

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MARCH 19th, 1895.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present, Aldermen Outhit, Mitchell, Creighton, Hubley.

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

8.30, roll called. Present, the above named, together with Aldermen Morrow, Stewart, Geldert, Dennis, Redden, Hamilton, O'Donnell, Ryan, Eden, McFatrige, Foster and Mosher.

The Council was summoned to appoint presiding officers for the ensuing civic elections, to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of meetings of 21st and 28th February, and 7th March, are read and confirmed.

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

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

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Report City Health Board *re* dismissal of caretaker and matron of Hospital for Infectious diseases.

Reports (4) from City Engineer, *re* North Park street sewer, Morris street sewer, Maynard street sewer, and certificate of cost of concrete sidewalks constructed during the year 1894.

Petition of David Thompson, *et al*, *re* changing position of electric light, south end of Agricola street.

Memorial of John Peters & Co., and others, asking the City to purchase an aerial extension fire ladder.

Letter from Harris, Henry & Cahan, *re* recording deed of Rhuland street.

Letter from Forsythe, Sutcliffe & Co., *re* water supply for Metropole building, for elevator power purposes.

Letter from A. G. McDonald, relative to his future permanent salary.

Letter from the City Engineer covering the award of the arbitrators on land taken for the new road near Chain Lakes.

Letter from the City Engineer *re* sewerage and pavement loans.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder, covering a letter from the Hon. Provincial Secretary *re* wholesale brewers' and distillers' licenses, Annual report of the Chief Inspector of Licenses for the year 1894-5.

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

City Collector's returns of Rates and Water Rates collected during the month of February.

City Treasurer's statements, "General," "Water," and Balances for month of February.

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

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

March 7th, 1895.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that they have examined the following named accounts, found them correct and recommend that they be paid: Messrs. A. & W. MacKinlay, stationery, etc., for City Clerk, \$1.97; Collector, \$11.41 and \$12.76; Recorder, \$1.42; Assessors, \$8.08; Treasurer, .45; Marshal, \$8.02; Electrician, \$2.10, \$46.21; Morning Chronicle advertising for City Collector, \$1.62; Messrs T. C. Allen & Co., for stationery and printing, etc., for City Clerk's department, \$30.02; Treasurer, \$6.54; Police, .40; Recorder, .71; Auditor, .92; Collector, \$53.74; St. Patrick's Home, for truants, \$232.67; Industrial school, for truants, \$40.00.

Your Committee present herewith the returns of the City Collector and Cash statements of the City Treasurer for the month of January, and beg to recommend that they be printed in the annual City Report.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report be received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the several accounts therein named. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners *re* purchase of fire hose and payment of accounts.

4th March, 1895.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report that at a meeting of the Board held this day the following resolution was adopted:

1200 feet of hose having been destroyed at the late fire, it is necessary for the proper equipment of the department that that quantity of new hose be immediately replaced

Resolved, That the Council is hereby requested to authorize the purchase of 2000 feet Maltese Cross hose and provide the money therefor.

The following accounts for labor and refreshments for men working at fires were submitted:

European Hotel, refreshments, \$37.13; Constant Upham, refreshments, \$8.98; J. McCollough, P. Charleton, P. McDonald, and William Connors, for labor \$6.00. Total \$52.11.

When it was decided to report up said accounts to the Council with the request that as the Board has no available funds, that the Council make provision for their payment.

J. F. RYAN, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners be received and that His Worship the Mayor be asked to devise means for the purchase of 2000 feet hose and report at the next meeting.

Further resolved, That His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the bills named therein.

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

Read report of Committee on City Prison covering accounts, &c., for month of February.

March 5th, 1895.

At a meeting of the Prison Committee held this day, there were present, Aldermen Mitchell, Creighton 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 \$110.90. J. F. Kelly, \$30.00; Leaman & Co., \$18.00; G. E. Smith & Co., \$5.22; J. P. Wambolt, \$6.60; Wm. Roche, .99; R. T. Braine, \$18.91; Irwin & Son, \$21.68; John Nolan, \$9.50.—Total \$110.90.

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 therein named.

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

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder informing the Council that in the suit McDonald vs. The City of Halifax, tried before Mr. Justice Henry, judgment had been given in favor of the City. Ordered to be filed.

McDONALD VS. THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

March 19th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor:

This was an action brought by McDonald against the City for \$560 damages, alleged to be sustained in consequence of the Assistant Engineer giving the Plaintiff a wrong grade whereby the Plaintiff was compelled to do extra work.

The cause was tried on Monday last before Mr. Justice Henry, and I am glad to inform the Council that judgment was given in favor of the city.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder*.

Read letter from the City Health Board relative to the dismissal of the caretaker and matron of the Hospital for Infectious diseases. Placed on order paper.

Read letter from the City Engineer recommending that the sewers ordered to be constructed for John's lane and the north block of North Park street be taken off the order book.

JOHN'S LANE AND NORTH PARK STREET SEWER.

His Worship the Mayor :

March 16, 1895.

SIR,—A sewer was ordered for John's Lane and the north block of North Park street in 1892. Since that time, the block these sewers were intended to drain has been purchased by the Dominion government for a site for a new drill shed. The proposed sewers are not required now and I would recommend that they be taken off the order book.

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

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that the recommendation contained in said letter be adopted and said sewers struck from the order book. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer recommending that the construction of a new sewer from Letson's Lane to Brenton Street on Morris Street be postponed for the present.

MORRIS STREET SEWER.

His Worship the Mayor :

March 16th, 1895.

SIR,—Morris Street Sewer was ordered in 1892 from Letson's Lane to Brenton Street. At that time there were old stone catchpits and the old crock drain was filling up and caused a good deal of trouble. Since that time new concrete catch pits have been constructed and the drain is working satisfactorily. No complaints have been heard respecting bad orders or insufficient drainage. As far as I can ascertain the old crock drain is as good a sewer as the proposed new one would be, and I therefore recommend that the construction of a new sewer be postponed for the present.

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

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

Read report of City Engineer recommending the construction of a new sewer on Maynard Street, from Falkland to Cornwallis Streets.

MAYNARD STREET SEWER.

His Worship the Mayor :

March 12th, 1895.

SIR,—Maynard Street drain, between Falkland Street and Cornwallis Street, is choked up for the second time this year and we are obliged to open the street and clear it. It is an old crock pipe and is laid crooked and with no regular grade. It fills up every year and is a bill of expense. The cost of clearing it would pay the interest on the cost of a new sewer. The estimated cost is \$1575. I would recommend that this sewer be placed on the order book to be built in its turn.

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

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

Read letter from the City Engineer covering a certificate of cost of concrete sidewalks constructed under provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1890 during the year 1894.

PERMANENT PAVEMENT CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

His Worship the Mayor :

March 16th, 1895.

SIR,—Under the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1890, I beg to submit herewith, to be filed in the office of the Department of City Works, a certificate showing the total cost of concrete sidewalks constructed in 1894.

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

March 16th, 1895.

CERTIFICATE OF COST OF CONCRETE SIDEWALKS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 14, OF CHAPTER 60, OF THE ACTS OF 1890, DURING THE YEAR 1894.
HOLLIS STREET, FROM PRINCE STREET TO CHEAPSIDE, EAST SIDEWALK

