City Librarian.

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

Alderman Allen, introduces the following, as a notice of motion :—

Whereas, Clause 123, of City Charter, requires security from certain of the City Officials.

Therefore Resolved, That said officials shall be required to deposit with the proper City Official, the bond of a regularly incorporated guarantee company, on after the 1st of May, next.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that No. 17, on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 17, viz : 1st Clause, Report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, *re* Tenders for Hose.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That this council authorize the purchase of 2000 feet of Maltese Cross Hose, for the use of the Halifax Fire Department, at \$1.10 less 5 per cent. as per tender.

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

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

Read No. 26, viz: Report City Health Board relative to dismissal of Arthur Wyatt from the position of Keeper of Hospital for Infectious Diseases.

Halifax, N. S., January 30th, 1894.

The Board of Health hereby fully considered the complaint concerning the Infectious Diseases Hospital, and having taken evidence under oath, are satisfied that a change in the keeper of the Hospital is desirable and instruct the Secretary to notify the present incumbent that his services will not be required after the first of May next

N. MEAGHER, *Secretary*.

Moved by Alderman Duggan, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report of the City Health Board be received and concurred in and that the City Clerk be instructed to notify Mr. Wyatt of his dismissal from said position. Moved in amendment by Alderman Creighton, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the City Health Board be requested to furnish this Council, at its next meeting, with the nature of the charges preferred against Mr. Wyatt, together with a copy of the evidence taken at the investigation. Said amendment on being put is lost. The original motion is now put and passed. Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

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

Read No. 28. Resolution of Alderman Hubley by way of notice to rescind the resolution granting a liquor license to John Mulroney.

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

Council adjourns 11 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

APRIL 3rd, 1894.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, 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, Redden, Duggan, Stewart, Mitchell, Foster, Eden, Outhit, and Creighton.

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

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

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

Alderman Mosher, Chairman Board of City Works, submits a report from said Board, *re* remuneration to Alexander Pickering and W. P. Morrison, employees in City Engineer's Office.

Alderman Mosher submits a petition from Thomas Gillen and others for water extension on Richmond Street.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter from the City Engineer with plans and corrected lists of assessment for sewers constructed during the year 1893.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder, *re* wholesale liquor licenses.

Letter from the City Collector, covering a letter from Thomas O'Malley, *re* payment of sewerage rates.

Letter from Alfred Crossman, *re* his application for wholesale liquor license.

Letter from Edward Walker offering to accept eighty dollars for land expropriated for New Low Service Water Main.

Letter from Drysdale & McInnes, *re* payment of retiring allowance to Thomas Rhind, ex-City Clerk.

Letter from Union Engine Company *re* Insurance of Firemen.

Report of Chief Inspector of Licenses on application of Lawrence D. Murrans for a wholesale license, under the Liquor License Act, 1886.

City Collector's Returns of City Rates and Water Rates, collected during the month of March, 1894.

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

Read Report of City Prison Committee covering accounts, etc., for March, 1894.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY PRISON, April 3rd, 1894.

Committee of City Prison met this day at the Prison. Present:—Aldermen Stewart, Outhit, Redden and Hubley. In the absence of Alderman McFatrige, Alderman Hubley was appointed Acting Chairman.

The following accounts for month of March were examined, found correct and are recommended to the Council for payment.

G. P. Henry.....	\$19 44
Dillon Eros.....	24 00
A. J. Grant & Co.....	10 27
W. E. Growe & Co.....	11 07
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	\$64 78

A. HUBLEY, *Acting Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee of City Prison submitted this day, be received and adopted, and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts named therein. moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Redden and passed.

Read petition of Thomas Gillen and others, for water extension Richmond Street. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that said petition be referred to the Board of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder, *re* granting of wholesale liquor licenses by the City Council. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the same be laid over for consideration with No. 23 on Order Paper, viz : application of Alfred Crossman, for a wholesale liquor license.

Read letter from City Collector, covering a letter from Thomas O'Malley, *re* payment of Sewerage Rates, and asking instructions from the Council relative thereto. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Alfred Crossman, requesting that the City Council deal with his application for a wholesale liquor license at its first meeting. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be laid over for consideration with No. 32 on Order Paper. Motion passed.

Read letter from H. Havelock Banks, on application of Lawrence D. Murrans, for a wholesale liquor license, under the liquor license act 1886. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Duggan, that the consideration of the same be deferred, to be taken up with No. 32 on Order Paper.

Read letter from Edward Walker, offering to accept eighty dollars, for the portion of his land expropriated by the City, for laying pipes for the new low service water main. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Duggan, that the matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor and W. J. Veith, Esq., (the arbitrator appointed by the City Council) with power to pay Mr. Walker said amount of eighty dollars, if it is thought by them to be in the interest of the City so to do. Motion passed.

Read letter from Messrs. Drysdale and McInnes, asking payment of amount of retiring allowance due Thomas Rhind, Ex-City Clerk.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor be authorized to pay Mr. Rhind one year's salary out of the two years' estimates for this purpose.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton. Moved in amendment by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts to recommend a fund from which the balance can be drawn. Said amendment on being put is lost, 5 voting for the same and 8 against it. The original motion is now put and passed.

Read letter from the City Engineer, relative to corrected lists (with plans) of Sewer Assessment for sewers constructed during the year 1893.

SEWER ASSESSMENT.

City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N. S., March 24th, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In submitting the assessment plans and lists as required by section 478 of the City Charter, there were some errors made in the name and address of some of the property owners. These have been checked over by the Assessors and corrected lists made out. I beg to submit the original plans and lists again, together with the corrected lists, and respectfully recommend that they be filed as provided by the section above referred to.

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the same be filed as required by law. Motion passed.

Read report from the Committee on Public Accounts *re* accounts of A and W. MacKinlay, returns of the City Collector and City Treasurer, and a recommendation relative to refunding the bonded indebtedness of the City.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, March 28th, 1894.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

At a meeting of the Committee on Public Accounts held this day. Present : Aldermen Dennis, Chairman, Foster Stewart and Hubley, they had before them accounts from Messrs. A & W. Mackinlay for stationery, etc., for the following named departments :—Stipendiary Magistrate, \$5.00, do. 65c. ; City Collector \$9.20; City Treasurer, \$3.85 ; Police, \$2.59 ; City Clerk, \$6.34.—Total \$27.63. All of which having been certified and found correct are recommended for payment.

