

Read report of special Committee on proposed Summer Carnival. Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from Hon. L. G. Power *re* interment of Catholic poor. Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the City Health Board. Motion passed.

Read list of salaries paid civic officials and the cost of each department submitted by His Worship the Mayor in response to a resolution of Council. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the same be referred to the Special Committee on salaries.

Alderman Mosher rises to a question of privilege and asks if under the terms of the City Charter and Rules of Council, the committee not having reported since its appointment, is still in existence.

Alderman Hubley calls for the opinion of His Honor the Reorder on the subject. His Honor the Recorder in reply states that in his opinion the Committee is still in existence, but is liable to censure for not having reported in the time specified by the Rules of Council, and cannot now report without being granted an extension of time by the Council. Moved by Alderman McFtridge, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that an extension of time be granted the Special Committee on Salaries in which to report. Motion passed.

The original motion is now put and passed.

Read City Collectors returns of Rates and Water Rates collected during the month of November. Also read City Treasurer's statements "General" "Water" and "Balances" for month of November. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Committee on Publication of Annual Report. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor informs the Council that he was waited on by Colonel Leitch, relative to the Citizens of Halifax obtaining the privilege of using the Citadel slopes in consequence of the correspondence which had passed not being definitely acted upon by the City Council, and the Military authorities being anxious for an early reply. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the matter be referred to the Department of City Works, together with Alderman Stewart, to report on. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1, Alderman Stewart's notice of reconsideration of application of City Assessors for an increase of salary.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the resolution passed at last meeting of council granting the increase asked for be now reconsidered. On the vote being taken there appeared.

For the Reconsideration.	Against it:
Aldermen Stewart, Geldert, Redden, Hamilton, Mitchell, Hubley, McFatrige, Foster.—8.	Aldermen Ryan, Dennis Lane, O'Donnell, Eden Creighton, Mosher, Outhit.—8.

His Worship the Mayor votes for reconsideration and declares the motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the application of the City Assessors for an increase of salary be referred to the Special Committee on salaries. Motion passed.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the City Collector be requested to lay on the table at our next meeting a certified copy of rate payers entitled to sign liquor license applications for the present year.

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

Alderman Hubley submits the following notice of resolution :

Resolved, That the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act for submission to the Legislature to amend Section 479 of the City Charter, that in the second line in said section the word "five" be inserted for the word "six."

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

Council adjourns 10.20 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

DECEMBER 27TH, 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, Creighton, Hamilton, Geldert, Musgrave, Mitchell and Hubley.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, 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, Dennis, Lane, McFatrige, Ryan and Outhit.

The Council was summoned to receive the report of the Special Committee on Salaries. To proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Hamilton, Chairman, submits a report from the Special Salaries Committee.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Report City Health Board, *re* burial of dead poor of the Catholic Church.

Report of Board of Police Commissioners on petition of certain policemen for an increase of salary.

Letter from Col. Leitch, C. R. E., *re* admittance of citizens to slopes Citadel with plan.

Report Victoria School Art and Design.

Draft Ordinance to amend Ordinance 66 of the City of Halifax, *re* Streets.

His Worship the Mayor retires and Alderman Hamilton takes the chair

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

Read report of Library Committee *re* Accounts.

December 27th.

The Library Committee this day present the Chairman, Aldermen Hubley.

The following accounts were submitted and ordered to be paid :—Wm. McNab, printing catalogues, \$11.00; Knowles Bookstore, lettering and rolling books, \$5 00; Lane & Connolly, 1 Book, 75 cents.

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

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, that the report of the Library Committee 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 Geldert, seconded by Alderman Hubley and passed.

Read report of Committee on Public Accounts *re* Library Appropriation and accounts for payment.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.

December 23rd, 1895.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to recommend that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an act for submission to the Local Legislature at its next session, to amend sub-section 16 of Section 291 of the City Charter, enabling the Council to assess a sum not to exceed \$2,500 annually for the Citizens' Free Library. The amount at present assessed, \$1600, being inadequate to meet the requirements of the library.

