

It was paid on the Bilby street frontage if paid under any law existing at that time. There has been no sewer constructed under the present law on Bilby Street in the block adjoining Kempt Road and in my opinion the tax is made in accordance with the law. I would suggest that the opinion of His Honor the Recorder be obtained.

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

IN RE CALDWELL ESTATE SEWERAGE RATES.

December 11th, 1894.

By the law in force in 1865 when the majority of the rate payers petitioned the City Council for a sewer in any particular street and the Council complied with the request, the owners of property on either side of the street were liable to pay one half of the cost. If a petition was presented to build the sewer on Isleville, and the City Council built it, and the Council is satisfied that Mr. Caldwell, in 1865, paid his proportion he should be relieved to the extent of the number of feet he paid for and this evidence must be in writing. I would advise that the question of payment be left to the Treasurer to report to the Council as to its correctness, after which the Council can deal with it.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the recommendation contained in the Recorder's written opinion be carried into effect. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer on petition of Michael Madden and others for a sewer on Henry Street.

Read copy of resolution adopted by the City Health Board relative to the petition of F. C. Stevens and others, for a sewer on Henry Street, covering a copy of a report of the City Engineer relative to said sewer.

HENRY STREET SEWER.

November 26th 1894.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for a Sewer in Henry Street. There are fourteen houses to drain into a sewer, and the street is at present in a very unsanitary condition. A petition referred to me from the Board of Health, asks for a Sewer to a distance of 300 feet from Morris Street, while this petition asks for a Sewer from Morris Street to Coburg Road. All the houses with one exception are on the southern half of the block, and I would recommend that the Sewer be constructed only so far as is necessary to drain the houses in the southern half of the block.

Estimated cost.. .. .	\$2,260 00
" assessment	1,015 00

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

November 28th, 1894.

To His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—At a meeting of the City Health Board, held on Nov. 27th, the accompanying resolution was adopted, and I have been instructed to forward you a copy for your information and submission to the City Council.

N. MEAGHER, *Secretary.*

Extract from minutes of meeting of City Health Board, November 27th, 1894 :
Read petition from the residents and rate-payers of Henry Street, asking sewerage extension, as well as a report from the City Engineer thereon, copies of which are enclosed.

It was on motion decided to transmit the papers to the City Council, with a recommendation that the Sewer petitioned for be constructed at an early date.

[A true extract.]

N. MEAGHER, *Secretary.*

HENRY STREET SEWER.

November 26th, 1894.

Chairman Board of Health :

SIR,—Two petitions asking for a Sewer in Henry Street have been referred to me for report, one from the City Council for a Sewer from Morris Street to Coburg Road, the other from the Health Board for a Sewer 300 feet from Morris Street. All the houses on the street would be drained by the latter except a stable on the upper part of which is occupied as a dwelling, near the north end of the street. I do not think the Board should recommend the construction of a Sewer for 300 or 400 feet for one house, and the petition submitted to the Board does not call for it. I have to-day recommended to the Council the construction of about 300 feet to drain 14 houses. This portion of the street is in a very unsanitary condition.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the report of the City Engineer be adopted, and the Sewer placed on the Order Book for construction in its turn, provided that said Henry Street has been deeded to the City. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer, covering a report from His Honor the Recorder on petition of George Mitchell, asking that the estate of W. L. Heatherington be relieved from the payment of sewerage rates for the sewer Victoria Road.

SEWER ASSESSMENT, VICTORIA ROAD.

November 24th, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—The accompanying petition from George Mitchell, executor of the estate of W. L. Heatherington, asks exemption from sewerage rates on Victoria Road. The property runs through from Inglis Street having a frontage on both streets. This case is similar to that of N. Meagher dealt with by the Council on September 14th, 1892. If relieved under the third part section of 477 of the Charter, the assessment on the Inglis Street front (it being the smaller side) should be remitted. I would suggest that the opinion of His Honor the Recorder be obtained.

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

IN RE HETHERINGTON ESTATE SEWERAGE RATES.

December 11th, 1894.

It would appear in this case that a sewer has been built on Inglis Street and Victoria Road and that the late Mr. Hetherington's property fronts on both Streets, and in the shape of a gib lot on the latter street.

Where a sewer is constructed in each street, the owner of the lot fronting on both streets is entitled to a deduction equal to the frontage on the smaller side of such property, provided that such side does not exceed forty feet in length.

It should be shown to the satisfaction of the Council that Mr. Hetherington paid his taxes on Inglis Street before he is entitled to relief.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that a copy of the opinion of His Honor the Recorder be forwarded to the representatives of the estate. Motion passed.

Read opinion of the City Engineer, on letter from the Naval Storekeeper, *re* Water Rates for H. M. Dockyard.

WATER RATES, DOCKYARD.

December 6th, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In reference to the accompanying letter from the Naval Storekeeper, I have been unable to report until I could get a statement of the fixtures. Mr. Morrison has been so busy that the statement has not been prepared until this week.

The agreement quoted is dated October 1st, 1881. The fittings were taken in 1883, and since that date there have been added without permission or knowledge of the City authorities 21 taps, 9 urinals, 3 water closets, 1 bath and 1 steam engine, for which no additional rate is paid. This is in direct violation of the agreement—clause 7 of which provides that no additions are to be made to the fittings without written permission from the City authorities.

I do not think the difference in consumption in the ships would be as much as the Naval Storekeeper estimates, and I am of the opinion that adjustment of the rates should be in the City's favor. Under these circumstances there should be no reduction made at present in the rates charged the Naval Authorities for water.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Eden, that a copy of the report of the City Engineer be forwarded to the Naval Authorities. Motion passed.

Read amended report from the City Engineer, *re* Water extension, Ruhland Street.

WATER EXTENSION, RUHLAND STREET.

October 27th, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In reference to the petition from William Nisbet, for Water extension in Ruhland Street, I beg to report that the estimated cost is:

175 feet 4 inch pipe	\$73 50
1 4 inch single branch.....	3 40
1 4 inch stop cock.....	20 00
175 feet excavation and pipe laying, at 45c..	78 75
100 lbs. lead	3 50
1 Service.....	15 00

\$194 25

It is probable that the revenue will exceed the interest on the outlay, and I would recommend that the extension be made.

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

WATER EXTENSION, RUHLAND STREET.

His Worship the Mayor :

November 24th, 1894.

SIR,—I beg to report that the revenue from Mr. Nisbet's house is estimated at \$10.50, pipe rates at \$2.50. There will probably be two more houses erected on the proposed extension, but in any case the revenue from Mr. Nisbet's house will pay the interest. The cost of the work will be reduced considerably as the Sewer is now under construction.

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

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

Read extract from minutes of City Health Board, relative to the construction of a Sewer on Brunswick Street, between Brunswick Lane and Cornwallis Street, covering a copy of a report from the City Engineer relative thereto.

November 28th, 1894.

To His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In obedience to instructions of the City Health Board, I have the honor to forward for Your Worship's information and for submission to the City Council, the following :

At a meeting held on the 30th October, the chairman called the attention to the fact that certain properties on Brunswick Street between Brunswick Lane and Cornwallis Street have not proper and necessary drainage. On motion the matter was referred to the City Engineer to report on.

At a meeting held on 27th November, the Engineer's report was read. (See enclosure marked A.)

When the following resolution is introduced.

Resolved, That the Engineer's report *re* Brunswick Street Sewer be received and concurred in by this Board and a copy thereof transmitted to the City Council with a recommendation that said proposed sewer be constructed at as early a date as possible. Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by W. H. Neal, A true extract.

N. MEAGHER, *Secretary.*

(A.)

BRUNSWICK STREET SEWER.

November 27th, 1894.

Chairman Board of Health :

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying extract from minutes of City Health Board, I beg to report :

In that block of Brunswick Street between Cornwallis Street and Brunswick Lane there is an old stone drain under the west gutter. It has become filled up with black filth and at times this offensive matter backs up into the houses. The sanitary condition of the houses may be worse than if there were no drain at all. When it fills up it must be cleaned out at considerable expense. I respectfully recommend the construction of a new sewer in this block.

Estimated cost	\$2,150.
Estimated rates	937.

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

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the report of the City Engineer be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter from Drysdale and McInnis, covering a bill of costs, in suit Bulmer vs. O'Sullivan. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts, together with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read application of Huxtable and Courtney, for permission to operate a Steam Engine in connection with their Iron Foundry, on St. Albion Street. Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the same be referred to the Board of Fire Wards for report. Motion passed.

Read applications of William J. Egan and Donald McPhee, for position of Hay Weigher.—Filed.

Read report of City Clerk covering accounts of St. Patrick's Home, maintenance of truants and A. & W. MacKinlay, for stationery. 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 Sanitary Inspector for year 1893-4. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Committee on Publication of annual report. Motion passed.

Read application of Matilda E. Downs, for Water Extention, Robie Street. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that said application be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read application of H. H. Banks, Chief Inspector of Licenses for an increase of Salary. Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from John T. Bulmer, *re* insurance claim of heirs of late Francis A. Keating. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that said letter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges, to enquire into the circumstances surrounding the case. Motion passed.

Read return of City Collector, Rates and Water Rates for the month of November.

Also, read statements of City Treasurer "General" "Water" and "Balances," for month of November. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said returns and statements be submitted to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read report of special committee on the matter of a paid Fire Department. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the same be placed on the Order Paper, to be dealt with at a special meeting of the council. Motion passed.

