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CITY COUNCIL

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W. C. Hodgson

David McPherson

Minutes of City Council,

CIVIC YEAR 1895-1896.

DAVID MCPHERSON, ESQUIRE, *Mayor*.

David McPherson, Esq., having been at a meeting of the City Council, held 26th April, A. D. 1895, declared duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the year 1895-6, was at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday the first day of May, A. D. 1895, at Government House sworn into office by His Honor M. B. Daly, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, in the presence of Aldermen W. McFatrige, A. W. Redden, J. F. Ryan, C. W. Outhit and the City Clerk.

H. TRENAMAN, *City Clerk*.

EVENING SESSION—8.10 P. M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, MAY 8th, 1895.

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

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Dennis, 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, Musgrave, Redden, Hamilton, Lane, O'Donnell, Ryan, McFatrige, Foster, Eden, Outhit and Mosher.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Dennis submits a report from the Board of Charities, annual, 1894-5.

Alderman Lane submits his resignation as a Citizen Commissioner of Halifax Common.

Alderman McFatrige, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on City Prison, covering accounts, etc., for the month of April. Also, the annual report of said Committee for 1894-5.

Alderman Mosher submits a petition from residents of Merckelsfield for extension of West Young Street.

Alderman Geldert submits a petition from C. W. Bowman, et al, against the erection of a steam saw mill on Edward Street.

Petition of H. S. Colwell, et al, relative to the extension of proposed electric railway route northwardly and westwardly.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

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

Report of Inspector of Licenses *re* wholesale liquor licenses.

Report Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the month of April.
Annual Report of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the year 1894-95.

Report City Engineer *re* city wharf.

Report City Engineer *re* Gottingen Street Sewer.

Statement from the Mayor as to the present financial condition of the City.

Letter from City Health Board, asking that \$1000 be placed to the credit of the Board to meet expenses incurred 1894-5.

List of Committees for 1895-6.

Returns of City Treasurer for March and April, and City Collector for April.

Moved by Alderman Outhit, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers submitted at last meeting but not dealt with, together with those submitted this meeting. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer, *re* street line Smith and Robie Streets.

STREET LINE SOUTH AND ROBIE STREETS.

April 6, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—The accompanying sketch shows the position of J. J. Bremner's property at the corner of South and Robie Streets with reference to the street line. The property extends five feet over the line of Robie Street and ten feet over the line of South Street. He is selling it in lots and is disposed to sell to the City the strip necessary to straighten and widen the two streets. I would recommend to the Council that the matter be referred to the Mayor to obtain the land required on the best possible terms. A similar course was followed in several cases on Water Street, Lockman Street, Inglis Street, etc.

F. W. W. DGANE, *City Engineer.*

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

Read report City Engineer relative to improvements petitioned for in connection with the Egg Pond. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report of City Engineer on petitions for and against the extension of Water Service, Campbell Road. Placed on Order Paper.

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

Read return of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for month of March. Filed.

Read report of His Honor the Recorder *re* suit Perry vs. the City of Halifax. Filed.

PERRY VS THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

April 26, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor :

This was an action brought against the City for malicious prosecution and false arrest. The suit came on for trial before Mr. Justice Henry a few days ago and after argument of Counsel he gave judgment for the City.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

Read letter from W. H. Wiswell, Municipal Clerk and Treasurer, *re* City's proportion of County Estimate for the year 1895. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read notice of appointment by the Chief Justice of John H. Symons as a member of the Court of Appeal. Filed.

Read petition of John Snow for water extension, Henry Street. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the same be referred to the Works Department for report. Motion passed.

Read report from His Worship Mayor Keefe, covering letters from Board of Health, with detailed statement of expenditure for year 1894-5. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder, as to whether the Council can legally entertain the recommendation set forth in His Worship's report. Motion passed.

Read petition for expropriation of land between West Young Street and the new street on Merklesfield. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that said petition, together with No. 52 on Order Paper, viz, report of City Engineer on letter of J. E. Roy, relative to extension of Agricola Street, be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of C. W. Bowman and others against the erection of a steam saw mill by Messrs. Mackintosh Bros., on Edward Street. Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the same be referred to the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners to be considered with the application of Messrs. Mackintosh relative to said mill, for the report of the board thereon. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Chief of Police relative to appropriation for 1894-5 being insufficient to meet the requirements of the Department. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the same be referred to His Worship the Mayor together with His Honor the Recorder for recommendation as to best way of meeting the deficiency. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer relative to City Wharf. Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from City Engineer on complaint of C. W. Rennels relative to drain from his property, Gottingen Street. Placed on Order Paper for consideration with the City Engineer's report on Gottingen Street Sewer previously read this meeting.

