

MINUTES
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF
HALIFAX,

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1894-5.

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Minutes of City Council,

FOR 1894—1895.

MAY 1st, 1894.

M. E. Keefe, Esq., having been duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1894-5, was this day sworn into office by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, at Government House, in presence of Aldermen Mosher, Mitchell, Hubley, McFatridge and Redden and the City Clerk.

H. TRENAMAN, *City Clerk.*

MAY 1st, 1894.

John M. Geldert, Jr., Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward 1.

Arthur W. Redden, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward 2.

James T. Hamilton, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward 3.

John F. Ryan, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward 4.

Charles W. Outhit, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward 6.

Having taken and subscribed the oath of Allegiance, the oath of office of Alderman, as well as that of Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax, sign the roll as Aldermen of the City of Halifax this 1st day of May, A. D. 1894.

H. TRENAMAN, *City Clerk.*

MAY 5th, 1894.

Miner T. Foster, duly elected Alderman for Ward No. 5, having taken and subscribed the oath of Allegiance, the oath of office of Alderman, as well as that of Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax, signed the roll as Alderman of the City of Halifax this 5th day of May, A. D. 1894.

H. TRENAMAN, *City Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION,

8.10 o'clock.

May 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, Creighton, Dennis, Eden, O'Donnell and Geldert.

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

8.30, Roll called. Present, the above named together with Aldermen Morrow, Stewart, Wallace, Redden, Duggan, Mitchell, Hamilton, Hubley, Ryan, McFatrige, Easter and Outhit.

The Council was summoned to elect the various City Officers for the year 1894-5 as required by law, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

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

Alderman Dennis, Chairman, submits the annual report 1893-4 of the Charities Committee.

Alderman McFatrige, Acting Chairman, submits the report from the City Prison Committee for the month of April.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Reports from the City Engineer on the following matters:

Tenders for Hardware, Tenders for removal of garbage, etc., Tenders for sewer trenching, water extension to Nova Scotia Nursery, Concrete sidewalk, Barrington Street, and *re* widening Quinpool Road.

Letter from H. S. Rhind, asking appointment as a clerk in the City Collector's office.

Letter from W. B. MacCoy *re* suit Cleary vs. Nickerson.

Letter from C. & W. Anderson *re* assessment on his stock for the year 1891-2.

Letter from Charles M. Creed, Secretary Board of Trade *re* permanent Atlantic Canadian Improved Steam Service.

Letter from City Treasurer *re* overdrawn accounts.

Letter from J. G. Sievert and others asking for concrete sidewalk, Hollis Street.

Letter from Caroline M. Lessell protesting against the laying of a new sidewalk in front of the premises No. 107 Barrington Street.

Return Weighers and Measurers of coal for April, Notice of Action in Supreme Court of suit John Milsom vs. The City of Halifax.

Cash Statements of City Treasurer, "General" "Water" and Balances for month of April.

Returns of City Collector, "Rates" and "Water Rates" for month of April.

Applications for the various City Offices.

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 Committee on Tenders, on Tenders for \$20,000 sewerage loan.

The Committee on Tenders beg to report that at a meeting held on Friday, 27th April, the annexed eight tenders for a loan of \$20,000 were opened and recommended that W. L. Lowell & Co's., tender for \$13,000 at 102.05, and Adam Burns for balance at 101.½ be accepted.

GEOFFREY MORROW, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Tenders be received and adopted and that the tenders of W. H. Lowell & Co., to lend \$13,000 at 4½ paying a premium of 205% be accepted and that the balance \$7,000 be obtained from Adam Burns, he paying a premium of 1½% and that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue bonds for same.

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

Read annual report of Committee on Charities for year 1893-4.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the same be referred to the Committee on publication of annual report. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on City Prison covering accounts for month of April.

CITY PRISON, MAY 8th, 1894.

At a meeting of the Prison Committee held this day there were present :—Alderman Stewart, Outhit, Hubley and the acting Chairman Alderman McFatrige. They had before them a number of accounts which on examining were found correct and are herein submitted amounting to \$206 08, viz : F. J. Horneman, \$26.47, Hogan & Son, \$1.25, R. Urquhart, \$14.65, Wm. Robertson, \$1.82, G. P. Henry, \$19.20, R. H. Margeson, \$13.70, Dillon Bros., \$52.80, Cragg Bros., \$1.49, Wm. Roche, \$74.70. Total of \$206.08.

WM. McFATRIGE, *Acting Chairman.*

When the following resolution is introduced :

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

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

Read Report of City Engineer *re* tenders for sewer trenching.

TENDERS FOR SEWER TRENCHING.

May 7th, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor,

SIR,—I was instructed by the Board of Works to report on the tenders received for trenching for sewers. I have to report that the following were received :

Thomas L. Kent, Cunard Street, for earth 27 cents per cubic yard, rock \$2.98 cubic yard ; Donald Sutherland for James Street, Cunard Street, Creighton Street,

(south end), Dresden Row, earth 35 cents, rock \$3.00 cubic yard; for Creighton (north end), earth 35 cents, rock \$2.95; Campbell Road, earth 50 cents, rock \$3.50; Russell Street, earth 35 cents, rock \$2.75 cubic yard.

I respectfully recommend that the tender of Thomas L. Kent for Cunard Street sewer be accepted, also the tender of Donald Sutherland for James Street, Creighton Street, north and south end, and Russell Street.