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

Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor appoint a committee from this Council to consider the advisability of establishing a public slaughter house to be operated by the city. Said committee to report to this Council at an early day.

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

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, that His Worship the Mayor be requested to communicate with the Imperial Authorities for the purpose of endeavoring to secure their permission to allow tourists and citizens to use the walks about the ramparts of the Citadel during the Summer season.

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

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

The following resolution is introduced :

Whereas, owing to special circumstances there seems to be a probability of a large influx at this port of an undesirable class of immigrants this winter, with no means of support and no likelihood of obtaining work.

Resolved, that the Charities Committee be instructed to vigorously enforce the provisions of the law in regard to Steamship Companies landing paupers at this port.

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

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

Resolved, that the City Collector be requested to place on the table of this Council at our next meeting, a certified copy of the list of rate-payers entitled to sign Liquor Licence applications for the present year.

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

On motion of Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the Order of the Day is further suspended to allow Alderman O'Donnell to introduce the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Chairman of Firewards lay on this table for the benefit of the Council, what information he had gained in regard to the working of the Firemen in Montreal and other cities.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, and passed.

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

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the City Clerk be requested to lay on the table of the council at an early day the correspondence with the Military Authorities, *re* extending Brunswick Street through to Doyle Street. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1, Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of petition of William Nisbet, for the immediate construction of sewer, Ruhland Street. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Morrow,

that the action of the council on this matter at its last meeting, be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost.

No. 2, Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of the appointment of Alderman Hubley as a Commissioner of Schools, for the City of Halifax, is now taken up. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the said appointment be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns, 10.05 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

DECEMBER 18th, 1894.

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

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Redden, 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 Mosher, Creighton, Mitchell, Duggan, Wallace, Dennis, Stewart and McFatrige.

The Council was summoned to make arrangements for the occasion of the arrival of the remains of Sir John S. D. Thompson.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

His Worship the Mayor in announcing the object of the meeting, said as follows:

Gentlemen:—I have called you together this evening to consider what steps you will take to assist officially in the funeral ceremonies of our distinguished fellow citizen, the late Right Hon. Sir John S. D. Thompson, on the arrival of his remains here in this his native land.

I can add nothing that you one and all are not already familiar with as to his merits. I was personally acquainted with the deceased for a great many years. I knew him as John S. D. Thompson, an humble citizen; I knew him as John S. D. Thompson, an Alderman of the City of Halifax; I knew him as John S. D. Thompson, a member of our Provincial Parliament and a member of our Provincial Government; I knew him as a Judge of our Supreme Court; I knew him as a member of the Dominion Parliament and a member of the Dominion Government; and I knew him as the Prime Minister of Canada, and I am more than pleased to say, as all who chanced to know him will with me agree, that he was still only John S. D. Thompson in cordial greeting whenever his friends met him. Honors or titles did not turn his head or lead him to forget "auld acquaintance."

Now, while we all deplore his untimely end and the country's loss, a palliative to our grief is the reflection as death is our common lot he died as a general at the head of his army, with the honor of his sovereign attached to his breast and the respect and good will of his fellow countrymen forever attached to his name; and this, I hope, will in some degree assuage the grief of his beloved wife and children in this their hour of tribulation.

Alderman Wallace, after addressing the Council, moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Alderman Morrow.

Whereas, Sir John Thompson, Premier of Canada, and formerly for some years a valued member of the Council, has been stricken by the hand of death just as he had attained the high honor of admittance to Her Majesty's Imperial Council.

Resolved, That the City Council of Halifax deeply deplores the tragic event whereby our city has lost its most talented son, and our country its most distinguished statesman, a man who from the ranks of the ordinary citizen rose

with unique rapidity and serenity and by sheer force of intellect to the highest position possible to a Canadian statesman, and throughout his career devoted his eminent talents unsparingly to the service of his country.

The City Council desire to express sincere sympathy with Lady Thompson and her family in the great sorrow that has fallen upon their home.

Said motion being put is passed unanimously.

The following resolution is now moved by Alderman Mosher and seconded by Alderman Creighton.

Resolved, That a copy of the resolution just adopted be transmitted to Lady Thompson.

Further resolved, That His Worship the Mayor be requested to appoint a Committee from the Council to co-operate with the officials having in charge the arrangements for the funeral of the late Premier, and that the Council attend the funeral in a body.

Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Duggan, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the Board of School Commissioners and the members of the various Civic Commissions be invited to attend at the funeral with the City Council. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates the following as the Committee to carry out the intention of the Council as expressed in the second resolution of this meeting, viz.: Aldermen Morrow, Wallace, Hamilton, Mitchell, Hubley and Mosher.

On motion of Alderman Duggan, seconded by Alderman Stewart, said Committee is confirmed.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the Committee on the funeral of the late Sir John S. D. Thompson be empowered to make such expenditure as may be necessary.

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

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 9.10 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION,

8.10 o'clock.

DECEMBER 20th, 1894.

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

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

8.30—Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Hamilton, Redden, Stewart, Eden, Geldert, Duggan, Ryan and Hubley.

The Council was summoned to deal with all matters relating to the present system of assessment of real and personal property, etc.

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Mosher submits a report from the Committee on Public Accounts.

Alderman Wallace submits a report from the Special Committee on letter of H. L. Chipman, *re* obtaining Exhibition Building and Grounds as a site for a Summer Hotel.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Report of Department City Works, *re* Tenders for Granite Curbs, Gutter Stones and Paving Blocks.

Letter from the City Engineer, *re* construction of Sewers.

Report of City Engineer on petition of M. E. Downs, for water extension, 308 Robie Street.

Report of City Engineer on petition of Thomas Winchcomb, for water extension, Fenwick Street.

Letter from John Murphy, asking that he be relieved from the payment of sewerage rates on his building, Granville Street.

Petition of the Religious of the Good Shepherd at Halifax, asking that they receive compensation for the maintenance of girls and women committed by the Stipendiary Magistrate to said institution.

Letter from George Mitchell, executor estate of W. L. Hetherington, covering a certificate from the City Collector as to payment of Sewerage rates on Inglis Street.

Letter from Peter E. Flemming and Jeremiah Fraser, *re* Hack Stand.

Letter from William Parsons, jr., *re* Hack Stand.

Letter from the City Clerk, covering correspondence relative to extension of Brunswick Street through the South Barrack property.

Return by the City Collector of persons entitled to sign applications for Liquor License.

Report of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the month of November.

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

Read report of Committee on Public Accounts, recommending payment of accounts of Theakson & Co., A. & W. Mackinlay, and St. Patrick's Home.

December 20th, 1894.

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

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that at a meeting held on the 19th inst., the following named accounts were examined and found correct and are recommended for payment, viz :—St. Patrick's Home, keep of Truants, \$239.11; Theakston & Co., Printing, \$33.50; A. & W. Mackinlay, stationery, etc., City Collector, \$1.50; City Clerk, \$5.89; City Assessor, \$4.84; Police Department, \$0.60; Stipendiary Magistrate, \$0.35; City Treasurer, \$20.66; City Clerk, \$10.59; City Assessor, \$4.56; City Collector, \$3.99 (\$52.98). Total \$325.59.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

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

Read report of Special Committee appointed to consider the letter of H. L. Chipman, relative to a company obtaining the Exhibition Building and Grounds as a site for a Summer Hotel.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 20th, 1894.

To His Worship the Mayor :

The Special Committee appointed by the Council in regard to the letter of Mr. H. L. Chipman, held a meeting, and after full consideration of the matter adopted the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Committee shall recommend to the Council the consideration of offers that may be received from any Company or Companies prepared to lease the ground covered by the present Exhibition Building, and to erect on said ground a Hotel, the plans for which shall first be approved by the City, provided however, that no exemption from taxation shall be granted to any lessee, and provided also, that such lessee shall be restricted from building upon any of the other City Property adjoining the Exhibition Building, and shall only be permitted to lease and use said adjoining property for the purpose of laying out and beautifying the grounds.

It shall also be expressly provided in any lease of said property that the lease shall terminate, and the building erected by the Company shall become forfeited to the City, if the lessee should during any Summer Season fail to utilize as a Hotel, the building to be so erected.

W. B. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read City Engineer's statement of Tenders for Granite Gutters, Paving Blocks, etc., with report from His Worship the Mayor thereon. Objected to and placed on Order Paper.

Read report of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the month of November. Filed.

Read letter from the City Engineer, relative to the construction of certain Sewers during the winter.

SEWERS.

December 18th, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In reference to construction of Sewers, I would suggest to the Council that the Works Department be authorized to construct such Sewer or Sewers now on the Order Book, as they think are in the best location for winter work if the weather should continue favorable.

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Eden, that said report be adopted, and the City Engineer be instructed to proceed with the construction of such Sewers as can be advantageously built during the winter months. Motion passed.

Read letter from John Murphy, asking that he be exempted from the payment of Sewerage rates for Sewer in front of his building on Granville Street. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be submitted to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of the Religious of the Good Shepherd at Halifax, that they receive compensation for the maintenance of women committed to their care from the Police Court. Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public-Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer on application of Thomas Winchcomb, for water extension, Fenwick Street.

WATER EXTENSION, FENWICK STREET.