PROPERTY OWNER.	Cost of Concrete sidewalk in front of property.	Cost of grading, resetting hatches, etc.	Total cost of Sidewalk in front of Property.	Amount to be charged against the property owner, half cost.
Union Bank.....	\$92 77	.....	\$92 77	\$46 39
R. I. Hart.....	37 84	14 14	51 98	25 99
Dev. W. M. Harrington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. M. Harrington, Agent.....	31 27	11 94	43 21	21 61
E. B. Sutcliffe.....	58 64	24 16	82 80	41 40
John Campbell.....	36 07	49 99	86 06	43 03
William Campbell.....	37 89	33 33	71 22	35 61
Adam Burns.....	91 44	17 51	108 95	54 48
Sackville Street from Hollis Street to Water Street—South Sidewalk.				
Mrs. M. E. McManus.....	\$100 17	.....	\$100 17	\$50 09
A. & W. Smith & Co.....	76 37	\$10 30	86 40	43 20
Dev. Charles Cogswell, B. G. Gray, Agent.....	173 88	46 62	220 50	110 25
John McGrath.....	147 10	21 94	169 04	84 52
Barrington Street from Prince Street to Sackville Street—West Sidewalk.				
Dev. Alex. Smith, Jas. Mitchell, Agt.....	\$100 01	\$4 73	\$104 74	\$52 37
Hubley, Teas & Co.....	95 84	13 82	109 66	54 83
George Wright, John Naylor, Agent.....	75 59	4 68	80 27	40 14
Nova Scotia Furnishing Co., Ltd.....	84 58	0 60	85 18	42 59
Mrs. Irene Cohn, Max Cohn, Agent.....	80 38	.....	80 38	40 19
Henry Cook.....	70 47	7 64	78 11	39 06
H. H. & J. Harrison.....	79 23	3 17	82 40	41 20
Dr. James Walker.....	106 47	11 05	117 52	58 76
Barrington Street from Prince Street to George Street—East Sidewalk.				
William Drake.....	\$55 72	\$7 32	\$63 04	\$31 52
Heirs of William Lessell, F. H. Reynolds, Agent.....	40 57	8 26	48 83	24 42
W. H. Cleverdon.....	33 58	2 32	35 90	17 95
Mrs. Ann O'Donnell, W. D. O'Donnell, Agent.....	32 95	11 26	44 21	22 11
George M. Smith.....	68 11	4 26	72 37	36 19
A. G. Kaizer.....	39 97	11 15	51 12	25 56
W. H. Cabot.....	40 57	8 26	48 83	24 42
William Crowe.....	33 14	7 58	40 72	20 36
Dev. J. V. Cogswell, B. G. Gray, Agt.....	112 58	23 40	135 98	67 99
Barnstead & Sutherland.....	49 68	5 31	54 99	27 50
H. Schaefer & Son.....	21 40	1 62	23 02	11 51
Dev. J. Donaldson, J. J. Hunt, Agent.....	101 17	9 30	110 47	55 24

I certify the foregoing statement to be correct,

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

March 16th, 1895.

STATEMENT OF COST OF CONCRETE SIDEWALKS CONSTRUCTED IN 1894.

Hollis Street, from Prince Street to Cheapside, east sidewalk. Concrete square yards 214.40. Total cost \$386.74. Cost per square yard \$1.80.

No.	Property Owner.	Concrete Sidewalks in sq. yds.	Rate.	Amount of	Cost of hatches.	Total Cost.	Half cost.
181	Union Bank	51.54	\$1 80	\$92 77	.....	\$92 77	\$46 39
183-185	R. I. Hart	21.02	1 80	37 84	\$14 14	51 98	25 99
189	Dev. W. M. Harrington, W. M. Harrington, Agent.....	17.37	1 80	31 27	11 99	44 21	21 61
191-3	E. B. Sutcliffe	32.58	1 80	58 64	24 16	82 80	41 40
195	John Campbell	20.04	1 80	36 07	49 99	86 06	43 03
197-9	Wm. Campbell	21.05	1 80	37 89	33 33	71 22	25 61
201	Adam Burns	50.08	1 80	91 44	17 51	108 95	54 48

Sackville Street, from Hollis Street to Water Street, south side.

Concrete sq. yds. 263.24, Total cost, \$498.77. Cost per sq. yd., \$1.89.

20-22	Mrs. M. E. McManus	53.00	\$1 89	\$100 17	.....	\$100 17	\$50 09
10-12-14-16-18	A. & W. Smith & Co	40.41	1 89	76 37	\$10 03	86 40	43 20
2-4-6-8	Dev. Charles Cogswell, B. G. Gray, Agent	92.00	1 89	173 88	46 62	220 50	110 25
	John McGrath	77.83	1 89	147 10	21 94	169 04	84 52

Barrington Street from, Prince Street to Sackville Street, west side.

Concrete sq. yds., 409.81. Total cost, \$692.19. Cost per sq. yd., \$1.69.

86-88-90	Dev. Alexander Smith, James Mitchell, Agent	59.18	\$1 69	\$100 01	\$4 73	\$104 74	\$52 37
82-84	Hubley, Teas & Co	56.71	1 69	95 84	13 82	109 66	54 83
76-78 80	George Wright, John Naylor, Agent	44.73	1 69	75 59	4 68	80 27	40 14
72-4	Nova Scotia Furnishing Co., limited	50.05	1 69	84 58	60	85 18	42 59
66-8-70	Mrs. Irene Cohn, Max Cohn, Agent	47.56	1 69	80 38	.....	80 38	40 19
62-64	Henry Cook	41.70	1 69	70 47	7 64	78 11	39 06
56	H. H. & J. Harrison	46.88	1 69	79 23	3 17	82 40	41 20
50-52	Dr. James Walker	63.00	1 69	106 47	11 05	117 52	58 76

Barrington Street, from Prince Street to George Street, east side.

Concrete, sq. yds. 326.13. Total cost \$630.68. Cost per sq. yd. \$1.93.

105	William Drake	28.87	\$1 93	\$55 72	\$7 32	\$63 04	\$31 52
109-107	Heirs of William Lessells, F. H. Reynolds, Agent....	21.02	1 93	40 57	8 26	48 83	24 42
111-3	W. H. Cleverdon	17.40	1 93	33 58	2 32	35 90	17 95
115-7	Mrs. Ann O'Donnell, W. D. O'Donnell, Agent	17.07	1 93	32 95	11 26	44 21	22 11
119-121-3	George M. Smith	35.29	1 93	68 11	4 26	72 37	36 19
125-7	A. G. Kaizer	20.71	1 23	39 97	11 15	51 12	25 56
129-131	W. H. Cabot	21.02	1 93	40 57	8 26	48 83	24 42
133-5	Wm. Crowe	17.17	1 93	33 14	7 58	40 72	20 36
137-143	Dev. J. V. Cogswell, B. G. Gray, Agent	58.33	1 93	112 58	23 40	135 98	67 99
145-7	Barnstead & Sutherland	25.74	1 93	49 68	5 31	54 99	27 50
149	H. Schaefer & Son	11.09	1 93	21 40	1 62	23 02	11 51
151-53	Dev. J. Donaldson, J. J. Hunt, Agent	52.42	1 93	101 17	9 30	110 47	55 24

I certify the foregoing to be correct.

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said certificate be adopted and printed in the minutes of Council. Motion passed.

Read petition of David Thomson and others *re* changing position of the electric light, at present at the head of Woodill Street on Agricola Street. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that said petition be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read memorial of John Peters & Co. and others asking that the City purchase an aerial extension fire ladder. Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from Harris, Henry & Cahan asking that the Council have properly recorded the deed of Rhuland Street. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder to enquire into and have said deed recorded. Motion passed.

Read letter from Forsythe, Sutcliffe & Co., relative to suppling the Metropole Building with water power for elevator purposes. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to the department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from A. G. MacDonald, asking information as to his future permanent salary. Filed.

Read letter from the City Engineer and awards of the arbitrators *re* lands taken for the New Road near Chain Lakes. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report of the City Engineer recommending the borrowing of money on account of sewerage and pavement loans \$30,000 for each. Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder covering a letter from the Hon. Provincial Secretary, *re* wholesale liquor licenses. Filed.

March 7th, 1895.

DEAR SIR,—I enclose herewith a letter received from the Hon. Provincial Secretary as to the Act introduced to repeal the law suspending the operation of the liquor license Act referring to wholesale brewers and distillers licenses.

It will be observed that the question of handing over the bonds and collecting the amounts due thereon by the City is under the consideration of the government.

I think it would be well for the committee on Legislation to arrange with the government that other portions of the bill be put through if the government object to them handing over the bonds.

W. F. MacCoy, Recorder.

March 6th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor:

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 1st instant, with enclosed draft of Act.

The question of the repeal of Chapter 40, of 1888, will be considered in connection with consolidation of the liquor license Act now passing through the house.

As to the proposal to hand over certain bonds to the City, that is a matter which ought not to be introduced without the consent of the government. For the present therefore I will withhold it.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. FIELDING, *Prov. Secty.*

W. F. MACCOY, Esq.

Read annual report of Inspector of Licenses, for year 1894-5. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report be received and published in the annual report. Motion passed.

Read returns of City Collector showing the amounts collected for Rates and Water Rates during the month of March.

Also read cash statements of City Treasurer "General" "Water" and Balances, for month of February. On motion of Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Outhit, the same are referred to committee on Public Accounts.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

That should the Legislature repeal the law which provides that only those who pay their taxes thirty days before election, shall be qualified to vote at civic elections, thereby largely increasing the number of persons eligible to vote.

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby instructed to divide the certified lists of voters of the respective wards alphabetically so that one booth shall be provided for every 400 voters in wards having more than 1000 voters ; in wards with less than 1000 voters, one booth to be provided for each 500 voters.