Read report of City Engineer *re* Water Extension, Shirley Street. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred back to the Engineer for report as to whether or not he recommends the extension asked for. Motion passed.

Read petition from A. J. Manley and others asking the Council to prevail upon the Electric Railway Company to operate a section of their road on Gottingen Street, north to Almon Street, and to make a circuit through streets west of Gottingen Street.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the petition just read referring to operation of Electric Street Railway be referred to a Committee of three Aldermen to be appointed by His Worship the Mayor, to be associated with His Worship and the City Engineer, to interview the representatives of the said Railway Company with the view of having the prayer of the petitioners carried into effect, and report to this Council at its next meeting.

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

Read annual report of Committee on Charters for year 1894-5. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the same be received and concurred in and referred to the Committee on Publication of Annual Report. Motion passed.

By leave of Council, Alderman Ryan submits a report from the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners covering accounts.

Read report of City Clerk *re* accounts for consideration of Committee on Public Accounts. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report. Motion passed.

Read report of Chief Inspector of Licenses, *re* Wholesale Liquor Licences. On motion the same, together with No. 49 on the Order of the Day, relative to application of John O'Neil, are placed on Order Paper with No. 4, viz.: Further consideration of applications for Wholesale Liquor Licenses.

Read Annual Report of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for year 1894-5. On motion the same is referred to Committee on Publication of Annual Report.

Read report of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for April. Filed.

Read report of City Prison Committee for the month of April, *re* accounts, etc.

May 7th, 1895.

A meeting of the Prison Committee was held this day, there were present Aldermen Dennis, 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 \$93.59; Gunn & Co., \$28.00; Leaman & Co., \$14.58; R. T. Braine, \$17.03; Black & Flinn, \$.00; J. F. Kelly, \$3.10; D. Silverthorne, \$13.12; Johnson & Son, \$1 90; G. E. Smith & Co., \$13.86; total, \$93.59.

W. 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 accounts named therein.

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

Read Annual Report of the City Prison Committee for the civic year 1894-5. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the said report be referred to the Committee on publication of Annual Report. Motion passed.

Read City Collector's Returns, Rates and Water Rates collected during month of April.

Also, read City Treasurer's statements General, Water and Balances for the months of March and April.

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

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

Read address from His Worship the Mayor, relative to the present financial condition of the City, covering a tabulated statement of the funded debt and a memo of the assets of the City.

GENTLEMEN,—Having been once more elected by the voice of my fellow-citizens to the honorable position of first magistrate, I think it proper at this first meeting of the City Council to lay before you some facts and figures which shall indicate our present position as regards civic liabilities and assets, and also the obligation the corporation is under for the prosecution of works either in progress or soon to be undertaken, being already sanctioned by the council.

The figures relating to the amount of our funded debt have been furnished me by the officials in charge of the monetary departments, and I have no reason to doubt their accuracy.

The valuations of our public property are substantially the same as those to be found in a valuable report not long since submitted to the Council by Alderman Mosher, Chairman of Public Accounts, and I may say generally with regard to these valuations that while in the nature of things the appraised values can only be considered approximate, yet at the same time they have been estimated precisely as if they were private property, without the least desire or intention of over valuation. The lands mentioned are all situated in the best parts of the city, and the edifices with which they are in some cases covered are all substantially built, kept in first class order and are all fully protected by insurance. Some exception may of course be taken to the definite valuation of sewers and street improvements, such as curbing, concrete and granite sidewalks and the like, but while on the one hand it may be admitted that such matters have, strictly speaking, no commercial value, yet on the other hand, it cannot be denied, that any premises with such appurtenances attached are greatly enhanced in value thereby, they will sell for more, rent for more, and what is of greater importance to the city, they will be rated higher by the assessors and bring in more revenue to the city treasury.

The total amount of our funded debt on 31st December, 1894, was \$2,773,810. This included the cost of our water works and also of our public school buildings. To this amount must be added the amount of loans recently advertised for \$157,650, bringing up the total to \$2,931,460.

Our assets are placed at \$2,535,685, to which must be added a sinking fund, partly in cash on deposit and partly in city stock, amounting to about \$52,000, and also a sum of \$20,000 with accrued interest, being the amount received for the market house and also on deposit. This will bring up our nominal assets to a trifle over \$2,600,000.

While therefore it behooves us to practice the utmost economy and to resist the incurring of any new liabilities except what can be justified and approved by

general sanction of the citizens, I cannot honestly think that our present position (financial) is such as to cause any great uneasiness.