December 20, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—The extension petitioned for on Fenwick Street would be 45 feet in length to supply the Winchcomb's house.

Estimated cost	\$73 90
" revenue	5 00

Recommended that the prayer of petition be granted.

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

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

Read report of the City Engineer, *re* petition of M. E. Downs for Water extension to 308 Robie Street.

WATER EXTENSION, ROBIE STREET.

December 18th, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—To supply Mrs. Downs' house on Robie Street, an extension of 72 feet would be required.

Estimated cost	\$135 16
“ revenue	8 4c

I would recommend that the extension be made.

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

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

Read letter from George Mitchell, administrator of estate of late W. L. Hetherington, covering a report from the City Collector, certifying the payment of rates by said estate for Sewer on Inglis Street.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that the same be referred to His Worship the Mayor to adjust. Motion passed.

Read letter from Peter E. Flemming and Jeremiah Fraser, relative to the hack stands to which their teams were allotted. Also read letter from William Parsons, Jr., on same subject. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be referred to the Committee on Hacks and Trucks to deal with at their earliest convenience. Motion passed.

Read letter from City Clerk covering correspondence, etc., with the military authorities relative to the extension of Brunswick Street southwardly through Imperial property. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that a Special Committee be appointed to take the matter of said extension into consideration and report thereon, and that the correspondence submitted be referred to them. Motion passed.

Read return of City Collector of persons entitled to sign Liquor Licenses for year 1894. Laid on the table.

His Worship the Mayor nominates the following named as a Committee to report on the advisability of establishing a public slaughter house to be operated by the city, viz., Aldermen Mosher, McFatrige, Duggan, Ryan, Dennis and Geldert.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the name of Alderman Wallace be substituted for that of Alderman Dennis on the committee appointed to devise a scheme for the superannuation of civic officials. Motion passed.

The Council now proceeds to deal with the matter for which it was specially called, viz., to deal with all matters relating to the present system of assessment of real and personal estate, etc.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Whereas, The present system of assessment of personal property is inequitable and unsatisfactory, and calculated to hamper trade in the city, and fails to reach a large proportion of property that receives civic protection and benefit and should be made subject to civic taxation.

Resolved, That said system of assessment of personal property be abolished, and in lieu thereof a business tax, a household tax, an income tax and sundry license fees be imposed.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Hamilton.

His Worship the Mayor ruled said resolution out of order and refuses to put it to the Council.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that No. 22 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 22, viz:—Report of Special Committee on Assessment, covering majority and minority reports of sub-Committee appointed to draft scheme of taxation.

Alderman McFatrige, submits to the Council a scheme of assessment signed by Aldermen McFatrige, Eden and Hubley to be substituted for the report referred to in No. 22 on order paper and signed by Aldermen Hubley, Eden and Creighton. Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Eden that said scheme of assessment submitted this evening by Alderman McFatrige, be received and concurred in.

The following amendment to said resolution is now moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Duggan.

Whereas, the present system of assessment of personal property is inequitable and unsatisfactory and calculated to hamper trade in the city and fails to reach a large proportion of property that receives civic protection and benefits and should be made subject to civic taxation.

Resolved, That said system of assessment of personal property be abolished and in lieu thereof, a business tax, a household tax, and income tax and sundry license fees be imposed.

Whereas, The present system of assessing real estate is based upon an unsound principal and is calculated to prevent the erection of a better class of buildings and the improvement of existing buildings,

Resolved, That in future, all land in the city with the exception hereinafter mentioned, be assessed at its full value not including houses or buildings, if any, upon said land, the assessment of which shall not exceed one-half the assessed value of the said buildings.

Provided that in the case of suburban lands the rate of assessment shall not exceed that at present levied. Suburban lands are understood to mean all lands lying not less than 100 feet outside of the following limits, commencing on the shore of Halifax Harbor at a point near the north eastern corner of Miller's Fields, so called; thence by the north line of Miller's Fields to Tower Road; Tower Road to Inglis Street; Inglis Street to Robie Street; Robie Street to South Street; South Street to Le Marchant Street; Le Marchant Street to Coburg Road; Coburg Road to Oxford Street; Oxford Street to Young Street; Young Street to Gottingen Street; Gottingen Street to Duffus Street; Duffus Street to the harbor,

Resolved, That the tax now levied upon goods, stocks of merchandise, machinery and similar personal property be hereafter levied in the form of a business tax based upon rental. In determining the said rental the assessors shall not be

bound to accept the amount of rental actually paid, but shall have full power and discretion to fix a fair rental in each case. Said business tax shall be imposed as follows :

On all properties the rental of which is three hundred dollars or under, at the rate of five per cent. on said rental ; on all properties the rental of which is over three hundred dollars and under six hundred dollars, at the rate of seven and a half per cent. on said rental, and on all premises the rental of which is six hundred dollars or upwards, at the rate of ten per cent on said rental. In the case of furniture or household effects now subject to taxation as personal property, the household tax to be substituted therefor shall be based upon the value of the houses occupied, but shall not exceed one-half per cent. on the assessed value of the buildings. No tax shall be levied where the rental is less than eighty dollars a year.

In the case of factories (not including breweries or distilleries) the business tax shall not exceed five per cent. on the rental.

Whereas, a large proportion of the personal property in the City escapes taxation in whole or in part under the present system of assessment, and whereas, a number of citizens who are in receipt of large incomes contribute unfairly small amounts to the City Taxation.

Resolved, That an Income Tax of one per cent. be imposed on all incomes from five hundred dollars upwards.

Provided, That such tax shall not be in addition to business tax. Where the income tax exceeds the business tax income alone shall pay.

Resolved, That all the persons and Corporations hereinafter enumerated be required to take out annually Licenses to do business in the City, and to pay therefor the following License fees :

Banks $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on capital.

Commercial Travellers, \$25 00.

Non-resident Contractors, $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on amount of Contracts.

Non-resident business men, a business tax based upon the yearly rental of the premises occupied, not to be less than \$75.00.

Fire Insurance Companies, \$200.00.

Marine, Life, Guarantee and Accident Companies, \$100.00.

Telephone Companies, \$1000.00.

Electric Light Companies, \$1000.00.

Gas Company, \$2500.00.

Street Railway, \$5000.00.

Cable Company, \$250.00.

Telegraph Companies, \$250.00.

Auctioneers (not to include consignments, etc.,) in lieu of License Tax, \$100.00.

Auctioneers (for goods imported from foreign countries or consigned for sale) the same tax as that imposed above in relation to non-resident business men.

Junk dealers, \$80.00.

Ice Carts (each) \$10.00.

Milk Carts (each) \$5.00.

Peddlers and Truckmen, with horses, \$5.00.

Coal Hawkers, \$5.00.

Dog Tax, \$2.00.

Vessels retailing Goods, Wares and Merchandize (each) \$25.00

Boats, \$5.00.

His Worship the Mayor rules the said amendment out of order.

Alderman Dennis moves, seconded by Alderman Morrow, an appeal from the decision of the Chair.

The City Clerk then put the question, "shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"

On the vote being taken there appeared for sustaining the decision of the Chair 6; against it 10. The names being called for appeared thus :

For sustaining Chair.	Against it.
Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell, McFatridge, Eden, Mosher, Outhit.—6.	Aldermen Stewart, Morrow, Geldert, Dennis, Redden, Wallace, Hamilton, Duggan, Mitchell, Ryan.—10.

The City Clerk declares the decision of the Chair not sustained.

The Council now proceeds to the consideration of the resolution and amendment, which are spoken to by Aldermen Redden, Stewart, Eden, McFatridge, Outhit, O'Donnell, Wallace, Hubley, Ryan, Geldert, Morrow and Mosher.

His Worship the Mayor called upon Deputy Mayor Stewart to take the Chair, and then addresses the Council on the resolutions, from the floor of the Chamber.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.

The amendment being now put is passed, 10 voting for the same and 5 against it.

Names being called for they appeared thus :

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Stewart, Morrow, Geldert, Dennis, Redden, Wallace, Hamilton, Duggan, Mitchell, Ryan.—10.	Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell, Eden, Mosher, Outhit.—5.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

The original motion is now put and lost. Five voting for the same and 10 against it.

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Outhit, Mosher, Eden, O'Donnell, Hubley.—5.	Aldermen Ryan, Mitchell, Duggan, Hamilton, Wallace, Redden, Dennis, Geldert, Morrow, Stewart.—10.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of re-consideration.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder, in conjunction with Aldermen Stewart, Wallace and Redden, be instructed as a committee to prepare a bill for submission at the next session of the Legislature carrying out the provisions of the resolution moved by Alderman Redden and just adopted by the Council.

Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Dennis and passed. Alderman Hubley gives notice of re-consideration.

Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Redden, the Council adjourn. Motion put and passed.

Council adjourns, 11.45 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION,

8.10 o'clock.

DECEMBER 27th, 1894.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Wallace, Mosher, Foster, Mitchell and O'Donnell.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Mosher 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, Dennis, Redden, Duggan, Hamilton, Hubley, Ryan, Eden, McFatridge.

The Council was summoned to consider the estimates for the civic year 1895-6, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting were read.