I think the City can do the work on Campbell Road and Dresden Row cheaper than the tender and I would recommend that the work of these sewers be done by day's work.

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

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman McFatridge that that portion of the report referring to Russell Street sewer be placed on order paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Wallace that the balance of the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Report of City Engineer *re* Tenders for Hardware.

TENDERS FOR HARDWARE.

May 9th, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor,

SIR,—I beg to report that only two tenders were received for hardware opened by you and referred to me.

The tender of H. H. Fuller & Co. is the lowest, and I therefore recommend it for acceptance.

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that said report be received and adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer *re* tenders for removal of ashes and garbage.

TENDERS FOR REMOVAL OF ASHES AND GARBAGE.

May 8th, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor.—

SIR—I beg to report that the following tenders were received for the removal of Ashes and Garbage.

	Weekly.	Fortnightly.
James Nolen,	\$123 50.	\$198 00.
Thos. Robinson,	68 00.	136 00.
Peter Keddy,	64 00.	125 00.
Jas Nicholson,	60 00, for ashes only.	
Alfred Nicholson,	20 00, " garbage only.	

The price marked weekly is for removal of garbage twice a week and ashes once a week. Fortnightly is for removal of garbage twice a week and ashes once a fortnight. I beg to recommend that the tender of Peter Keddy, (being the lowest) \$125.00 for the removal of ashes fortnightly and garbage twice a week be accepted.

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

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report be concurred in. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer *re* Concrete sidewalk on Barrington Street, between George and Prince Streets,—also read letter from Caroline M. Lessel, protesting against the laying of a new sidewalk in front No. 107 Barrington Street.

CONCRETE SIDEWALK BARRINGTON STREET.

May 7th, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for a concrete sidewalk on Barrington Street, between George Street and Prince Street.

The estimated cost is \$1100. We have on hand gutters, \$132 ; broken stone, etc., \$125 ; cement, which will be paid for in any case, \$132 ; total Balance to expend, \$711. Of this amount there will be chargeable to the property owners about \$300. I need not remind the Council that this block is in the centre of the City and on the most important street. Barrington Street is the main artery, bounded north and south only by the city limits. The sidewalks immediately north and south of the one in question have been replaced by concrete, and there is no doubt that it has increased the value of the abutting properties and improved the appearance of the street and City. The brick sidewalk south of G. M. Smith & Co's. new building is in better condition than the rest of the block, but even there pools of water stand and wet the feet of ladies passing on a rainy day while the northern portion is, in places, in a delapidated state.

In order to obtain good drainage, which is the life of any sidewalk, it is advisable to lay the whole block at once. Undoubtedly the petitioners are entitled to the same consideration as their neighbors, and I would recommend that the sidewalk be constructed as petitioned for.

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

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Hamilton that the report of the City Engineer be adopted and that he be instructed to proceed with the work. Motion passed.

Read Report of City Engineer *re* widening Quinpool Road, covering a letter from the Monastery of Good Shepherd, relative thereto. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the same be placed on Order Paper for consideration, No. 5 thereon. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer, on letter from James H. Harris, *re* water extention to Nova Scotia Nursery.

WATER EXTENTION NOVA SCOTIA NURSERY.

MAY 5TH, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor.

SIR—In reference to the accompanying letter from James H. Harris, I beg to report. It is true that the pressure is poor on Lockman Street, a condition which we hope to improve on when the water is turned on in the new main water extention have always been made on the same principle as if the works were owned by a company viz : on condition, that the new revenue would pay the interest on the outlay. The principle is a good business one and I see no reason for departing from in this instance. The necessary extention would not bring in any revenue nor benefit any other property. I would recommend however that Mr. Harris be permitted to connect the pipe which he has laid with the end of the main on Lorne Terrace. Mr. Harris to do the work except connecting with the pipe which will be done by the city. Mr. Harris must be responsible for all damage caused by his operations and leave street in good condition.

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

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

Read petition J. G. Sievert, and others for concrete sidewalk on east side of Hollis Street, from Prince Street to Post Office.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the petition from property owners on east side of Hollis Street, asking for a concrete sidewalk, be sent to Engineer to report upon. *Further*

Resolved, That the Engineer report upon the cost for a concrete sidewalk on east side of Gottingen Street, from Brunswick Lane to Prince William Street. Also on east side of Brunswick Street, from Jacob to Proctors Lane.

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

Read letter from W. B. MacCoy, informing the Council that judgment had been given against Policeman Lewis Nickerson, for damages and costs, amounting to \$171.72 in the suit Cleary vs. Nickerson, and recommending an appeal therefrom. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from C. W. Anderson, relative to the assessment made on his stock for the year 1891-2. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor, His Honor the Recorder, together with the City Collector for adjustment. Motion passed.

Read letter from Charles M. Creed, Secretary Board of Trade, covering a copy of a resolution passed by said Board requesting His Worship the Mayor to appoint a Committee of the City Council to meet with a Committee of the Council of the Board of Trade to consider the advisability of holding a Public Meeting of citizens in the matter of a permanent Atlantic Canadian improved steam service. Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that His Worship the Mayor appoint such Committee as suggested by the Board of Trade. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Treasurer, *re* account of Poors' Asylum and Fire Department, and asking that the City Council make provision for the overdraft on said accounts. Moved by Alderman Outhit, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read return of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for month of April. Fyled.