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

The council now proceed to appoint presiding officers for the several polling booths at the ensuing civic election. On motion duly seconded, the following named were appointed said presiding officers :—

For Ward No. 1,	Aldermen	Geldert and Morrow.
"	2,	" Dennis, Redden and Wallace,
"	3,	" Hamilton and Mitchell,
"	4,	" Ryan and O'Donnell,
"	5,	" McFatrige, John McInnes & Michael Conroy.
"	6,	" Outhit, and Richard T. Roome.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that No. 36 on Order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 36, viz., Letter of Halifax Exhibition Commission asking the Council to place to their credit the amount guaranteed in case of a deficit.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of one thousand dollars, and pay same to Provincial Exhibition Commission as provided for under Chapter 31, Vic. Clause 11, Acts 1894.

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

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that No. 30 on Order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 30, viz., application of H. H. Banks, Chief Inspector of Licenses, for an increase of salary. Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the salary of the Chief Inspector of Licenses be increased from \$1,000 to \$1,200 per year. Motion passed.

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

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that the salary of J. J. Hopewell, Assistant Clerk of Works, be increased from \$600 to \$800 per year. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns, 10.25 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

APRIL 2nd, 1895.

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

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

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

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman McFatrige submits a report from the City Prison Committee.

Alderman Stewart submits a letter from Borden, Ritchie & Co., Solicitors of M. J. Sheraton, complaining of a nuisance from Cabs standing in front of the Queen Hotel Annex.

Also, a letter from R. J. Sweet, complaining of truckmen standing in front of his premises corner of Duke and Hollis Streets.

Alderman Eden submits a letter from Lewis A. Godwin, *re* plumbing matters.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers, viz:

Letter from W. H. Hardesty, asking that an enquiry be had by the Council into the action of the City Health Board in asking him to resign his position of keeper of Hospital for Infectious Diseases.

Letter from H. Hesslein & Sons, *re* Sewerage Rates on their property Hollis Street.

Resolution of City Health Board, asking that the City Council place to their credit \$1000.00.

Letter from Board of Trade, *re* to the best mode of access to the Railway terminus at North Street.

Letter from B. F. Pearson, *re* Inglis Street Extension.

Letter from the City Engineer, *re* amounts required to carry on work ordered for this year, and for other purposes; together with a letter from the City Treasurer offering suggestions as to proposed City Loan.

Letter from the Assistant City Engineer asking for an increase of salary.

Letter from J. T. Bulmer, Solicitor, relative to fine imposed upon Mark Marriott in the Police Court, in July last.

Report of City Engineer on letter from Halifax Illuminating and Moter Company, Limited, relative to the exaction of fines imposed on said Company.

Report of City Engineer on petition asking that the position of the electric light at head of Woodill Street be changed.

Report of City Engineer on desirability and cost of laying a curb and gutter on Argyle Street, both sides from Jacob to Buckingham St.

Report of City Engineer on petition of Forsythe, Sutcliffe & Co., for water for elevator power purposes at Metropole building.

Letter City Treasurer, *re* amount contributed by late John Caldwell towards construction of a sewer in Bilby Street, together with report of His Honor the Recorder thereon.

Report City Engineer *re* Water Extension Willow Park.

Petition of Hattie and Mylius and others for asphalt sidewalk on west side of Pleasant Street, from Morris to South Streets.

Tenders, etc., from Austen Bros. to supply 2000 feet Maltese Cross Hose, with correspondence of His Worship the Mayor and opinion of His Honor the Recorder relative thereto.

Petition from certain policemen for increase of salary.

Petition of W. H. Browne and others for a sewer on Edward Street.

Report of H. H. Banks, License Inspector, on application of John O'Neil for a wholesale license.

Report of City Clerk on sundry accounts.

Returns of City Collector, Rates and Water Rates for month of March.

Returns of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for December, 1894, and January and February, 1895.

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

Read report of City Prison Committee, covering accounts, etc., for the month of March.

April 2nd, 1895.

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee, held this day, there were present: Aldermen Dennis, Creighton, 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 \$122.95 Leaman and Co., \$18.00; Mrs. Manley, \$11.28; A. Gunn and Co., \$28.00; M. O. Crowell, \$4.05; J. W. Harrington, \$4.33; Wm. Roche, \$2.56; D. Silverthorne, \$54.73. Total, \$122.95.

W. McFATRIDGE, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:—

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

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

Read letter from Borden, Ritchie & Co., solicitors for M. I. Sheraton, relative to a nuisance caused by cabs standing in front of the Queen Hotel Annex.

Also read letter from R. J. Sweet complaining of trucks being allowed to stand in front of his premises, corner of Hollis and Duke Streets. The following resolution is introduced:

Whereas, It has been brought to the notice of the City Council that the present system of granting hack and cab licenses, permitting vehicles to stand on public streets in front of private property is detrimental to said property;

Therefore resolved, That on and after May first, next, no licenses be granted permitting public licensed vehicles to stand on public streets in front of private property, and that the Committee on Hacks and Trucks be instructed to provide stands around public buildings or squares.

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

Read application of H. W. Johnston, Jr., Assistant City Engineer for an increase of his salary. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Morrow, that Mr. Johnston's salary be increased from \$1200 to \$1400 to take effect from 1st May next. Motion passed.

Read petition from certain policemen for an increase of their salary. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the same be referred to the Police Commission for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from City Treasurer relative to the amount contributed by the late John Caldwell in his life time towards the construction of a sewer on Bilby Street, together with an opinion of His Honor the Recorder relative to same.

December 15th, 1895.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In the matter of contribution by late John Caldwell towards cost of sewer on Bilby Street, I beg to report that in the books of the City Treasurer there occurs an entry on 15th September, 1865, of £10 to the credit of Streets Committee, paid by Mr. Caldwell, which corroborates the statement made by Mr. Goudge and others in their petition.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

IN RE CALDWELL SEWERAGE.

March 28th, 1895.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 17th December last has just been shewn me by Mr. Veith, and in reply would say that Mr. Caldwell is entitled to be relieved for the number of feet he paid for and no more, and the property will stand good for the balance if any be due.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

W. L. Brown, *City Treasurer.*

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the opinion of His Honor the Recorder be received and concurred in, and a copy thereof forwarded to the City Collector for his information. Motion passed.

Read petition of W. H. Brown and others for a sewer on Edward Street between Morris and South Streets. Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that said petition be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from E. M. O'Bryan relative to any money that may be due the estate of her late husband, Capt. E. O'Bryan, for rent of Market building.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, That the claim of the executrix of the late Capt. O'Bryan be referred to His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder, to make the best settlement they can of claim on a fair and equitable basis.

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

Read letter from W. H. Hardesty, Keeper of Hospital for Infectious Diseases, asking the City Council to enquire into the action of the City Health Board in asking him to resign his position. Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Duggan, that a special committee be appointed by His Worship the Mayor to enquiry into the matter and report to the Council. Motion passed.

Read letter from H. Hesslein & Sons asking that they be relieved from the payment of sewerage rates on their property, Hollis Street. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the matter be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of Hattie & Mylius and others for an asphalt sidewalk on the west side of Pleasant Street, from Morris Street to South Street. Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Austen Bros. offering to supply to the city 2,000 feet of Maltese Cross brand Rubber Hose, at one dollar and ten cents per foot, less 5 p. c., together with correspondence of His Worship the Mayor and opinion of His Honor the Recorder relative thereto.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, that His Worship the Mayor be requested to enter into a contract to purchase 2000 feet Maltese Cross Hose 55 lbs. weight and Couplings, to be paid for 1 year from the 1st day of June next.

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

Read report of City Engineer on petition for water extension, Willow Park.

WATER EXTENSION, WILLOW PARK.

March 25th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor.

SIR,—I beg to submit the following report on the accompanying petition for water extension to Willow Park.

We have to consider four plans for extending the supply to this district.

1. From the west end of the pipe on North Street to Windsor Street, thence northerly along Windsor Street.

2. From the West end of the pipe on Almon Street to Windsor Street, thence north and south along Windsor Street.

3. From north end of pipe on Windsor Street, northwardly along Windsor Street.

4. From Quinpool Road north along Windsor Street. Plan No. 1, The pipe on North Street is laid west from Kemp Road to King's Place. It is six inches in diameter, and the supply would come from the 12 inch main in Agricola Street. This six inch pipe will eventually have a large district to supply and is therefore not large enough to supply Willow Park for domestic service, while it would be no use whatever for fire service.