The following messages from His Worship the Mayor are now submitted and read:

To the Members of the City Council,

Gentlemen,—At the meeting of the Council held on the 20th inst., a series of resolutions were brought to your notice by Alderman Redden, dealing with the laws relating to assessment, which the Chair ruled were out of order. Notwithstanding said ruling the Council saw fit to appeal from the same, which vote on being put was carried by a vote of ten to six. But inasmuch as Rule 53 of the Council requires that if objections are made to resolutions so introduced a two-thirds vote of the whole Council is necessary to give the said resolution force or effect. I herewith submit that as said resolutions did not have the required number, they are, as a consequence, null and void.

M. E. KEEFE, Mayor.

To the Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Council held on the 20th inst., a resolution was introduced by Alderman Wallace nominating a committee to act in conjunction with His Honor the Recorder to prepare an Act and present the same to the Legislature, embodying the views as expressed in the resolution introduced by Alderman Redden in reference to a change in our assessment laws. But as Section 107 of the City Charter says the Mayor shall nominate all committees, the said resolution of Alderman Wallace cannot have any force or effect, and must in consequence fail.

Yours, etc.,

M. E. KEEFE, Mayor.

Aldermen Dennis, Eden, Wallace, Morrow, Hamilton, McFatridge, Stewart and Redden severally addressed the council on the subject of the mayor's veto.

There being no objections to the minutes of last meeting the same are now confirmed and signed.

Alderman Mosher submits a report from the Committee on Public Accounts relative to the Estimates for the Civic Year 1895-6, together with the said estimates as prepared by the Committee.

His Worship the Mayor now submits the following papers:

Letter from Fred. T. Congdon, solicitor of plaintiff in suit Bulmer vs. O'Sullivan, objecting to the payment by the Council of the bill of \$294, presented by Messrs. Drysdale and McInnes, in connection with said suit.

Report of City Engineer on letter from John Murphy relative to the charge for sewerage rates on the Granville Street front of his property.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and passed.

Council adjourns 9 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2.40 o'clock P. M.

DECEMBER 31st, 1894.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day, Deputy Mayor, Stewart, presiding. Present. Aldermen Morrow, Stewart, Geldert, Wallace, Dennis, Redden, Duggan, Mitchell, Hamilton, Hubley, O'Donnell, Ryan, Eden, McFatrige, Foster, Mosher, Creighton and Outhit.

The Council was summoned to consider the estimates for the year 1895-6, to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting were read.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Mayor has no authority whatever to veto the action of the majority of the City Council except as regards the expenditure of money, and inasmuch as the Mayor's message does not correctly state the facts.

Resolved, That the minutes of the Council of December 27th be amended by expunging all references therefrom of the communication submitted by the Mayor, relative to the action of the Council on the amendment of the law relative to assessment of personal property, etc.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Redden. Moved in amendment by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the minutes as read be adopted.

The opinion of His Honor the Recorder is asked for by Aldermen Wallace, Dennis, Morrow, and Hamilton, as to whether the Mayor had the power to declare null and void the action of the Council at its last meeting relative to the matter of assessment.

The Recorder in reply, says, the Council having been called to deal with all matters relating to assessment, they had the absolute right to deal with the assessment question to the fullest extent, and that a majority vote only was necessary to decide any resolution or amendment relative to the matter for which the meeting was called, and also that the Council could, by a majority vote at this meeting, nullify the action of the Mayor as expressed in his message to the Council at its last meeting.

The amendment now being put is lost, 8 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for they appeared as follows :

For the Amendment.
Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell,
McFatrige, Eden,
Foster, Creighton,
Mosher, Outhit.—8.

Against it.
Aldermen Morrow, Geldert,
Dennis, Redden,
Wallace, Hamilton,
Duggan, Mitchell,
Ryan.—9.

The original resolution is now put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 8 against it.

For the Motion.

Aldermen Ryan, Mitchell,
Duggan, Hamilton,
Wallace, Redden,
Dennis, Geldert,
Morrow.—9.

Against it.

Aldermen Outhit, Mosher,
Creighton, Foster,
Eden, McFatrige,
O'Donnell, Hubley.—8.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the minutes of last meeting, as amended, be now confirmed. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that the Acting Mayor, before the adjournment of this meeting, appoint a committee to act in connection with His Honor the Recorder in preparing a bill for submission to the Legislature, carrying out the provisions of the resolutions. Moved by Alderman Redden at the meeting of this Council, on the 20th inst., relative to assessment. Motion passed.

Alderman Mosher, Chairman of Committee on Public Accounts, submits the estimates for the civic year, 1895-6.

The Acting Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter from Alexander Grant *re* appointment of Lumber Surveyor.
Acknowledgment of receipt of letter of sympathy on death of Sir John S. D. Thompson.

Letter from John T. Larkin *re* grant to School of Art and Design.

Letter from Revd. Dr. Lathern and Robert Murray objecting to a civic grant to Home of Good Shepherd.

Petition from C. M. Starr asking for a civic grant to the Girls' Home, Brunswick Street.

Letter from the City Clerk covering awards of arbitrators on lands expropriated for the new pipe line with letter and accounts (\$340) from arbitrators.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers submitted at this and previous meeting of the Council. Motion passed.

Read letter from F. T. Congdon, solicitor of John T. Bulmer, objecting to the payment by the Council of the defendant's costs in the suit Bulmer vs. O'Sullivan. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion Passed.

Read report from City Engineer on letter of John Murphy *re* sewerage rates on Granville Street front of his property.

JOHN MURPHY'S SEWER ASSESSMENT.

December 26th, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In reference to sewer rates charged John Murphy, for property corner of Granville Street and Duke Street, I beg to report :—

The 477th Section of the City Charter provides that all properties situated at or near the upper end or termination of such proposed sewer shall pay the same rate as if the sewer were to pass in front of such properties for their entire length, provided that in no case shall any such property be assessed for a greater length of frontage than sixty feet beyond the termination of the sewer, measured along the side line of the street from a point directly opposite to the end of the sewer.

This sewer is within twenty-five feet of the corner of Mr. Murphy's property.

Section 504 provides that no property whatsoever liable for sewerage rates shall be relieved from payment of the same under any circumstances.

Under the law Mr. Murphy will be obliged to pay the amount assessed against him.

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report be adopted and a copy thereof sent Mr. Murphy. Motion passed.

Read Committee on extension of Brunswick Street southwardly as nominated by His Worship the Mayor, viz: Aldermen Geldert, Dennis, Duggan, O'Donnell, McFatridge, and Outhit. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that said nominations be concurred in. Motion passed.

Read letter from Alexander Grant asking that the Council appoint a lumber surveyor. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that William T. Horton be appointed a Lumber Surveyor for the City of Halifax for the balance of current year. Motion passed.

Read acknowledgment by Joseph Pope, on behalf of Lady Thompson, of receipt of letter of sympathy on death of Sir John S. D. Thompson. Filed.

The following papers are read, and on motion, severally laid over to be dealt with in connection with the consideration of the estimates at this meeting, viz: Letter Revds. Dr. Lathern and Robert Murray re Grant to Home of Good Shepherd. Letter from C. M. Starr re grant to Girls' Home. Letter, John T. Larkin re grant to School of Art and Design.

Report of Committee on Public Accounts on various matters relative to finance.

Read letter from the City Clerk covering letter and awards of Arbitrators on lands expropriated for new pipe line together with an Account (\$340) for services. Placed on Order Paper.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that Section 24 of rules of Council be suspended in so far as to permit

Alderman O'Donnell to move a resolution of reconsideration, of which he had given notice at the meeting held December 20th. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the resolution and amendment adopted at a meeting of this Council on 20th December, relative to assessment matters be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 9 against it. On the names being called for there appeared:

For the motion.

Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell,
McFatrige, Eden,
Foster, Creighton,
Mosher, Outhit.—8.

Against it.

Aldermen Morrow, Geldert,
Dennis, Redden,
Wallace, Hamilton,
Duggan, Mitchell,
Ryan.—9.

The Council now proceeds to the consideration of the estimates for the civic year 1895-6, as submitted by the Committee on Public Accounts.

Before proceeding to discuss the estimates Alderman Mosher, Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts, said:

It is the usual custom for the chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts' in submitting the estimates for the ensuing year, to make a speech, however, that I shall not attempt, except to make a few observations and submit a few facts regarding the City's liabilities and assets.

On May 1st, on assuming the position of Chairman of the Committee, I almost immediately referred to the laws governing and defining the duties of the several Committees of the Council. To my surprise I found no law defining the duties of the Public Accounts Committee. In my opinion the Act should be amended defining such duties. Your Committee found that the only accounts submitted for investigation were those passing through the office of City Clerk and one or two small accounts from the City Collector's office, in all amounting to \$1,431.00 to present date.

It is the expressed opinion of the present Committee that all accounts from the several spending Committees, except progress estimates on contracts, should be submitted to the Public Accounts Committee for investigation including the accounts for final settlement of contracts. This proposition may be taken some exception to on the ground of inconvenience, but there would be none if a proper system were inaugurated to pay the several accounts monthly. They could be submitted to the Committee once a month, and if found correct recommended to the Council for payment.

I am pleased to inform you that, in the opinion of your Committee, the rate of taxation for the ensuing year will not exceed \$1.50 and may be less.

Your Committee is also desirous of recommending that the City should cease borrowing large sums of money, except such as may be considered absolutely necessary for sanitary purposes or otherwise.

The total indebtedness of the City to date is \$2,773,810.

The total assets, exclusive of sewerage and permanent surface street work, \$1,964,695.