Read notice of action by John Milson, by his Solicitors Borden, Ritchie, Parker & Chisholm, against the City of Halifax for \$1000.00 damages for alleged continuing trespass committed by the City of Halifax, its officers, etc., upon the land of said John Milson, adjoining the Chain of Lakes. Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read letter of Henry S. Rhind, applying for the position of clerk in the City Collector's office. Fyled.

Read statement of City Treasurer, General, Water, and Balances, for month of April. Also, read Returns of City Collector of Rates and Water Rates collected during the month of April. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said Statements

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

The following Committees for the year 1894-5 were nominated by the Mayor and approved by the Council, viz.:

Commissioners Point Pleasant Park.—Aldermen Geldert, Redden, Duggan, Redden, McFatridge, Outhit.

Commissioners of Halifax Common.—Aldermen Geldert, Wallace, Mitchell, Ryan, Eden, Creighton.

City Prison.—Aldermen Geldert, Dennis, Mitchell, Ryan, McFatridge, Creighton.

Laws and Privileges.—Aldermen Morrow, Wallace, Hamilton, Hubley, Foster and Mosher.

Public Accounts.—Aldermen Stewart, Redden, Hamilton, Ryan, Foster and Mosher.

Cemetery Committee.—Aldermen Geldert, Redden, Mitchell, Hubley McFatridge and Mosher.

Commissioneer of Police.—His Worship the Mayor, Alderman McFatridge and the Chief of Police.

Board of Health.—Aldermen Eden, Hubley and Dr. Murray.

Tenders.—Aldermen Morrow, Wallace, Hamilton, O'Donnell, Foster and Outhit.

Hacks and Trucks.—Aldermen Stewart, Dennis, Duggan, Hubley, Foster and Mosher.

Charities.—Aldermen Stewart, Dennis, Duggan, O'Donnell, Eden, Creighton.

Library.—Aldermen Geldert, Wallace, Duggan, O'Donnell, Foster, Mosher.

Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners.—Aldermen Morrow, Dennis, Hamilton, Ryan, McFatridge, Mosher.

Board Fire Escapes.—Aldermen Hamilton, Ryan and Hubley.

The Council now proceed to elect the various City Officials for the year 1894-5, as required by law:

Assistant City Clerk.—L. F. Monaghan, re-elected.

Second Assistant City Clerk.—W. J. Nisbet, re-elected.

Third Assistant City Clerk.—W. R. Hamilton, re-elected.

City Marshal.—Garrett Cotter, re-elected.

Clerk of License.—Robert Theakston, elected.

Clerk of City Works. {
W. F. Reilly.
J. S. McLeod.
J. J. Hopewell.
A. W. Buckley.
H. H. Davidson.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that William F. Reilly be appointed Clerk of City Works at a salary of \$800 per annum. Motion passed, and the Mayor declares William F. Reilly elected Clerk of Works for the City of Halifax, for the ensuing year.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman McFatrige that an Assistant Clerk City Works be appointed at \$500 per year.

Moved by Alderman Outhit in amendment, seconded by Alderman Mosher that the salary be fixed at \$600 per week. Said amendment being put is passed, 11 voting for the same and 7 against it.

Applications were read from the following named: James J. Hopewell, T. E. Cooke, L. R. Kaye, H. R. Bonn, H. H. Davison, A. W. Brockley and J. S. McLeod.

On the 1st vote being taken there appeared for T. E. Cooke 8, L. R. Kaye 9, H. H. Davison 1.

Second vote.—T. E. Cooke 8, L. R. Kaye 7, H. H. Davison 1, J. J. Hopewell 2.

Third vote.—T. E. Cooke 7, L. R. Kaye 6, J. J. Hopewell 5.

Fourth vote.—T. E. Cooke 6, L. R. Kaye 4, J. J. Hopewell 8.

Fifth vote.—T. E. Cooke 3, L. R. Kaye 3, J. J. Hopewell 12.

His Worship the Mayor declares J. J. Hopewell, elected Assistant Clerk of Works for the City of Halifax, for the ensuing year.

Alderman Outhit gives notice of reconsideration.

Foreman of Streets.—John McDonald, re-elected.

Foreman Water Works.—Ewan Morrison, “

Assistant City Engineer.—H. W. Johnston, Jr., re-elected.

Clerk of Water Department.—Decided to make no appointment.

Caretaker City Property and Inspector of Buildings.—Thomas Spelman, re-elected.

Health Inspector.—Nicholas Meagher, re-elected.

Water Inspector.—John E. Burns, “

City Medical Officer.—Thomas Trenaman “

Janitor.—John Spruhan, “

Mesurers of Salt and Grain.—D. J. Smith, James Mitchell, Maurice McDonnell, William Frederick, Richard Darcy, John Heenan, J. K. Wetmore, re-elected.

Weighers and Mesurers of Coal.—Simon Cummins, Supervisor; T. B. Shaw, Thomas Isles, W. R. Cogswell, R. Woodill, G. Grono, A. J. Smith, re-elected.

Registrar of Cemetery.—Alexander McDougall, re-elected.

Governor City Prison.—William Murray, “

Matron “ “ Mrs. Wm. Murray, “

Under-Keepers “ J. M. Anderson, Daniel E. Keating, William Higlett, George Grant, re-elected.

Messenger City Prison.—Daniel McDonald, re-elected.

Superintendent Poors' Asylum.—James H. Dow, re-elected.