Plan No. 2. Extension on Almon Street to Windsor Street. The estimated cost of laying a nine inch pipe from the end of the pipe on Almon Street to Windsor Street, not including pipe to be laid on Windsor Street, is:—

1250 feet of 9 in. pipe, 73670 lbs. at .02	\$1473 40
4-9 in. x 6 in. single branches, 1224 lbs. at .02½	27 54
1-9 in. x 9 in. double " 411 "	9 25
9 in. wooden wedges	8 00
Lead for joints	4 00
1-9 in. stop cock	26 00
1 service pipe	20 00
1250 feet excavation & pipe laying at 1 00	1250 00

\$2818 19

This pipe would draw its supply from the 12 inch main on Agricola Street, and in order to give fire pressure the old pipe must be taken up on Almon Street from Agricola Street to the end of the present main west of Kemp Road, and nine inch pipe laid in its place. The pressure would not be as good, however, as could be obtained by adopting Plan No. 4; but, although I do not recommend the adoption of Plan No 2, I would suggest that in future extensions on Almon Street nine inch pipe be used so that eventually Willow Park will be connected by a nine inch pipe with the main on Agricola Street. The circulation will be better, and as future increase in the supply will come from the north, this district will get a more direct service.

Plan No. 3. Extension along Windsor Street :

This plan will give a more direct service than No. 1 or No. 2, but the supply must come through a six inch pipe from the 12 inch main on Robie Street, up Compton Avenue and along Windsor Road to the end of the present main. It would be folly to put in any extension which would not be permanent and give the petitioners domestic pressure only, and very little of that. Plan No. 4 is the only one that meets all the requirements. This plan is to lay a nine inch pipe from the main supply pipe on Quinpool Road along Windsor Street to Willow Park, taking up the six inch pipe now laid in a portion of Windsor Road. This scheme would give direct service, and Willow Park would obtain the best available fire and domestic pressure.

The estimated cost is, from 15 inch main, Quinpool Road, to 6 inch main, Welsford Street:

600 feet of 9 in. pipe, 34980 lbs. at 2c	\$699 60
1 15 in. x 9 in. saddle	3 50
1 9 in. stop cock	26 00
Lead	5 00
600 feet rock excavation & pipe laying at \$1.25	750 00

\$1484 10

From south end of 6 inch main, Welsford Street to north end of 6 inch main north of Chebucto Road :

1220 feet of 9 in pipe 72,080 lbs. at 2c.	\$1441 60
2 9 in. stopcocks	52 00
11 9 x 6 in. single branches	99 00
Lead	7 00
1500 feet excavation and pipe laying and taking up 6 in.	732 00

\$2331 60

LESS :			
1220 feet 6 in. pipe taken up 33,080 lbs. at 2c..	\$761 60		
2 6 in. stopcocks	40 00		
8 6 in. single branches	37 00		
		839 20	
		<u>839 20</u>	\$1492 40
From end of 6 inch pipe on Windsor Street to Edinburgh Street :			
2520 ft. of 9 in pipe 148,400 lbs. at 2c.....	\$2968 00		
4 9 x 6 in. double branches, 1,600 lbs., at 2½c.....	36 00		
4 9 x 6 in single branches 1,224 lbs. at 2½c.....	27 54		
4 9 in. stop cocks	104 00		
9 in. wedges and keys.....	8 00		
Lead	8 75		
14 service pipes	280 00		
2520 ft. excavation and pipe laying at \$1.25.....	3150 00		
		<u>3150 00</u>	\$6582 29
From Windsor Street along Edinburgh Street :			
950 ft. of 6 in. pipe at 73c.....	\$693 50		
1 6 in. double branch, 255 lbs. at 2½c	5 74		
2 6 in. single branches.....	9 40		
1 6 in. stopcock.....	20 00		
300 lbs Lead.....	10 50		
9 Service pipes.....	180 00		
950 ft. excavation and pipe laying \$1.25	1187 00		
		<u>1187 00</u>	\$2106 14
			<u>\$2106 14</u>
			Total..... \$11664 93

The estimated revenue is \$136.72. If revenue were to be considered we should be obliged to postpone the extension to Willow Park for a good many years, for without water building lots sell very slowly in such an elevated district as this. That portion of the line from Quinpool Road to Welsford Street will never bring in any revenue because it has been reserved for a park. At first sight it might seem more advisable, shorter and cheaper to take up the pipe in Compton Avenue, but in case of fire in Willow Park the whole north end would have to be cut off, while with a district main each district would be independent.

This question should be discussed on a basis entirely different from that adopted in the average water extension. It does not affect half a block only but a large district, the residents of which get a proportionately small return for their taxes. This district has no fire protection whatever, and during last summer had no domestic supply of water and no near neighbours to buy, beg or borrow from. The extension to Coburg Road was a parallel case, and while the usual custom of requiring a return on the outlay is a good one, I think it should be departed from in this instance and consider I am justified in recommending the extension according to Plan No. 4 from Quinpool Road to Edinburgh Street on Windsor Street, and houses immediately north of Edinburgh Street and 950 feet west on Edinburg Street.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the water be extended to Willow Park, and that the route of such extension be left to the City Engineer.

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

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

The following resolution is now introduced.

Resolved, That the Works Department report on the advisability and cost of extending the water through Charles Street extension, and Willow Street Extension, at the same time that it is extended to Willow Park.

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

Read letter from the City Engineer *re* sewers required under the different borrowing bills to carry on the work ordered for this year and for other purposes.

Also read letter from the City Treasurer suggesting that the Council should ask for tenders for the proposed new loan on a basis of 4 per cent. interest.

Alderman Morrow moves the following resolution which is seconded by Alderman Dennis :

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be authorized to advertise for tenders for loan of one hundred and seventy thousand to one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars at 4 per cent.

Motion put and passed.

Read report of City Engineer on petition from Forsythe, Sutcliffe & Co., for water extension to Metropole Buildings.

WATER EXTENSION, FORSYTHE, SUTCLIFFE & Co., METROPOLE BUILDING.

March 22nd, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor :—

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from Forsyth, Sutcliffe and Co., respecting water extension to the metropole building.

There is a main supply pipe in the street which is large enough for ordinary domestic service. Messrs. Forsyth, Sutcliffe and Co. require a six inch pipe in order to run their elevator. It has been the custom in the past to charge half the cost to the city and half to the property owner for whose benefit the pipe is laid. I would recommend that a six inch pipe be laid to the Metropole building provided Messrs. Forsyth, Sutcliffe and Co. pay half the cost. The branch pipe to supply the building will of course be put in solely at their expense, but the work must be done by the City as there is a concrete sidewalk in front of the building. Messrs. Forsyth, Sutcliffe and Co. will be required to make a deposit of the estimated cost (to them) before work is commenced in accordance with the custom of this Department.

It is stated in the letter that similar work has been done for others without charge. It is true that a pipe was laid to G. M. Smith's new building free of charge against the recommendation of the City Engineer. The Board of Works claimed that a new main was needed and the City should put it in. The same claim cannot be made in this case and they should be put on the same footing as Bauld, Gibson & Co., Burns & Murray, Hayward & Co., Ungar's Laundry, Smith Bros. and others who have paid for their pipes.

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

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

Read report of the City Engineer as to the desirability and cost of a curb and gutter on Argyle Street on both sides from Jacob to Buckingham Streets.

ARGYLE STREET CURB AND GUTTER.

March 22nd, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In September last the accompanying extract from Minutes of Council was referred to me asking for a report as to the desirability and cost of a curb and gutter on Argyle Street on both sides from Jacob Street to Buckingham Street. At that time it was getting too late to do the work as there was a large quantity of work ordered. For this reason I did not report on it at once.

There is curb laid now on both sides of this street, and as this block is an important one it would be better to keep it cleaner than we have been able to in the past. For this reason, if for no other, the work should be done, as two men can keep a granite gutter clean were eight are required on a cobble gutter. The estimated cost is, stone \$368, laying \$175. The stone is of course permanent, but the laying in this instance cannot be considered as permanent because it must be taken up when a good sidewalk is laid and graded. I would recommend that the cost of the stone be taken from permanent pavement account but that the cost of laying be charged to street account.

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the matter be referred to the Department of City Works to carry out said work when in funds. Motion passed.

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

Alderman Geldert gives notice that at a future meeting he will move the following resolution :

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be requested to prepare and submit to this Council at an early day a draft of a Betterments Law on the line of similar laws in force in Toronto, Montreal, and other cities of the Dominion for defraying the cost of public improvements and preventing the accumulation of public debt.

Read report of City Engineer on letter of the Halifax Illuminating and Motor Company, Limited, relative to fines imposed on said Company in connection with their contract for street lighting.

ELECTRIC LIGHT FINES.

