

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

• OCTOBER 8th, 1895.

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

Moved by Alderman Stewart, 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 Hamilton, Redden, Creighton, Eden, Geldert, Lane, Musgrave, Dennis, McFatridge and Outhit.

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

The minutes of last meeting are read.

His Worship the Mayor states that that portion of the minutes referring to the notice of re-consideration given by Alderman Hubley on the motion to adopt the resolution relative to the application of the People's Heat and Light Company, Limited, for permission to open the streets of the City of Halifax, was not, as far as his recollection served him, a strictly correct minute of the proceedings, but if the minutes were correct, then Alderman Hubley's notice of re-consideration was not in order.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the opinion of His Honor the Recorder be asked as to whether or not the notice of re-consideration given by Alderman Hubley at last meeting was in order. Passed.

His Honor the Recorder reads No. 24 of Rules of Council and says that said notice of re-consideration was not in order.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the minutes be amended by placing Alderman Hubley's notice of re-consideration immediately after the record of the vote and before the record of the passing of the original resolution.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the minutes as entered and read be confirmed. Said amendment on being put is passed. The minutes stand confirmed.

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

Alderman O'Donnell submits a report from the Committee on City Prison.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Report City Engineer *re* Sewer, Maynard Street

Report City Engineer *re* cost of the extension of water service to City Prison.

Application of W. Barnes for permission to operate a smoke house at 244 Gottingen Street.

Letter from Hon. A. G. Jones *re* Fairview Cemetery.

Letter from Mrs. Grant *re* retiring allowance to her husband, ex-policeman Alexander Grant.

Letter from Joseph Hubley *re* Weighing of Hay.

Letter from Charities Committee *re* Manufacture of Concrete at Poor's Asylum.

Annual report of Chief of Police for 1894-5.

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

City Collector's returns "Rates" and "Water Rates" for September.

Annual report of the Weighers and Measurers of Salt and Grain for 1894-5.

Report of Charities Committee for September.

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

Read report of the City Prison Committee *re* Accounts, etc.

October 8th, 1895.

The City Prison Committee met this day. Present, The Chairman, Aldermen Redden, Lane, Creighton, Geldert and Eden.

The following accounts were passed and recommended for payment : W. E. Crowe, \$68.29 ; M. Conroy, \$89.32 ; Jno. W. Austen, \$4.62 ; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$18 00 ; A. Gunn & Co., \$28.00 ; Wm. Jordan, \$7.98 ; W. H. Isnor, \$3.25 ; Jno. Connolly, \$48.82. Total, \$268.28.

The Committee decided to ask for tenders for corn meal for the year commencing 1st November, next.

It has been reported that prisoners have made their escape recently as they have been seen on the streets before their sentences have expired.

E. W. O'DONNELL *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Prison Committee be adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the several accounts therein named, amounting to \$268.33. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Eden, and passed.

Read report of the Committee on Public Accounts on several matters.

October 8th, 1895.

The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that at a meeting held above date there were present, Aldermen Foster, (Chairman) Butler, Outhit and O'Donnell.

The Committee had before them the City Treasurer's Statements for the months of June, July and August, and also City Collector's returns of Rates and

Water Rates for the same period; all of which are recommended for publication in the Annual Civic Report.

The following accounts, all of which were certified and found correct, are recommended for payment:

Morning Herald Printing and Publishing Co., printing minutes and advertising, \$186.28; T. C. Allen & Co., for printing and stationery for City Clerk, \$76.28; City Electrician, 99c.; Police, \$7.60; City Collector, \$2.80; City Assessor, \$67.85. Total, \$155.5. Also, City Clerk, \$28.47; City Collector, \$42.55; Police, \$13.69; City Treasurer, 50c.; Recorder, \$1.65; City Assessor, \$30.64. Total, \$117.50. Industrial School, for keep of boys sentenced for offences, \$309.73; Do. Truancy, \$60.00. Total, \$369.73. Total over all, \$829.01.

MINER T. FOSTER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Public Accounts be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts named therein, amounting to \$829.01.

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

Read report of the City Engineer *re* Maynard Street sewer.

MAYNARD STREET SEWER.

October 8th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from C. E. W. Dodwell respecting the drainage of the new drill shed.

The cost of a new sewer would be about \$1950 and the assessment \$1125.00, of which the Government would pay about \$250.00. As we cannot collect the assessment from the Government on any sewers that have been constructed passing their property. I think we should take advantage of the opportunity to secure this \$250.00, and I would therefore recommend that a new sewer be constructed in Maynard Street, from Cornwallis Street to Cunard Street, provided the Government contributes the regular rate of \$1.25 per foot of frontage.

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

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that said report be concurred in. Motion passed.

Read report of Charities Committee *re* accounts for September.

October 2nd, 1895.

The Charities Committee met this day. Present: the chairman, Aldermen Butler, Eden, and Creighton.

Accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$1846.25 were examined, found correct, and ordered to be paid.

The superintendent's report showed that during the month of September there had been 25 admitted to the Poors Asylum, 1 born, 12 discharged and 3 died. Number of inmates, September 30th, 1895, 173 men, 126 women and 7 children. Total 306.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

When the following resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the report of the Charities Committee be adopted and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the accounts named therein. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Butler, and passed.

Read report of City Engineer *re* Water Extension to Rockhead Prison. Placed on Order of the Day.

Read letter from Hon. A. G. Jones, President Fairview Cemetery Company *re* road to Cemetery, etc. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that said letter be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read application from William Barnes for permission to operate a smoke house, at 244 Gottingen Street. Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the same be referred to the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Mary Grant *re* retiring allowance to her husband, ex-policeman Alexander Grant. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the same be referred to the Police Commission for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from J. S. Hubley *re* Weighing of Hay at north end of city. Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Committee on Charities *re* making of concrete blocks at Poor's Asylum. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read annual report of Chief of Police for civic year 1894-5.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that said report be referred to the Committee on Publication of Annual Report. Motion passed.

Read annual report of weighers and measurers of salt and grain for 1894-5. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the same be referred to Committee on Publication of Annual Report. Motion passed.

Read City Treasurer's statements "general," "water" and "balances" for September. Also read City Collector's returns, rates and water rates for September. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1, Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration *re* representative on Assessment Committee, is now taken up. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the action of the Council in this matter at last meeting be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for there appeared.

For reconsideration.

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

Against it.

Aldermen Mitchell, Lane,
Hamilton, Butler,
Redden, Dennis,
Geldert, Musgrave,
Stewart.—9.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Hubley to submit a resolution by way of notice. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted by Alderman Hubley.

Resolved, That the resolution passed this Council on the 12th September, 1895, granting permission to the People's Heat and Light Company, Limited, to open the streets, highways and public places of the City of Halifax for the purpose of laying pipes and conduits for the distribution of gas thereunder be and is hereby rescinded.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that No. 25 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 25, viz., Alderman Musgrave's resolution *re* Extension of Inglis Street.

Whereas, It appears from the old plans of the City of Halifax that Robie Street formerly extended south from its present ending to Franklin Street, but the same has been taken into and become part of the property adjoining :

And whereas, The owners of the "Marlboro' Wood," (so called) have offered to open said street and to convey to the City sufficient land to open up such street from its present ending to the southern boundary of their land, but the City cannot accept said street or land aforesaid until it gets an outlet for said street :

And whereas, In the opinion of this Council it is desirable and in the interest of the City, that said Robie Street should be so re-opened, and in order to do so it is necessary to extend Inglis Street from the rear of the Infants' Home property westerly until it meets the eastern boundary of said Robie Street, in order to give an outlet to the same :

Therefore resolved, That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby instructed, to notify the owner or owners of the lot of land hereinafter described, that on and after the expiration of ten days from the service of such notice upon him or them that the City Council of the City of Halifax will proceed to expropriate said lot of land, for the purpose of extending said Inglis Street, and which is described as follows :

All that lot, piece or parcel of land, bounded and described as follows : Beginning at a point on the south side line of Inglis Street, distant two hundred and thirty feet, more or less, westerly from the intersection of said south line of Inglis Street with the west line of Tower Road ; thence southerly for a distance of fifteen feet ; thence westerly to the eastern boundary line of the property now known as "Marlborough Woods," formerly called "Belmont," eleven hundred and fifty feet, more or less ; thence northerly along said eastern boundary line for a distance of seventy-five feet ; thence easterly for a distance of eleven hundred and twenty feet, more or less, to the west side line of Wellington Street ; thence southerly by the said west side line of Wellington Street for a distance of twenty feet, more or less ; thence easterly for a distance of thirty feet, more or less ; thence southerly for a distance of forty feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

A plan of the said above-described land of which is hereto annexed.