Among the projects generally approved of by public opinion, and one indeed universally decided to be necessary, is the widening of Lockman Street or running another street in rear of the lots between Lockman and Water Streets, commencing at Cornwallis and ending at North street, the conviction being general that the present accommodation, both for freight and passenger traffic, is not at all in keeping with our claims as a first-class seaport and railway terminus. But whichever plan be adopted it means a large expenditure of money, and it should be well considered as to which scheme would be the better, and also the cost of carrying out the same before any active measures are taken to incur expense.

The subject of taxation has been before the Council for discussion more than once during the past year, and will probably be brought up again. I can only say for myself that I shall be happy to assist in any fair scheme which will tend to equalize or lessen assessment in reality, and that will not consist merely in the transference of civic burdens from one class to another.

You will have seen our sinking fund is very small—only \$52,000. This fund is now increased annually by about \$5,000, (\$3,000 by assessment and \$2,000 by interest accruing). I would suggest that we place all amounts collected from the citizens on account of sewers and sidewalks fronting on their properties to the credit of the above fund which would be the means of largely increasing the same. The amount due 1st of May, 1895, on account of sewers was \$76,148.86. Most of the owners avail themselves of the law allowing them to pay in ten annual instalments, therefore, you will see that the whole of the above amount will not be collected until 1904. The amount due on account of sidewalks on the 1st of May was \$6,136.49. Heretofore the amounts collected on account of above services have been placed to the credit of their respective accounts and used for construction. This should not be continued, as the sidewalks will in time require repairs and in some cases renewing, and what we may now class as an asset will be gone and nothing left to represent it.

In assuming the duties of the Mayorality once more, I trust that our relations will be pleasant as in former years, that our joint deliberations will be conducted with our wonted harmony and decorum, and I feel that I can confidently reckon upon your cordial co-operation in all matters having for their object the promotion of the public welfare.

DAVID MCPHERSON.

Total amount Funded Debt to 1st May, 1895..... \$2,773,810

Under obligations for work, as follows :

Water Extension	\$ 10,000
Sewerage	60,000
Paving Streets and Sidewalks	75,000
New Engine House	5,000
Chemical Engine	2,650
Halifax Graving Dock	5,000

\$2,931,460

MEMO OF ASSETS OF CITY OF HALIFAX.

Permanent Sewers, 86,728 feet—16.42 miles	\$431,523 22
Concrete Catchpits 402	16,080 00
Granite Curbing, 81,110 feet 15.36 miles	51,910 40
Granite Gutters, 29,720 feet—5.63 miles	13,076 80
Concrete Sidewalks, 7890 square yds	14,626 23
Granite block pavement	29,869 00
Granite blocks	14,000 00

\$ 571,085 65

Lot corner Kempt road and Young street	1,000 00
Public gardens	100,000 00
Common	50,000 00
City Hall	150,000 00

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Poor house and grounds.....	110,000 00
Exhibition building and grounds.....	75,000 00
Park opposite above	20,000 00
Grafton park	8,000 00
Mulgrave park.....	5,000 00
Acadia square.....	1,700 00
Esplanade	10,000 00
Lot foot of Inglis street.....	2,000 00
Lot Tower road.....	600 00
Fish market.....	3,000 00
Dartmouth ferry wharf and South wharf	15,000 00
Rockhead and land	20,000 00
Infectious disease hospital	7,000 00
Lot Chebucto road	1,000 00
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School properties	237,000 00
Furniture	20,000 00
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	\$257,000 00
Engine Houses.....	42,500 00
Apparatus.....	50,500 00
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	93,000 00
City Water Works.....	1,000,000 00
Tools, stock, materials, &c., including Crusher, Roller, &c.....	36,000 00
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	\$2,535,685 65
Sinking Fund, about.....	52,000 00
Market Building Fund, with accrued interest, about	22,000 00
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	\$2,609,685 65

HALIFAX, May, 1895.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the Address of His Worship the Mayor be engrossed in the Records of the Council, and that the clause referring to the Sinking Fund of the City be placed on the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

The list of standing commissions and committees for the year 1895-6, as nominated by His Worship the Mayor is now read, viz:

Board of Commissioners of Point Pleasant Park—Aldermen Musgrave, Butler, Lane, Hubley, Foster, Outhit.

Commissioners of Halifax Common—Aldermen Geldert, Redden, Mitchell, Ryan, Foster, Creighton.

Public Accounts—Aldermen Stewart, Butler, Hamilton, O'Donnell, Foster, Outhit.

City Health Board—Aldermen Ryan and McFatridge.

Board of Police Commissioners—The Mayor, Alderman Redden, the Chief of Police.