Sewers constructed, 13 miles, at a cost of \$364,000.00.

VALUATION OF CITY PROPERTY, CONSISTING OF SCHOOL HOUSES, ENGINE HOUSES, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, VACANT LANDS, ETC.

Lot of land Kempt Road and Young St	\$ 1,000 00
Halifax Academy	50,000 00
Acadian School	10,000 00
Africville "	1,000 00
Albro "	20,000 00
Alexandra "	45,000 00
Beech "	3,000 00
Bloomfield "	12,000 00
Compton A. "	15,000 00
LeMarchant "	8,000 00
Morris "	35,000 00
Richmond "	18,000 00
Tower Rd. "	6,000 00
Young St "	14,000 00
Furniture, etc	20,000 00
	<u>\$ 258,000 00</u>

ENGINE HOUSES.

Central	\$ 14,000 00
Gerrish	10,000 00
Queen	4,000 00
S. G. Road	1,500 00
Isleville	3,500 00
Quinpool	3,500 00
Grafton St.	6,000 00
Apparatus therein	50,500 00
	<u>\$ 93,000 00</u>

Public Gardens	\$ 100,000 00
Commons land	50,000 00
City Hall	150,000 00
Poor House and Grounds	110,000 00
Exhibition Building and Grounds	75,000 00
Small Park opposite the above	20,000 00
Grafton P. rk, S. G. Road	8,000 00
Mulgrave Park	5,000 00
Acadia Square	1,000 00
Esplanade	10,000 00
Inglis St Lot	2,000 00
Tower Road	600 00
Fish Market	3,000 00
Dartmouth Ferry and South Wharf	15,000 00
Rock Head and Land	20,000 00
Infectious Diseases Hospital	7,000 00
Chebucto Road Lot	1,000 00
	<u>\$ 577,600 00</u>

Personal Property, City Works Department, consisting of machinery, stocks, tools, horses	36,095 00
City Water Works	1,000,000 00
	<u>\$1,036,095 00</u>

Total City Assets to date

Total Liability of the City to Dec. 31st, 1894

Less Total Assets

Nett Liability

\$ 809,115 00

SALARIES.

His Worship the Mayor	\$1000 00	} Passed.
His Honor the Recorder	1200 00	
The City Treasurer	1800 00	
City Clerk	1300 00	
Assistant Clerk	750 00	
2nd Assistant	600 00	
3rd Assistant	450 00	
Retiring Allowance Thos. Rhind	750 00	
Stipendiary Magistrate	2000 00	
City Engineer	2200 00	

The following resolution is now introduced:

That owing to the large amount of work now thrust upon the City Engineer by abolition of the Board of works, in addition to the already arduous duties performed by him,

Resolved, That the City Engineer be paid the sum of four hundred dollars per year in addition to his present salary, commencing from the first day of May, 1895

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Morrow. Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 4 against it. On names being called for there appeared:

For the Motion.

Aldermen McFatrige, Ryan,
O'Donnell, Duggan,
Mitchell, Hamilton,
Wallace, Redden,
Dennis, Geldert,
Morrow.—11.

Against it.

Aldermen Mosher,
Foster,
Eden,
Hubley.—4.

City Auditor	1500 00	Passed
Collector Rates and Taxes and 4 sub-Collectors	3400 00	

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the item be placed at \$3500.00. Motion lost. Names being called for there appeared:

For the motion.

Aldermen Dennis, Redden,
O'Donnell, Ryan,
McFatrige, Foster,
Mosher.—7.

Against it.

Aldermen Morrow, Geldert,
Hamilton, Duggan,
Mitchell, Hubley,
Eden.—7.

The Deputy Mayor gives his casting vote against the motion.

Item passed at \$3400.00.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Clerk in Collector's Office	\$ 600 00	} Passed.
Chief Assessor	1200 00	
Assistants, 2, at \$1000	2000 00	
Registrar of Voters	200 00	
Janiter City Hall	800 00	
City Medical Officer	1000 00	
Inspector of Health	800 00	
Total.....	23750 00	

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief of Police and men\$27000.00

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Redden, that this item be placed at \$26,800. Motion passed.

ROCKHEAD PRISON.

Governor and Matron	\$1200 00	} Passed.
Underkeepers and Officials	2144 00	
Maintenance	2506 00	
<i>Less</i>	5850 00	
Probable Income	1200 00	
	\$4650 00	

BOARD OF WORKS.

Streets	\$18000 00	} Passed.
Internal Health	13000 00	
Horses and Drivers	1500 00	
Caretaker City Property	1200 00	
Caretaker Exhibition Building	364 00	
Fuel	850 00	
Telephones	263 00	
Lighting City Hall	1000 00	
Lighting Streets	16000 00	
Insurance	1000 00	
Repairs City Property	3000 00	
Total	\$56177 00	
Fire Department	\$22000 00	

Read Clause 1 of the report of the Committee on Public Accounts, submitted this day *re* Fire Department and increase of Assessment for ordinary purposes.

COMMITTEE ROOM CITY HALL, December 27th, 1894.

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

1st. GENTLEMEN,—Having in view the proposal to establish a paid Fire Department which will of necessity increase the cost of running that service and finding it utterly impossible out of the limited amount of \$110,000.00 to place to the credit of the different Departments sufficient money to enable them to efficiently carry out the various services, and at the same time provide for the increased necessities of the Fire Department. Your Committee beg to recommend in the event of the establishment of a paid Fire Department, that application be made to the Legislature at its next session for authority to in future assess the citizens to the amount of \$120,000.00 instead of \$110,000.00 for ordinary purposes.

2nd. Your Committee had before them an application from the Monastery of the Good Shepherd for a civic grant for the maintenance of girls committed to that Institution from the Police Court, and also a protest against the voting of such subsidy signed by Rev. Dr. Lathern and Rev. Robert Murray. After full consideration of the same your Committee decided (Alderman Hubley dissenting) to include in the Estimates a grant of \$60.00 per head per annum for each girl sentenced from the Police Court to the Monastery, the number of girls to be so paid for not to exceed ten in any one year. This provision also to apply to the civic year 1894-95. Your Committee further recommend that the Council assert its willingness to provide a similar grant under the like conditions to any other Institution that has established or may in future establish a Reformatory for girls, which is in the opinion of the Council is equally deserving of a subsidy as a Reformatory.

3rd. As it is well known that a loan for a large amount of money can be effected on better terms than a loan for a smaller sum, your Committee beg to recommend that in future issues of debentures be so dated that a large sum may fall due at any one time whereby a material saving in interest will be effected. This may be done by issuing the bonds for periods of say five years at one fixed date; or by shortening the period of each successive issue of debentures, and dating the bonds at the date of issue.

4th. Your Committee further beg to recommend that the Council apply to the Legislature at its next session for an Act giving the Council the right to retire in 25 years from 1st January, 1895, all City Bonds, Debentures or Stock, having no fixed date of expiration (a list of which will be submitted to the Council at an early date.)

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said clause of said report be placed on the Order of the Day.

The following amendment to said resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, That the item of \$22,000.00 for Fire Department pass as it stands in the estimates, and that the clause of the Committee on Public Accounts report, recommending that the Legislature increase the amount that the City can assess for ordinary purposes to \$120,000.00 be also adopted.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Dennis—said amendment being now put is passed, 12 voting for the same and 3 against it. The names being called for appeared thus:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Wallace, Geldert,
Dennis, Morrow,
Redden, Ryan,
Hamilton, Duggan,
Mitchell, Eden.
Foster, Mosher, 12.

Against it.

Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell,
McFardridge. 3

Item passed at \$22,000.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing and Stationery.....	\$2000 00	} Passed.
Interest on Common Commutation Fund	400 00	
Contingent Fund	2000 00	
Total	4400 00	
Grand Total.....	\$137777 00	

Less Probable Income.

Liquor Licenses	\$12000 00	} Passed.
Hack, Truck and other Licenses	3000 00	
Fines, Fees, &c, Police and City Courts	6000 00	
Rents City Property	1800 00	
Dog Tax	1000 00	
Balance Current Interest	4000 00	
Total Income.....	\$27800 00	
Total for Ordinary Purposes Passed at	\$109977 00	

EXTRA ASSESSMENTS.

County of Halifax.....	\$10000 00	} Passed.
Public Schools.....	89900 00	
Poor's Asylum.....	22000 00	
Public Gardens and Common ..	4000 00	
Point Pleasant Park.....	2000 00	
Citizen's Library.....	1600 00	
Halifax Dispensary and Morgue ..	750 00	
School for Blind.....	375 00	
School for Deaf and Dumb ..	300 00	
Industrial School for Boys.....	1600 00	
St. Patrick's Reformatory ..	1600 00	
Home of Good Shepherd, 2 years @ \$600.....	1200 00	

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that this item be struck from the Estimates. Motion passed.

Infants' Home, Tower Road.....	\$300 00	} Passed.
Infants' Home, Brunswick Street.....	300 00	
Truants under Compulsory School Act.....	1000 00	
Dalhousie College.....	500 00	
County Rifle Association.....	50 00	

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Duggan, that this item be placed at \$1.00. Motion passed, 11 voting for the same and 5 against it. On the names being taken, there appeared,

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Outhit, Eden, Mitchell, Duggan, Hamilton, Ryan, Redden, Dennis, Geldert, Morrow, Wallace.—11.	Aldermen Mosher, Foster, McFatrige, O'Donnell, Hubley.—5.