Provided, that the owners or proprietors of "Marlboro' Woods" (so called) shall convey unto the City of Halifax, and give a good title to the same, sufficient land not less than seventy-five feet in width, extending from the present southern ending of Robie Street to the southern boundary of the contemplated extension

of Inglis Street, and approved of by the City Engineer, and shall have deposited with the City Treasurer a bond with two sureties to be approved of by the Mayor for the grading, fencing and completing said Robie Street, and for the payment of all damages, costs and expenses in and about the expropriation of land for the extension of Inglis Street and for grading said streets to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, said grading of said Robie and Inglis Streets to be done within two years, by the owners of said "Marlboro' Woods," from the date hereof, and shall also deposit with the City Treasurer such sum as he shall deem sufficient to pay for the land so to be expropriated for said extension of Inglis Street by said city, together with any and all costs and expenses in and about expropriation, and shall in addition thereto pay to said Engineer such further sum that the city may be called upon to pay in, about or for said expropriation, and such further costs and expenses as may be found necessary, and on and after the passing of this resolution the Mayor and Engineer are hereby empowered to take such further steps as the law requires; but no notice of expropriation shall be given until the proviso of this resolution is complied with.

His worship the Mayor declines to put the resolution in its present form.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Redden, that No. 29 on order paper be now considered. Motion passed.

Read No. 29 viz: Report City Engineer *re* Sewer Edward Street.

EDWARD STREET SEWER.

September 12th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from property owners on Edward Street asking for the construction of a sewer.

The land west of this block of Edward Street forms a valley in which a large quantity of surface water collects, and in the spring and fall forms a miniature lake. There is no way to carry off the water except by a sewer.

There are several houses on the street which have no means of drainage. I cannot recommend the construction of this sewer to take precedence of those in the business portion of the City, but if the Council do not decide to place the sewers in the centre of the City on the Order Book, I would recommend that this sewer be constructed in its turn. The estimated cost is two thousand one hundred and forty-six (\$2146) dollars. Estimated sewerage rates one thousand two hundred and eighty-three (\$1283) dollars.

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

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said report be adopted. Motion passed, 9 voting for the same and 5 against it. Names being called for there appeared:

For the motion.

Aldermen Eden, Hamilton,
Mitchell, Butler,
Dennis, Geldert,
Musgrave, Stewart,
Redden.—9.

Against it.

Aldermen Mosher, Creighton,
McFatrige, Hubley,
O'Donnell.—5.

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

Read No. 28, viz: Report City Engineer *re* sewer Duncan Street. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said sewer be placed on the order book for construction in its turn.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the same be referred back to the City Engineer for report of probable cost of laying a water pipe in same trench as sewer pipe, and whether the same can be done this year, and also to report on present ownership of street. His Worship the Mayor rules the original resolution out of order as a sewer can be built only upon the recommendaton of the City Engineer. The amendment of Alderman Dennis' now becomes the original resolution and on being put is passed.

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

Council adjourns 10.25 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

OCTOBER 22nd, 1895.

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

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

8.30, roll called. Present, the above-named together with Aldermen Stewart, Geldert, Musgrave, Redden, Butler, Hamilton, Lane and McFatrige.

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

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Lane presents a petition from residents of Cedar Street Extension for a domestic hydrant.

Alderman O'Donnell presents a report from City Prison Committee.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Report of the City Engineer on S. R. Cossey's claim for damages.

Report of the City Engineer *re* Repairs Bayers' Road, to Fairview Cemetery.

Report of the City Engineer *re* Weighing of Hay at the north end of the city.

Report of the City Engineer *re* making Concrete at Poor Asylum.

Report of the City Engineer *re* Asphalt Sidewalks Water Street.

Letter from W. B. Wallace, Secretary Assessment Commission *re* assessed value of real estate in the city.

Report City Health Board *re* repairs to Small Pox Hospital.

Report City Health Board *re* construction of sewer, Campbell Road.

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

Read report from the City Engineer relative to the making of concrete blocks at the Poores' Asylum.

MAKING CONCRETE AT POORES' ASYLUM.

October 18th, 1895.

To His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from the Charities Committee respecting the quantity of Concrete blocks required to be made during the winter. Nearly all the Sewers on the order book will be constructed this year, and unless

more sewers are ordered no definite information can be given to the Charities Committee respecting the quantity required.

There will be about \$50,000 available in the Sewerage Fund at the close of the year, and I presume that amount will be expended within the next two or three years. I think it would be advisable to continue the making of the smaller sizes during the winter, as they are always required. No size larger than the two smaller should be made unless sewers are ordered to be constructed of that size. There is every probability that work of making concrete blocks will be less, as they will not be required so rapidly, and after next season of work may stop altogether.

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that a copy of said report be forwarded to the Charities Committee. Motion passed.

Read letter of the City Engineer, recommending that Asphalt Sidewalks be laid on certain parts of Water Street.

ASPHALT SIDEWALKS, WATER STREET.

October 18th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR—The curb has been laid on the south block of Water Street, between Morris Street and Fawson Street, and I would recommend that asphalt sidewalks be laid on both sides from Morris Street to the end of the curb. Also that a phalt be laid in front of the premises occupied by John Peters & Co., on the east side of Upper Water Street. This will complete the work, and should be done at once before the weather gets too cold.

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

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

Read letter from W. B. Wallace, Secretary Assessment Commission, asking for a detailed statement showing the assessed real estate in each ward of the city, the assessed value of said real estate, and the names of the owners. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Redden, that a copy of said letter be sent to the City Assessors with the request that they will, at their earliest convenience, furnish the information asked for therein. Motion passed.

Read petition from certain ratepayers of Ward No. 3, for a domestic hydrant on Cedar Street Extension. Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the prayer of petition be granted on their signing such a bond as was given in such similar previous cases. Motion passed.

Read report of City Health Board, covering a report of the City Engineer, relative to repairs required at Small Pox Hospital. Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be forwarded to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read report of City Health Board, recommending the construction of a Sewer on Campbell road.

Extract from Minutes of City Health Board, Oct. 22nd, 1895.

Read report from the City Engineer, re drainage of Houses on Campbell Road. Moved by Mr. W. H. Neal, seconded by Dr. Jones, that the report of the City Engineer be forwarded to the City Council, with the recommendation that the work be done as soon as possible. Motion passed.

[A true extract.]

N. H. MEAGHER, *Secretary.*

DRAINAGE OF HOUSES, CAMPBELL ROAD.

October 18th, 1895.

Chairman Board of Health :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from John Gibson, in accordance with a resolution of the Board. There is no Sewer on Campbell Road south of Russell Street. The house complained of drains out under the sidewalk through a wooden box emptying into the gutter. The next house south is in the same condition. The house north of it is also in a bad state, and water is almost constantly running over the sidewalk. The occupant of No. 6 states that the premises are flooded every winter. No. 13 on the other side is also in a bad condition, and the occupants of all the houses named are very anxious to have a sewer constructed. A connection has been left in the Campbell Road Sewer at Russell Street, and I think a sewer should be constructed in this block as soon as possible. It is not only very unhealthy, but very unsightly, and the water in the gutter is a nuisance in warm weather, to say nothing of the properties. I would recommend that the sewer be placed on order book.

The estimated cost is \$875.00 Estimated Sewerage rates \$475.00.

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

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of City Prison Committee recommending the payment of sundry accounts.

October 15th, 1895.

The Committee on City Prison met this day. Present, the Chairman, Aldermen Creighton, Redden, Geldert and Lane.

The following accounts were examined and recommended to the Council for payment: John O'Connell, horse shoeing, \$22.62; H. H. Fuller & Co., hardware, \$5.04; Saunders & McLearn, seeds, \$11.00; Black & Flinn, lime, \$1.90; Irwin & Sons, medicines, \$60.67; John F. Kelly, repairs to harness, etc., \$16.10; A. M. Bell, bug finish, \$3.00; J. J. Brownley, stove fittings, etc., \$3.25; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$499.86; A. J. Gardner, cab hire, \$3.00; Fred. Parsons, cab hire, \$3.00; Harrington, horse shoeing, \$8.04. Total, \$637.48.

E. W. O'DONNELL, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts amounting to \$637 48. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Creighton and passed.

Read report of City Engineer on letter from S. R. Cossey, relative to damage to horse and waggon through alleged defective bridge at the intersection of Pryor Road and Quinpool Road.

S. R. COSSEY'S LETTER.

October 21st 1895.

His Worship the Mayor.

SIR,—In reference to the accompanying letter from S. R. Cossey respecting damages caused by an accident at the wooden bridge crossing the gutter at the

intersection of Pryor Road and Quinpool Road, I beg to say I have had the place examined, and after hearing the facts from Mr. Cossey, I do not think he should expect any recompense from the City under the circumstances. The bridge was repaired during the season and was safe enough for ordinary traffic. Through an accident, the weight of the horse or carriage was thrown on the outer end of the plank, tilting it up, upsetting the carriage and causing the damage complained of. If there had been any neglect on the part of the City he would be legally entitled to damages; or if it had been caused in the ordinary way of traffic, he would be perhaps morally entitled to damages; but as it was caused entirely by accident and could not be prevented by the City, I do not see how his claim could be entertained. Mr. Cossey does not make a legal claim, but presents it as a moral claim against the City. Aside from the question of precedent, while I regret that any accident should occur causing him loss, I do not think the funds of the City could be used to bear a portion of it.