Cemetery—Aldermen Stewart, Dennis, Mitchell, Hubley, Foster, Outhit.

City Prison—Aldermen Geldert, Redden, Lane, O'Donnell, Eden, Mosher.

Laws and Privileges—Aldermen Stewart, Dennis, Mitchell, Ryan, McFatridge, Mosher.

Tenders—Aldermen Stewart, Butler, Hamilton, O'Donnell, Eden Mosher.

Hacks and Trucks—Aldermen Musgrave, Dennis, Lane, O'Donnell, McFatrige, Outhit.

Library—Aldermen Geldert, Dennis, Lane, Hubley, Eden, Creighton,

Charities—Aldermen Musgrave, Butler, Hamilton, Hubley, Eden, Creighton.

Board of Firewards and Fire Commissioners—Aldermen Geldert, Redden, Hamilton, Ryan McFatrige, Mosher.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that Alderman Creighton be substituted for Alderman Mosher on the City Prison Committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that Alderman Hubley be substituted for Alderman O'Donnell on the City Prison Committee. Motion put and lost.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that Alderman Stewart be substituted for Alderman Musgrave on the Hacks and Trucks Committee. Motion passed, 12 voting for the same and 6 against it. The names being called for appeared thus:

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Stewart, Musgrave, Geldert, Dennis, Redden, Hamilton, Mitchell, Lane, Ryan, Hubley, Eden, Outhit—12.	Aldermen Butler, O'Donnell, Foster, McFatrige, Creighton, Mosher.—6.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the foregoing committees and commissions nominated by His Worship the Mayor be confirmed as amended. Motion passed.

Read resignation of Alderman Lane as a citizen commissioner of Halifax Common. Accepted.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that Geoffrey Morrow be elected a citizen commissioner of Halifax common vice C. S. Lane resigned.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Foster that E. W. Bremner be elected to fill said vacancy.

The amendment being put is lost, 5 voting for the same and 13 against it. The names being called for appeared thus:

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen O'Donnell, Foster, McFatrige, Eden, Creighton.—5.	Aldermen Stewart, Geldert, Musgrave, Dennis, Redden, Butler, Hamilton, Mitchell, Lane, Ryan, Hubley, Outhit, Mosher.—13.

The original motion is now put and passed.

The Council now proceed to elect two citizens Commissioners of Halifax Common for the ensuing term.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Lane, that W. F. Pickering be reappointed as a member of said Commission. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that Michael Conroy be appointed a Commissioner of Halifax Common. Moved in amendment by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that Thomas M. Power be appointed to said Commission. Said amendment being put is passed, 11 voting for the same and 7 against it. The names being called for appeared thus :

For the Amendment,	Against it
Aldermen Stewart, Geldert, Musgrave, Dennis, Redden, Butler, Hamilton, Mitchell, Lane, Ryan, Outhit.—11.	Aldermen O'Donnell, Hubley, Foster, McFatridge, Eden, Creighton, Mosher.—7.

The Council now proceed to appoint a duly qualified physician as a member of the Board of Health. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, that Dr. C. D. Murray be reappointed a member of said Board. Moved in amendment by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that Dr. Carleton Jones be appointed to said Board. The amendment on being put is passed, 11 voting for the same and 7 against it. Names being called for appeared thus :

For the Amendment.	Against it,
Aldermen Stewart, Geldert, Musgrave, Dennis, Redden, Butler, Hamilton, Mitchell, Lane, Ryan, Creighton—11.	Aldermen O'Donnell, Hubley, Foster, McFatridge, Eden, Outhit, Mosher—7.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

The Council now proceed to elect the various civic officers for the civic year 1895-6.

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

" " " —Wm. J. Nisbet, "

" " " —Wm. R. Hamilton, "

City Marshall—Garrett Cotter. "

Clerk of License—Robert Theakston, "

Clerk of Works—William F. Reilly, "

Assistant Clerk of Works—James J. Hopewell, re-elected.

Foreman Street Work—John McDonald, "

Foreman Water Works—Ewan Morrison, "

Assistant City Engineer—H. W. Johnston, Jr., "

Clerks Water Department—James Laidlaw, Miss Onslow, re-elected.
 Clerk in Collectors Office—H. S. Rhind, "
 Caretaker City Property and Inspector of Buildings—Thomas Spelman, re-elected.

Health Inspector—Nicholas Meagher, re-elected.

Water Inspector—John E. Burns, "

City Medical Officer—Thomas Trenaman, M. D., re-elected.

Janitor City Hall—John Spruhan, re-elected.