The following named accounts having been certified and found correct are herewith recommended for payment, viz: T. C. Allen & Co., printing and stationery for City Treasurer, \$4.80; City Collector, 24.55; City Electrician, .75; City Clerk, 5.00; total \$35.10.

MINER T. FOSTER, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that said report be adopted. Motion passed. Alderman Hubley dissenting. 15 present.

Read report of Board of Police Commissioners on petition of certain members of the force for an increase of salary.

December 27th, 1895.

The Board of Police Commissioners met this evening, and beg to report as follows:

They had before them the accompanying minute of the Council, covering a petition from James Brackett and other Policemen, asking that their salary be placed at \$500.00 a year after twelve months satisfactory service.

On motion, the Board recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. The minimum rate of pay for the Police, after twelve months satisfactory service be placed at \$500.00 per annum, which will entail an increase of \$620.00 over the present cost of maintenance.

D. MCPHERSON, *Mayor*.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the report be adopted, and His Honor the Recorder instructed to prepare an act in accordance therewith for submission to the Legislature at its next session. Motion passed.

Read report of City Health Board *re* burial of the dead poor of the Catholic Church.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Whereas, It has been brought to the notice of the Council that the authorities of the Holy Cross Cemetery intend burying the dead in a portion of the ground not in use. *Resolved*, That the report of the Health Board be referred back for further information.

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

Read letter from Col. Leach, C. R. E, with tracing, relative to the admission of citizens to the Citadel slopes. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the same be referred to the committee appointed at last meeting of Council in reference to said matter to accept and carry into effect the proposition made by Col. Leitch, and also to have an Act prepared for the next session of the Legislature to borrow money necessary for that purpose. Motion passed.

Read letter of A. McKay, Secretary of School of Art and Design, relative to work done in said institution. Moved by Alderman Outhit, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts. Motion passed.

Read draft ordinance to amend ordinance 66 relative to streets of the City of Halifax 1st Order Paper.

Read report of Special Committee on Salaries of Civic Officials, &c. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the same be considered clause by clause. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 10.15 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10 o'clock.

DECEMBER 30th, 1895.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day. At the above hour there were present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Foster, Dennis, Lane and Creighton.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that the time for meeting be extended until 3.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

3.30, roll called. Present, the above named, together with Aldermen Stewart, Geldert, Musgrave, Redden, Butler, Mitchell, Hamilton, O'Donnell, Ryan, Hubley, McFatrige, Eden, Outhit and Mosher.

The Council was summoned to consider the estimates for civic year 1896-7 to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter from the Deputy Minister of Justice in *re* shortening the terms of imprisonment of prisoners confined in the City Prison.

Letter from S. R. Phelan, Chief Assessor, relative to the salaries of the offices of the Chief and Assistant Assessors.

Report of City Engineer on petition for an electric in the centre of the north common.

Alderman Foster, Chairman of Committee on Public Accounts, submits the estimates for the civic year 1896-7 with comparative statement.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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

Read letter from E. L. Newcombe, Deputy Minister of Justice, relative to shortening the terms of prisoners confined in the City Prison. Filed.

Read letter from S. R. Phelan, Chief Assessor, relative to the salaries of his office. Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the same be placed on the Order of the Day for consideration with No. 28 thereon, viz: Report of Special Committee on Salaries of Civic Officials, &c. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer on petition of William C. Hodgson and others for an electric light on centre of north common. Moved

by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be taken up with the estimate for street lighting. Motion passed.

The Council now proceeds to consider the estimates for civic year 1896-7.

Read statement submitted by Alderman Foster, Chairman of Public Accounts, relative to the estimates submitted.

ESTIMATES 1896-7.

SALARIES.