Having carefully examined the accompanying returns from the City Treasurer and City Collector, your Committee recommend that they be referred to the Committee on Publication of the Annual Civic Report. (The returns referred to are

cash statements of City Treasurer for November and December, 1893, and February, 1894. City Treasurer's cash statements Water Department for same months, and City Treasurer's statements of Balances for the months of December, 1893, and February, 1894. City Collectors returns of General Rates and Water Rates for December, 1893, and February, 1894)

Your Committee have instructed the City Auditor to submit to them a statement of the Bonded indebtedness of the City, showing the amount of Bonds outstanding, how long running, and when due. Also, what Legislation exists enabling the City to refund its debt, and if none, what Legislation is required for refunding the debt of the City at a lower rate of interest. This action has been taken by the Committee with the belief that a very large amount of the City's debt can be refunded at a uniform rate of interest, lower than it is now compelled to pay, thereby saving several thousands of dollars each year.

WM DENNIS, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that said report be received and adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of Cemetery Committee against the use of the circle in Camp Hill Cemetery for burial purposes, and informing the Council that arrangements had been made for the interment of bodies in Fairview Cemetery.

Committee Room, City Hall, March 29th, 1894.

The Cemetery Committee met above date, present Aldermen Foster, Creighton and Dennis.

The Committee had before them the letter from Hon. A. G. Jones, attached hereto, relative to the contemplated organization of the Fairview Cemetery Company.

The following resolution moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Foster was adopted.

Resolved, That the Cemetery Committee is unalterably opposed to the use of any portion of the Circle of Camp Hill Cemetery for the interment of bodies. Camp Hill Cemetery is the geographical centre of the city and in the future will undoubtedly be a great resort for citizens. To fill up every foot of space in the cemetery therefore would be exceedingly unwise for the present and worse than a blunder against posterity.

Further Resolved, That the Superintendent of Camp Hill Cemetery be authorized to confer with the promoters of the proposed Fairview Cemetery Company and to arrange with them for the temporary interment in that Cemetery, of bodies, pending the due organization of their Company and arrangements for the final interment of such bodies under regulations provided by the proposed Company.

WM. DENNIS, *Acting Chairman.*

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

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

Read report of Board of City Works, *re* remuneration of Alexander Pickering and W. P. Morrison, employees in City Engineer's office. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from M. J. Doyle, Recording Secretary of the Union Engine Company, relative to Insurance of Firemen. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the same be referred to the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners for report. Motion passed.

Read City Collector's returns of City Rates and Water Rates collected during the month of March, 1894. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates the following named Aldermen, as a special Committee on Weighing of Hay, viz: Aldermen Morrow, Dennis, Hamilton, O'Donnell, Foster and Outhit. Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said nomination be concurred in. Motion passed.

The following named Aldermen were appointed Presiding Officers for the Civic Election, to be held 25th April, inst. For Ward one, Alderman Stewart; Ward two, Alderman Dennis; Ward three, Alderman Mitchell; Ward four, Alderman Hubley; Ward five, Alderman Eden; Ward six, Alderman Mosher.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1. Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of report of Board of City Works, on petition of Minnie Hunter for increase of salary.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the resolution passed at last meeting adopting said report, be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same, and 9 against it. Names being called for appeared thus:

For reconsideration.	Against it.
Aldermen Hamilton, Duggan, Mitchell, Hubley, O'Donnell, Outhit.—6.	Aldermen Stewart, Wallace, Allen, Dennis, Redden, Eden, Foster, Creighton, Mosher.—9.

No. 2. Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of resolution, authorizing the City Treasurer to borrow \$2,000 for Sewerage purposes. Alderman O'Donnell declines to move for the reconsideration of this matter.

No. 3. Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of report of City Health Board, *re* dismissal of Arthur Wyatt from the position of keeper of the Hospital for Infectious Diseases. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that said report be now reconsidered.

Alderman O'Donnell, by leave of Council, submits a letter from Arthur Wyatt, covering letters in reference to his efficiency as keeper of said Hospital. The same was read. The motion to reconsider on being put is lost. Five voting for the same and ten against it. The names being called for appeared thus:—

For reconsideration,	Against it.
Aldermen O'Donnell, Foster. Creighton. Mosher, Outhit,—5.	Aldermen Stewart, Wallace, Allen, Dennis, Redden, Hamilton, Duggan, Mitchell, Hubley, Eden,—10.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that No. 17 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 17 viz: balance report of Committee on Public Accounts, on present system of administration of civic business and suggesting certain changes therein.

Read Clause B. of Section 3, of recommendations. Recommending that the City Treasurer keep one general cash book. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the same be adopted, Motion passed.

Read Clause C. instructing the City Treasurer to keep but one general bank account, and one special deposit account. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause D, recommending that there shall be one day each week, viz:—Monday for the payment of all Civic moneys. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause E, instructing the City Treasurer not to send his deposits to the Bank by a Policeman. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that said clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause F, abolishing the Clerk of License as a separate head of department, and appointing the City Collector as Clerk of License without extra salary, and recommending that the present Clerk of License be retained in the civic employ as a clerk. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that this clause pass. Motion passed subject to an opinion of His Honor the Recorder, to be submitted at next meeting of Council.

Read Clause G, recommending a division of the work in City Clerk's office. Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the said clause be struck out and the following substituted therefor:—"That the City Clerk be authorized to make such arrangements in regard to the internal management of the business of his office and the work of his assistants as to him seems advisable from time to time. Motion passed.

Read Clause H, recommending that all fees and fines collected by the City Clerk be paid over to the City Treasurer every Saturday, including the fees formerly paid by the City Clerk to the City Marshal. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause I, recommending that all writs and other legal documents, issued by the City Clerk, be numbered consecutively and entered on duplicate stubs. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that this Clause be struck from the report. Motion passed.

Read Clause J, relative to providing a separate office for the Clerk of Police and City Courts. On motion the same was struck out of report.

Read Clause K, relative to premiums on loans. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause L, relative to the payment, by warrant, of all Board of Works moneys. On motion the same was struck from the report.

Read Clauses M, N, O, relative to City Auditor, and Clause P, relative to Civic office hours. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said clauses be referred back to the Committee on Public Accounts for further consideration. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the report as a whole as amended, be adopted, that all changes recommended in the report and adopted, go into effect on the 1st May next and the City Clerk notify the several officials interested.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Redden and passed, subject to the opinion of His Honor the Recorder as to the law on some clauses of the report.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hubley that No. 13 on the Order of the Day, viz: Report of Cemetery Committee on limited number of graves in Camp Hill Cemetery remaining undisposed of be struck from Order Paper. Motion passed.

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

The following resolution is introduced:

Whereas, It is understood that it is in the discretion of the City Collector to remit interest on overdue taxes. *Resolved*. That the Committee on Laws and Privileges make a report on this matter.

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

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that No. 32 on Order of the Day, be taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 32, viz:—Application of Alfred Crossman for a wholesale liquor license at No. 188 Upper Water Street. Also, read a letter from Alfred Crossman relative to said application. Also, read a letter from License Inspector Banks, covering application of L. D. Murrans for a wholesale liquor license. Also, read a letter from His Honor the Recorder, *re* wholesale liquor licenses.