March 7th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In the accompanying letter, the Halifax Illuminating and Motor Co. complain of injustice in the exaction of fines. There are four cases put before the Council :—

1st A fine of \$38.00 for November 4th, when the Company was obliged to shut down owing to a heavy storm. I would recommend that this fine be remitted

2nd. A fine of \$108 00 is imposed for September 10th. In this case the lights were turned out in the morning at a time when the police claim it was not daylight, while the Company claim that the lights were turned out in accordance with the moonlight schedule followed for years. The Council must act as judge in this matter and decide whether the case can be considered a wilful violation of the terms of the contract or an error in judgment. I am inclined to the latter and measures have been taken to provide an arbitrator for similar occasions in future.

3rd. December 3rd, a fine of \$93.00 was exacted. It was during moonlight nights, and the Company took advantage of fine weather to make some repairs to machinery, it happened to be dark one night while repairs were being made and no lights were on.

4th. On the 15th and 17th October, a fine of \$432 is imposed. It was during moonlight nights and the police report the weather at some part of the night cloudy, while the Company claim it was not dark enough to turn on the lights. This cannot occur again, as in future the the Superintendent of Fire Alarm is to be sole judge in such matters. I would recommend that the Council take up the four cases separately and deal with them as they think best. The year closed three months ago and this matter should be decided at once.

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

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the matter be referred to the Department of City Works with authority to effect a settlement of the disputed amount. Motion passed.

Read letter from John T. Bulmer, solicitor for Mrs. Marriott, relative to a fine imposed upon Mark Marriott in the Police Court on July last for indecent exposure. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that the matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder for investigation with power to redress any grievance that may be found. Motion passed.

Read letter from B. F. Pearson covering a report from the City Engineer, *re* proposed extension of Inglis and Robie Streets. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Board of Trade informing the Council of the intention of said board to hold a meeting during the current week for the purpose of considering the question of the best mode of access to the railway terminus at North Street for freight and passenger traffic and requesting the Council to attend said meeting in a body or by selected representatives. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the City Clerk be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of said letter and inform the Board of Trade that the Department of City Works has under preparation plans for the widening of Lockman Street which will be laid before the Council at an early day, the Council will then be prepared to meet the Board of Trade for the purpose of discussing the subject and to request the said Board to postpone their proposed meeting until said plans are prepared and the council in position to fairly consider the matter. Motion passed.

Read litter from N. Meagher, Secretary City Health Board, covering a resolution passed by said Board requesting the City Council to place to their credit the sum of \$1,000.00. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor for report and that the City Health Board be requested to furnish His Worship with a detailed statement of their expenditure during the current year. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer, on petition of David Thomson and others asking that the position of the Electric Light at head of Woodill Street be changed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, AGRICOLA STREET.

March 26th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—In reference to the accompanying petition I beg to say the light was formerly about the corner of Sarah Street. It was removed to its present position at the request of residents of Woodill Street. There is a light on Sarah Street, one on Harris Street, one at the corner of Agricola Street and West Street and one at the corner of Cunard Street and Agricola Street. There is no light for Woodill Street except the one in question, and that street would be in darkness if the light now located at the head of the street were removed. A counter petition would be presented immediately. In my opinion the light serves the interest of more people where it is now than it could where the petitioners ask to have it placed.

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

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the report of the City Engineer be received and concurred in and a copy thereof forwarded to the petitioners. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates the following Aldermen as a Committee to consider the letter of W. H Hardesty, keeper of Hospital for Infectious Diseases, and report back to the Council, viz. : Aldermen Morrow, Redden, Duggan, Foster, Creighton and McFatridge. On motion, said nominations are confirmed.

Read letter from City Clerk, covering sundry accounts for consideration of Committee on Public Accounts. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Lewis A. W. Godwin *re* plumbing regulations and water meter rates in connection with his house, 34 North Street. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works to deal with. Motion passed.

Read returns of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for December, 1894, and January and February, 1895. Filed.

Read letter of H. H. Banks, License Inspector, covering application of John P. O'Neil for a wholesale license, Duke Street.

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.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Whereas, There are a large number of applications for wholesale licenses undisposed of;

Resolved, That the inspector be requested to report specifically upon each one of said applications as to whether the applicants intend carrying on a genuine wholesale business and as to the character of the premises and the propriety of granting said licenses.

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

Read return of City Collector of Rates and Water Rates collected during the month of March. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that No. 34 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 34—Report of City Engineer on letter from Moir, Son & Co., *re* Water Rates charged their firm, and scale of rates for water supplied by Meter.

WATER RATES.

January 15th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—In addition to the accompanying letter from Moir, Son & Co., several complaints have been made respecting the rates charged by meter.

Although our rates are not high when compared with those of other cities, yet we can afford to reduce them without any material effect on the revenue.

I would recommend the adoption of the following scale of rates for a daily consumption of

		20 cents per 1000 gallons.	
1000 gallons or under,		20	cents
1000 gallons to 2000 gallons,	19	"	"
2000 " 3000 "	18	"	"
3000 " 4000 "	17	"	"
4000 " 5000 "	16	"	"
5000 " 6000 "	15	"	"
6000 " 7000 "	14	"	"
7000 " 8000 "	13½	"	"
8000 " 9000 "	13	"	"
9000 " 10000 "	12½	"	"
10000 " 20000 "	12	"	"
20000 " 30000 "	11½	"	"
30000 " 40000 "	11	"	"
40000 " 50000 "	10½	"	"
50000 " 60000 "	10	"	"
60000 " 70000 "	9½	"	"
70000 " 80000 "	and upwards 9½	"	"

The rates above 10000 gallons a day are the same as before.

Under the present rates all consumption under 10000 gallons a day is charged 20 cents per 1000 gallons.

The accompanying statement shows how it will affect consumers.

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

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said report and schedule of rates be received and concurred in; to come into force on 1st May next. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 11.20 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

APRIL 26th, 1895.

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

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

The meeting was called to receive the returns of the Civic Elections, to receive the report of the Department of City Works *re* widening of Lockman street, to appoint two citizen commissioners of Halifax Common and the transaction of other business.

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

Alderman Wallace, Chairman, submits a report from the Library Committee.

Alderman Duggan, Chairman, submits a report from the special Committee *re* dismissal of W. H. Hardesty.

Alderman Geldert, Chairman, submits a report from the Special Committee *re* extension of Brunswick Street southwardly through Imperial property.

Alderman Eden submits a letter from C. W. Rennels covering an account of James Monaghan & Sons relative to damage to his property through alleged defect in main sewer.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Return of the City Clerk showing the result of the civic elections held 24th April, *inst.*

Report from His Honor the Recorder *re* suit Perry vs. the City of Halifax.

Letter from W. H. Wiswell *re* City's proportion of county estimate for the year 1895.

Letter from the Chief Justice appointing John H. Symons a member of the Court of Appeal.

Petition of John Snow for water extension, Henry Street.

Application of John E. Burns, Water Inspector, for an increase of salary.

Report from the City Health Board covering a detailed statement of the expenditure of the board during the year 1894-5, together with a report from His Worship the Mayor relative thereto.

Reports from the Department of City Works *re* probable cost, etc., of widening Lockman Street; *re* tenders for supplies required by the department; *re* water estimate for 1895-6; *re* Hesslein & Sons letter asking relief from assessment for Hollis Street sewer; *re* extension of Agricola Street; *re* Queen Street, Fenwick Street and Green Street; *re* street line, South Street; *re* sewer Gottingen Street; *re* improvements to Egg Pond; *re* citizens obtaining the privilege of using Citadel grounds.

Petition of residents of LeMarchant Street for water extension.

Letter from His Worship the Mayor relative to placing Miss Ainslow and James Laidlaw on the staff of civic officials.

Application from John McDonald, Foreman of Streets, for an increase of salary.

Petition against water extension Campbell Road.

Returns of Weighers and Measurers of coal for the month of March.

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

Read Report from the City Clerk showing that by the returns of the Presiding officers at the several Polling Booths in the City for the election of a Mayor for the City of Halifax, held on the 24th inst., David McPherson was elected by a majority of 150 votes over James C. Mackintosh. The vote being David McPherson, 1866, James C. Mackintosh, 1716.

The City Clerk now declares David McPherson duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax, for the Civic year 1895-6.

The City Clerk submits the nomination paper of George E. Musgrave for the office of Alderman for Ward No One, he being the only candidate for said office at the election held 24th inst. His Worship the Mayor declares George E. Musgrave duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax.

Read Returns from the Presiding Officers at the several Polling Booths in Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, for the election of an Alderman for each of said wards as follows:—

Ward No. 2. W. J. Butler, 428, T. Barry, 391. Majority for W. J. Butler, 37.