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

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

Read report of City Engineer *re* repairs to Bayers' Road to Fairview Cemetery.

REPAIRS, BAYERS ROAD TO FAIRVIEW CEMETERY.

October 21st, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR—In accordance with a resolution of Council, I have to report on the accompanying letter from the Hon. A. G. Jones, President Fairview Cemetery Company:

Some residents in the vicinity have been agitating for several years for an extension of Bayer Road to the Dutch Village Road. However, as the demand was limited and the money available was more limited, nothing has been done in the matter. It is no doubt very desirable that there should be a good road to the Cemetery on both sides, and it is perhaps hardly fair for the Cemetery Company, to expect them to bear the whole expense of making a street to their western entrance. At this season of the year the street appropriation is expended, with the exception of an amount reserved for winter work and cases of emergency. Under these circumstances I would respectfully suggest that the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) be offered to the Cemetery Company, provided they will furnish the balance of eighty dollars (\$80.00) and that the work shall be done to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. And further that the Cemetery Company will agree to a line of street along their property fronting on Bayers Road, in accordance with the line which it is intended to lay down the proposed street plan. This matter should be settled before the City contribute anything towards the construction of the road. At present there is no definite line, and the road is very narrow; and if the question of line is settled now it will save some trouble in the future.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the report of the City Engineer be adopted and a copy thereof forwarded to Hon. A. G. Jones, Chairman Cemetery Company. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer on letter from J. S. Hubley respecting the erection of a hay scale and his appointment as a hay weigher for the City of Halifax.

WEIGHING OF HAY, NORTH END.

October 21st, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from J. S. Hubley, respecting the erection of a hay scale and his appointment as a hay weigher for the City of Halifax.

Mr. Hubley proposes to erect a scale on his own premises, at the corner of Agricola Street and MacCully Street. No part of it will be on the street. As far as I can see he has a perfect right to do as he chooses in this matter. The only question seems to be his appointment as a weigher of hay. All the hay coming from the north passes his premises, and if a scale were erected there, probably the greater part of the hay coming from the west would also pass there. It would be a great convenience, and I can see no objection to the appointment of Mr. Hubley as hay weigher.

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

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said report be adopted and that Joseph S. Hubley be appointed a weigher of loose hay for the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Whereas, it appears from the old plans of the City of Halifax, that Robie Street formerly extended south from its present ending to Franklyn Street, but the same has been taken into and become part of the property adjoining ;

And Whereas, the owners of the "Marlboro" Wood (so called) have offered to open said street and convey to the City sufficient land to open up such Street from its present ending to the southern boundary of their land, but the City cannot accept said street or land aforesaid, until it gets an outlet for said street ;

And Whereas, in the opinion of this Council it is desirable and in the interest of the City that said Robie Street should be reopened, and in order to do so it is necessary to extend Inglis Street from the rear of the Infant's Home property westerly until it meets the eastern boundary of said Robie Street, in order to give an outlet to the same ;

Therefore Resolved, that the City Clerk be, and is hereby instructed, to notify the owner or owners of the lot of land hereinafter described, that on and after the expiration of ten days from the service of such notice upon him or them, that the City Council of the City of Halifax will proceed to expropriate said lot of land, for the purpose of extending said Inglis Street, and which is described as follows :

"All that lot, piece or parcel of land, bounded and described as follows : Beginning at a point on the south side line of Inglis Street, distant two hundred and thirty feet more or less ; westerly from the intersection of said south line of Inglis Street with the west line of Tower Road ; thence southerly for a distance of fifteen feet ; thence westerly to the eastern boundary line of the property now known as "Marlboro Woods," formerly called "Belmont," eleven hundred and fifty feet, more or less ; thence northerly along said eastern boundary line for a distance of seventy-five feet ; thence easterly for a distance of eleven hundred and twenty feet more or less, to the west side line of Wellington Street ; thence southerly by the said west side line of Wellington Street, for a distance of twenty feet more or less ; thence easterly for a distance of thirty feet more or less ; thence southerly for a distance of forty feet more or less to the place of beginning."

A plan of the said above described land of which is hereto annexed. Provided that the owners or proprietors of "Marlboro Woods," so called, shall convey unto the City of Halifax, and give a good title to the same, sufficient land, not less than seventy-five feet in width, extending from the present southern ending of Robie Street to the southern boundary of the contemplated extension of Inglis Street, and approved of by the City Engineer, and shall have deposited

with the City Treasurer a bond with two sureties, to be approved of by the Mayor, for the grading and completing said Robie and Inglis Streets, and for the payment of all damages, costs and expenses in and about the expropriation of land for the extension of Inglis Street, and for the grading of said Streets to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, said grading of said Robie Street and Inglis Street to be done within two years, by the owners of said Marlboro Woods, from the date hereof, and shall also deposit with the Mayor such sum as he shall deem sufficient to pay for the land so to be expropriated for said extension of Inglis Street, and also for the fencing of said Inglis Street by said City, together with any and all costs and expenses in and about expropriation and title, and shall in addition thereto pay to the City Engineer such further sum that the City may be called upon to pay in, about, or for said expropriation and fencing, and such further costs and expenses as may be found necessary. And on and after the passing of this resolution the Mayor and Engineer are hereby empowered to take such further steps as the law requires, but no notice of expropriation shall be given until the proviso of this resolution is complied with, but it is distinctly understood that the City is not pledged in any way to expropriate any portion of the property known as the "Infants' Home" property or any part thereof.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, and passed, 13 voting for the same and 1 against it. Names being called for there appeared:

For the resolution.

Aldermen Musgrave, Redden,
Geldert, Butler,
Hamilton, Mitchell,
O'Donnell, Ryan,
Lane, McFatridge,
Foster, Creighton,
Mosher.—13.

Against it.

Alderman Hubley.—1.

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

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That this council wish to encourage the holding of frequent exhibitions in the City and consider the present grounds and buildings too confined for that purpose;

Further resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into and report at an early date the advisability of disposing of the present exhibition site and procuring more commodious grounds in the northwest part of the city that can be approached more easily by the railroad.

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

The Council now proceed to fill the vacancies on the Halifax Exhibition Commission caused by the retirement from the City Council of Aldermen Allen, Duggan and Morrow, and by the expiration of their term of office of Aldermen Mosher, Hamilton and Ryan.

On motion, Aldermen Mosher, Hamilton and Ryan are re-elected, and Aldermen Musgrave, Redden and Lane elected to take the places of Aldermen Allen, Morrow and Duggan, retired.

The City Council's representatives on said Exhibition Commission now being as follows:

His Worship the Mayor, (*ex officio*) Aldermen Dennis, McFatrige, Musgrave, Redden, Hamilton, Lane, Ryan and Mosher.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that No. 31 on Order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 31, viz., resolution of Alderman Hubley by way of notice to rescind resolution passed 12th September, 1895, granting permission to the People's Heat and Light Company, Limited, to open the streets, etc., for the purpose of laying pipes.

Moved by Alderman Hubley that said resolution do now pass. There being no seconder to the motion, No. 31 is dropped from the Order paper.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Foster, that No. 25 on Order paper be now considered. Motion passed.

Read No. 25, viz., report City Engineer on letter from P. S. Archibald, Chief Engineer Intercolonial Railway of Canada, relative to paving Upper Water Street in front of new freight shed at Deep Water Terminus.

PAVING AT NEW FREIGHT SHED.

September 12th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor.

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from P. S. Archibald, Chief Engineer I. C. R., in reference to paving the street and roadway adjoining on the railway property in front of the new freight shed, and also a portion of the street ten feet wide on condition that the City will bear the expense of paving the rest of the street opposite the freight shed so that a uniform grade might be laid down from the freight shed to the curb on the west side of street. The cost of paving that portion of the street which the City would be required to do from Cornwallis Street to the north end of the freight shed is estimated at \$8764, including side walk on the west side, and all work in connection.

As the street is already paved from the north line of Cornwallis Street to the south end of the freight shed, I think any alteration required in this paving should be made by the railway authorities; and I would recommend that the City pave the street from the north side of Cornwallis Street to the north end of the freight shed, excepting the ten feet on the east side, provided the railway authorities pave the rest of the street and make such alterations as are necessary in that portion of the street already paved.

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

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the report of the City Engineer be adopted, and a copy thereof sent Mr. Archibald. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that No. 26 on Order Paper be now dealt with. Motion passed.

Read No. 26, viz.: Report City Engineer, *re* Sewers Albermarle and Blower Streets.

ALBERMARLE AND BLOWERS STREET SEWERS.

September 11th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—The Sewer in the south block of Albermarle Street, between Sackville Street and Blowers Street is the next Sewer on the order paper. It was recom-

mended to the Council by the Board of Health, and ordered to be constructed. This Sewer will drain down Blowers Street, and it will be necessary to construct a little over two hundred (200) feet of Sewer on Blowers Street above Grafton Street to give an outlet to the Albemarle Street Sewer. As this work was not ordered by the Council when Albermarle Street Sewer was ordered, I would recommend that it be constructed with the Albermarle Street Sewer.