IN RE WHOLESALE LICENSES.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, Halifax, N. S. April 4th, 1894.

I have again read very carefully the Act passed in 1888, relating to the above subject, and it is difficult from its terms to ascertain whether this Council is bound to grant licenses to any one who may apply for it on production of the Provincial Secretary's receipt.

I think it would be better for the Council to exercise its discretion, and where they think it should be refused not grant the license, and leave the party to apply to the Court for his remedy.

Of course every one applying to the Council for a wholesale license since 1888, must obtain the certificate of the rate payers. It is only those who previous to the passing of that Act had been granted a license are exempt from obtaining the certificate of the rate payers.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman Duggan, seconded by Alderman Hubley that a license be not granted to Alfred Crossman. Motion passed. Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Read application of L. D. Murrans for a wholesale liquor license with the License Inspector's report thereon. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Creighton that said license be not granted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the following items be struck from Order Paper, viz. No. 28, resolution of Alderman Hubley, by way of notice to rescind the resolution, granting a liquor license to John Mulroney.

No. 29. Resolution of Alderman McFatridge, to rescind the resolution relative to the application of John Ahern, for a license to sell liquor.

No. 30. Resolution of Alderman McFatridge, to rescind the resolution relative to the application of Edward Griffin, for a license to sell liquor. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that No. 15 on Order Paper, viz: "Resolution of Alderman Mosher, by way of notice, instructing His Honor the Recorder to prepare an act *re* borrowing money for civic purposes," be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns, 10.25 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

APRIL 13th, 1894.

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

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the time for meeting be extended until 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30—Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Outhit, Mosher, Hubley, O'Donnell, Wallace, Dennis, Ryan, Redden, McFatrige and Duggan.

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.

Alderman Wallace, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Laws and Privileges, on Mr. McDonald's claim for extras, and other matters.

Alderman Wallace, Chairman, submits a report from the Library Committee, *re* Tenders for Printing Catalogue of the Books in the Library.

Alderman Mosher, Chairman, submits three reports from the Board of City Works, viz:—On estimate for Water Service, 1894-5. On correspondence, in *re* John Milsom's claim against the City. On report from the City Engineer, *re* Russell Street Sewer.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—Letter from Monastery of Good Shepherd, *re* Street line of Quinpool Road.

Reports from His Honor the Recorder, *re* Milsom's claim for damages; *re* Brookfield's claim for exemption from Sewerage Rates, Inglis Street; *re* Clerk of License becoming a clerk in the office of the City Collector; and *re* Marlborough woods.

Report of City Engineer, *re* Granite Curbs and Gutters.

Report of City Clerk, covering accounts of A. & W. Mackinlay and Industrial School.

City Treasurers statements "General" "Water" and "Balances" to 31st March, 1894.

Returns of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the months of February and March.

Report of H. H. Banks, Inspector of Licences, on the application of Cornelius Kennedy for a wholesale liquor license.

Alderman Outhit submits a petition from James Godwin and others, against the construction of a Sewer on Russell Street.

Alderman Wallace submits a petition from M. U. LeNoir, relative to assessment of his property.

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 Committee on Tenders for loan of \$5,250.00 for Fire Hose, etc.

April 13, 1894.

The Committee on Tenders beg to report that tenders were opened to day, for loan of \$5,250.00 and recommend that J. C. Mackintosh, at 100.2625, interest at 5 per cent. be accepted.

GEOFFREY MORROW, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That report of Committee on Tenders be received and concurred in and that J. C. Mackintosh's tender to loan \$5250.00 at 100.2625 interest at 5 per cent. be accepted, payment to be made in five equal annual instalments with interest thereon half-yearly. Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Mosher, and passed.

Read report of Library Committee on tenders for printing a new catalogue for the Citizens Free Library.

Halifax, N. S., April 12th, 1893.

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

The Library Committee beg to report as follows :

Your Committee asked for tenders for printing a new and complete catalogue of the books in the library, and beg to recommend that the tender of Wm. MacNab, being the lowest, be accepted. The tenders are herewith submitted.

Applications from the Librarian and Assistant Librarian were read. On motion of Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mosher, it was resolved to recommend that the salary of the Librarian be increased by the addition of fifty dollars per annum, and the salary of the Assistant by fifty dollars, the Chairman and Alderman McFtridge, however, favoring a larger increase in each case.

The annexed bills were ordered to be paid. (James Bowes and Son, \$3.00; Morton and Co., \$2.25; Connolly's Central Book Store, \$19.71.)

W. B. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report be received and adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges, *re* claim of James McDonald for alleged extra work at Esplanade; claim of John Donaghey for damages for alleged false arrest and imprisonment; and also relative to the power of the City Collector to remit interest on over-due taxes.

HALIFAX, N. S. April 12th, 1894.

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

Your Committee beg to submit the following report :

In regard to the claim of Mr. McDonald for extras in connection with work done at the Esplanade, your Committee after considering the testimony in the

case are unable to recommend payment of any money out of City funds in connection with said claim.

With respect to the claim of Mr. John Donaghey, your Committee beg to report that they did not consider the matter as one which in view of the contradictory evidence could be satisfactorily dealt with by the Committee or the Council. Your Committee consider that if Mr. Donaghey has been aggrieved in the case referred to he can be afforded an adequate remedy in the Courts.

In regard to the question referred to your Committee as to whether the City Collector has power to remit interest in connection with overdue taxes. Your Committee find that Section 365 gives the Collector the following power :

"In case either an individual or a firm whom on which assessment or taxes are due to the City shall have made a general assignment of assets to creditors or otherwise is unable to pay debts in full, and in case of the insolvent estate of a person deceased it shall be lawful for the City Collector to join on behalf of the City in any such assignment or to accept a dividend, if no property can be found on which to levy.

W. B. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the clause of said report relative to the claim of James McDonald be referred to the Board of City Works for report and that the remainder of the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of City Works *re* John Milsom's claim of \$500 for alleged damage to his property at Chain Lakes; also read the correspondence submitted with said report. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be placed on the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of City Works *re* Estimate for Water Service for the civic year 1894-5.

Halifax, April 10th, 1894.

The Board of City Works beg to report that at a special meeting held this day they had before them the Estimate for the Water Service for the current civic year, when it was adopted and ordered to be sent to the City Council for its approval.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

Estimates for 1894-5.

EXPENDITURE.

Interest.....	\$47,000 00	
Maintenance.....	18,000 00	
Short Collection.....	1,400 00	
		\$66,400 00
Income, Special & Meter Rates		36,000 00
		\$30,000 00
of \$30,400.00.....	\$11,340 00	
of do.	19,060 00	
		\$30,400 00
16,000,000.00 12 p. 100	\$19,200 00	
8,000,000.00 14 p. 100	11,200 00	
		\$30,400 00

S. MOSHER, *Chairman Board of Works.*

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

Read report of Board of City Works, covering a report of the City Engineer, *re* Sewer Russell Street.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 10th, 1894.