Ward No. 3. C. S. Lane, 336, W. B. Mahoney, 98. Majority for C. S. Lane, 233.

Ward No. 4. Andrew Hubley, 309, N. E. McKay, 260. Majority for A. Hubley, 49.

Ward No. 5. F. Eden, 447, G. C. Hartlen, 353. Majority for F. Eden, 94.

Ward No. 6. S. Mosher, 333, J. Adams, 217. Majority for S. Mosher, 116.

His Worship the Mayor declares W. J. Butler for Ward No. 2, C. S. Lane for Ward No. 3, Andrew Hubley for Ward No. 4, Frank Eden for Ward No. 5, and Saul Mosher for Ward No. 6, duly elected Aldermen of the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the City Clerk be directed to notify the Hon. the Provincial Secretary of the election of David McPherson to the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1895-6, and to request that he be pleased to request His Honor the Lieutenant Governor to name the time and place when he will be prepared to administer to Mr. McPherson the oath of office. Motion passed.

Read Petition of W. J. Cooke and others residents of LeMarchant Street for water extension. Moved by Alderman Hubley, 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 completion of Queen, Green and Fenwick Streets. Placed on Order Paper.

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

The following resolution introduced :

Whereas, Members of this Council subscribed for and purchased a cup of the value of one hundred dollars, or thereabouts, with the intention that the same be contested for in the running races to be held in the city of Halifax in June, 1894 ;

And whereas, The Committee of Management of the said Riding Ground advertised among the various prizes offered at the June races of last year a cup known as the corporation cup and held out to the public that the said cup was given by His Worship the Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of Halifax ;

And whereas, The said cup was competed for by various competitors at the said races in the belief that the said cup had been given by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax, and as a matter of fact the said cup, although purchased and owned by a large number of the Aldermen of the present City Council, has never been handed over to the said Riding Ground ;

And whereas, It is in the opinion of this Council derogatory to the dignity of the Mayor and Aldermen of the said City Council that a cup or prize should be offered to the public as the gift of the Mayor and Aldermen and the same be not placed or put in the hands of the parties controlling the races or offering the prizes ;

Therefore be it resolved, That inasmuch as the said cup was advertised as the gift of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City it is derogatory to the dignity of the City Council that contracts or offers should be made by Aldermen in the name of the City Council and the same not be strictly and fully fulfilled and carried out.

Moved by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Stewart. Objected to and placed on Order Paper.

Read report of City Engineer on letter of J. E. Roy, relative to extension of Agricola Street. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report of City Engineer on letter of H. Hesslein & Sons asking that they be exempted from the payment of sewerage rates on their property, Hollis Street.

SEWER ASSESSMENT, H. HESSLEIN & SONS.

His Worship the Mayor :

April 26th, 1895.

SIR,—The accompany letter from H. Hesslein & Sons, respecting sewer assessment having been referred to me, I beg to report.

When the Sewer in Hollis Street was constructed it was made deep enough to drain the cellar of the Hesslein building, and is deep enough for that purpose. Before it was finished Mr. Hesslein pointed out that it would have to be two feet deeper if the closets in Mr. Sheppard's Hall were to be drained and the pipe carried under the cellar floor. He was told that it would be cheaper to exempt him from assessment as the excavation was about thirteen feet deep already. The sewer is deep enough to drain the cellar floor, and I am informed by His Honor the Recorder that there can be no exception made under any circumstances.

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report be received and concurred in and a copy thereof forwarded to the Messrs. Hesslein. Motion passed.

Read report from the department of City Works, covering water estimates for year 1895-6.

April 25, 1895.

To the Members of the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present to you for your information and action, the Estimate for Water Service for the ensuing civic year :

ESTIMATE FOR 1895-6.

Interest	\$47,386 80	
Maintenance	18,000 00	
Short Collection.	1,400 00	
	<u> </u>	\$66,786 80
Income special and Meter Rates		<u>36,386 80</u>
		\$30,400 00
of \$30,400.		11,400 00
of 30,400.		<u>19,000 00</u>
		\$30,400 00
\$16,000,000 00 12 p. 100	\$19,200 00	
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		\$30,400 00

M. E. KEEFE, *Mayor.*

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the same be received and concurred in and a copy thereof forwarded to the City Collector for his guidance. Motion passed.

Read report from the Department of City Works on tenders for the supplying of bricks, drain pipe and hardware, for the removal of ashes and garbage, truckage of stone and painting of City Hall.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I herein submit the figures of the tenders for labor and material in connection with the various civic works received by the Department with the request that you take action on them.

For supply of brick, Stairs, Son & Morrow are the lowest, \$7.90 at Richmond and \$8.20 at the Cotton Factory.

Removal of ashes, Thos. Robinson is the lowest, \$54.00 per week.
 Trackage of stone, there is a tie between John McGrath and Peter Kiddy, 2½ cents per bushel. I leave this to the Council to award the contract.
 Cleaning, whitewashing and painting City Hall, Frank Reardon is the lowest—\$1,350 00.
 Drain pipe, F. Hyde & Co., and Burns & Co are a tie; as Mr. Burns is a resident of the city, I would recommend the acceptance of his tender of his furnishing satisfactory security for the fulfilment of the contract.
 Hardware, Black Bros. & Co. are the lowest—\$3,783.38.

M. E. KEEFE, Mayor.

TENDERS.

April 22, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to submit the following report showing the tenders opened by you on the 20th April.

BRICKS.

	Delivery at Richmond.	Delivery at Cotton Factory.
Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow	\$ 7.90 per m.	\$8.20 per m.
Jacob Miller.....	8.10 "	8.30 "
International Brick & Tile Co.....	8.20 "	8.70 "
Jacob Walton	8.50 "	9.00 "

REMOVAL OF ASHES AND GARBAGE.

Thos. Robinson.....	\$ 54.00 per week.
Peter Kiddy.....	65.00 "
Alfred Nicholson.....	65.00 "
Arthur Walker.....	67.50 "
John Whyatt.....	97.50 "

TRUCKAGE OF STONE.

John McGrath.....	2½ cents per bushel.
Peter Keddy.....	2½ "
Alexander Robinson.....	2 11-16 "
Patrick Washington.....	2¾ "

PAINTING CITY HALL.

Frank Reardon.....	\$ 1,350.00
Martin Young & Co.....	1,425.00
J. E. M. Taylor.....	1,550.00

DRAIN PIPE.

F. Hyde & Co.....	\$ 1,357.58
Burns & Co.....	1,357.58
Brookfield Bros.....	1,370.00

HARDWARE.

Black Bros. & Co.....	\$ 3,783.38
H. H. Fuller & Co.....	3,832.33
John Stairs & Co.....	4,051.61
Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow.....	4,203.30

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the tender of John McGrath for truckage of stone be accepted and that the report be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

Read application of John McDonald, Foreman of streets for an increase of salary. Moved by Alderman McFtridge, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that Mr. McDonald's salary be increased to \$1000.00 per year. Motion passed. Alderman Hamilton gives notice of reconsideration.

Read application of John E. Burns, Water Inspector, for an increase of salary. Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Redden, that Mr. Burns' salary be increased to \$800.00 per year. Motion passed. Alderman Hamilton gives notice of reconsideration.

Read Report of His Worship the Mayor *re* staff in City Collector's office.

To the Members of the City Council:

At a meeting of the Council held February 5th, 1895, a letter was read from the City Collector in reference to the help required in his office caused by the retirement of City Treasurer Thomson, and the election of W. L. Brown from the Collector's office to his position. The vacancies thus caused were filled by temporary appointments recommended by the Board of Works, which after a trial of fifteen months, in which time they have given satisfaction, I would recommend that there be placed on the staff, Miss Anslow, at four hundred (\$400.00) dollars per annum and Mr. Laidlaw at six hundred (\$600.00) dollars; this to commence from the first of the civic year 1895. This will not be as much as was formerly paid, but will effect a saving of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.

M. E. KEEFE, Mayor.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

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

The following resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That Mr. W. L. Brown be paid the sum of two hundred dollars in full for extra and special services performed by him during the past year in connection with the administration of the Water Department

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

Read report of Department of City Works covering plan *re* widening of Lockman Street.

To the Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I herein submit for your information the plan and report together with an estimate of the probable cost for the widening of Lockman Street

The department went to considerable trouble to try and get the estimate for the proposed work as accurate as possible, and as far as labor and material are concerned for the carrying out of the work, I think a generous estimate is given.

We made an effort to get the property owners to state a sum which they would be willing to accept as compensation for disturbance and land required. While a small proportion gave a reasonable statement others were outrageously unreasonable and some would not state any price.