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

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Redden, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the City Collector be requested to furnish the Council at its next meeting with a statement of the amount due the City for Sewerage frontage to date. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns, 10.20 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

NOVEMBER 5th, 1895.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Foster, Butler, O'Donnell and Creighton.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

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

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

Alderman O'Donnell submits a report from the City Prison Committee.

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

Alderman Lane submits a letter from Fred. D. Corbett asking for the removal of the Drinking Fountain and Urinal on Bedford Row.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Annual Report of the City Engineer for civic year 1894-5.

Letter from the City Engineer *re* expropriation of land near Chain Lakes.

City Collector's returns "Rates and Water Rates" for October.

City Treasurer's returns "General," "Water" and "Balances" for October.

Report City Health Board recommending the construction of a sewer on Argyle Street.

Report City Engineer *re* sewer on Gottingen Street between Falkland and Cornwallis Streets.

Report City Collector *re* amount due for sewerage frontage.

Letter from Elizabeth Boutilier asking for aid.

Letter from Matthew Sullivan asking that he be granted an allowance of three hundred dollars (\$300) per year.

Letter from Alexander Grant, ex-policeman, asking for continuance of the grant of \$200 allowed him.

Letter from Charles Creed, Secretary of Board of Trade, *re* resolution passed by said Board on Fire Boats for water side protection.

Letter from William B. Ross, Secretary Halifax Electric Tramway Company, *re* double track on Lockman, Barrington and Pleasant Streets.

Letter from James M. Wilson *re* repairs to Rector Street.

Letter from John McInnes *re* water extension into houses on Morris Street.

Letter from David Power *re* drainage from manhole Gerrish Street, into cellar.

Agreement between Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, and the City of Halifax *re* said Company indemnifying and holding harmless the City from all losses and damages.

Letter from City Engineer covering duplicate of Wm. B. Ross, Solicitor Peoples' Heat & Light Co., that the conditions of charter had been complied with.

Moved by Alderman Mosher seconded by Alderman Dennis that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers submitted. Passed.

Read report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners *re* accounts and claim of H. W. Wentzell & Co.

CITY HALL, OCTOBER, 29th, 1895.

The Board of Fire Wardens and Fire Commissioners beg to report as follows :

1st. In the matter of H. W. Wentzell & Co's. claim for \$28 44 damages for property alleged to have been destroyed by one of the ladder waggons. Your Board beg to refer said letter back to the Council with the view of obtaining the opinion of His Honor the Recorder, as to the legal liability of the city in the matter.

2nd. The following accounts are recommended for payment :—I. B. Shaffner & Co., feed, \$475.05; Daniel McLeod, hors shoeing, \$9.82; Joseph S. Cashen, feed, \$114.99; John Davison & Son, 2 accts. lumber, \$9.07 and \$3.38, \$12 45; W. B. Fidler, plan engine house, \$30 00; John F. Ryan, expenses attending convention fire engineers, \$100.00; Martin, Young & Co., painting, \$55.00; Robert A. Croucher, feed, \$37.30; N. S. Furnishing Co., Mattresses, \$14.00; Black Bros. & Co., hardware, \$1.93; William Jakeman, vet's, services \$115.00; John O'Connell, horseshoeing, \$16.76; John Horne, horse, \$90, expenses \$15.70, \$105.70; C. E. Barry, swinging harness, \$80.00; John F. Kelly, horse soap, \$2.65; Organ Committee, St. Paul's Church, 3 boxes, \$5.00; R. Martin & Co., harness work, \$67.15; MacDonald & Co., machine work, \$143.79; Lane & Conno'ly, tissue paper, \$1.75; John Tobin & Co., soda, \$6.75; M. O. Crowell, 2 flags, \$12.05; John Starr & Son, electrical supplies, \$59.35; Halifax Rubber Stamp Co., rubber type, etc., \$4.15; William Roche, coal, \$458.38; T. W. Bateman, machine work, \$30.75; H. Trenaman, 6 mos. services as secretary, \$30.00; Bentley & Flemming, repairs to wagon, \$5.00; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, etc., \$12.50; W. N. Brown, iron work, \$18.25; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$81.25.—\$2,106.77.

JOHN. F. RYAN, Chairman.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners be adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the

several accounts therein named, viz : \$2,026.77, from Fire Department and \$80 from loan for Chemical Engine.

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

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

November 5th, 1895.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council.

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Accounts met this day. Present, Aldermen Foster, chairman, Butler and O'Donnell.

The committee had before them the following accounts, all of which having been certified and found correct are recommended for payment, viz : T. C. Allen & Co., for stationery, printing, &c.; for Recorder, \$11.20; City Collector, \$6.21; City Clerk, \$13.26; Police Dept., \$1.50, \$32.17; St. Patrick's Home for maintenance of truants, \$150.22; total \$182.39.

MINER T. FOSTER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Public Accounts, submitted this evening, be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts named therein amounting to \$182.39.

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

Read report of Committee on City Prison for month of October.

NOVEMBER, 5, 1895.

The Committee on City Prison met this day. Present:—The Chairman, Aldermen, Redden, Lane and Geldert.

The following accounts were examined and recommended for payment:—R. T. Braine, \$16.66; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$15.84; R. N. McDonald, \$12.88; Wm. Jordan, \$4.38; John E. Hills, \$14.95; Geo. E. Smith & Co., \$7.28; A. J. Grant & Co., .88; N. S. Telephone Co., Ltd., \$20.00. Total, \$92.87.

The Governor and Matron's Returns for the month of October are hereto annexed.

E. W. O'DONNELL, *Chairman.*

When the following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That the Report of the City Prison Committee be adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts named therein.

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

Read report of Library Committee recommending the payment of sundry accounts.

OCTOBER 23rd, 1895.

The Library Committee met this day. Present:—Alderman Geldert, Chairman, Dennis and Hubley. and beg to report that they had before them a number of accounts amounting to \$10.50, which were examined and found correct and recommended the same for payment, viz :—

D. McAlpine & Son, for City Directory, \$3.00; James Bowes & Sons, printing, etc., \$6.25; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, etc., \$1.25. Total, \$10.50.

Also accounts of 1894-5 amounting to \$78.44, viz :—

T. C. Allen & Co., for stationery, etc., \$3.04, G. & T. Phillips, binding books, etc., \$75.40. Total, \$78.44.

Moved by Alderman Dennis seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the accounts of Messrs. T. C. Allen & Co. and G. & T. Phillips, be referred to His Worship the Mayor, to be paid out of any available fund. Motion passed.

J. M. GELBERT, *Chairman.*

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

Read Annual Report of the City Engineer for the civic year 1894-5. Placed on Order of the Day.

Read report of the City Health Board, covering a report of the City Engineer recommending the construction of a sewer on Argyle Street from Bell's Lane to Jacob Street.

Extract from minutes of City Health Board, Sept. 12th, 1895:

Read a report from the Sanitary Inspector *re* complaint made by Mr John H. Eymonds that there is no sewer on Argyle Street, between Jacob Street and Bell's Lane, and that in consequence, cellars on the western side of that section of Argyle Street are in a very foul and offensive condition.

Referred to the City Engineer to investigate and report upon.

[A true extract.]

N. MEAGHER, *Secretary.*

ARGYLE STREET SEWER.

November 1st, 1895.

Chairman Board of Health,

SIR,—In accordance with a resolution of the Board, I beg to report on the complaint made by property owners on Argyle Street, between Bell's Lane and Jacob Street.

The cellars on the upper side of the street are never in a good sanitary condition. I have had the premises inspected recently and the Inspector reports that the cellar of No. 236 has water in it. In Nos. 228 and 232 one cellar is damp and the other has water in it. In Nos. 218, 220 and 226, owned by the Colonial Market Co., the cellars are damp, and a short time ago were flooded.

This is one of the streets in the centre of the City in which a sewer is needed for good drainage, and I would recommend that a sewer be constructed from Bell's Lane to Jacob Street.

The estimated cost is \$875 00. The estimated assessment is \$625.00.

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

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

Read letter from the City Engineer recommending the expropriation of certain lands near Chain Lakes and belonging to Charles Nickerson and W. H. Harrington.

LAND AT CHAIN LAKES.

Nov. 5th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—The Council passed a resolution a few weeks ago authorizing the purchase of a lot of land near Chain Lakes belonging to Charles Nickerson, provided His Honor the Recorder was satisfied with the title. On examining the title the Recorder has decided that he cannot accept it as it is not clear. Therefore it will be necessary to expropriate.

The lot of land which the City proposes to purchase from W. H. Harrington is in the same position, namely, the title is not satisfactory to His Honor the Recorder.

I would therefore recommend that these two properties be expropriated and that steps be taken accordingly. There is no question in reference to the price, so that there will be no difficulty.