The Board of City Works beg to report that at a special meeting held this day they had under consideration a report from the City Engineer, in *re* Russell Street Sewer, when it was decided to forward a copy of said report to the City Council, with a recommendation that the suggestions therein contained be carried out.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

RUSSELL STREET SEWER.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 7th, 1894.

Chairman Board of Works:

SIR,—When Russell Street Sewer was ordered it was designed to empty through a new outlet to be constructed at the North Ferry Dock. Since that time a new Sewer has been laid on Campbell Road, between Young Street and Kaye Street, which is designed to carry the sewage to Hanover Street when the capacity of Young Street outlet becomes overtaxed. Any outlet is very likely to become objectionable, and if we can do without one we should do so whenever an opportunity offers. It will be cheaper to connect Russell Street Sewer along Campbell Road North, than to construct a new outlet which would be another argument in favor of such a change, and I would respectfully recommend that when the Russell Street Sewer is built the Sewer on Campbell Road, between Kaye Street and Russell Street be constructed, instead of the outlet at the Ferry Dock

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

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

Read report of Charities Committee *re* accounts &c., for the month of March.

Halifax, April 4th, 1894.

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report. That they examined accounts chargeable to maintenance, to the amount of \$1,095.04, found them correct and ordered them to be paid.

The Superintendents report showed that during the month of March, there had been admitted to the Poor's Asylum 19 persons, 19 discharged, 4 died, and 3 born. Number of inmates March 31st, 1894, 191 men, 135 women and 10 children. Total 336.

WM. DENNIS, *Chairman*.

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

Read report of City Clerk, *re* accounts of A. and W. MacKinlay and Halifax Industrial School. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Monastery of Good Shepherd, *re* Street line of Quinpool Road. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Allen, that the same be placed on Order Paper. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer, *re* Granite Curbs and Gutters, *re* quantity ordered, received, paid for and when the balance would be received.

GRANITE CURBS AND GUTTERS.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Halifax, N S., April 12th, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I have been instructed by the Board of Works to report to the Council how much curb and gutters was ordered, how much received, what quantity was paid for and when the balance will be received.

The whole quantity of curb ordered was about 15,000 feet; the quantity of gutters about 25,000 feet. 5,000 feet of curb has been laid already, and 10,000 feet of gutters, and the whole quantity laid has been certified for payment. Some of the curb and gutter already delivered have been certified for payment but I cannot say whether it has been paid for or not. The value of curb and gutter undelivered or not certified under the contracts is \$11,000.00, all the stone will be delivered during the season. The greater part of the curb will be shipped during the next two months.

The schedule attached shows the work for which granite was ordered and which has not been done.

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

WORK FOR WHICH GRANITE WAS ORDERED.

W. side	Barrington, Sackville to Blowers.....	Gutter.
" "	" " Bell's Lane to Cornwallis,	"
E. "	" " " " "	"
S. "	Inglis, Lucknow to S. Park,	"
" "	" " " " "	Curb.
F. "	Brunswick, Jacob to North,	"
" "	" " " " "	Gutter.
" "	Pleasant, South to Victoria Lane,	"
N. "	Spring Garden Road, Pleasant to Summer	Curb.
" "	" " " " "	" Curb.
E. "	Argyle, Buckingham to Jacob,	Gutter.
W. "	" " " " "	"
E. "	Gottingen, Falkland to Gerrish,	"
" "	" " " " "	Curb.
W. "	" " Gogswell " "	"
" "	" " " " "	Gutter.
N. "	Gogswell, Brunswick to Gottingen,	Gutter.

The remainder of the granite not yet delivered was for sidewalks where concrete was to be laid.

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

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, That the City Engineer is hereby instructed to report at the next meeting of the Council, in what portions of the City in his opinion granite curbs and gutters should be laid during the summer, with the view of having the material carted direct to such portions of the City; also that the Engineer report the estimated cost of laying the same, so that the Council may take steps to provide the necessary funds. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mosher, and passed.

Read petition of M. U. LeNoir, in re assessment on his real estate, Ward No. 2. Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the said petition be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of James Godwin and other rate-payers and property owners on Russell Street, protesting against the construction of the proposed sewer on said Street. Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from Policeman Alexander Grant, relative to a copy of a resolution passed by the Police Commissioners, notifying him that his services as an active member of the Police force would terminate on the 1st May next, and asking that the City Council grant him a more favorable consideration than that proposed by the Board of Police Commissioners. Moved by Alderman Duggan, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that the matter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners to be dealt with by them. Motion passed.

Read report of His Honor the Recorder on claim of John Milsom for damage to his property near Chain Lakes.

Halifax, N. S., April 13th, 1894.

IN *re* MILSOM'S CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

This claim was sent me some time ago and I have not yet reported on it, nor can I do so for some short time longer on account of the difficulties in the way.

Part of the property claimed by Mr. Milsom was purchased by the City from Thomas Gooley and wife in May, 1885, for which it paid \$150.

During 1890 the heirs of the Muir estate claimed this property did not belong to Gooley, but formed part of the lot belonging to them and requested the City to purchase it.

Long negotiations took place verbally between the then City Engineer, myself, and the Board of Works, on the one side, and Mr. Hendry, the surveyor, acting for the heirs of Muir. Mr. Hendry made a survey and plan of all the lots at Dutch Village and assured the Engineer it was on the Muir property.

The matter was referred to me and the then Engineer. Myself and Mr. Hendry repeatedly met and investigated the matter and I finally advised, as the side lines of the lots were so uncertain, not to purchase, but advised to expropriate the same if it was necessary for the City to have it.

Notwithstanding this advice the Board of Works having the assurance of Mr. Hendry, recommended the Council to purchase it and a deed from the heirs of Muir was executed conveying this piece of land with all Mr. Muir's heirs interest in the whole lot, for the sum of \$700.

I understand that Mr. Milsom now claims it belongs to his lot No. 10. In February, 1890, a written agreement was entered into between the owners of the various lots to refer the matter to a competent Surveyor, who should ascertain the boundaries as near as possible, make a plan of the same, showing the courses and the distances of the same and the width of the lots, after which the lines so laid down should bind all parties. That plan has been made and filed in the Engineer's office, but the courses and distances are not given thereon. I have called the attention of the Engineer to the fact and I am quite sure that the Surveyor will make it all right on being requested to do so, otherwise it will not be binding, as it is impossible from the plan itself to ascertain the starting point and the direction of the sidelines and their distance. Boundary stones have been put down on the corners, but these should appear on the plan.

I may also say I have partly completed the search as to the title and I find it in an unsatisfactory state, and propose to make a thorough investigation, as the Council will agree with me if they are to pay for it a third time, and also damages. The title should be beyond doubt.