Matron “ “ Annie F. Dow, “

Secretary and Storkeeper “ “ B. Mulcahy, “

Assistant Engineer “ “ John H. Grant, “

Foreman “ “ John R. Henigan, “

Cook and Baker “ “ Daniel McIntosh, “

Lumber Surveyor.—William Holland, “

Sealer of Leather.—Jeremiah Barnstead, re-elected.

Fence Viewer.—William T. Horton, “

Inspectors of Painters' Work.—J. E. M. Taylor, David Roche, re-elected.

Inspectors of Masons' Work.—Samuel Marshall, John Cawsey, re-elected.

Pound Keepers.—John Punch, George W. Bowser, re-elected.

Keeper of Dog Pound.—Thomas Bushell, “

Weighers of Bundle Hay.—Richard Currie, John Inglis, Arthur J. Brady, re-elected. Arthur F. Skimmings, (new) not elected.

Weighers of Loose Hay.—W. McC. Boak, Thomas Keating, re-elected.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that Alderman Stewart be appointed Deputy Mayor, for the Civic year 1849-5. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourn 10.45 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MAY 22nd, 1894.

A meeting of the City Council was called for this evening.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Morrow, Wallace, Geldert, Creighton and Dennis.

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Wallace that the time be extended until 8.30 o'clock.

8.30.—Roll called, present the above named together with Aldermen Redden, Duggan, Eden and Mosher.

There not being a quorum to do business the Council stands adjourned until further notice.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MAY 29th, 1894.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Foster, Geldert, Wallace, Mitchell and Creighton.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Geldert 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 Ryan, Hubley, O'Donnell, McFatrige, Duggan, Mosher, Redden and Eden.

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

Minutes of 9th and 22nd May were read and confirmed.

Alderman McFatrige, Acting Chairman of City Prison Committee submits the Annual Report of said Committee for the civic year 1893-4.

Alderman Ryan, Chairman, submits a report from the Board of Fire Wards, *re* accounts.

Alderman Wallace, Chairman, submits the Annual Report of the Library Committee for the year 1893-94.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following paper:

Resolution and letter from City Health Board *re* estimates for said Board for the year 1893-94.

Report from the City Health Board, *re* appointment of Chairman.

Letter from City Auditor, *re* Debentures falling due.

Letter (2) from City Clerk, covering accounts.

Letter from City Librarian, relative to her salary.

Letter from City Treasurer, *re* disposal of cancelled and other bonds.

Annual Report of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for 1893-94.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder, *re* suit Cleary vs. Nickerson.

Memo. of work required on the various Streets of the City.

Report from His Worship the Mayor, *re* Insurance of City Property.

Names of Committee to confer with Board of Trade, *re* Fast Line Steamships.

Nine reports from the City Engineer, viz:

Report, *re* Printing Minutes of Council.

Report covering correspondence with Military authorities, *re* charge for Water to War Department.

Report Permanent Pavement Fund.

Report, *re* Sidewalk at Provincé Building, covering correspondence relative thereto.

Report on petition for Sidewalk, Hollis Street.

Report, *re* Sidewalk, Gottingen Street.

Report, *re* Sidewalk, Brunswick Street.

Report, *re* Sewer, South Street.

Report, *re* Sewer assessment Miss Mary Monaghan.

Letter from Joseph Weston, *re* Smoke-house nuisance, Argyle Street.

Petition from James Grant and others, for Concrete Sidewalks, Sackville Street.

Petition of Peter S. Smith and others, for an Electric Light, Vernon Street.

Petition of Jeremiah Gray and others, for Water extension, Willow Street.

Petition of John Somers and others, against laying a Concrete Sidewalk on Brunswick Street.

Petition of William Duffus and others, *re* Inglis Street extension.

Letter of Charles Renner and others, *re* Fish Market.

Letter from E. F. Hart, *re* Sewerage assessment, Gottingen Street.

Draft copy of Deed from R. L. Borden to City, *re* extension of Robie Street.

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 Annual Report of Committees on City Prison for the year 1893-4. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman McFtridge, that the same be referred to the Committee on Publication of Annual Report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Joseph Weston, complaining of a nuisance occasioned by Mr. Hirschfield's smoke house, Argyle Street.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFtridge, that said letter be referred to the Chairman of Board of Fire Wards, the Inspector of Buildings and the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from City Treasurer, asking for instructions as to the disposal of cancelled and other Bonds. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that the matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the City Treasurer, to make such disposal of said Bonds as they may deem best. Motion passed.

Read letter from City Engineer, urging upon the Council the advisability of continuing the Printing the Minutes of Council.

Placed on Order Paper for consideration with No. 30 thereon, viz: Resolution of Alderman Hubley to rescind a resolution to discontinue printing the Minutes of Council.

Read report of City Engineer, *re* Sewerage Assessment, covering a letter from Miss Mary Monaghan, protesting against the payment by her of Sewerage Rates on Sewer, Bilby and Agricola Streets.

Also, read letter from Edward F. Hart, protesting against the amount charged him for Sewerage Rates on property, Gottingen Street, of which he is agent Moved by Alderman Foster, second by Alderman McFatrige, that said letter be referred to His Honor the Recorder and the City Engineer, to draft an amendment to the present Sewerage Act, in accordance with the suggestion of the City Engineer, and report the same up to this Council, and the City Clerk be instructed to request the City Collector in the mean time not to press for the payment of the claim of the City against the petitioners for Sewerage Rates. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer, *re* Sidewalk on Brunswick Street.