I beg to submit a resolution prepared by His Honor the Recorder, which I would recommend the Council should adopt.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

"Whereas, The City Engineer has reported to this Council the advisability of securing certain lots of land in the neighbourhood of Lower Chain Lake, in the County of Halifax, and the said Engineer having also reported to this Council the necessity of expropriating two lots of land as follows :—

First, a lot of land belonging to or claimed by Charles Nickerson, and described as follows :

"All that lot, piece, or parcel of land situate, lying and being near Chain Lakes in the County of Halifax, being lot No. 2 of the lots in rear of the Dutch Village lots, the said lot being bounded and described as follows :—

Beginning at a point on the North boundary line of lot No. 10 of the Dutch Village lots, distant six hundred and twenty-five (625) feet, more or less; easterly from a granite boundary stone marked H. W. No. 16; thence N. 12 W. for a distance of sixty (60) chains, more or less, to the Geiser Road (so called); thence S. 78 W. for a distance of twenty (20) chains, more or less, by the south side of said road; thence S. 12 E. for a distance of sixty (60) chains, more or less, to the north boundary line of lot No. 10; thence N. 78 E. along the said northern boundary line of lot No. 10 to the place of beginning. The said lot being colored yellow on a plan entitled "Plan showing land near Chain Lakes acquired by the City of Halifax," dated February 6th, 1894, signed by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, and on file in the City Engineer's office at Halifax."

Second, lot of land belonging to or claimed by W. H. Harrington, and described as follows :—

"All that lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Halifax, the said lot being part of the northern half of lot No. 11, of the Dutch Village lots (so-called), the said lot, piece or parcel of land, being bounded and described as follows :—Beginning at a point on the north side line of the above mentioned lot No. 11, distant nineteen (1900) hundred feet, more or less, easterly from a granite post marked H. W., No. 15; thence S. 12; E. for a distance of two hundred and fifty (250) feet, more or less, to the southern boundary line of the northern half of the said lot No. 11; thence S. 78 W. by the said southern boundary line to the shore of First Chain Lake for a distance of sixteen hundred and twenty-five feet (165) feet, more or less; thence by the shores of the First Chain Lake to the northern boundary of lot No. 11; thence N. 78 E. by the said northern boundary line for a distance of two thousand and twenty (2020) feet, more or less, to the place of beginning. The said lot being colored blue on a plan entitled "Plan showing land near Chain Lakes to be acquired by the City of Halifax," dated February 6th, 1894, signed by F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, and on file in the City Engineer's office at Halifax."

Therefore resolved, that this Council request, and it hereby requests, the Governor-in-Council to authorize this Council to expropriate the lots of land above described; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable the Provincial Secretary."

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

Read report of the City Engineer recommending the construction of a sewer between Falkland and Cornwallis Streets, on Gottingen St. Placed on Order paper.

Read report of City Engineer recommending the construction of an asphalt sidewalk in front of McPherson & Freeman's new building on Gottingen Street.

McPHERSON & FREEMAN'S SIDEWALK.

November 1st, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor.

SIR,—Messrs. McPherson and Freeman, proprietors of the People's Store, Gottingen Street, have erected a new store on the west side of that street and are anxious that an asphalt sidewalk should be laid in front of their property.

It is probable that the whole sidewalk will be laid in the near future, but they desire the work done this fall so that they may lay a good floor in their new store. They offered to deposit half the cost of the work in advance. The estimated cost is about seventy (\$70.00) dollars. The case is similar to that of Clayton & Sons and several other properties where sidewalks have been laid, and I would recommend that this sidewalk be laid, provided they deposit half the estimated cost.

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

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

Read report of City Collector showing the amount due the City for sewerage frontage. Placed on Order Paper with No. 29 thereon, viz: Report City Engineer *re* sewers to be constructed and required to be constructed in the district bounded by Jacob and Brunswick Streets, Spring Garden Road and the Harbor.

Read letter from Elizabeth Boutilier, widow of Thomas Boutilier, who was killed while in the employ of the city, asking that some substantial aid be granted to her. Moved by Alderman Lane seconded by Alderman Foster, that the matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder. Motion passed.

Read letter from Matthew Sullivan, ex-policeman, asking that he be allowed a grant of \$300 per annum.

Also read letter from ex-policeman Alexander Grant, asking for a continuance of the grant of \$200 allowed him. Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the said letters be referred to the Police Commission for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Chas. M. Cræd, Secretary of Board of Trade *re* resolution passed by said Board, asking that the City provide Fire Boats for the better protection of property on the water front. Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the matter be referred to the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, together with His Worship the Mayor, for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from W. B. Ross, Secretary Halifax Electric Tramway Company, asking permission for said Company to lay a double track from North Street to Morris Street, on Lockman, Barrington and Pleasant Streets.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the application of W. B. Ross, Secretary Halifax Electric Tramway Company for permission to lay a double track on Lockman street, from Cornwallis street to Bells Lane; and on Pleasant street from the Academy of Music to Morris street, be and is hereby granted.

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

Read agreement between Halifax Electric Tramway Company and the City of Halifax, in which the said Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City from loss or damage. Filed.

Read letter from City Engineer covering certificate of W. B. Ross, that the conditions of the charter of the Peoples' Heat and Light Company had been complied with. Filed.

Read letter from James M. Wilson relative to the dangerous condition of Rector Street. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that said letter be referred to the Department of City Works for report thereon. Motion passed.

Read letter from John MacInnes in *re* water extension to houses on Morris Street.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an amendment to the City Charter providing that when the owner of any house shall apply under Section 511 of the City Charter for a service pipe to his building and shall request the City to lay the pipe to the inside of his foundation wall when the house is back from the street line, the City Engineer shall estimate the cost of the work from the street line to the side of the wall and after said estimated amount is deposited by the said owner the City Engineer shall proceed to lay such pipe as requested. Moved by Alderman McFatrige seconded by Alderman Eden, and passed.

Read letter from David Power complaining of an overflow of water into his cellar, caused by the catch pits near his house being stopped. Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Foster that the matter be referred to the Department of City Works to remedy the evil complained of. Motion passed.

Read letter from F. D. Corbett asking for the removal of the Drinking Fountain and Urinal on Bedford Row. Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the matter be referred to the Department of City Works to deal with. Motion passed.

Read statements of City Treasurer, "general," "water" and "balances" for month of October; also read, City Collector's returns of Rates and Water Rates collected in October. Filed.

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

Resolved, That the Engineer be requested to report on the condition of the sidewalk on the north side of Cogswell street between Bruuswick and Gottingen Streets and if in his opinion it would be advisable to lay an asphalt sidewalk on said block and the probable cost of the same.

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

His Worship the Mayor now nominates the following as the Committee on Publication of the Annual Report, viz.: Aldermen Geldert, Dennis, Lane, Hubley, Eden and Mosher. Moved by Alderman Foster,

seconded by Alderman Creighton, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor communicate with the Minister of Justice with the view of securing at the next meeting of the Dominion parliament such a modification of the law relating to prisons as will enable His Worship the Mayor, on the recommendation of the prison committee, concurred in by the Recorder, for good cause shown to shorten the term of imprisonment of persons confined in the city prison."

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

The Council now proceed to appoint two School Commissioners for the City of Halifax vice Aldermen Eden and Ex-Alderman Duggan whose terms have expired. Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Aldermen Lane and Butler be appointed School Commissioners for the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

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

The following resolution is now introduced.

Whereas, leading cities of Canada are constantly seeking to advertise their attractions with the object of increasing the business done in these cities and benefitting the community as a whole, and it is desirable that Halifax should at least keep pace with other progressive cities in legitimate efforts to benefit the business interests of the city by attracting visitors ;

And whereas, Halifax, owing to its immense natural advantages, is specially adapted for the successful holding of a summer carnival at a comparatively moderate cost ;

Therefore resolved, That a committee of six from this council be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of holding a summer carnival in this city during the summer of next year, and that said committee be empowered to consult with other associations in the city and report to this Council at an early day.

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

On motion the following committee is appointed in accordance with the foregoing resolution, viz : Aldermen Geldert, Butler, Mitchell, McFatridge, Ryan and Mosher.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1. Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of report of City Engineer *re* sewers Albermarle and Blowers Street, See Minutes of Council of 22nd October, 1895.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the resolution passed at last meeting of Council adopting said report now reconsidered. Motion put and lost ; 5 voting for the same and 10 against it.

Names being called for there appeared :—

For the resolution :	Against it :
Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell, Eden, Foster, Mosher—5.	Aldermen Geldert, Dennis, Redden, Butler, Hamilton, Lane, Mitchell, Ryan, McFatrige, Creighton—10.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the following items be struck from the Order of the Day, viz. :—

No. 19. Report City Engineer on letter from the Halifax Electric Tramway Company *re* Inglis Street extension.

No. 22. Various petitions, letters, &c., in relation to the construction of an electric railway by the Halifax Electric Tramway Company especially in connection with the laying of a double track on Barrington Street.

No. 23. Report City Health Board relative to the unsanitary condition of premises No. 61 Queen Street, the useless noise made by vehicles on streets, and the present system of removing carcasses of dead animals from the streets.

No. 25. Alderman Musgrave's notice of resolution *re* extension of Inglis Street.

And No. 28. Report City Engineer *re* sewer Edward Street.

Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that No.'s 2 and 5 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 2, viz. :—Various reports and letters relative to the widening of Quinpool Road.

Also read No. 5, viz. :—Letter from Monastery of Good Shepherd *re* street line on Quinpool Road.

WIDENING QUINPOOL ROAD.

City Engineer's Office, Halifax, N. S., April 10th, 1893.

Chairman Board of Works :

SIR,—I beg to submit herewith the report of the appraisers on the widening of Quinpool Road. The total amount of the appraisal is \$5,590, not including the cost of moving back some fences that were included in my report some time ago. The report of the appraisers, I am happy to say, is in accordance with my own views on the matter, and I may perhaps be permitted to remark that it is not usual to get such an unprejudiced appraisal from men appointed to value property to be taken in the interest of the corporation. I trust that the example set by the appraisers in the matter in question will be followed in future. The amount of the appraisal is very small in comparison with the benefits to be obtained by the City by carrying out the proposed improvement and I would urge that the Council proceed at once with the expropriation of the property involved in the proposed widening of Quinpool Road. The amount to be expended is small but it must be constantly increased as improvements are made along Quinpool Road, and I think no member of the Council could consistently offer any objection.

I would again respectfully urge that the proposed improvement be made at once as any delay means increased expenditure

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the report of the City Engineer, dated April 10th, 1893, re widening Quinpool Road be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that No. 3 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 3, viz: Report Board of City Works covering papers connected with the proposed extension of Agricola Street northwardly together with the report of the City Engineer thereon.

AGRICOLA STREET EXTENSION.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Halifax, N. S., April 26th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,—The reports and appraisement in reference to the extension of Agricola Street are number four on the Order Paper. Part of the proposed extension was through the Sullivan property. This property has been sold to J. E. Roy. The lots required for the street were appraised at \$300.00 dollars. Mr. Roy, in the accompanying letter, offers to take \$200.00 for them, and in my opinion it would be economy to buy them while they can be purchased at this figure and before houses are erected on them. These lots are selling and buildings on them would increase the cost of the extension accordingly. I would recommend that Mr. Roy's offer be accepted.

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

The following resolution is introduced:—

Whereas, The appraisers, Wm. Woodill, Wm. J. Veith and Jas. Shand, who appraised the land for 100 ft. street through the Hennessy property from Young street to south line of Merkel property, the value placed thereon being \$500.00, the legal width of new streets in Halifax being 60 ft. The said appraisers say in their report that the \$500 00 awarded by them is to compensate the owners for the additional 40 ft. recommended to be taken.

Therefore resolved, That the works department be authorized to open a 60 ft. street through the Hennessy property above mentioned if the required 60 ft. can be purchased at a sum not exceeding \$200 00 two hundred dollars.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the report of the City Engineer, dated April 26th, 1895, re Agricola Street Extension be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

Alderman Dennis submits the following notice of resolution:

Resolved, That the Recorder is hereby instructed to prepare an act for submission to the Legislature authorizing the Council to borrow such a sum of money as may be required not exceeding \$ —, for the purpose of paying for the strip of land necessary for widening Quinpool Road, to be obtained by expropriation, and for the cost of widening said road.

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

Council adjourns 10.50 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

NOVEMBER 26th, 1895.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Dennis, Hubley, Eden, O'Donnell, Foster, Outhit, Creighton and Hamilton.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that the time of meeting be extended until 8:30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Stewart, Geldert, Musgrave, Redden, Butler, Mitchell, Lane and Mosher.

The Council was summoned to consider the question of the city's sinking fund, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Dennis, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Publication of Annual report.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Report of His Honor the Recorder on claim of Mrs. Boutilier for aid.

Report of City Engineer on letter from David Power relative to water flooding his cellar caused by defect in sewer at head of Gerrish street.

Letter from the City Assessors asking that their salaries be increased.

Petition of Richard T. Sinfield et al. for sewer on Grafton street.

Moved by Alderman Outhit, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the order of the day be suspended to read the papers submitted. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Publication of Annual Report, 1894-5.

HALIFAX, Nov. 26, 1895.

To the Mayor and Council:

Your Committee on Publication of the Annual Report considered tenders from various printers for printing the same, and beg to recommend acceptance of the tender of Holloway Bros., the work to be done in the same style and same quality of paper as the last annual report.

WM. DENNIS, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Publication be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of His Honor the Recorder on letter of Elizabeth Boutilier, widow of Thomas Boutilier, asking that aid be granted her.

IN RE MRS. BOUTILIER'S CLAIM.

HALIFAX, Nov. 26, 1895.

This matter having been referred to us to report upon the claim of Mrs Boutilier for the loss of her husband by death, caused while working on city works, beg leave to report:

We have examined her claim and find while there is no legal claim on the city, but are of opinion under all the circumstances that the Council would be justified in granting her the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75).

The woman is certainly very poor, and has got rather a precarious living since the death of her husband, she doing her best to support herself and family.

DAVID MCPHERSON, *Mayor*,

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder*.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the report of His Honor the Recorder be concurred in. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer on letter of David Power, complaining of overflow of water in his cellar No. 8 West street.

GERRISH STREET SEWER.

NOVEMBER 26, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR—The accompanying letter from David Power, referred to this department for report, complains of overflow in his cellar, No. 8 West street, caused by a stoppage in the sewer at the head of Gerrish street. It has caused considerable inconvenience and loss to Mr. Power besides endangering the health of his family, and while the city may not have been liable in the past, I think, if the present condition is allowed to continue without an effort being made to remedy the evil, the city may be responsible.

There is a waterpipe crossing the manhole at the head of Gerrish street near the bottom of the sewer which may be the cause of blocking up the sewer.

The sewer on Gerrish street below Maynard street, and for some distance below Creighton street, has been built temporarily to carry off the water, and is not calculated for carrying off heavy freshets.

I would therefore recommend that a new sewer be constructed on Gerrish Street, from Gottingen Street to Maynard Street, and that the sewer be placed on the Order Book, to be done in its turn.

The estimated cost is \$2,550. Estimated assessment, \$1,125.

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

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

Read report City Engineer *re* asphalt sidewalk Cogswell street.

ASPHALT SIDEWALK COGSWELL STREET.

NOVEMBER 26, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR—The accompanying resolution requests a report as to the condition of the sidewalk on the north side of Cogswell street, between Brunswick Street and Gottingen Street, and the advisability of laying an asphalt sidewalk with probable cost.

The sidewalk is not in good condition at present in consequence of the heavy rains during the fall which have washed it out badly. It is never in first-class

condition, as the soil consists of clay, which requires to be dug out and coarser material substituted. There is a great deal of traffic on this sidewalk, perhaps as much as on any other sidewalk in the city, and I think an asphalt sidewalk would be a great improvement. It is too late, however, to lay an asphalt sidewalk this season. The War Department paid half the cost of the sidewalk at the ordnance, and might, if approached, agree to pay half the cost of this sidewalk; as all the land fronting on the block belongs to the Imperial Government, I think it would be advisable to ascertain from the government whether they would contribute half the cost or not before the work is done. The estimated cost is \$355.

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

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report of the City Engineer be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Assessors asking that their salaries be increased \$200 each from 1st May next. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that this matter be referred to the Special Committee on Salaries.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the request of the City Assessors be granted. Said amendment being put, is passed, 9 voting for the same and 7 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared :

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Dennis, Butler,	Aldermen Stewart,
Lane, O'Donnell,	Musgrave,
McFatridge,	Geldert,
Eden,	Redden,
Creighton,	Hamilton,
Mosher,	Hubley,
Outhit—9.	Foster—7.

Alderman Stewart gives notice of reconsideration.

Read petition of Richard T. Sinfeld and T. F. Hamilton for the construction of a sewer between Duke and Buckingham Streets on Grafton Street. Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the matter be referred to the Works Department for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the order of the day be further suspended to allow Alderman Butler to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor furnish this Council with a memo. of all salaries paid civic officials and the annual cost of each department.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that Nos. 10 and 12 on order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 10 City Treasurer's statement of the funded debt of the city ; also read No. 12, clause in the address of His Worship the Mayor *re* the City's Sinking Fund.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that said matters be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts, together with His Worship the Mayor, the City Auditor and the City Treasurer, and that said committee also take into consideration the question of the city underwriting its own fire insurance. Motion Passed.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the order of the day be suspended to allow Alderman Geldert to introduce a resolution. Motion passed and the following resolution introduced :

WHEREAS, Numerous complaints have been made in reference to the non-lighting of electric lamps on the public streets paid for by the city, and in reference to the inefficient light supplied by such lamps,

Resolved, That the City Engineer report to the Council upon the practicability of testing by a meter under the control of the city the power supplied by the contractors for lighting the public streets.

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

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that No. 21 on order paper be now considered. Motion passed.