Item passed at \$1.00.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the sum of \$500 be placed in the estimates for the Victoria School of Art and Design.

Read letter from John T. Larkin submitted this evening, asking for a grant to said school.

Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 5 against it Names being called for there appeared as follows:

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Wallace, Geldert, Dennis, Redden, Ryan, Duggan, Mitchell, Eden, Foster, Mosher, Outhit.—11.	Aldermen Morrow, Hamilton, Hubley, O'Donnell, McFatrige.—5.

Board of Health.....	\$ 4000 00	}	
Board of Appeals	300 00		
One-half subsidy to Dry Dock	5000 00	}	
One-fifth loan for Fire Purposes (\$12,000) Act, 15th April, 1890, 5th year	2400 00		
Interest one year on balance \$2400 at 4 per cent.....	96 00	}	
One-fifth Exhibition Loan, Act 1891, \$15,698, 4th year	3140 00		Passed.
Interest, one year, on \$6280, at 5 per cent	314 00	}	
One-fifteenth loan to pay County (\$15,000) 3rd year.....	1000 00		
Interest, one year, on 13,000, at 4½ per cent	585 00	}	
One-fifth loan for new engine, \$15,000, 3rd year	3000 00		
Interest, one year, on \$9,000 at 4½ per cent	405 00	}	
One-third loan for repairs to City Property, (\$5000), 2nd year	1667 00		
Interest on \$3,333, one year, at 4½ per cent	150 00	}	
Provincial Exhibition	3000 00		struck out.
Interest, one year, at 4 per cent	120 00	}	do.
Loan for fire hose, &c., \$5,250, 5 years, 1st and 2nd instalments, \$1050 each	2100 00		
Interest from 19th April, 1894, to 19th April, 1895, on \$5,250, at 5 per cent	262 50	}	Passed.
Interest from 19th April, 1895, to 19th April, 1896, on \$4,200.	210 00		
Loan to meet overdraw Fire Department, etc.....	8533 19	}	struck out.
Retiring allowance R. Motton, 19 months, at 1000	1583 33		do
Total	\$161,355 50		Passed.

OLD FUNDED DEBT.

Old sewerage debentures, \$70,000, at 6 per cent	4200 00	}	
Public Gardens, \$15,000, at 6 per cent.....	900 00		
Exhibition Building, \$20,000, at 6 per cent	1200 00		
City Hall, \$50,000, at 4½ per cent	2125 00		
Total	8425 00		

CONSOLIDATED STOCK.

\$805,000, including \$100,000 special, at 5 per cent	40250 00	}	
\$1143,700, including recent loans, at 4½ per cent	51466 50		Passed.
\$267,400, at 4 per cent	10696 00		
Total	102412 50		Passed.

Less charged to Water Department.

\$26,000, at 4 per cent.....	\$1040 00	}	
\$679,600, at 4½ per cent	30582 00		Passed.
\$153,000, at 5 per cent.....	7650 00		
	<u>39272 00</u>		

Balance	63140 50		Passed.
Sinking fund on \$100,000 (special loan)	3000 00		do.
Interest on new loan. Broken time, \$172,000, from Jan., 1894, to April, 1896, at 4½ per cent	5465 91		Passed.

Less.

Charged to Water Department	\$1977 89		
Interest on loans replaced	699 30		
		2677 19	Passed.
Balance		2788 72	Passed.
Total		348,686 72	
Add for short collection, 1 per cent		3486 86	
		352,173 58	
Less this amount taken from unexpended balances Account		35000 00	
Balance.....		\$317,173 58	

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the Recorder is hereby authorized to prepare bills for submission to the Legislature authorizing the Council to assess the citizens for the following purposes :

The Gardens and Common, not to exceed \$5,000 ; the Park, not to exceed \$2,500 ; to any institution to which the Stipendiary Magistrate is authorized to sentence female offenders, at the rate of \$60 per head per annum, not to exceed ten in any one institution at one time, and to borrow a sum not exceeding \$3,000 to pay the sum of \$3,000 toward the late Provincial Exhibition with accrued interest.

That money be borrowed to pay for ten girls at the Home of the Good Shepherd at the rate of \$60 per annum, to begin from the 1st May, 1894.

To pay the sum of \$3,000 vote to the Exhibition Commissioners for last year with accrued interest.

To repay money borrowed from any available funds for over expenditure in the year 1893-4, \$8,553.19.

Retiring allowance to Robert Motton at the rate of \$1,000 per year.

To increase the assessment for general purposes from \$110,000 to \$120,000 so as to include all increased expenditure in the Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Redden.

The several items in the foregoing resolution were now separately considered. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the appropriation for Public Gardens and Common be increased to \$5,000. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the appropriation for Point Pleasant Park be \$2,500. Moved in amendment by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Hubley that said appropriation remain at \$2000.00. Said amendment being put is lost, 7 voting for the same and 9 against it. On names being taken there appeared :

For the Amendment.
Aldermen Foster, Eden,
McFatrige, Outhit,
Hubley, Geldert,
Morrow.—7.

Against it.
Aldermen Outhit, Mosher,
Mitchell, Duggan,
Ryan, Redden,
Dennis, Hamilton,
Wallace.—9.

The motion \$2,500 is now put and passed.

RE GRANT TO MONASTERY OF GOOD SHEPHERD.

The following amendment is now introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Public Accounts Committee in re Monastery of Good Shepherd be deferred.

And Further Resolved, That the City Clerk furnish a report from police books showing how many girls under 18 years of age had been sentenced by the Stipendiary Magistrate to the two institutions during the past year.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell. Said amendment being put is lost, 3 voting for and 13 against it.

The original motion to grant \$60 per head per annum to said institution, total number of girls to be paid for by the City not to exceed ten in number at any one time, is now put and passed.

Names being called for there appeared :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Mosher, Foster,
Eden, McFatrige,
Morrow, Mitchell,
Duggan Hamilton,
Ryan, Redden,
Dennis, Geldert,
Wallace.—13.

Against it.

Aldermen Outhit, O'Donnell,
Hubley.—3.

Item \$600, to pay for maintenance of girls in Home of Good Shepherd during the civic year 1893-4. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Redden that this item pass. Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 5 against it.

Names being called for there appeared :

For the Resolution.

Aldermen Wallace, Mitchell,
Dennis, Eden,
Redden, Foster,
Ryan, Mosher,
Hamilton, Duggan.—10.

Against it.

Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell,
McFatrige, Morrow,
Outhit.—5.

Item re amount voted last year for Exhibition purposes \$3000, with accrued interest thereon. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Redden that this item pass. Motion passed.

Item retiring allowance to Robert Motton. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Redden, that this item do pass. Motion passed.

Item to increase the assessment for general purposes from \$110,000 to 120,000. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Redden, that said item do pass. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Redden, that said resolution as a whole do now pass. Motion passed.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration of item, "Poors Asylum."

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the general, city and ordinary assessment amounting to \$109,977 and the extra assessment amounting to \$242,196.58, as per estimates, do now pass less \$35,000 to be taken from unexpended balances, and that the citizens and their property be assessed for the total sum, being \$317,173.58, and that the City Clerk be directed to give the usual order to the assessors to make up the assessment for the year 1895-96 on the basis of that amount as directed by law. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster and passed.

The deputy Mayor nominates the following Aldermen as a Committee to assist His Honor the Recorder in preparing the act on assessment, etc., viz:—Aldermen Wallace, Redden, Stewart. On motion said nominations are confirmed.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Redden that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns, 6.30 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock P. M.

JANUARY 15th, 1895.

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

Moved by Alderman Stewart, 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 Morrow, Geldert, Dennis, Redden, Hamilton, Duggan, Mitchell, Eden, Wallace and Ryan.

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

The minutes of last meeting are read.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Wallace that the minutes just read be amended by inserting after the word and figures, "Item \$600," in the resolution to pay for maintenance of girls in the Home of the Good Shepherd, the words "per year," and also by substituting for the year 1893-4 in said resolution, the years 1894-5 and 1895-6. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Stewart that the minutes be further amended by inserting in the resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to act with His Honor the Recorder in preparing an assessment bill, before the words "the acting Mayor," the words "His Worship the Mayor or." Motion passed.

The following message from His Worship the Mayor is now submitted and read.

Halifax, January 14th, 1895.

To the Members of the City Council,

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Council held on the 31st December last, at which the estimates together with other matters, were under consideration, a motion was made in which it was proposed to ask the Legislature for authority to increase the assessment from \$110,000 to \$120,000 for the purpose of further increasing the expenditure in the Fire Department, I herewith express my disapproval of and veto said vote until such time as the Council satisfies me that the manner in which said \$10,000 is to be expended is necessary and in the best interests of the citizens.

(Sgd.) M. E. KEEFE, Mayor.

The following resolution is now introduced:

The Recorder is hereby instructed to advise the Council in writing, at its next meeting, what law exists, if any, that enables the Mayor to veto the action of the Council in asking the legislature for permission to assess the citizens for ordinary or fire purposes; such expenditure being contemplated merely, and not having

been decided upon by the Council—in other words whether the Mayor can veto a money expenditure not yet authorized by the Council, and which cannot be voted until December, 1895. Meanwhile that the alleged veto of the Mayor be laid upon the table. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Geldert.