BRUNSWICK STREET SIDEWALK.

May 21st, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In reporting on the construction of a Concrete Sidewalk from Jacob Street to Proctor's Lane, on the East side of Brunswick Street, I am obliged to consider it in two sections as in the case of Gottingen Street.

FIRST.—HURD'S LANE TO PROCTOR'S LANE.

The estimated cost of this work is \$1,675. The property owners would pay \$550. There are ten encroachments in this block, and four trees which much must be removed before Concrete can be laid. I think the trees should remain as the street is principally residential. In that case some other material must be adopted. The drainage is by no means satisfactory, as there is no Sewer in the street. I learn from the property owners that the majority of them are opposed to the laying of a Concrete Sidewalk. I would respectfully recommend that the consideration of the matter be postponed until satisfactory drainage is provided.

SECOND.—JACOB ST. TO HURDS LANE.

The estimated cost is \$1,450. The properties would pay \$500.

There is a good brick sidewalk in front of Nos. 195, 197 and 199. This sidewalk is a great thoroughfare and in need of permanent improvement. The drainage, however, as in the block north of it, is bad. Some buildings drain to the rear into Starr St, some under other houses. In no case except the corner houses are the drains entirely on one property. Under these circumstances I would recommend that the construction of this sidewalk be postponed for the present.

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

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

Read report of City Engineer *re* sidewalk Gottingen Street. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report of City Engineer *re* sidewalk Barrington Street and permanent pavement funds.

PERMANENT PAVEMENT.

His Worship the Mayor.

May 22nd, 1894.

At the last meeting of Council the construction of a Concrete Sidewalk was ordered for the East side of Barrington Street. We are ready to start work, but there is no money on hand. Granite is being delivered, and payment will be demanded shortly. We require \$11,000.00 to pay for granite. It will cost \$1,000 for the Sidewalk ordered, making a total of \$12,000. If other work is ordered by the Council more money will be required.

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

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the City Treasurer be authorized to advertise for a loan of twelve thousand dollars on permanent pavement account. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer *re* sewer South Street, covering a report from the City Health Board and a petition from E. C. Baker and others respecting the same.

SOUTH STREET SEWER.

May 15th, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report as follows on the accompanying papers respecting a sewer in South Street :

The Health Inspector reports that there are eleven houses interested. Three of these are west of Wellington Street. There is no doubt that the sewer is very badly needed. The officials of the Health and Works Departments had a good deal of trouble with these properties, and they have never been in a sanitary condition for any length of time.

The sewer is on the order book, and I would recommend that it be constructed this year, after those already passed by the Council, provided the funds are available when the other work is completed.

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

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the report of the City Engineer recommending that said sewer be constructed be adopted, but that it be placed on the Order Book to be built in its regular turn. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer, covering a petition of J. G. Sievert and others, *re* sidewalk east side of Hollis Street. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report of City Engineer, *re* sidewalk on west side of Hollis Street in front of Province Building, covering a letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Works and Mines requesting the construction of the same. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report of City Engineer, covering correspondence with Military Authorities, *re* charges for water supplied to the War Department.

WAR DEPARTMENT WATER SUPPLY.

His Worship the Mayor :

Halifax, N. S., May 29, 1894.

SIR,—The accompanying correspondence has been before the Board of Works and was referred to me for a final report.

A letter was received from the War Department some time ago asking for a reduction in the annual charge for water, and stating that the rates now paid were excessive. They are supplied under a written agreement between the War Department and the City, in which the rates are fixed. On investigation we discovered that the number in use at present is very much in excess of that taken by the officials of the war department at the time the agreement was made, and in comparing the present list with reports made on one or two occasions a few years ago, we find steady increase in the number of fixtures. It is claimed by Col. Lee that every new tap was put in with the sanction of the Board of Works and that a rate was fixed at the time it was put in by the Board. Such, however, is not the case. It is true that permission was granted to put in a few fixtures, but with these exceptions, all the new taps were put in without the sanction or knowledge of the City authorities. Mr. Morrison, who has been in the service

ever since the agreement was signed, confirms this statement. In support of it, there is no record of any permission, except for the few fixtures mentioned above, nor is any rate paid to-day by the War Department for the new taps. If the City authorities had been consulted the rates would have been increased instead of remaining as before.

A claim was made for reduction on the ground that a number of latrines had been removed and were not now using water. The foreman inspected all the latrines referred to in Captain DeLisle's letter and found that in every instance the supply pipes still remained, and when he visited it in February every pipe was running full bore. This is contradicted by the Divisional Officer, Royal Engineers, but the fact remains that water was running from the pipes when they were inspected by our foreman.

A reduction is also claimed in the rate for fire hydrants for two reasons,—one because they have paid the tax for thirteen years and in that time paid the whole cost of the pipes and hydrants, and the other, because the hydrants have only been used for the purpose of practising the engines once a month. In reference to the first, the agreement was made with the full concurrence of the military authorities, and if it had been considered unfair at that time, a clause should have been inserted, limiting the time during which these rates should be changed. The second reason cannot be considered seriously as an argument in favor of reduction. If the same claims were made by the tax-payers generally the City could assess only fifty properties yearly, as this is the average number using hydrants for actual fire service. A property owner may pay fire insurance premium for a life time without having occasion to ask for the amount of the policy and he would not consider that he was being dealt with unjustly. It is the same in this case. War Department Authorities may pay water rates on the hydrants for a life time and never have occasion to use them for fire purposes. This, however, is no argument in favor of the reduction of the rates. The cost of maintenance is increasing yearly with the extension of the service, and until some better reason is given for reduction I would recommend that the rates remain the same.