Read No. 21, viz.: Report Committee on Assessment, dated August, 1894.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 14, 1894.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

The Special Committee on Assessment beg to report that the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to by the Committee, and recommend the same to the City Council for adoption :

1. That all school rates on property situate in the city of Halifax be paid to the city, and that the school rates on property owned by residents of the city, situate outside the city, be paid in the district where such property is situate. And that the exemption from school rates now enjoyed by ministers of the Gospel, widows and unmarried women be abolished, except in the case of women who shall make oath that their nett income is under \$200 per annum.

2. That the allowance for short collection of taxes be 2½ per cent., and that the amount realized be used as required by Section 264 of the City Charter, and for no other purpose.

3. That the Register of Real Estate required by Section 299 of the Charter be obtained at once, and that arrangements be made with the Registrar of Deeds to furnish the assessors each week with a description of every lot conveyed.

4. That vacant lands be in future assessed on a lot basis, and not as a whole, the value of the lots to be determined by recent sales of land in the neighborhood.

5. EXEMPTIONS.

(a) That as the Cotton Factory and Sugar Refinery were started partly in consequence of a promise of exemption from civic taxation, it would be inexpedient to take away such exemptions ; but that no such exemptions be granted in the future

(b) That the following institutions, now exempt from taxation, shall cease to be exempt, and shall pay taxes as all other properties, viz : Academy of Music, Freemasons' Hall, Argyle Hall, Orpheus Hall, Temperance Hall, the Lyceum, Seamen's House, St. Mary's T. A. & B. Society's Hall, Y. M. C. A., Women's

Christian Temperance Union, Odd Fellows' Hall, Victoria Infirmary, St. Margaret's Hall, C. of F. Institute and similar institutions.

(c) That the following Charitable Institutions, together with the land immediately surrounding and belonging to them, not to exceed five acres in any one case, be exempt from taxation, viz.: St. Paul's Alms House, Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphanages and Infants' Homes. Friendless Women's Home, Old Ladies' Home, Monastery of the Good Shepherd, Blind Asylum, Deaf and Dumb Institution, Dispensary.

(d) That in the case of church buildings and educational establishments the buildings only to be exempt and the land on which they stand be assessed and taxed.

6. That the assessment of lands and the buildings thereon be made separately so soon as the plan of the city is prepared and in the Assessors' possession.

7. That Section 332 of the Charter be amended so as to allow the oath to be taken by one Assessor in event of the absence or incapacity of the others.

8. The Committee would recommend that the attention of the Assessors be called to the necessity of having the tax bills completed by the time appointed by law.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. STEWART, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Lané, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that said report be printed in the minutes and placed first on the Order of the Day for next meeting of the Council. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 10.10 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

DECEMBER 17th, 1895.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the time for meeting be extended until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed. 8.30 roll called. Present, the above named together with Aldermen Hubley, Dennis, Ryan and McFatridge. There not being a quorum to do business the Council stands adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

DECEMBER 20th, 1895.

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, 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 Geldert, Hubley, McFatridge, Eden, Creighton, Ryan, Outhit, Mosher, Lane, Mitchell, Redden, Dennis and Stewart.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

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

Alderman Dennis, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Laws and Privileges, *re* claim of Archibald McKinnon.

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

Alderman Foster submits a report from the Committee on Public Accounts, *re* Insurance, Sinking Fund, etc.

Alderman Geldert submits a report from the Committee on Summer Carnival.

Alderman O'Donnell submits a report from the City Prison Committee.

Alderman Hubley presents a petition from William C. Hodgson for an electric light in centre of North Common.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Letter from the Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners covering the estimates for school purposes for civic year 1896-7.

Also letter from same relative to system of paying the appropriation for school purposes.

Report City Engineer *re* vestibules to the new electric cars.

Report City Engineer on Mr. Wilson's letter relative to Rector Street.

Report of the City Engineer *re* Grafton Street sewer.

Report of the City Engineer *re* quality of street lights.

Letter from His Hon r the Recorder *re* suit McDonald vs. the City of Halifax.

Letter from the Inland Revenue Department *re* illegal storage of petroleum.

Letter from James M. Brackett and other policemen asking for an increase in their pay.

Letter from B. G. Gray, relative to the Dr. Cogswell legacy for drill in Public Schools.

List of salaries paid Civic officials and the cost of each Department.

Letter from George Hooper, *et al.*, relative to the conduct of children attending Alexander School.

Letter from C. M. Creed, Secretary Board of Trade, *re* Fire protection on water front.

Letter from Hon. L. G. Power, *re* Interment of Catholic poor.

Letter from City Clerk, covering account of T. C. Allen & Co.

Return of Coal Measurers for September and October.

City Collector's return Rates and Water Rates, for November.

City Treasurer's statements "General," Water and Balances for November.

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

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges on Archibald McKinnon's claim for damages, *re* New Pipe Line.

Halifax, October 26th, 1895.

To the Mayor and Council :

The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have considered the letter of Archibald McKinnon asking for compensation on account of losses sustained through not being able to enter upon certain lands through which the pipe line was laid within a reasonable time after the contract was entered into.

It appears that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, the City had not the right of way to certain portion of the pipe line until after the wet season had set in, and that therefore the cost of excavating the same was largely increased. In view of the facts the committee unanimously recommend that the sum of \$300 be paid to Mr. McKinnon out of water account in full for his claim.

WM. DENNIS, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges be adopted, and the Mayor authorized to sign a warrant for the payment of the sum recommended, as a matter of justice and equity to Archibald McKinnon, and who acknowledged he has no real claim.

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

Read letter from the Board of School Commissioners, asking that the amount appropriated for School purposes be paid to the Board in equal monthly instalments. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report of City Engineer on letter from Halifax Electric Tram Company in reference to vestibules on the new Electric Cars.

STREET RAILWAY CARS.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 17th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to enclose copy of letter received from the Halifax Electric Tramway Co, in reference to vestibules on the new Electric Cars. In considering the specification for the new cars, I asked the Company to provide vestibules. While they do not add to the appearance of the cars, they protect the motorman from the weather and make the cars warmer. The Company claim that accidents have happened in consequence of the glass being covered with frost or sleet so that the motorman could not see the danger. They are providing electric heaters for the cars, which will be equivalent to any advantage which could be gained in that respect from the vestibules. They are not needed at all in Summer, and are not used by some of the largest roads in America. The Company decline to assume the risk, and if an accident should occur, which could be traced to the vestibules, I should not care to be solely responsible for the placing of these vestibules upon the cars.

Under these circumstances, I beg to submit the matter to the City Council, as some of the members of the Council have expressed the opinion that the cars should be provided with vestibule. If the Council will assume the responsibility they will be put on. In not they will be construed similar to the Broadway cars in New York.

The specification provide for all modern improvement except vestibules.

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

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the matter be referred to the City Engineer to deal with. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer on letter from James M. Wilson relative to repairs to Rector Street.

REPAIRS, RECTOR STREET.

December 12th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from James M. Wilson, a resident of Rector Street.

This street runs from Gottingen Street to School Street, immediately north of Duffus Street. It does not belong to the City, but is private property, and the City has no control over it as a street. The City Charter expressly forbids the spending of money on streets which do not belong to the City, consequently no work has been done on it recently, and it is in a bad condition. Mr. Wilson states that he would be willing to keep it in repair himself if the heavy teams could be kept away from it. The only means I could suggest to prevent heavy teams from passing through it is to fence it off. The land must belong to some person and they could prevent Mr. Leaman's teams or any other teams from trespassing upon it. I cannot suggest any legal way in which the Council could assist Mr. Wilson.

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

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Butler, that a copy of the City Engineer's report be forwarded to Mr. Wilson. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer *re* sewer on Grafton Street, between Duke and Buckingham Streets.

GRAFTON STREET SEWER.

Halifax, N. S., December 7th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Richard T. Sinfield and T. F. Hamilton, owners of property on Grafton Street between Buckingham Street and Duke Street.

There is a sewer in Grafton Street from Blowers Street to Jacob Street with the exception of this block. The formation is rock and the surface water does not soak away, but runs into the premises on the lower side. I have heard no complaints except from Mr. Sinfield, and it is not usual to order the construction of a sewer for one property. However, Mr. Sinfield informs me that the other property owners have raised no objection, and as this is one of the blocks in the centre of the City reported on before and the missing link is required to complete the system in this street, I would recommend that it be placed on the order book to be constructed in its turn.

The estimated cost is \$1750. The estimated assessment \$310.

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

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

Read report of the City Engineer, *re* testing power of Electric Light.

QUALITY OF STREET LIGHTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 12th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—The accompanying resolution instructs the City Engineer to report to the Council upon the practicability of testing by a meter under the control of the City, the power supplied by the Contractor for lighting the public streets. Under the eighth condition of the contract the "quantity and quality of the light given from any and every lamp shall be determined by the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph of the City of Halifax," and he is empowered to enter upon the premises of the Company in order to ascertain whether the current generated is sufficient to produce lights of the standard required by the specification. The Company provide meters at the station, which may be inspected at any time while the lights are on, and there is nothing to prevent an inspection once or a dozen times every night. This section also provides that a test may be made at any part of the circuit after notifying the Company of the time and place where

such test is proposed. In my opinion such a test would be useless. While it is practicable to test by meters under the control of the City, under the contract the Company must first receive notice, and it is a forgone conclusion that the lights when tested would be up to the standard. The Company should receive no notice of inspections or proposed inspections, and such inspections should not be made at any regular time. The contract provides for this, and if the meter at the station are inspected frequently by the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, he should be in a position to know whether the lights are up to the standard or not. While there is no question of the practicability of testing the power supplied to the lights on the different circuits, I would certainly recommend the system provided by the contract as the best means of ascertaining whether the lights are the proper standard or not, provided the inspection is made frequently and faithfully.