Mr. Milsom claims \$500 for overflowing a piece of his wilderness land, which, even supposing the land to be his, is entirely too much.

These are some of the difficulties in my way with others, which it is not in the public interest to mention, but which I have told His Worship, and he agrees with me it is advisable to postpone the report for a short time longer. I hope to be in a position to make a final report shortly.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, Recorder

His Worship the Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that the opinion of His Honor the Recorder be concurred in by this Council, and that it be placed on file. Motion passed.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder, in *re* S. M. Brookfield's claim for exemption from Sewerage Rates, Inglis Street.

Halifax, N. S., April 13th, 1894.

In *re* Brookfield's claim from exemption from Sewerage Rates for Inglis Street. I am of opinion that Mr. Brookfield is liable to pay the Sewerage Rates for Inglis Street.

From the Records of the City it would appear that Mr. Brookfield's father bought some pipes for Inglis Street, but there is nothing to show Mr. Brookfield, Senior, or anyone else ever paid any portion of the putting down of the crockpipe in Inglis Street. I am also informed that Mr. Brookfield was not the owner of the property, from which he claims exemption, at the time it is alleged that these rates were paid

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, Recorder.

His Worship the Mayor

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said opinion be adopted and a copy thereof sent Mr. Brookfield. Motion passed.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder *re* transferring the duties of Clerk of License to the City Collector.

Halifax, N. S. April 13th, 1894.

IN RE CLERK OF LICENSE.

I can see no objection to the duties of Clerk of License being transferred to the Collector, but this should not be done until the expiration of the present year as the present incumbent was appointed for one year. His term of office will expire with the other Civic officers.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, Recorder.

His Worship the Mayor

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Duggan, that said opinion be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

Read report of His Honor the Recorder, *re* extension of Inglis Street, westwardly, covering draft copy of resolution to expropriate the necessary lands, and draft bond of B. F. Pearson and W. F. Pickering to grade said extension, etc. Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter of H. H. Banks, Chief Inspector of Licenses on application of Cornelius Kennedy for a wholesale liquor license. Also, read application of said Cornelius Kennedy for a wholesale liquor license, together with the Inspector's report thereon. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the report of the License Inspector be adopted and that said license be not granted. Motion passed.

Read returns of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the months of February and March. Filed.

Read City Treasurer's statements "General" "Water" and "Balances" for the month of March. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

The Council now proceed to elect two Citizen Commissioners of Halifax Common, viz: Matthew Scanlan and Charles S. Lane, whose term of office expires this day. Moved by Alderman Duggan, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Matthew Scanlan and Charles S. Lane be re-elected citizen Commissioners of Halifax Common. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Eden to submit a resolution by way of notice. Motion passed and the following introduced:

Resolved, That the resolution of Council ordering a sewer to be built on Russell Street, be and is hereby rescinded. Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman McFatridge.

No. 1 on Order Paper—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of application of Alfred Crossman, for a wholesale liquor license, is now taken up. Alderman O'Donnell declines to move for said reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Hubley, to submit a notice of Motion. Motion passed.

Alderman Hubley gives notice that at the next meeting of council he will introduce the following resolution.

Resolved, That the resolution passed at a meeting of this Council, November 8th, 1893, adopting a report from the Committee on Publication of Annual Report in re printing Minutes of Council be and is hereby rescinded.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns, 10.10 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

APRIL 26th, 1894.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Foster, Mitchell, Allen and Hubley.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, 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, Stewart, Redden, Dennis, Hamilton, Duggan, O'Donnell, Eden and Mosher.

The Council was summoned to receive the returns of the election for Mayor and Aldermen, held 25th April, instant. 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 the following reports from the Board of City Works, viz: A report covering a report from the City Engineer, *re* Proctor's Lane Sewer.

Report covering report from the City Engineer, *re* Esplanade Sewer and South Hollis Street extension.

Report covering a report from the City Engineer, in *re* petition for an Electric Light at north-east corner of Gottingen and Russell Streets; also, a report, *re* Electric Lighting of the city.

Report covering a report from the City Engineer on letter from W. U. Telegraph Co., *re* erection of poles. Report covering a report from the City Engineer, *re* sidewalk on north side of Spring Garden Road. Report with copy of report of City Engineer, in *re* Cement Contract.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—Returns of the Annual Civic Elections, held 25th April, inst. Report from the City Engineer, *re* Granite Curbs and Gutters. Extract from minutes of City Health Board, in *re* appointment of William H. and Mrs. Hardesty as Keeper and Matron of Hospital for Infectious Diseases.

Letter from City Health Board, covering a petition from C. E. Baker and others, for Sewer on South Street, with a report from the City Engineer thereon.

Letter from Robie Uniacke, *re* extension of Inglis Street.

Letter from Fairview Cemetery Company, *re* payment of Civic grant to said Company.

Letter from the City Treasurer, *re* resolutions passed by the City Council affecting the working of his office.

Report from Committee on Public Accounts on various matters.

Annual report of Committee on Public Accounts for civic year 1893-4.

Alderman Hubley submits a report from the Library Committee *re* Tenders for Printing new Catalogue for the Library.

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

Read return of the City Clerk covering the nomination papers of M. E. Keefe for the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1894-5, he being the only candidate for said office. The City Clerk now declares M. E. Keefe to be duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1894-5.

Read return of Alderman Stewart, Presiding Officer Ward No 1, declaring John M. Geldert, Jr. to have received the highest number of votes at the election held April 25th inst. His Worship the Mayor declares John M. Geldert, Jr. to have been duly elected an Alderman for Ward No. 1 of the City of Halifax.

Read return of the City Clerk covering the nomination paper of Arthur W. Redden for the office of Alderman, Ward No. 2, he being the only candidate nominated for said Ward. His Worship the Mayor declares Arthur W. Redden duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax.

Read return of Alderman Mitchell showing James T. Hamilton to have received the highest amount of votes at the election for Alderman, Ward No. 3, held 25th April, inst. His Worship the Mayor declares James T. Hamilton duly elected an Alderman for Ward No. 3 of the City of Halifax.

Read return of Alderman Hubley, Presiding Officer, Ward No. 4, showing John F. Ryan to have received the majority of votes at the election for Alderman, Ward No. 4, held 25th April, inst. His Worship the Mayor declares John F. Ryan duly elected an Alderman for Ward No. 4 of the City of Halifax.

Read return of the City Clerk covering the nomination paper of Miner T. Foster for the office of Alderman, Ward No. 5, he being the only candidate for said Ward. His Worship the Mayor declares Miner T. Foster duly elected an Alderman for Ward No. 5 of the City of Halifax.