Now, there is a difference of opinion amongst the citizens as to the actual necessity of widening this street and some do not think it such, but would look upon it in the light of an improvement that is desirable if it can be had at a reasonable cost.

I would recommend that the Mayor be requested to call a joint meeting of the members of the board of trade, the Citizens and the Council to consider the plan:

and estimate and the subject generally, and if after consultation and consideration it is thought advisable to enter upon the work, that expropriation steps be taken and all the awards of arbitrators filed with the City Engineer for submission to the Council before coming to a decision, as my experience has proved that it is one thing to expropriate and pay a sum into court before an arbitration is held, and another thing for a city or government to get those concerned to accept those sums paid in as ample compensation,

To avoid this as much as possible I would not involve the city in the widening scheme without first having some positive figure as to its cost, and if the price shown after the arbitration awards are filed does not exceed fair and reasonable expectation, I would much rather that the widening take place than have the proposed new street opened with a dead end against the I. C. R. Station at North Street.

M. E. KEEFE, Mayor.

WIDENING LOCKMAN STREET.

April 24th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I have obtained as much information as possible to enable me to make an estimate of the cost of widening Lockman Street. The majority of the property owners have named the sum they would take for land damages, and an estimate has been made by mechanics of the cost of moving the houses back.

I estimate the cost of widening Lockman Street to be :

Grading, retaining and macadamizing	\$12,000 00
Resetting curb and granite gutter, lowering sewer if } necessary and laying new drains.....	17,250 00
Extending service pipes.....	600 00
Land damages and incidental damages, etc.....	115,000 00
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	\$154,250 00

The cost of opening a new Street through the middle of the block between Lockman and Water Street is estimated at :

Grading	\$ 8,000 00
Curb, gutters and macadam	15,000 00
Sewer	12,000 00
Water pipe.....	5,000 00
Buildings	60,000 00
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	\$100,000 00

In some cases in the widening of Lockman Street it would be advisable to buy the whole property and sell what is not required. If this course is followed the full value of the property would be required in some cases where damages only have been estimated. This would increase the cost as the money must be borrowed, although part of it may be returned again. In estimating the cost of opening the street through the middle of the block, the item "Buildings," which includes O'Mullin's brewery, is an estimate for the land on which buildings stand and the value of the buildings. Nothing is allowed for land passed through where no buildings are interfered with, as I consider that in this case the benefit to the property would be greater than the injury done

F. W. W. DOANE, City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the report be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

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

April 26th, 1895.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that they have examined the accounts within named, found them correct and recommend that they be paid:

Theakston & Co., Printing for City Collector, \$29 00; A. & W. Mackinlay, stationary for City Collector, 1.25; T. Allan & Co., Stationary and Printing for City Collector, 8 04; City Assessor, 30.50; City Treasurer, 2.31; City Clerk, 15.70. Total \$86 80.

MINER T. FOSTER, *Acting Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Stewart that said report be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the accounts therein named. Motion passed.

Read Annual Report of Committee on Citizens' Free Library for the year 1894-5. Moved by Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Foster that the City Librarian's salary be increased to \$500, and that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Report of Special Committee appointed to investigate charges made against the Caretaker and Matron of the Hospital for Infectious Diseases.

April 10th, 1893.

The Special Committee appointed to enquire into the matter of the dismissal of the Keeper and Matron of the Hospital for Infectious Diseases, met this day. There were present the whole Committee, viz: Alderman Duggan, Chairman, and Aldermen Morrow, Redden, Foster, Creighton and McFatridge; also members of City Health Board, viz: Dr. McKay, Chairman, Aldermen Eden and Hubley, W. H. Neal, Esq., and Dr. C. D. Murray; also the City Medical Officer, and the Secretary of the City Health Board.

Your Committee beg to report that the charges preferred against Mr. and Mrs. Hardesty, (as per letter of the City Medical Officer, to the Health Board, dated February 16th, 1895) were as follows:

Both the Caretaker and Matron or Nurse have openly and persistently refused to carry out my instructions in the following particulars.

1st.—Mrs Hardesty was requested by me to nurse and care for a female patient who went to the Hospital on Tuesday last, she positively and very emphatically refused to have anything to do with the patient, defied my authority and again and again reiterated her refusal.

2nd.—Mr Hardesty when requested by me to arrange for the disinfestation and washing of the clothing of some of the patients to be discharged in a few days, refused to allow any member of his family to do any washing for any of the patients. When asked by me who else was to do it, he did not know who was to do it or how it was to be done.

3rd.—Mr. Hardesty has also refused to do anything more towards keeping the road open from Gottingen Street to the Hospital for the Ambulance and Visiting Physician.

Your Committee enquired into the charges above mentioned:—In regard to the first charge it was shown that the patient referred to was sent from the Victoria General Hospital suffering from German Measels. Mrs. Hardesty considered that she was only obliged to look after patients suffering from Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever. This case was the first that had been sent there for treatment, while she may have refused to look after the patient yet did not neglect doing so. Another reason given by her for her actions was that she understood that Miss Shortt, a nurse that was then in the Infectious Hospital was to look after the case.

On the 2nd charge it was ascertained that the clothing in question belonged to the nurses and patients that had been sent there from the V. G. Hospital. It

was not all wearing apparel there was a lot of fancy work that had been made up in the institution. They did not consider it was their duty to wash articles belonging to these nurses more especially the fancy work. While at first refusing to do this work they however did it. They considered that it was the duty of the nurses who were looking after these patients to do their washing and more especially such articles as belonged to the V. G. Hospital.

In reference to the 3rd charge it was not positively stated that it was Mr. Hardesty's duty to shovel snow from the roadway. While he declined doing the work yet the roadway has not as yet been neglected.

Your Committee came to the conclusion that the charges were not of a very serious nature and were the result more than from any other cause of conflicts between the matron and the nurses from the Victoria General Hospital. The Board of Health were divided on the question of their dismissal from the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Hardesty did apologize for any insubordination and promised that the same would not occur again. The Committee are of the opinion that they should not be dismissed on this the first charges against them.

Aldermen Creighton and McFatridge objected to the above recommendation.

PATRICK M. DUGGAN, *Chairman*.

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

The Council having been summoned to appoint two Citizen Commissioners of Halifax Common. On motion said appointments were deferred until next meeting.

Read letter from C. W. Rennels, complaining of damage to his property through defective main sewer on Gottingen Street, covering an account "\$12.00," from James Modaghan & Son, relative thereto. Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Foster that the matter be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from His Worship the Mayor covering correspondence and plan relative to citizens being granted certain privileges on the slopes of the Citadel. Placed on Order of the Day.

Read report of Special Committee on extension of Brunswick Street southwardly through Imperial property.

April 26th, 1895.

The committee appointed to enquire into the extension of Brunswick Street through Imperial property to connect with Doyle Street beg to report that in their opinion this important work should be carried out without further delay. In view of the fact that the military authorities are at the present time about to erect buildings which will make the prosecution of this work more difficult if not impracticable in future the committee recommends that the military authorities be asked to delay for a short time the prosecution of the work upon which they are now engaged and that they be requested to state the terms upon which they will convey to the City sufficient land for the construction of a street 60 feet in width through said property.

J. M. GELDERT, JR., *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the extension of Brunswick Street be adopted and that His Honor the Mayor appoint a committee to wait upon the military authorities at once on the subject and ascertain the terms upon which they will co-operate with the City in carrying out the desired improvement.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits an address to the Council on the various civic improvements effected during his connection with the City Council as Alderman and Mayor during the past nine years.