Measurers of Salt and Grain—D. J. Smith, *Supervisor*; James Mitchell, Maurice McDonnell, Richard D'arcy, John Heenan, J. K. Wetmore, re-elected.

Measurers of Coal—Simon Cummins, *Supervisor*; T. B. Shaw, Thos. Isles, W. R. Cogswell, R. Woodill, G. Grono, A. J. Smith.

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

Governor City Prison—William Murray, re-elected.

Matron " " Mrs. Willam Murray, re-elected.

Under-keepers City Prison—James Anderson, Daniel E. Keating, William Higlett, George Grant, re-elected.

Messenger City Prison—Daniel McDonald, re-elected.

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

Matron " " Mrs. Annie F. Dow, re-elected.

Asst. Engineer " " James H. Grant, "

Fireman " " John R. Hennigar.

Baker " " Daniel McIntosh.

Secretary " " B. Mulcahy.

Lumber Surveyor—John C. Potts, elected.

Sealer of Leather—Jeremiah Barnstead, re-elected.

Fence Viewer—William T. Horton, re-elected.

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

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

Police Matron—Mrs. Mary Spruhan, re-elected.

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

Weighers of Bundle Hay—Richard Currie, John Inglis, re-elected.

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

Keeper Dog Pound—Thos. Bushell, re-elected.

Foreman City Work Shops—Joseph B. Scriven, re-elected.

His Worship the Mayor calls the attention of the Council to the fact that although Mr. Motton, Ex-Stipendiary Magistrate, resigned said position on 30th September last, he has not up to the present time received anything on account of his retiring allowance. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the City Clerk be instructed to write Messrs. John & H. W. Mackintosh that they will not be permitted to operate their proposed steam saw mill unless authority is given them by the City Council to do so,

and that in the meantime any expenditure on said building will be at their own risk. Motion passed.

His Worship nominates Aldermen Stewart, Eden, Hamilton, Creighton, as the special committee to act with His Worship the Mayor and the City Engineer in the matter of the extension of the electric railway through Gottingen and other streets. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said committee be confirmed. Passed.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Foster, that Alderman Lane be substituted for Alderman Foster on the Halifax Common Commission. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1. Alderman Hamilton's notice of reconsideration of application of John McDonald for increase of salary. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the action of the Council at last meeting on said application be now reconsidered. Motion passed, 12 voting for the same and 6 against it. On names being called for there appeared:

For Reconsideration.

Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave,
Dennis, Redden,
Butler, Hamilton,
Lane, Hubley,
Eden, Outhit,
Mosher, Mitchell—12.

Against it.

Aldermen Stewart, Ryan,
O'Donnell, Foster,
McFatridge, Creighton—6.

The following is introduced as an amendment to the resolution passed at last meeting of the Council granting an increase of salary to John McDonald.

Resolved, That the matter of officials' salaries be referred to a Committee to be appointed by His Worship the Mayor, they to report on all salaries not fixed by law. Also that all appointments made for the ensuing year be subject to final action of Council on salaries.

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

Read No. 2. Alderman Hamilton's notice of reconsideration of application of John E. Burns for increase of salary. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the action of the Council on this matter at last meeting be now reconsidered. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Redden, that said application be referred to the Special Committee on Salaries to be named by His Worship the Mayor. Motion passed.

Read No. 3. Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of resolution *re* payment of \$200 to W. L. Brown.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hamilton that the action of the Council in granting said amount to Mr. Brown at last

meeting be now reconsidered. Motion passed, 13 voting for the same and 5 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For Reconsideration.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Dennis, Redden, Butler, Hamilton, Mitchell, Lane, Hubley, McFatrige, Eden, Creighton, Outhit, Mosher—13.	Aldermen Stewart, Musgrave, Ryan, O'Donnell, Foster.—5.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the matter of granting Mr. Brown said \$200 be referred to the Special Committee, to be named by His Worship the Mayor. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the Auditor report to this Council at its next meeting for the information of the Council and the guidance of the Committee, a statement of all salaries paid to officials in the employ of the respective Departments under the City Council on the 1st of May, 1895, 1890 and 1885.

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

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that Alderman Hamilton be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Creighton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MAY 14th, 1895.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Ryan, Foster, Butler, Hubley, Redden, O'Donnell, Geldert, Eden and Lane.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Butler, 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 Musgrave, Dennis, Mitchell, Hamilton, McFatridge, Creighton and Outhit.

The Council was summoned to receive the report of the Committee on Tenders, *re* tenders for loan of \$170,200, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Foster, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Public Accounts *re* various matters.