Read return of the City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Charles W. Outhit for the office of Alderman for Ward No. 6 of the City of Halifax, he being the only candidate for the office of Alderman for said Ward. His Worship the Mayor declares Charles W. Outhit duly elected an Alderman for Ward No. 6 of the City of Halifax.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to notify the Hon., the Provincial Secretary, of the election of Michael E. Keefe Esq. to the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, for the civic year 1894-5 and to respectfully request that His

Honor the Lieutenant Governor may be pleased to name a time and place when he will be prepared to administer to Mr. Keefe the oath of office. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Allen and passed.

Read report of Board of City Works relative to the advisability of renewing the old contract for Electric Lighting of the City.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 26, 1894.

The Board of City Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day the following resolution was moved by Commr. Dennis, seconded by Commr. Ryan, and ordered to be sent to the City Council for the information and action of that body.

Resolved, That in view of the dissatisfaction of citizens at the proposed decrease of electric lights in the suburbs under the proposed new contract that the City Council be recommended to refer the contract with the Electric Light Company to a committee composing the Mayor, Alderman Mosher, Engineer and Recorder, to consider whether or not it would not be more in the interest of the City to renew the old contract, and if so, to take the necessary steps for carrying the same into effect, and report to the Council.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that said report be received and adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of City Works, covering a report from the City Engineer on letter from Western Union Telegraph Co., asking permission to erect certain poles on north side of Prince Street, between Hollis Street and Bedford Row.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 26th, 1894.

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 letter from the Western Union Telegraph Co., in re erection of Poles on north side of Prince Street, east of Hollis Street and west of Bedford Row, in order to maintain established communication between their office and that of the Direct United States Cable Co., when it was decided to forward report to the City Council, with a recommendation that its conditions be adopted.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

TELEPHONE POLES, PRINCE STREET.

Chairman Board of Works:

SIR—The accompanying application for permission to place two poles in Prince Street was sent to me.

There is of course the usual objection to the erection of poles and wires on the Street. I would recommend that permission be granted to erect one pole, and that the Company be informed that they will have to make arrangements with the Halifax Illuminating and Motor Co., to use their pole at the corner of Prince Street and Bedford Row, or another Pole to be substituted for it.

Poles 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*.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 24th, 1894.

F. W. W. DOANE, Esq., *City Engineer, Halifax, N. S.:*

SIR,—The Direct United States Cable Company, are about to remove to their new office, situated on the corner of Prince Street and Bedford Row. In order to maintain the established communication between that Company's office and ours it is necessary to have the three wires connecting the present offices continued to the office about to be occupied by the Direct Co. To do this it is necessary to

erect two poles on the north side of Prince Street, east of Hollis and west of Bedford Row, and I herewith beg your permission, and ask for a location for the same. A reply at your earliest convenience will greatly oblige.

OFFICE, MANAGER W. U. Tel. Co.

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

Read report of Board of City Works covering a report from the City Engineer *re* the best material for laying a permanent pavement on the north side of Spring Garden Road. Objected to and placed on Order Paper.

Read report of Board of City Works covering a report from the City Engineer in *re* Proctor's Lane Sewer.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 26th, 1894.

The Board of Works beg to report, that at a meeting held this day, they had under consideration a report from the City Engineer, in *re* Proctor's Lane Sewer, when said report was adopted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council, with a recommendation that the work be carried out.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 21st, 1894.

PROCTOR'S LANE SEWER

Chairman Board of Works:

SIR,—In reporting in the diversion of Brunswick Lane Sewer along Brunswick Street to Proctor's Lane, it was proposed to use the old Sewer in Proctor's Lane as an outlet. It is shown on our plan of Sewers and in the City Engineer's return in the annual report for 1875, as twenty inches square. I had it opened to-day to begin work and find that it is only about half the size the records show. It would not be safe to turn much water into it, as the grade is steep, and if the sewer becomes choked with water it would burst.

I would therefore recommend (the Brunswick Street Sewer being urgent) that a new Sewer be built at once on Proctor's Lane, from Barrington Street to Brunswick. The cost will be about sixteen hundred dollars

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said report be concurred in. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of City Works covering a report from the City Engineer in *re* petition from St. Joseph's Congregation et al for an electric light on Gottingen Street at corner of Russell Street. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Morrow that the same be placed on Order Paper to be considered with No. 17 thereon, viz., report of Board of City Works covering a report and plan of the City Engineer relative to street lighting. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of City Works covering a report of the City Engineer (with plan) *re* Esplanade Sewer and South Hollis Street Extension. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report of Board of City Works covering a report from the City Engineer on letter from Messrs. Anderson and Evans *re* alleged overflow of water from sidewalk of Gottingen Street on to their property. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that a copy of the Engineer's report be sent Messrs. Anderson and Evans and that the report be placed on the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of City Works recommending the acceptance of H. H. Fuller & Co.'s tender for cement, with the City Engineer's report thereon.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 26th, 1894.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day, they had under discussion a report from the City Engineer on "Cement Contract," recommending that the tender of H. H. Fuller & Co., be accepted. When on motion, said report was received and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council, with a recommendation that it be adopted.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

CEMENT CONTRACT

HALIFAX, N. S., April 26th, 1894.

Chairman Board of Works:

SIR,—I beg to submit a statement showing the tenders for Cement in the order of price.

The lowest tender is that of H. H. Fuller & Co., for Star brand, \$2.15 for 400 lb. barrels gross weight. I have tested the different brands and have to report that the Star brand comes well within the requirements of the specification on all tests, and I am satisfied that it is a good Cement. The barrels are made of tongued a grooved staves, reducing the waste to a minimum. I respectfully recommend that the tender of H. H. Fuller & Co., for Star brand be accepted.

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

CONTRACTOR.	BRAND.	Nett weight of Bbls.	Tender.	Equiv. for 375 lbs. Nett.
H. H. Fuller & Co.....	Star	375	\$2 15	2·15
Brookfield Bros.....	White Bros.....	425	2 47	2·17
Black Bros.....	Coronet	400	2 32	2·17
Cunningham & Curren.....	LaCloche	375	2 20	2·20
Francis Hyde & Co.....	Burnham.....	375	2 20	2·20
"	IX Elms.....	375	2 21	2·21
"	K. B. & S.....	375	2 23	2·23
Brookfield Bros.....	K. B. & S.....	375	2 23	2·23
"	White Bros.....	400	2 38	2·23
"	"	450	2 68	2·23
Francis Hyde & Co.....	Burnham.....	350	2 09	2·29
W. McNally.....	Globe.....	375	2 24	2·24
Francis Hyde & Co.....	IX Elms.....	350	2 10	2·25
H. H. Fuller & Co.....	IX Elms.....	400	2 40	2·25
"	Eagle	375	2 25	2·25
A. M. Bell.....	On Hand.....	350	2 10	2·25
Francis Hyde & Co.....	White Bros	375	2 27	2·27
"	Shield	375	2 30	2·30
T. A. S. DeWolf & Sons....	White Bros.....	450	2 77	2·29
"	Shield.....	375	2 30	2·30
"	Cleopatra.....	375	2 30	2·30
Drummond, McCall & Co..	Elephant.....	350	2 15	2·30
Francis Hyde & Co.....	White Bros	350	2 16	2·31
H. H. Fuller & Co.....	J. B. White & Bros...	375	2 32	2·32
"	Cathedral.....	375	2 32	2·32
A. M. Bell.....	White's.....	375	2 32	2·32
W. McNally & Co.....	Eagle	375	2 35	2·35
T. A. S. DeWolf & Sons....	White Bros.....	375	2 35	2·35
W. McNally & Co.....	White's.....	375	2 39	2·39
H. H. Fuller & Co.....	F. T.....	375	2 40	2·40
C. I. DeSola.....	Josson.....	350	2 58	2·76
"	"	"	2 27	2·43
"	"	"	2 39	2·56

The following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That the tender of H. H. Fuller & Co., for cement, be accepted, the city reserving the right to purchase the quantity required. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFatrige and passed.