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

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report of the City Engineer be received and concurred in, and a copy thereof forwarded to the Military authorities. Motion passed.

Read report of City Health Board, informing the Council of the appointment of Dr. N. E. McKay as Chairman of said Board for the year 1894-5. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the City Clerk be directed to acknowledge the receipt of same. Motion passed.

Read letter from N. Meagher, Secretary, covering a resolution of the City Health Board, requesting the Council to grant said Board the sum of one thousand and twenty-five dollars (\$1025.00) to meet over expenditure. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts to devise means to meet the indebtedness, and report thereon to this Council. Motion passed.

Read bonds of W. F. Reilly, Clerk of Works, and J. J. Hopewell, Assistant Clerk of Works, with the approval of His Honor the Recorder endorsed thereon. The same were accepted and ordered to be filed with His Worship the Mayor.

Read report of His Honor the Recorder, *re* suit Cleary vs. Policeman Lewis Nickerson, an action for damages for alleged false arrest. Placed on Order Paper.

Read petition of Charles Renner and others, relative to Fish Markets. Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from the Librarian of Citizens' Free Library, asking for an increase of salary. On motion of Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that the same be referred to the Library Committee for report at next meeting of Council.

Read letter from City Auditor, relative to debentures falling due, and contemplated loans.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized to advertise for a loan of Forty-six thousand Dollars (\$46,000), to retire Water Bonds coming due, July 1st, 1894. Also, for Twenty-four thousand Dollars to retire bonds coming due same date, Old Funded Debt.

Moved by Ald. Mosher, seconded by Ald. Creighton, and passed.

Read report from His Worship the Mayor, *re* Insurance of City Property.

May 29th, 1894.

I beg leave, for the information of the Council, to report that the Insurance on City Properties, as per Schedule, namely :

Building.		Rate.	Amount.
City Hall.....	\$30,000	.60	\$180 00
“ Prison.....	10,000	1%	100 00
“ “ Out Building.....	3,000	1	30 00
Exhibition Building.....	14,000	1½	210 00
Machinery in Buildings.....	9,200	1½	138 00
Central Engine House.....	2,000	.60	12 00
Gerrish Street Engine House...	2,000	½	10 00
Queen Street “ “ ...	1,800	½	9 00
Islesville “ “ ...	1,000	¾	7 50
Quinpool Road “ “ ...	2,500	½	12 50
Spring Garden Road “ ...	1,000	½	5 00
Lakemen Houses, \$500 ea.....	1,000	½	5 00
Hospitals Infectious Diseases ..	5,000	1	50 00
	\$82,500		\$769 00

expires at 12 noon, on Wednesday, May 30th. In answer to advertisement calling for tenders for re-insurance for a three year term, one tender, that of the Queen Insurance Co., only was received, which is herewith submitted; and would recommend that as no consideration or reduction is given for a three year term that the property be insured for one year only, as changes may take place that would enable the Council to get better terms before the expiration of that time.

M. E. KEEFE, Mayor.

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

Read memorandum of work required on the various Streets of the City. Placed on file for information of the Council.

Read draft copy of Deed from R. L. Borden to the City, in connection with the proposed extension of Robie Street. Also, read petition of William Duffus and others for the extension of Inglis Street.

Placed on Order Paper for consideration with No. 6 thereon, viz: Letter from Thos. Ritchie and B. F. Pearson, conveying draft deed, etc., *re* extension of Inglis and Robie Streets.

Read petition of Dr. John Somers and others, asking Council not to lay concrete sidewalk on east side of Brunswick Street, Ward No. 4. Placed on file.

Read petition of Jeremiah Gray and others, for Water Extension, Willow Street. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to His Worship the Mayor and City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of Peter S. Smith and others, for an Electric Light, Vernon Street. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Moved in amendment by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Redden, that said petition be referred to the Department of City Works to deal with, and to grant the request if feasible. Said amendment on being put is lost. The original motion is now put and passed.

Read Annual Report of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the civic year 1893-94. Ordered to be filed.

Read letters (2) from City Clerk covering various accounts

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

Read Annual Report of the Committee on Citizens Free Library for the year 1893-4. Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Committee on publication of Annual Report for publication. Motion passed.

Read report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, covering accounts. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the name of Alderman Redden be substituted for that of Alderman Wallace as a Commissioner of Halifax Common. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the name of Alderman Hubley be substituted for that of Alderman Ryan as a member of the Committee on Public Accounts. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the name of Alderman McFatrige be substituted for that of Alderman Foster as a member of the Committee on Hacks and Trucks. Motion passed.

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

Whereas, The present Street Railway service of the City of Halifax is unsatisfactory, and the track is not in accordance with the requirements of the law, and in some sections is dangerous to vehicles, and interfere with the safe use of the streets by the public.

Resolved, That the City Engineer report to the City Council fully, as to the terms and conditions of the Charter under which the Street Railway is operated,

and also, in what respects the track is not in accordance with the terms of the Charter.

Resolved further, That the City Engineer, after consultation with His Honor the Recorder, be requested to report whether the track, at present existing, is a public nuisance; if so how long it has existed as a public nuisance.