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

Alderman Ryan, Chairman, submits a report from the Board of Firewards and Fire Commissioners on petition against the erection of a steam saw mill on Edward Street.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Petition of Alexander Collier and others for water extension, North and Clifton Streets.

Report of City Auditor *re* Salaries of Civic Officials in 1885-90-95.

Report of Inspector of Buildings, *re* violation of Building Act on west side of Granville Street.

Letter from J. T. Bulmer complaining of conduct of Chief of Police.

Petition from Robert Fraser *et al*, Hackmen, relative to the stands occupied by them.

Letters (3) from His Honor the Recorder *re* Mr. Motton's salary, Board of Health Funds and payment of Police.

Application of Vincent Greenwood for appointment as extra Coal Weigher.

Letter from D. J. Smith announcing the death of John Heenan, Measurer of Salt and Grain, and requesting that another Measurer be at once appointed.

Letter from William O'Toole, asking for the refund of the money paid by him on his applying for a Wholesale Liquor License.

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

Read report of Board of Firewards on petition of John and H. W. Mackintosh for permission to erect a steam wood-working establishment on their property corner of Edward and Morris Streets. Also, on petition against said privilege being granted.

May 14th 1895.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report on the petition against granting to Messrs. Mackintosh the privilege of erecting and operating a Steam Wood Working Establishment on their property, corner of Edward and Morris Streets.

The Messrs. Mackintosh, together with a large number of petitioners against granting the privilege asked for were present, and were heard for and against the privilege being granted. After hearing the parties fully the Board decided to recommend to the Council that Messrs. Mackintosh be granted the privilege asked for, viz.: to erect a Steam Wood Working Establishment for work solely in connection with their own business, on that portion of their lot now occupied by them said shed, being 145 feet South of Morris Street and 15 feet West of Edward Street, as that appeared to be satisfactory to the majority of those present.

JOHN F. RYAN, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the report of the Board of Firewards and Fire Commissioners be adopted, and Messrs. Mackintosh granted the privilege of erecting said Steam Wood Working Establishment as recommended in said report. Motion passed. Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Read report of Committee on Tenders *re* tenders for loans of \$157,650 and \$12,553.

May 13th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Tenders beg to report that they met this day, and opened the following tenders for City Loan:

For Consolidated Fund Debentures or Stock	\$157,650
H. O'Hara & Co., Toronto	99.537
J. C. Mackintosh, Halifax	96.51
Emilius. Jarvis & Co., Toronto	100.15
Bank of B. N. America	100.12
Halifax Fire Insurance Co. (\$15,000 only)	96.0625
<i>For Loan of \$12,553 repayable in 5 years)</i>	
J. C. Mackintosh	100.025 @ 4½ per cent.
"	98.025 @ 4 "
John Harvey	101. @ 5 "
Halifax Fire Insurance Co.	par @ 4¾ "

Your Committee recommend that the tender of Messrs. Emilius, Jarvis & Co., at \$100.15 per 100 for the Consolidated Fund Debentures, and the tender of J. C. Mackintosh for the short loan of \$12,553 at 100.025 for 4½ per cent. bonds be accepted.

WM. J. BUTLER, *Acting Chairman.*

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

Read report of Committee on Public Accounts on several matters referred to them.

May 14th, 1895.

The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report on the several matters referred to them as follows :

Returns of City Treasurer for April and March, and City Collector for April.

Your Committee recommend the same be filed for reference.

PRINTING AND STATIONERY ACCOUNT.

Morning Herald for Minutes, \$141.23; Blackadar Bros. for Printing, \$100.12; T. C. Allen & Co., Stationery, \$91.00; total, \$332.35.

Your Committee recommend that said bills be paid if sufficient funds remain to the credit of that account, if not, that the amount on hand be used, and the Council provide means for paying the balance.

They also recommend that the Starr Manufacturing's account for tags for dogs be paid from the monies received for dog tax.

MAINTENANCE OF TRUANTS ACCOUNT.

The Committee recommend that the amount to the credit of the Account for Maintenance of Boys other than truants be used toward the payment of this account. The balance, \$338.80 will have to be provided for by the Council.

In the matter of the Fire Department Accounts, your Committee are informed that there are no funds to the credit of this department for 94-5. They therefore cannot take any responsibility in the matter, and refer said accounts back to the Council without recommendation.

MINER T. FOSTER, *Chairman.*

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

Read Clause 1 in *re* returns of City Treasurer for March and April, and City Collector for April. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 2 in *re* payment of Printing and Stationery accounts. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 3, *re* payment of account of Starr Manufacturing Company for Dog Tags. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Butler, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 4. St. Patrick's Home account for Maintenance of Truants. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Redden, that Clause 4 do pass. Motion passed.