Read report of Library Committee recommending the acceptance of the tender of William MacNab for printing and binding catalogue of books for the Citizens' Free Library, at \$34.50 per form of sixteen pages.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council,

Your Library Committee beg to report that owing to an omission in making up his tender, the tenderer refused to enter into a contract to perform the work. Your Committee therefore asked again for tenders and beg to submit them herewith with recommendation that Wm. MacNab's be accepted at \$34.50 per form of 16 pages, for paper, printing, binding, etc.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Acting Chairman.*

Halifax, April 20, 1894.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the tender of William MacNab be accepted at \$34.50 per form of 16 pages, for paper, printing, binding, etc. provided there is sufficient funds to the credit of Library account to carry out the work. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mosher and passed.

Read report of Committee on Public Accounts relative to refunding city debt, collection of fees from wholesale liquor dealers, bonds falling due 1st July, next, and other matters, and recommending accounts for payment.

Committee Room, City Hall, April 17, 1894.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council,

GENTLEMEN,—A meeting of the Committee on Public Accounts held above date, present, Aldermen Dennis, (Chairman) Stewart, Hubley, Foster and Outhit, your committee had before them the City Collector's statements, "General and Water" for January, 1894 and March, 1894: also City Treasurer's cash statements General and water for January, 1894, and Statement of balances to 31st January, 1894, all of which having been examined by your Committee, are recommended for reference to the Committee on publication of the Annual Civic Report.

Your Committee having (as previously reported to the Council) discussed the possibility of saving a large amount of money that is paid out annually in interest on the City's debt, beg to recommend that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an act empowering the city to refund its present debt at a lower rate of interest. (City Auditor's report on same attached hereto).

From time to time your Committee and the Council have discussed the fact that the City for some years has been unable to collect from the wholesale liquor dealers any fee whatever for the privileges they enjoy a though they do business under licenses the Council is practically compelled to grant. It is a seeming injustice that the shop and hotel keepers must pay a large fee for a license to deal in liquors, while the wholesale dealer can demand a license from the Council and pay nothing for it when he gets it. Your Committee therefore beg to recommend that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an act for submission to the Legislature, empowering the Council to enforce the collection of a fee from persons obtaining wholesale liquor licenses.

The City Auditor having informed your committee that the Printing and Stationery account is overdrawn, your committee beg to recommend that the outstanding bills for Printing and Stationery be paid out of unexpended balances for the year 1893-94.

Having under instructions of the Council, reconsidered the recommendation of November 5th, 1893, relative to civic office hours. Your Committee beg again to recommend to the Council that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to draft

such an ordinance or Legislation as may be necessary to make the Civic office hours from 9.30 a. m., to 5 o'clock p. m.

With reference to the report of the City Auditor relative to 6 per cent. bonds amounting to \$46,000.00, falling due 1st July next, your Committee beg to recommend that His Worship the Mayor and the City Treasurer be authorized to make arrangements for a temporary loan from the Bank for not less than one year for the necessary amount to renew said bonds, pending the action of the Legislature on the matter of refunding the City's debt, as recommended above.

The following bills are recommended for payment out of unexpended balances for year 1893-4.

N. S. Printing Co.....	\$279 65
A. & W. Mackinlay.....	74 75
Herald Co.....	157 57
Industrial School.....	79 92
Theakston & Co.....	179 25
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	\$771 14

WM. DENNIS, *Chairman.*

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR,

Halifax, 4th April, 1894.

The Chairman, Committee of Public Accounts :

SIR,—I have to acknowledge receipt of the following resolution from the Committee of Public Accounts.

Resolved, That the Auditor be instructed to report statement of bonded indebtedness, showing amount of bonds, how long running and when due.

Also, what legislation exists enabling the city to refund its debt, and if none, what legislation is required for refunding the debt of the City at a lower rate of interest.

1. The particulars of our civic debt and the dates when the bonds fall due are shown, as usual, in the civic reports, the last schedule issued being for 1892-3, page 217. The total amount of civic indebtedness for general purposes, the Water Department and the Public schools, is there given at \$2,458,611.98 on 30th April, 1893, but since that date, other loans for each of the three purposes named have been taken up, to the amount of \$234,416. The total amount of the civic debt at the present date, including \$20,000 about to be borrowed for sewerage, is \$2,696,027.98, divided as below :—

\$315,168 00	at 6 per cent.
10,000 00	" 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
58,359 98	" 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
805,000 00	" 5 " "
1,178,700 00	" 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
328,800 00	" 4 " "
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\$2,696,027 98	

2. In reply to your enquiry as to what legislation exists enabling the city to refund its debt, I may say that none of the borrowing Acts since the Consolidation Act of 1880, contain any provision for pre-redemption. When the Consolidation Act of 1880 was passed, the city owed about \$1,600,000, part of which was on debentures including provisions for retirement, some in three, some in five years; the remainder, also, in debentures containing no such provision and drawn, some for 20, some for 25, and quite a number for 30 years. Immediately, on the passing of the Act, measures were taken to carry it into effect and in a very short time no less a sum than \$423,000, nearly all paying 6 per cent., was converted into Consol Stock or debentures paying 5 per cent., which was the best that could be done at that time. A large part of the civic debt was left undisturbed simply for the reason that the bonds contained no provision for pre-payment. Many of these bonds, chiefly of the Water Depart-

ment, have since fallen due and have been converted into Consolidated Stock or debentures, the bonds of the Water Department alone amounting to \$580,000, N. S. Cy., nearly all borrowed at 6 per cent. and now paying $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and 4 per cent. A further amount of \$46,000, N. S. Cy., of Water Bonds will fall due on 1st July, next ensuing, and \$24,000, N. S. Cy., of old funded debt will mature on the same date. \$25,000 of the water debt will be due in 1895, \$25,000 in 1896, and all that will then remain of the original water debt, (\$83,000) between 1898 and 1903. Some Sewerage and other debentures, as will be seen by the Schedule, will mature in 1900, but the great bulk of the debentures now running will not be due until after 1910. The existing legislation referring to our civic debt is embodied in two Acts. The first of these, the Act for Consolidation, passed in 1880, gives the lender the option of taking permanent stock or debentures to run 25 years, with the further privilege of changing debentures at any time into permanent stock. The second act passed in April, 1888, gives the city the right to call in and pay off all or any sums borrowed on permanent stock or debentures at any time after the expiration of fifteen years from the issuing of the same, on giving one year's notice of its intention so to do by advertisement in the *Royal Gazette*, but clause 12 of the same act enacts that the provisions of this act shall not affect the rights of holders of City Consolidated Stock or Debentures issued previous to the passing of the act. This clause exempts from the operation of the act \$805,000.