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

His Worship the Mayor calls the attention of the Council to the fact of the contemplated visit of His Excellency the Governor General of Canada to the City of Halifax during the coming Summer, and asks if it is the wish of the Council that steps should be taken toward tendering His Excellency a formal reception. Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that His Worship the Mayor be requested to nominate a Committee to report upon the advisability of tendering a reception to His Excellency the Governor General. Motion passed.

Read petition of James Grant and others, for a Concrete Sidewalk, Sackville Street. Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates the following named as a Committee to confer with the Board of Trade, *re* Permanent Atlantic Canadian Improved Steam Service:—Aldermen Morrow, Wallace, Hamilton, Hubley, Eden, and Mosher. On motion the same was confirmed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Foster, that No. 30 on the Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 30, viz: Resolution relative to Printing Minutes of Council.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said resolution as follows be now adopted. *Resolved*, that the resolution passed at a meeting of this Council, Nov. 8th, 1893, adopting a report from the Committee on Publication of Annual Report, *re* Printing Minutes of Council, be and is hereby rescinded. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for tenders for printing the Minutes of Council and the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that No. 16 on Order of the Day, viz: Report of City Prison Committee *re* appointment of Underkeeper of City Prison be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that No. 2 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 2, viz: Resolution of Alderman Foster, *re* widening Lockman Street, with report of Board of City Works and letter of John D. Longard relative to condition of Lockman Street.

Alderman, Foster, by leave of Council, amends his resolution by striking out the words, "North Street" and substituting therefor the

words, "Gerrish Street," in the eleventh line; and also by striking out the words, "Wednesday, January 11th, 1893," and substituting therefor the words, "the third Wednesday in June, 1894," in the 19th line of said resolution, and moves that said resolution as mentioned do now pass, (see printed minutes, December 7th, 1892, page 216,) seconded by Alderman Eden.

Moved by Alderman Duggan, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 7 against it.

At 10.50 o'clock there being 13 members present, Alderman Duggan moves a call of Council.

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

Council adjourns 10.52 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION,

8.10 o'clock.

JUNE 7th, 1894.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present: Aldermen Creighton and O'Donnell. Moved by Alderman Creighton, 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 His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Stewart, Geldert, Wallace, Dennis, Redden, Duggan, Mitchell, Hamilton, Hubley, McFatridge.

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

Alderman Dennis, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Charities, *re* accounts, etc., for May.

Alderman McFatridge, Chairman, submits a report from the City Prison, accounts for month of May, etc.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Report from the City Clerk, covering accounts of A. & W. Mackinlay, and others.

Annual report of the Superintendent of Poors' Asylum for the year 1893-4.

Returns of City Collector, "Rates and Water Rates" for the month of May, 1894.

Statements of City Treasurer for May, "General," "Water," and "Balances."

Letter from Secretary Union Engine Co., relative to the election of Joseph D. Murphy as Captain of said Company.

Protest of W. P. C. Inglis, 1st Lieut. No. 4, S. F. E., against the confirmation of Joseph D. Murphy as Captain of the Union Engine Company.

Letter from A. J. MacDonald, Superintendent Fire Alarm Telegraph, *re* obtaining legislation to make the allowance granted him by the Board of Firewardens as a permanent superannuation.

Report from the City Engineer, *re* condition of Street Railway track.

Petition from residents of Queen Street for an Electric Light.

Memo of execution against the City for costs, etc., \$313.22, in suit of City of Halifax vs. James Reeves.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder, *re* judgment in suit City of Halifax vs. Reeves.

Letter from James Reeves asking that he be reimbursed all costs, fees and expenses, legally and properly incurred and laid out by him in connection with suit City vs. Reeves,

Names of Committee, *re* reception to Governor General.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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

Read report of Committee on Charities, covering accounts, &c., for month of May,

June 1st, 1894.

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report :

That they examined the following accounts, found them correct and ordered them to be paid, viz : Dillon Bros., groceries, \$458.52 ; W. & C Silver, dry goods, \$75.57 ; Wm. Roche, leather, \$17.02 ; W. A. Maling & Co., beef and pork, \$211.77 ; Chaddock Bros., milk, \$34.15 ; George Gregorie, fresh fish, \$40.62 ; R. T. Braine & Co., crape cloth, \$12.92 ; P. J. McManus, slippers, \$5.40 ; J. W. Heckman, shoes, \$7.00 ; A. & W. MacKinlay, books, &c., \$4.95 ; E. Fenton, hay, straw and oats, \$55.35 ; B. Mulcahy, house expenses, \$5.86 ; Wm. Roche, coal, \$111.19 ; total, \$1090.32.

Read Superintendent's report for May, which shewed that during the month there had been 27 admitted, 33 discharged, 2 died and 1 born. Number of inmates, May 31st, 1894, 162 men, 130 women and 8 children. Total 300.

The following resolution was passed :

Resolved, That the City Council be requested to rescind the appointment of Messrs. John A. Bell and Robert Motton, to do certain things as Justices of Peace under Sec. 41, Chap. 38 of the Revised Statutes, and appoint the members of the Charities Committee and Superintendent to carry out the provisions of said Sec. 41, Chap. 38, Revised Statutes.

WM. DENNIS, *Chairman*.