The following amendment is now moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Eden:—

That the vote be now taken on the veto of the Mayor whether it be sustained or not sustained.

Said amendment being put showed 7 voting for the same and 10 against it. Names being called for there appeared:

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Outhit, Mosher, Creighton, Eden, McFatrige, O'Donnell, Hubley.—7.	Aldermen Ryan, Mitchell, Duggan, Hamilton, Wallace, Redden, Dennis, Geldert, Morrow, Stewart.—10.

His Worship the Mayor declares said amendment carried on the grounds that it required a two-third vote of the whole Council to over rule his veto.

The original resolution is now put and passed.

On motion the minutes of last meeting are passed as amended.

The following papers are now submitted:

Alderman Mosher, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee of Public Accounts, covering sundry accounts.

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

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

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

Alderman Morrow, Chairman, submits a report from the Tenders Committee *re* tenders for printing, stationery, etc.

Alderman Mitchell, Chairman, submits a report from the special Committee from the Council *re* funeral of the late Sir John S. D. Thompson, covering accounts.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter from the City Engineer, *re* street plan.

Report from City Engineer on letter from Moir, Son & Co., *re* water meter rates.

Letter from John H. Holland, complaining of water flooding his cellar, Pleasant Street.

Message from His Worship the Mayor, covering opinions from His Honor the Recorder and B. Russell Esq.

Memorial from property owners on line of new low service water main.

Letter from War Department *re* Water supply together with report of City Engineer thereon.

Letter from John Murphy, *re* his claim for exemption from sewerage rates.

Letter from City Engineer *re* paving blocks.

Letter from John Umlah complaining of damage to his property by overflow of water from Chain Lakes.

Letter from City Assessor covering tender from Blackadar Bros., for printing Electoral Lists.

Letter from the City Collector, suggesting a re-arrangement of the staff in his office

Petition from W. Nisbet and others for sewer on Robie Street.

Report of City Engineer on petition for Electric Lights on Vernon Street and Queen Street.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder *re* suits City vs. N. S. Power Co. and Hechler vs. City.

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

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Redden, "the Council adjourn." Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 7 against it. The names being taken there appears:—

For the Adjournment.

Against it.

Aldermen Ryan, Mitchell,
Duggan, Hamilton,
Wallace, Redden,
Dennis, Geldert,
Morrow, Stewart.—10.

Aldermen Outhit, Mosher,
Creighton, Eden,
McFatrige, O'Donnell,
Hubley.—7.

Council adjourns, 10 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION,

8.10 o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 5th, 1895.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Efen, Creighton, Foster, Hamilton, Mosher, McFatridge, Stewart and Outhit.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that the time for meeting be extended until 8.30. Motion passed.

8.30 Roll called—Present the above named, together with Aldermen Morrow, Geldert, Wallace, Dennis, Redden, Duggan, Mitchell, Hubley, O'Donnell, Ryan.

The Council was summoned to appoint a Chief Inspector of License for the City of Halifax for the ensuing year, under the Liquor License Act 1886, and the amendmeats thereto. To proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Mosher submits a petition from residents and property holders Willow Park, for Water extension.

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

Alderman Ryan submits a petition from S. Cunard & Co., and others *re* widening and extension of Maitland Terrace, from Brunswick to Gottingen Street.

Alderman McFatridge, Chairman, submits a report from the City, Prison Committee, *re* accounts, etc., for January.

Alderman Mitchell submits a report from the Special Committee on State Funeral of the late Right. Hon. Sir John S. D. Thompson.

Alderman Wallace, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Laws and Privileges, *re* claim of heirs of late Rufus A. Keating.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter from Michael Kelly asking for a position for his son in the City Engineer's Office.

Report from the City Engineer *re* Tenders for Cement.

Letter from Halifax Exhibition Commission asking that the sum, \$2000, guaranteed by the City, in case of a deficit, be placed to the credit of said Commission

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder *re* power of the Mayor to veto action of the Council.

Letter from C. F. F. VonSchoppe *re* licensing German Band to play on the streets and solicit money.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder *re* landing of paupers in the City of Halifax.

Report of City Engineer *re* Public Baths.

Report City Engineer *re* Wellington Street sewer.

Lease City of Halifax to William Jakeman of a piece of land Hastings Place.

Letter from C. D. Holland complaining of damage to property at 132 Pleasant Street through defect in main sewer, together with a report from the City Engineer relative thereto.

Writ of Summons in the Supreme Court in suit John M. Chisholm vs. The City of Halifax, for damages to land, etc.

Letter from Board of School Commissioners *re* appointment of Truant Officer and enumeration of school children.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder, *re* Truant Officers and Police acting as enumerators of school children.

Application sfrom D. R. Cummings, George S. Innes, W. B. Fidler, and H. H. Banks, for the position of Chief Inspector of Licenses.

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

Letter from City Engineer covering plans and lists in triplicate of sewers constructed in 1894.

Letter from S. M. Brookfield *re* Account for Sewerage Rates Inglis Street.

Draft Act *re* City of Halifax for submission to present session of Legislature.

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

Read message from His Worship the Mayor covering opinions of His Honor the Recorder and B. Russell, Esq., *re* expunging from the Minutes of Council of 27th December, all reference of the communication submitted by the Mayor relative to the action of the Council on the Amendments of the law relative to assessment of personal property.

To the members of the City Council :

At a meeting of the council held on the 31st December, last, from which I was unavoidably absent, and at which meeting Alderman Stewart presided, the following resolution was introduced by Alderman Dennis:—

Resolved, "That inasmuch as the mayor has no authority whatever to veto the action of the majority of the City Council, except as regards the expenditure of money and inasmuch as the Mayor's message does not correctly state the facts : *Resolved*, That the Minutes of the Council of December 27th, be amended by expunging all reference therefrom of the communication submitted by the Mayor, relative to the action of the Council on the amendments of the law relative to assessment of personal property."

Now, inasmuch as sections 4 and 44 of the rules of council, and sections 98 and 99 of the City Charter direct that the City Clerk shall take minutes of the minutes of the votes and proceedings of the council, entering therein all resolution and motions passed with the names of the movers and seconders, and shall notice therein reports, petitions and other papers submitted to the Council by their titles or a brief description of their purport; and all accepted reports shall be fairly copied into books of the council. I submit that said resolution of Alderman Dennis, requesting that any matter that was before council "be expunged" from its minutes is illegal and should not have been accepted by

the chair or put, as the council has no power or authority to obliterate or expunge from its minutes a record of any message or report that has been read before it; and said resolution can have no force or effect, being a proposed violation of the law by Alderman Dennis and a breach of rules and regulations governing this council.

M. E. KEEFE, Mayor.

OPINION RE EXPUNGING MINUTES.

It is no unprecedented thing to order the expunging of minutes from a record, although the effect of doing so is to make the record inadequate and in that sense incorrect. Such motions have carried in the House of Lords and in the English House of Commons, although the occasions have been rare. I am of opinion, however, having regard to the purposes for which the minutes of the City Council are kept, and the mandatory terms in which the sections relating to them are drawn, that it is not competent to expunge a truthful record of the actual proceedings of the council, except in the special case which seems to have been specially provided for in rule 28-9 of the ordinance in reference to meetings and rules of council. I think that "the communication submitted by the Mayor relative to the action of the council on the amendments of the law relative to assessment of personal property," was within the meaning of Section 99 of the City Charter, a paper submitted to the Council that the Clerk was legally bound to enter it on the minutes in the manner pointed out in the section, and that the resolution to expunge the entry was irregular and should not have been accepted by the chair or put to the meeting.

B. RUSSELL.

Halifax, January 15th, 1895.

To His Worship the Mayor:—

In answer to your question whether the council had any authority to expunge from the minutes of the council the message you sent them, I am clearly of opinion they had no such authority. It was part of the proceedings of the council meeting, and as such was entitled to be recorded on its minutes. The motion was irregular and should not have been put.

W. F. MACCOY, Recorder.

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Mayor's message be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

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

January 15th, 1895.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to recommend the following named accounts for payment, viz.:

A. & W. Mackinlay, Stationery, etc., for police, \$1.17; City Clerk, \$5.42; Assessor, \$15.67; Auditor, \$4.40; Collector, \$7.81; Industrial School, keep of truants, \$40.00; Morning Chronicle, advertising, \$162.92; Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$93.35; Morning Herald Subscription \$12.00; Morning Chronicle, \$12.00; Theakston & Co., Printing for City Clerk, \$5.00; Collector \$11.50; Assessor \$6.00. Total, \$377.24.

Your Committee also submit herewith for publication in the annual civic report, the following papers:

City Collector's returns of Rates and Water Rates for the months of October, November and December, 1894, and City Treasurer's Cash Statement and Statement of Balances for the same period.

SAUL MOSHER, Chairman.

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

Read report of Committee on Tenders *re* Tenders for Stationery, Printing and advertising for 1895.

8th January, 1895.

The Committee on Tenders beg to report that they this day met and opened Tenders for Stationery, Printing and Advertising as may be required for the various Civic Departments for the year 1895, viz :

For stationery—from A. & W. Mackinlay and T. C. Allen & Co.

For Printing—from T. C. Allen & Co., W. F. O'Connor, Theakston & Co., and Blackadar Bros.