3. Your third question—what legislation is required for refunding the debt of the city at a lower rate of interest, I feel some hesitation in answering. In the case of the four hundred and odd thousand dollars previously mentioned there was no difficulty; the bonds expressly provided that the city might pay them off in three or five years, though the full time to run was generally twenty-five years. The whole of the City Consol Debentures issued since 1880, including also those of the Commissioners of Schools are for 25 years, without any provision for prepayment. The question of retirement is therefore, it appears to me, as a matter of equity, open to some doubt. A considerable part of our civic debt is held by Trustees of church or educational funds, or estates of persons deceased, and the inducements to buy City Bonds is often the belief that investments so made will not be disturbed, at least not before the time specified in the bonds. The holders of such bonds may reasonably ask whether the City Council would be warranted in seeking, or the Legislature in passing an act which would be virtually a violation of a compact, implied, if not positively expressed. It may be said that the Legislature has already done so by passing the Act of 1888, but it will be observed that this act gives no power for refunding until the expiration of fifteen years, not from the date of the act, but from the date of lending the money; it limits also the operation of the act to amounts borrowed after the act was passed. It may be argued that the public interest overrides all considerations of private advantage, but on the other hand, it is possible that the city might not be able to borrow money when required, at least, not on such good terms, if the idea once got abroad that the Legislature was in the habit of interfering with its monetary arrangements.

I give this opinion with all deference, as it is quite possible the Committee and the City Council may view the matter in a different light.

I remain Sir, your obdt. servant,

J. A. BELL, *City Auditor.*

ALDERMAN W. DENNIS, *Chairman, Committee Public Accounts.*

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to carry out the recommendation relative to payment of accounts, and to sign warrants for the same, and that the balance of the report go on the Order Paper. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Foster. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer (in response to resolution of Council) relative to curbs and gutters. Placed on Order Paper.

Alderman Foster by leave of Council submits the following notice of motion :

Resolved, That notwithstanding the resolution passed this Council, September 22nd, 1893, ordering all permanent work in connection with laying down granite gutters and curbs be suspended. Notice is hereby given that I will move at next meeting of Council that the resolution of September 22nd, 1893 be rescinded, and that the Engineers report on granite curbs and gutters to be laid down this season be concurred in, and the work carried out.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Mitchell to submit a petition. Motion passed.

Alderman Mitchell submits a petition from William Crowe and others for a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Barrington Street between Prince and George Streets. The same was read. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the said report be referred to His Worship the Mayor and City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Robie Uniacke *re* Inglis Street Extension. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that the same be placed on Order Paper for consideration with No. 7 thereon, viz.: Letter from His Honor the Recorder and draft bond of Messrs. Pickering and Pearson *re* expropriating land to extend Inglis Street. Motion passed.

Read letter from N. Meagher, Secretary, covering extract from minutes of City Health Board *re* appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Hardesty as Keeper and Matron of the Hospital for Infectious Diseases.

Halifax, N. S., April 26, 1894.

To His Worship the Mayor and members of the City Council,

GENTLEMEN,—I am instructed to forward for your information the following recommendations adopted at a meeting of the City Health Board, held on the 19th inst- and ordered to be submitted to the City Council, for their confirmation

N. MEAGHER, *Secretary.*

1st. *Resolved*, That the salary of the caretaker and nurse of the Hospital for Infectious diseases, be until further ordered, \$40. per month.

2nd. *Resolved*, That William H. Hardesty and Mrs. Hardesty be appointed to the position of caretaker and nurse at the Hospital for Infectious diseases, their duties to commence on May 1st, next.

A true extract.

N. MEAGHER, *Secretary.*

Moved by Alderman McFataidge, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the report be received and the recommendations therein contained confirmed. Motion passed. Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of re-consideration.

Read letter from N. Meagher, Secretary City Health Board, covering extracts from minutes of said Board *re* Sewer South Street. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the same be referred to the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Read letter of Fairview Cemetery Company, Limited, informing the Council that the cemetery is ready for the burial of paupers, and asking the Council for the payment of the six thousand dollars as agreed upon. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges, the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee for 1894-5, and His Honor the Recorder, for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Treasurer relative to resolution of Council respecting the work of his office. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts to confer with the City Treasurer and report. Motion passed.

Read annual report of Committee on Public Accounts for year 1893-4. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the same be referred to the Committee on Publication of Annual Report. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that No. 20 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 20, viz.: Report Board of City Works with report of City Engineer, recommending that the City build a wharf on the site of the water lot at the fish market slip.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan'y 29th, 1894.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day, they had under consideration a plan of the water lot and site of the old Fish Market, accompanied with report from the City Engineer, calling the attention of the Board to the fact that the city is without wharf accommodation of its own, and suggesting said lot and water site as a suitable location for the construction of said wharf, when it was decided to forward plan and report to the City Council, with a recommendation that the Board be authorized to have the work carried out in accordance with recommendations contained in Engineer's report, the cost of said work not to exceed (\$1,000) one thousand dollars.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

CITY WHARF.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan'y 25th, 1894.

Chairman Board of Works:

SIR,—As shewn by the accompanying plan the city owns a water lot at the site of the old Fish Market. The old building has been removed, and I think the property can be utilized to better advantage than would be gained by rebuilding. In 1892 we paid \$800 for a wharf to land gravel and sand upon. In 1893, the sum of \$400 was paid, and that amount at least must be paid each year while we are without wharf property of our own. We had \$1,000 placed in the estimates for a slip, etc., and I think that sum would give us just the accommodation we require. I would recommend that plans and specifications be prepared and the work contracted before the first of May, so that we shall not have to rent a wharf next year.

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

L. Fred Monaghan

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Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that the report be amended by substituting the sum of \$900.00 for \$1000.00 therein, and that His Worship the Mayor and City Engineer be authorized to make specification and call for tenders, and build the wharf as suggested by the City Engineer. His Worship the Mayor to take all necessary precautions to guard against encroaching upon the rights of others. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.20 o'clock, p.m.

L. Fred Monaghan