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

Read letter from M. J. Doyle, Recording Secretary Union Engine Company, announcing the election of Joseph D. Murphy to position

of Captain of said Company. Also, read letter from W. P. C. Inglis, 1st Lieut. of No. 4, S. F. E. Division, U. E. C., protesting against the confirmation of Jos. D. Murphy to the Captaincy of the Union Engine Company on the grounds that the present by-laws of the Company have never been approved of by the City Council, and for other reasons, covering an opinion from Messrs. Ross, Sedgewick and McKay relative thereto. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the election be concurred in by the Council and that Capt. Murphy be elected a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Motion passed. Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Read letter from A. G. McDonald, Supt. Fire Alarm Telegraph, requesting that legislation be obtained to make the allowance proposed to be granted him a permanency. On motion the same was laid over to be considered with a report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, to be submitted this meeting. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer on the condition of the Street Railway track, and declaring the same to be a public nuisance.

STREET RAILWAY.

His Worship the Mayor :

June 7th, 1894.

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to submit the following report respecting the Street Railway :

The following clauses of the Charter refer particularly to the track and service : The roadway between and inside the rails and for two feet on the outside of the rail shall be kept constantly in good repair and level with the rails, under the direction of the City Engineer.

The Cars shall be of the most improved kind and propelled by horses or any other motive power approved by the Council, and the Cars shall be maintained and kept by the Company in good order and in a clean state. The horses shall be provided with bells, and the cars with signal lights. The time for running the trams and the tariff of rate shall be regulated by a table to be approved by the City Council. The minimum rate of single fare shall be five cents.

The first section refers to the track alone, the second provides for the approval of the Council respecting the service. I am not certain whether the Council has ever approved of the time table or not, but I am under the impression that it has never been submitted to them. I have heard a good many complaints concerning the service in this respect, and it might perhaps be advisable in future to have the tram service more directly under the supervision of the Council.

I have had occasion to report on the condition of the track several times each year since I have been in the City service. I am sorry to say that I have never been able to report favorably. The track at present is in a worse condition in some respects than it has ever been before. The rails are worn down so thin that a most careful driver is necessary to keep the Cars on the track, and when they do run on the track the only part of the wheel touching the rail is the flange. The stringers and sleepers are so rotten in many parts of the track that spikes will not hold in them, and the rails spread. The surface of the track has been repaired since the frost came out; but it is by no means in a satisfactory condition. The roadway has never been drained by the Company, and in many parts of the track water stands between the rails after every rain storm. In several places the City was obliged to put in a catch-pit to carry off the water in self defence, as the rush of water during a rainstorm where it overflowed the rail, cut away the street surface and did more damage than the cost of the catch-pit. Many complaints have been made respecting the wet and dirty condition of the track opposite St. Paul's Church, opposite old Mason's Hall, near Fenwick St., on South Park St., on some parts of Spring Garden Road, and several other places.

The track has never been in such a condition that I could say it was in good order. The material used in some parts of the track has been soft clay. It should not be allowed on any part of the street surface. Portions of the track placed in good order in one day with such material, may be as bad as ever the next. Ruts are soon cut out by the horses feet and running water carries off the material from the surface of the track. The road can be kept in repair only by constant daily attention, and the force employed for this purpose should be larger. As soon as the frost is out a number of men should be employed to put the track in good repair at once. Instead of adopting this course the Company employ two men only ; judging from my own observation, no matter how much work is to be done. It is impossible to keep the track in order in this manner. The curves and switches are bad from end to end of the whole line, the rails projecting above the surface being dangerous to the wheels. This condition will never be improved as long as the Company uses the material put on the road at present. Block pavement is the only material suitable for such requirements. The track at curves, switches, turn outs and street intersections, and at many places on other part of the line is decidedly dangerous to traffic. It is difficult, even with the greatest care to drive for any distance along the track without straining or injuring a vehicle. Fire apparatus crossing the track at a high rate of speed is liable to be broken down, and the damage resulting in case of a large fire can only be imagined. The Chemical Engine going to a fire on Barrington Street, opposite the Parade, had an axle sprung in crossing the track, and it is most fortunate that the damage was not more serious. After consultation with His Honor the Recorder, I have no hesitation in saying, that the track as it exists at present, is a public nuisance, and that it has been a public nuisance ever since I first inspected it, and further, that the condition of the track will never be satisfactory until new rails and sleepers are laid, the system of repairs altered, and the track allowance paved.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That a copy of the report of the City Engineer be served upon the Manager of the Halifax Street Railway, and that the Halifax Street Railway Company be at the same time notified by the City Clerk on behalf of the City Council, that unless the unsatisfactory condition of the street railway service and equipments be remedied by the Company immediately, beginning, under the supervision of the Engineer, the work of repairing the track and making the service in all respects in accordance with the requirements of their Charter, and completing said repairs and work within two months from this date. The City shall, at the expiration of said two months, take steps to abate the nuisance and to cancel the Charter of the Company.

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

Read petition of William Compton, and others for an electric light on Queen Street. Moved by Alderman McFtridge, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder, relative to the judgments given in the case City of Halifax vs. Reeves, covering two letters from McIntyre, Code & Orde, solicitors, Ottawa, relative thereto.

Also read letter from James Reeves, asking that he be fully indemnified from all loss and reimbursed all costs, fees and expenses legally and properly incurred or laid out by him in connection with the suit City of Halifax vs. Reeves.

Also read memo. of execution \$313.22 from Sheriff's Office at Halifax for costs and fees in above named suit,