Read Clause 5, *re* Fire Department accounts. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Redden, that a sum sufficient to pay said accounts be transferred from Unexpended Balances account to the credit of the Fire Department account, 1894-5; said amount to be provided for at next session of the Legislature and paid back to the Balances Account, and that His Worship the Mayor consult with His Honor the Recorder to ascertain if the same can be legally done, and report back to the Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the report as a whole be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of the Inspector of Buildings of a violation of the Building Act on the west side of Granville Street by the Morning Herald Printing Company. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by

Alderman Redden, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of Alexander Collier and others, for Water Extension, North and Clifton Streets. Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read City Auditor's report on Salaries of Civic Officials in 1885, 1890 and 1895. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the same be referred to a Special Committee on salaries of civic officials. Motion passed.

Read letter of J. T. Bulmer, preferring certain charges against the Chief of Police. Objected to and placed on Order Paper.

Read petition of Robert Fraser and other hackmen *re* Hack Stand on Hollis Street. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the same be referred to the Committee on Hacks and Trucks for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder in *re* Mr. Motton's salary.

IN RE MR. MOTTON'S SALARY.

May 14th, 1895.

Mr. Motton is entitled to be paid his pension from the first day of May, instant, at the rate of \$1000 per year, and can be assessed for as extra assessment. In the meantime the Council should pay him quarterly. As there is no fund from which it can legally be taken it would be well to borrow it in the meantime. I know of no other way of getting it except from some available fund.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, Recorder.

His Worship the Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that the matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor, His Honor the Recorder, and the City Treasurer, to arrange for the payment of said salary. Motion passed.

Read letter from D. J. Smith, Supervisor of Weighers and Measurers of Salt and Grain, reporting the death of John Hecnan, one of said weighers. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for applicants for the position so made vacant. Motion passed.

Read application of R. V. Greenwood for the position of Coal Measurer. Filed.

Read letter from William O'Toole asking refund of money paid by him on his applying for a wholesale Liquor License. Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder in *re* the City Council providing funds for the City Health Board.

IN RE BOARD OF HEALTH.

May 14th, 1895.

Under Section 15 of Chapter 61 of the Acts of 1891, the Council is to place in the estimates the sum of \$4000 as extra assessment, and in case that sum is insufficient the City Council is bound, on the requisition of the Board, to grant all extra amounts as the Board may call for, and make provision for the same in the next year's estimate as extra assessment. The Council is bound to provide the funds asked for.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, Recorder.

His Worship the Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, that said letter be concurred in and that His Worship the Mayor be instructed to provide the funds required. Motion passed.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder in *re* deficiency in the Police Appropriation for 1894-5. Filed.

IN RE PAYMENT OF POLICE.

May 14th, 1895.

There is at present no amount to the credit of this fund, but we are in hopes of arranging matters this week.

Some steps should be taken by resolution of the Council to prevent Committees ordering goods or making contracts when there is no money to their credit. It is this system of Committees leaving large amounts of debts behind to be met by incoming Committees that causes embarrassment. It is absolutely illegal, and Committees acting in that way is personally responsible. I would suggest that on goods be ordered or contracts made by any Committee without first ascertaining from the Treasurer whether there is funds to meet it.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, Recorder.

His Worship the Mayor.

His Worship the Mayor, in accordance with a resolution passed at last meeting of Council, nominates the following Aldermen as a Special Committee on Salaries of Civic Officials, viz.: Alderman Stewart, Redden, Hamilton, Ryan, Foster and Mosher. On motion the same is confirmed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that His Worship the Mayor nominate a Committee of three Aldermen to entertain American press representatives who propose visiting this city during the month of June. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Aldermen Dennis, Mitchell and Ryan as such Committee. And on motion the same is confirmed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1. Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of appointment of Alderman Stewart on Committee on Hacks and Trucks. Withdrawn.

No. 2. Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of appointment of Dr. Carleton Jones as a member of the City Health Board. Withdrawn.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the Board of Works report up the cost of placing a Brick Sidewalk in front of Messrs. Clayton & Sons premises on Barrington Street extension.

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

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lane, that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to call a special meeting of the City Council to receive a delegation from the Board of Trade for the purpose of considering the best mode of access to the railway terminus at North Street, together with the proposed schemes for the widening of Lockman Street. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, 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, some two years ago this Council authorized the Board of Fire Wards to enter into a contract with John Connolly (now Captain of the Fire Department) for the supply of Feed to the horses of the Fire Department.

And whereas, the said Connolly, has since his contract expired in November last, been supplying the Department with hay at \$14.75 a ton, while the market price for the same is now \$9.00 per ton, the city thereby losing some \$5.75 a ton.