For Advertising—from Blackadar Bros., "Acadian Recorder," and John Dunn, Executor Estate Charles Annand, "Morning Chronicle"

Your Committee recommend that the tender of T. C. Allen & Co., for Stationery and Printing, and Blackadar Bros., and John Dunn for Advertising be accepted.

The several tenders are herewith submitted.

GEOFFREY MORROW, *Chairman.*

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

Read report of City Prison Committee, covering accounts for month of December, 1894.

January 8th, 1895.

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, there were present Aldermen Dennis, Creighton, Mitchell, Geldert, and the Chairman. They had before them a number of accounts which on examining were found to be correct, and are herein submitted, amounting to \$121.84 :

Leaman & Co, \$14.04 ; E. S. Hubley, 43.68 ; Barnstead & Sutherland, 6 88 ; G. E. Smith & Co., 7.10 ; W. Roche, 7.19 ; W. E. Crowe & Co, 3.75 ; A. Gunn & Co., 28.00 ; C. Raine, 11.20.—Total \$121.84.

WM. MCFATRIDGE, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

Read report of committee on Camp Hill Cemetery *re* providing funds to keep said Cemetery in proper condition. Objected to and placed on the Order of the Day.

Read report of Charities Committee *re* account for December :

January 9th, 1895.

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report : That they examined accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$1238.66, which they found correct and ordered to be paid.

The Superintendent's report for December showed that during the month there had been 36 admitted, 1 born, 19 discharged, and 1 died. Number of inmates December 31st, 1894, 197 men, 142 women and 6 children. Total, 345.

WM. DENNIS, *Chairman.*

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

Read letter from the City Engineer asking that the City Council instruct His Honor the Recorder to prepare an Act to establish the

lines of streets, and that the same be submitted to the Legislature at its present session. On motion the same was placed on order paper for consideration, with No. 9 thereon, viz.:—Report City Engineer *re* probable cost of preparing an official plan of the City of Halifax.

Read report of City Engineer on letter from Moir, Son Co., *re* water rates charged their firm, also recommending the adoption of a scale for water rates as set out in said report. Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from C. D. Holland, 14th Jany., 1895, *re* damage to his property through defective main sewer on Pleasant street. Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read memorial from the Misses Hennessey and Robert Miller, *re* payment of costs incurred in connection with the expropriation by the city of land owned by them for the new pipe line. Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works, together with His Honor the Recorder, for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that the Department of City Works furnish this Council at an early day with a full account of all expenditure in connection with said New Pipe Line up to the present time. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer on letter from the War Department asking what the charge would be for proposed new water fittings.

WATER SUPPLY, WAR DEPARTMENT.

January 8th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I have received a letter (a copy of which is enclosed) from the military authorities asking what the charge would be for proposed new fittings.

Pavillion Married Quarters.—It is proposed to lay a 2 in. pipe from the north to the south end of the block on the east and west side of the square, each pipe connecting with the 3 in. pipe in the square. The 2 in. pipes are to be suspended under the second floor and a $\frac{1}{2}$ in. branch taken up and down to each room. There will be 67 taps in all and the 3 hydrants will not be required. As these hydrants are to be removed the full rate should not be charged. I would recommend that an additional rate of eight shillings and six pence sterling be charged for each tap, provided that the new work is done to the approval of the foreman of the City Water Department, and that valves and waste cocks be provided where directed by the foreman. The War Department shall also agree to turn off the water from the 2 in. pipes at or before eleven o'clock, p. m., in the winter to prevent waste.

Citadel.—Water is required for heating apparatus in ablution room, 23 casement. I would recommend that no additional charge be made.

Wellington Barracks.—2 baths, would recommend extra charge 8 shillings and six pence each.

Gymnasium, Cogswell Street, $\frac{1}{2}$ in. bib cock, charge recommended, one pound.

Royal Artillery Park Urinals.—I would recommend that no urinals be supplied with water unless they are provided with self flushing cisterns or other approved flush.

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

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 14, 1894.

The City Engineer, Halifax, N. S.

SIR,—It is proposed to lay in water at the following War Department buildings, viz.:

Gymnasium, Cogswell Street.

Royal Artillery Park, Boys' Urinal, back of school; do Men's Urinal.

Wellington Barracks, Ablution Room, provide two additional baths.

Citadel, Ablution Room 23 casement provide heating apparatus.

Pavillion Married Quarters, lay in water and provide sinks to each quarter. (67 taps.)

You will please inform me as early as possible what the extra charge (if any) will be for the water supply.

The three hydrants which now supply the married families living in the Pavilion Barracks will no longer be required when water is laid on in the quarters there.

C. R. SMITH, *Lieut.-Qr. M.*,

Officer in Charge of Barracks, Army Service Corps.

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

Read letter from John Murphy *re* his claim for exemption from sewerage rates on his warehouse, corner Duke and Granville Streets.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Duggan, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer on tenders for paving blocks for Lower Water Street.

December 19th, 1894.

To Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith submit for your information and action the following tenders for Granite Curbs and Gutter Stones, with recommendation that if the Council decide to award the Contract, that the tender of Mr. John Kline be accepted.

M E KEEFE, *Mayor.*

PAVING BLOCKS—WATER STREET.

January 11th, 1895.

To His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—On the 10th of July, 1894, the City Council passed the following resolution:

Resolved, that Water Street, from the Ordinance south to Morris Street, be paved next season, and that the City Engineer be instructed to make the necessary arrangements and ask tenders for material required. In accordance with that resolution nearly all the Sewer work has been done, the water pipes put in order, materials for catch pits, including granite curbs provided, and tenders received for the balance of the paving and gutter stones required. The contract for the paving blocks has not been awarded, and I would respectfully urge on the Council the necessity of settling it at once. If not awarded immediately it will be impossible for the contractor to supply them in time.

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

PAVING BLOCKS AND GUTTERS.

December 18th, 1884.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to submit the following statement of tenders opened by you to-day:

GRANITE GUTTERS.

John Kline, 6400 lineal ft. gutters, at 39c	\$2496 00
" 240 " " 60c	144 00
	\$2640 00
W. D. Yeadon, 6,400 ft. at 43	\$2,752
" 240 " 55	132
	\$2884 00
H. Sorrette, 6,450 ft. at 50.....	3200 00

PAVING BLOCKS.

John Kline, 8,000 yds. at	2 16	17280 00
C. I. DeSola, Porghyry	2 12	18960 00
H. Sorrette.....	2 00	16000 00

Seperate tenders were invited for gutters and blocks.

GUTTER STONES.

Kline's Tender.	Yeadon's Tender.	Sorrette's Tender.
Straight..... \$2496	\$2,752	\$3,200
Corner..... 144	132	
\$2,640	\$2,884	

PAVING BLOCKS.

Kline's Tender.	DeSola's Tender.	Sorrette's Tender.
8,000 yds. at \$2 16 \$17,280	8,000 yds. at \$2.12 \$16,960	8,000 yds. at \$2 00 \$16,000
Difference between Sorrette and Kline, Paving Blocks.....		\$1,280
" " DeSola and Kline		220
Cost of whole work is undertaken at Kline's tender.....		19,920
" " at Sorrette's tender.....		19,200
Kline over Sorrette.....		7,200

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that No. 36 on Order Paper be also now considered. Motion passed.

Read No. 36, viz: City Engineer's statement of tenders for granite gutters and paving blocks, with report from His Worship the Mayor thereon.

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the report of His Worship the Mayor be received and concurred in and the contract awarded to John Kline. Moved in amendment by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that the report be referred back to the works department for a detailed report as to the qualities of the different stones tendered the relative cost of setting the same and as to which stones they considered it would be in the interest of the city to purchase. Said amendment being put is lost. The original motion is now put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 7 against. On names being called for there appeared:—

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Outhit, Mosher, Creighton, Foster, Eden, McFatrige, Ryan, O'Donnell, Hubley, Mitchell, Duggan,—11.	Aldermen Hamilton, Wallace, Redden, Dennis, Geldert, Morrow, Stewart,—7.

Alderman Morrow gives notice of reconsideration.

Read letter from John Umlah, complaining of damage from overflow of water on property at Chain Lakes. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works together with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Assessor covering tender of Blackadar Brothers for printing electoral lists. Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the City Assessor be authorized to at once forward the said lists to Messrs. Blackadar Bros. whose tender for printing the same is hereby accepted.

The following amendment is now introduced :

Resolved, That as it is impossible to comply with the law regarding voters' lists this year, and as the printing of the entire list appears to be unnecessary and to be a waste of a large sum of money, that the registrar be instructed to print only those names that should be added and struck off, and that in order to save the money of the tax payers, the Legislature be asked to legalize said lists.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell. Said amendment on being put is lost.

Names being called for there appeared :

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Stewart, Morrow, Dennis, Hamilton, Duggan, Hubley, O'Donnell, Mosher, Outhit.—9.	Aldermen Geldert, Wallace, Redden, Mitchell, Ryan, Foster, McFatrige, Eden, Creighton.—9.

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote against the amendment. The original motion is now put and passed.

Read letter from the Collector of City Rates and Taxes suggesting a re-arrangement of the staff in his office. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of William Nisbet and others for sewer on Robie Street between Morris and South Streets. Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said petition be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer on petitions for Electric Lights, Vernon and Queen Streets. Placed on order paper for consideration