His Worship the Mayor retires and Deputy Mayor Stewart takes the chair. The Mayor's address is now read:

To the Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—In retiring from office I have thought that it would not be amiss to say a few words in parting and take a retrospective glance at the work that has been perfected and the progress made in the nine years that I have had the honor of a seat in the Council, six as an Alderman for Ward Two, and three as Mayor, and in that way give an account of my stewardship; and only as an assistant do I lay claim to any credit in the various progressive steps that have been taken during that period by the City Council for the general good. When I came into the City Council nine years ago it was evident to me that while the intentions of those who had gone before were to place the city in a good sanitary condition, and at considerable expense a sewerage plan of the city had been prepared (in fact, twelve hundred dollars was paid to the assistants City Engineer Keating had executing the plans), it was to me apparent that he would be unable to do anything for the city at large with the law as it then stood, which required property owners to put down a cash deposit of \$1.25 per foot frontage, as in a great many cases owners who were perfectly willing to pay their proportion were not in funds to do so, and in other cases where the owner was eager to have the work done, his adjoining neighbor had made some temporary arrangement that satisfied him, and as a consequence he would not put up the deposit, and in that way we were handicapped and could not advance the work with this state of affairs. I looked about for a remedy, and at a meeting of the Council held March 22nd, 1887, I moved a resolution which was favorably entertained by the Council and passed, wherein it was proposed to give property owners ten years in which to pay their proportion of frontage rates. The Recorder was instructed to draft an act for submission to the Legislature embodying this idea, which was done; but when submitted to the Committee on bills in the house it was not reported up. This having come to our notice I called the attention of the Council to it, and by unanimous consent I was allowed to call the matter up again and get a resolution passed on April 28th, 1887, again calling upon the house to pass the bill, which in compliance with our wishes was done; but the bill was shorn of its money power to enable us to carry it out. The citizens by this time having been thoroughly aroused as to the necessity of proper sanitary provision joined with the Council at a subsequent meeting of the Legislature and pressed upon them the needs of the city in this respect, and an act was passed placing ample funds at our disposal for some time. This the citizens lost no time in taking advantage of, and as a consequence the works department has not been able as yet to overtake the demands made upon it. To illustrate the advantage that has been taken of this act and how much it was needed previous to its passage, say from '74 to '87, we had but 41 sewers including the mains, total length 26,166 ft., while since its passage, to comply with the wishes of the people who have kept up an incessant clamor for sewerage facilities, we have built 132 sewers, total length 62,184 ft., so that in the near future we shall have the city and suburbs placed in a good sanitary condition, which is something to be thankful for, and I have yet to hear of a taxpayer who disapproves of the money spent to forward this object.

Various improvements and extensions of the water service have taken place during this time, and it is gratifying to know that whilst we have been enabled to extend the water north, south, east and west, the revenue derived from this source has permitted us to make frequent reductions from the original rates and place at the disposal of the citizens a water supply equal to, if not superior to that enjoyed in any other city.

In consequence of the great advances made in electrical service, we have the city lighted by electricity, which, although costing a larger sum annually, is a boon that no citizen would now forego for a corresponding reduction in his taxes.

The New City Hall has also been completed. The corner stone was laid on the 21st June, 1887, the work was pushed forward and accomplished since, and we have now a hall that does our city credit and will compare favorably with the public buildings in cities of far more pretensions.

The present Poor's Asylum was erected and equipped at considerable cost to the city, but in that institution the poor are generously cared for and the rules governing the Asylum, which were submitted 15th August, 1887, have, with modifications that have occasionally been found necessary, worked satisfactorily.

Various sums have been granted for the purpose of fostering exhibitions in the city from time to time, and my opinion is that as the spirit of the age is to encourage these shows, we must to hold our own in that respect, without going beyond reasonable bounds in the expenditure, do the same as others are doing.

Large sums have been and are being spent on schools, and whilst there are some who complain of this expenditure, I do not see how, if we desire to progress with the world, we can relax any of our educational expenses.

On account of the increase in the number of buildings and the large area over which they were spread, it has become a necessity to make changes in the Fire Department appropriation, as the time had gone by in which you could expect to have the apparatus brought to and worked at fires by hand, so steam fire engines had to be procured and drivers and horses attached to hose carriages. This has added largely to expenditure in that department and there is every probability of its necessarily increasing by the addition of a wholly paid department in the near future.

The vexed question of providing proper Cemetery accommodation, in consequence of the Camp Hill and Holy Cross Cemeteries having reached their limit, has been overcome, and all denominations are now provided for, and it is to be hoped the new cemeteries will be satisfactorily laid out.

To meet the demand for better roads and sidewalks a large amount has been spent on this service in providing a steam roller and stone crusher, concrete sidewalks, paving, curbing and gutter stones. I would not advise the laying of much more of the concrete sidewalks, as in my opinion good asphalt is the best for the residential part of the city, and when the Council is prepared to go on with it I think asphalt will be the best and cheapest material that can be used.

I have been disappointed in that the railway facilities the city has been striving for such a length of time have not materialized. The Council has done its part to obtain that end, as on reference to the minutes of March 26th, 1890, it will be seen that by a resolution I moved at that meeting the Council generously supported measures to have the work, with the widening of Lockman Street, pushed on; but the Dominion Government did not co-operate with us, having decided on another course, which having long delayed, we hope will be accomplished during the coming season, and it is to be earnestly hoped no patch-work measures will be adopted, but the terminus will be such as all can be proud of. To do this it will be necessary for the government to place a good sum in the estimates for this year and clear out all the old buildings now occupied by the marine and fisheries department and others; have a clear site and not let those old buildings stand in the way when a durable, permanent work is to be accomplished. I have had some correspondence with the railway department on this subject, and I handed John E. Stairs, M. P., some time ago a plan of the proposed extension. He mislaid it or handed it to Sir Wm. Van Horne when here, and I have been unable to get it back, nor has he apparently succeeded in tracing it.

We have made large additions to the books in the library and this has been appreciated by the public, as is shown by the very large increase in the number of books issued, and our Local Government is about to grandly supplement this boon to the city by the provision they are making in the contemplation of erecting a building for that and other purposes.

I am pleased to inform you that the measure taken by the council to place the management and control of the police in the hands of a commission has worked very satisfactorily. The chief has been constant and faithful in attending to the duties assigned to him. The sergeants and men have given every satisfaction. The detective is ever on the alert when duty calls, and I think our force compares favorably with a corresponding number of any other city. The council will

have to make some other provision apart from the superannuation fund for the retiring of some of the men now on the force who have given the city long and faithful service; the amount available from the fund being of no service for some years yet, I would suggest that a certain amount be supplemented from the unexpended balances for a few years until the fund is strong enough to stand alone, as under existing circumstances it is not likely to be of any use to any man now on the force. I am sorry the men did not come forward earlier in the year with their petition in regard to salary, so that the question could have been dealt with and legislation secured if the Council had taken action in the matter. However, it may be kept in mind and something accomplished by next year.

It was my good fortune to be the head of the works department to carry into effect the much needed improvement in the water service connected with the extension of the so-called new pipe line. There was a doubt in the minds of some as to the value of this extension, and I am pleased to inform you that it has fully realized the expectations of the promoters of the measure. and I doubt if there is any one to be found but who is satisfied that the work was well performed.

This year a large extension is to be made in Willow Park, and those living within that district will then enjoy the advantages long held in other portions of the city.

The visit of their excellencies the Governor-General and Countess of Aberdeen to our city last year was one of the most pleasing that has ever occurred in our city. Other Governors-General and their wives have visited us in the past, but none of them was able to enter into and hold the affection of us all as his excellency the present Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen. They hold the minds and hearts of our people by the innate goodness of their own dispositions, and having hearts and sentiments in touch with the people that make them beyond question rulers that we shall always thank God for having had. They were pleased with the attention shown them and I feel sure that their visit was as fully appreciated by them as we were delighted with their presence amongst us and honored by their company.

The plans for the widening of Lockman Street, together with an estimate of its probable cost, are now before you, and you will observe, if our calculations prove correct (and the department has taken considerable trouble to make them so), that this work will not cost anything like the sum that it was thought by some of our citizens it would, and there is every likelihood if the work is carried out that the increased value to the property would justify an increased assessment on it, that the citizens as a whole, while sharing the advantages, would not be called upon to pay anything additional in their taxes over and above what they are paying now. Knowing that the council has had the matter under consideration for some time, and will deal with it in a manner which they think will be in the best interests of the city, I will make no recommendations here other than that contained in the report from the works department.

Reports from the various departments will be submitted, which I hope will prove satisfactory.

I am in a position to say that the citizens have secured good and faithful service from the various civic officials on our staff, whom I have found diligent and attentive to the duties assigned them.

This gives a partial summary of the work that has been performed during my time, which you in your wisdom will continue as circumstances may call for.

I will now bid you an official good-bye, assuring you that I shall ever cherish kindly remembrance of my association with you.

Yours, etc.,

M. E. KEEFE, Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Wallace, the said address be printed in the Minutes of the Council. Motion passed

The following resolution is now introduced :

The time having arrived when His Worship the Mayor M. E. Keefe shall retire from the office, after serving the city as its chief magistrate for three years.

Resolved, this Council desire to place on record its appreciation of his unswerving fidelity to the cause of good civic government, the many services rendered the citizens, his unflinching regard for and the promotion of their interests, the courtesy and kindness with which he presided over the Council and his readiness to assist and forward all acts tending to benefit the City and promote harmony and good feeling amongst all classes of citizens, and to assure His Worship that his presence will be missed from amongst us.

Further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be engrossed and framed and presented to His Worship.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mitchell and passed unanimously by a standing vote.

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

Council adjourns, 10.45 o'clock.