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lane, that this matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor and the City Engineer to have the suggestions contained in the City Engineer's report carried into effect. Motion passed.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder announcing that the full court had sustained the judgment given in favor of the City in the suit McDonald vs. the City for alleged damages in connection with plaintiff's contract at the Esplanade. Filed.

Read letter from the Inland Revenue Department *re* storage of petroleum. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that His Honor the Recorder answer the communication and advise the council on the matter at its next meeting. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Board of School Commissioners covering estimates for school purposes for year 1896-7. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts. Motion passed.

Read letter from certain members of the Police force relative to their salary. Moved by Alderman Outhit, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the matter be referred to the Police Commissioners for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from B. G. Gray relative to the bequest of Dr. Cogswell of £1000 for military training in public schools. Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be referred to His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder to deal with. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Prison Committee covering accounts, &c., for the month of November.

CITY HALL, December 3rd, 1895

The Committee on City Prison met this day Present the Chairman, Aldermen Geldert, Redden and Lane.

Accounts to the amount of \$187.60, contracted during the month of November, 1895, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz :

W. & C. Silver, \$14.87; J. Courtney, 13.45; J. A. Leaman & Co., 12.78; W. Jordan 2.97; R. N. McDonald, \$12.88; H. H. Fuller & Co., 5.40; George A. Pyke, 100 50; Power & Co., 24.75. Total \$187.60.

The Governor and Matron's returns for the month of November, 1895, are submitted herewith.

F. W. O'DONNELL, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on City prison be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts named therein.

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

Read report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners *re* application of John Lane for permission to operate a steam saw mill and recommending the payment of sundry accounts.

City Hall, 4th December, 1795.

The Board of Fire Wardens and Fire Commissioners beg to report as follows :
In the matter of the application of John Lane for permission to operate a steam saw and planing mill on Pleasant Street your Board recommend that the request of the petitioners be granted:

The following accounts having been examined are recommended for payment :
Cooper Hose Jacket Co., 2 hose jackets, \$30; Union Axe & Ladder Co., (6 mos. Ladder service, to 4th Oct.) 37.50; I. B. Shaffer & Co., feed to 29th Nov., 151.85; R. Martin & Co., harness work, 24.75; John G. Corbin, 500 pieces hardwood, 10.00; Daniel McLeod, horses hoeing for Nov., 13.96; W. M. Willis, carriage work, 30.27; W. & C. Silver, bed clothing, 54.88; estate George J. Harris, plumbing work, 1 60; H. K. Barnes, 2 hose jackets, 22.50; Jno. Fitzgerald, cleaning battery, 8.50; Western Union Telegraph Co., changing wire, 13.13; John Starr, Son & Co., wire, 11.25; Matilda Ainsley, horse hire, 8 50; John Starr, Son & Co., electric supplies, 6.87; Western Union Telegraph Co., zincs, 48.50; Black Bros & Co., hardware, 2.24 and 1.56, 3.80; Total 477 66.

JOHN F. RYAN, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners submitted this day, be received and concurred in, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts named therein, amounting to \$477.66.

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

Read petition of William C. Hodgson and others for an electric light in the centre of the North Common. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the same be referred to the department of City Work for report. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Public Accounts, on various matters. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be considered clause by clause. Motion passed.

December 16th, 1895.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report, that at a meeting held at the above date there were present Alderman Foster (Chairman), Butler, O'Donnell, Stewart and Hamilton, together with His Worship the Mayor, the City Auditor and City Treasurer.

In respect to Alderman Hamilton's suggestion before the City Council, and referred to this Committee that the City do its own Fire Insurance underwriting. Your Committee have taken initial steps by which they may be able to report intelligently on this matter at an early date. A statement will be prepared

showing value of all buildings, furniture, apparatus, etc., owned by the City, including School Board property.

Your Committee recommend that legislation be obtained to carry out the recommendations contained in the City Treasurer's report of January 30th, 1895. Also, that a Sinking Fund of \$5,000 yearly, viz: \$3,000 to be assessed and \$2,000 from Water Account be established, and that the necessary legislation be obtained to carry the same into effect; and that Trustees be appointed to hold the Sinking Fund—say His Worship the Mayor, the City Auditor, and the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee.

Your Committee recommend that His Honor the Recorder be authorized to prepare an Act to meet the following overdrafts of 1894-95, viz :

UNPAID BILLS FOR YEAR 1894-5.

October 24th, 1895.

Fire Department.—Amount overdrawn to date \$204.57. A. J. McNutt, \$1.00; Cragg Bros. & Co., 23.70; Edward Condon, *et al.*, 60.00; J. E. M. Taylor, 0.90; John O'Connell, 33.99; John F. Kelly, 3.75; James F. Dempster & Co., 16.81; Halifax Illuminating & Motor Co., 55.98; Industrial School, 41.10; J. W. Harrington, 22.44; R. Martin & Co., 84.60; A. Lamphier, 107.75; John Starr, Son & Co., 5.5; Dr. F. A. R. Gow, 6.00; S. Cunard & Co., 182.79; C. W. Davies, 1.00; John Tobin & Co., 4.50; Austen Brothers, 40.27; Forsyth, Sutcliffe & Co., 39.26; Matilda Ainsley, 8.00; H. H. Fuller & Co., 7.79; Wm. Jordon, 8.13; Daniel McLeod, 8.18; McDonald & Co., Limited, 122.56; Robert Boak, 25.00; DeWolf, Son & Co., 72.17; T. C. Allen & Co., 3.88; Union Axe Co., 37.50; W. & A. Moir, 8.65; H. W. Brown, 0.50; W. N. Brown, 41.65; John Connolly, 223.81.—\$1298.91.

Printing and Stationery.—T. C. Allen & Co., 91.80; Herald Publishing Co., 141.23; Blackadar Bros., 100.12; C. Annand, 130.46.—\$463.61.

Police.—For Clothing, about \$670.00.

Street Lighting.—Halifax Illuminating and Motor Co., about \$950.00.

Truants.—St. Patrick's Home, \$338.80.

Library.—G. T. Phillips, *et al.*, \$78.44. Total \$4009.33.

Your Committee also recommend that the City Clerk and Department of City Works pay the separate receipts of their offices direct to the City Treasurer, and that the Act (Sec. 17, Chap. 31, 57 Vic.) be amended accordingly.

The returns of the City Collector and the statements of the City Treasurer for the month of September having been examined and found correct are herewith returned and recommended for publication in the annual civic report.

MINER T. FOSTER, *Chairman.*

Read clause 1, *re* the City doing their own Fire Insurance Underwriting. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 *re* funded debt of the City and the desirability of the City establishing a sinking fund. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed, 11 voting for the same and 5 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the resolution.

Aldermen Ryan, Dennis,
Geldert, Redden,
Butler, Hamilton,
Lane, Mitchell,
McFatrige, Foster,
Outhit.—11.

Against it.

Aldermen Hubley,
O'Donnell,
Eden,
Creighton,
Mosher.—5.

Read clause 3 *re* over expenditure in civic year 1894-5 and legislation required to meet the same. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 4, recommending that the City Clerk and the Department of City Works pay direct to City Treasurer all moneys received by them. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that clause 4 do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 5, *re* returns of City Collector and City Treasurer, for month of September. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Butler, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the report as a whole do now pass. Motion passed.

Read letter of the City Clerk, covering account of T. C. Allen & Co., for the consideration of the Committee on Public Accounts. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts. Motion passed.

Read report of Charities Committee covering accounts, etc., for the month of November.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 15th, 1895.

The Charities Committee met this day, and beg to submit the following report :
During the month of November there were 53 admitted to the Poores' Asylum, 24 of whom were chargeable to the City, 23 to the Province, 3 to Halifax County, 1 to the Dominion Government, and 1 to Cape Breton County.

On November 30th, 1895, there were in the Institution 212 men, 130 women, and 11 children. Total 353, an increase of 23 over same date last year.

Accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$2146.24 were examined, found correct and ordered to be paid.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That the report of the Charities Committee be adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of accounts named therein.

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

Read returns of Weighers and Measurers of Coal, for months of September and October.—Filed.

Read petition of George Hooper and other residents of Brunswick Court, in relation to children attending Alexandria School.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the same be referred to the Board of School Commissioners. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Secretary of the Board of Trade *re* better protection from fire on the water front of the City. Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the City Clerk notify the Board of Trade that their former letter on the subject is now receiving the consideration of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners. Motion passed.