Resolved, that the Board is hereby instructed to authorize the caretaker hereafter to purchase all feed for horses at current prices.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Outhit.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Redden, that said resolution be referred to the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners for report. Said motion on being put is passed, 12 voting for the same and 4 against it.

For Alderman Ryan's motion.

Aldermen Musgrave, Geldert,
Redden, Hamilton,
Lane, Mitchell,
O'Donnell, McFatrige,
Ryan, Eden,
Foster, Creighton.—12.

Against it.

Aldermen Dennis,
Butler,
Hubley,
Outhit.—4.

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that No. 50 on Order Paper be now considered. Motion passed.

Read No. 50, viz.:—Letter from His Worship the Mayor, covering correspondence and plan relative to citizens being granted certain privileges on the slopes of the Citadel. Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to confer with Col. Leitch, informing him that the privileges sought by the citizens are only those that have always been enjoyed by them, viz.: the use of the walks on and around the slopes of the Citadel, and to ascertain from him if the Military authorities will again kindly confer upon the citizens a pleasure so long enjoyed. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the City Clerk be instructed to write to Col. Leitch, expressing regret of the Council that the City is not in funds to carry out the conditions set forth in his letter of the 10th April, ult. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Creighton, seconded by Alderman Foster, that No. 52 on the Order of the Day be taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 52, viz.:—Report of City Engineer on petitions for and against water extension, Campbell Road.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, that the report be referred to the Works Department for additional information; that the department communicate with the I. C. R., and ascertain their requirements in regard to water, and that the department report on this and all other petitions now before it for water extension at a future meeting.

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that No. 14 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 14, viz.: Notice of motion of Alderman Hamilton, *re* City Engineer attending meetings of Council.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Whereas, the business of the Works Department coming before this Council can be dealt with in a much more expeditious manner by having all available information respecting such business at the Council's immediate command.

Therefore resolved, That the City Engineer be instructed to attend all future meetings of the Council for the purpose of affording such information as His Worship the Mayor and Council may deem advisable. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that No. 15 on Order Paper be struck therefrom, viz., Notice of motion by Alderman Allen *re* Security of Certain Civic Officials. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that No. 30 on Order Paper, viz.: "Petition of James Shand and others, relative to street obstructions"; and No. 31, viz.: "Petition of merchants on Barrington Street complaining of teams standing in front of their places of business," be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that No. 26 on Order Paper, viz.:—"Clause of report of Board of Fire Wards, *re* amount claimed by said Board to be due them by the Department of City Works for work done by horses of the Fire Department." And also, No. 4, viz.:—"Report City Health Board, covering Rules and Regulations for the guidance of Architects, Plumbers, house-holders and others using the water supply, etc." be struck therefrom.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that No. 22 on Order Paper, viz.: "Notice of motion by Alderman Wallace, *re* Superannuation of City Employees" be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that No. 21 on Order Paper, viz.:—"Report of His Honor the Recorder, *re* suit Cleary vs. Policeman Nickerson" be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that No. 46 on Order Paper, viz.:—"Report of City Engineer, recommending the borrowing of money on Sewerage and Pavement accounts," be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 10.45 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock

MAY 23rd, 1895.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Creighton, Stewart and Redden.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, 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 Geldert, Musgrave, Dennis, Mitchell, Hamilton, Lane, O'Donnell, Ryan, Hubley, McFatridge, Eden, Outhit and Mosher.

The Council was summoned to consider the best mode of access to Railway Station at North Street, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman O'Donnell, 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:

Reports of City Engineer, viz: *re* water extension Shirley Street; *re* letter of James Hillis for water extension Richmond Street; *re* paving sidewalk Gottingen Street; *re* land of John Milsom's required at Lower Chain Lakes; *re* petition of residents Merklesfields for street extension; *re* petition of truckmen against paving Lower Water Street; *re* curbing and gutter Cornwallis Street; *re* city wharf; and *re* asphalt sidewalk on west side of Pleasant Street.

Report of His Honor the Recorder *re* violation of Building Act by the Herald Printing Co.

Also report from same *re* refund of money paid by William O'Toole on applying for a liquor license.

Letter from John P. Massey, Secretary Loyal Orange Lodge, *re* obtaining use of Exhibition Building for 12th July prox.

Letter from N. Meagher, Secretary Board of Health *re* appointment of Chairman.

Petition and letters (4) for and against the hackmen being allowed to stand on Hollis Street near the hotels.

Ten applications for the position of salt and grain measurer.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the order of the day be suspended to enable the Committee of