His Worship the Mayor	\$1000 00	Passed.
His Honor the Recorder	1200 00	"
The City Treasurer	1800 00	"
City Clerk	1300 00	"
Assistant Clerk	750 00	"
2nd Assistant	600 00	"
3rd Assistant	450 00	"
Retiring Allowance Thos. Rhind	750 00	"
Stipendiary Magistrate	2000 00	"
City Engineer	2400 00	"
City Auditor	1500 00	"
Collector Rates and Taxes and 4 sub-Collectors..	3400 00	"
Clerk in Collector's Office	600 00	"
City Assessor	1200 00	"
Assistants, 2, at \$1000	2000 00	"
Registrar of Voters	200 00	"
Janitor City Hall	800 00	"
City Medical Officer	1000 00	"
Inspector of Health	800 00	"
Total	23750 00	

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the item, salaries \$23,750, do pass. Motion passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief of Police and men

\$27795 00

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that this item pass. Motion passed.

ROCKHEAD PRISON.

Governor and Matron	1200 00	Passed.
Underkeepers and Officials	2144 00	"
Maintenance	2556 00	"
	<u>5900 00</u>	
Public income	Less. 1200 00	
	<u>\$4700 00</u>	

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the item City Prison \$4700 do pass. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY WORKS.

Streets	19000 00	Passed.
Internal Health	14000 00	"
Horses and Drivers	1500 00	"
Caretaker City Property	1200 00	"
Caretaker Exhibition Building	364 00	"
Fuel	950 00	"
Telephones	113 00	"
Lighting City Hall	900 00	"
Lighting Streets	17000 00	"

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that this item be placed at \$17322.46. Motion passed.

Insurance	925 00	Passed.
Repairs City Property	3000 00	"

Total \$59274 46

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the item Department City Works, \$59274.46, do now pass. Motion passed.

Fire Department	\$30000 00	Passed.
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing and Stationery	2500 00	"
Interest on Common Commutation Fund	339 54	"
Contingent Fund	2322 46	"

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that this item be placed at \$2000. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous total	\$4830 54
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Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the item miscellaneous, \$4830.54, do pass. Motion passed.

Total ordinary expenditure	\$150350 00	Passed.
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LESS PROBABLE INCOME.

Liquor Licenses	12000 00	"
Hack, Truck and other Licenses	3000 00	"
Fines and Fees Police and City Courts	7600 00	"
Rents City Property	2000 00	"
Dog Tax	1250 00	"
Balance current interest	4500 00	"

Total	\$30350 00	"
Total ordinary assessment	120000 00	"

EXTRA ASSESSMENTS.

County of Halifax	\$10000 00	"
Public Schools	90000 00	"
Poor's Asylum	22000 00	"
Public Gardens and Common	5000 00	"
Point Pleasant Park	2500 00	"
Citizens' Library	1600 00	"
Halifax Dispensary and Morgue	750 00	"
School for Blind	375 00	"
School for Deaf and Dumb	300 00	"
Industrial School for Boys	1600 00	"
St. Patrick's Reformatory	1600 00	"
Infants' Home, Tower Road	300 00	"

Infants' Home, Brunswick Street	300 00	Passed.
Protestant Home for Girls	600 00	"
Roman Catholic Home for Girls	600 00	"
Truants under Compulsory Act	1000 00	"
Dalhousie University	500 00	"
County Rifle Association	50 00	"
Victoria School of Art and Design	500 00	"
Board of Health	4000 00	"
Board of Appeals	300 00	"
One-half Subsidy to Dry Dock	5000 00	"
One-fifth Exhibition Loan, Act 1891, \$15,698, 5th year	3140 00	"
Interest one year on \$3,140, at 5 per cent	157 00	"
(One-fifteenth loan to pay County, \$15,000, 4th year	1000 00	"
Interest one year on \$15,000 at 4½ per cent	675 00	"
One-fifth loan for new Fire Engine (\$15,000), 4th year	3000 00	"
Interest one year on \$6,000, at 4½ per cent	270 00	"
One-third loan for Repairs to City Property (\$5,000), 3rd year	1666 00	"
Interest one year on \$1,666, at 4½ per cent	75 00	"
Loan for Fire Hose (\$5,250), 5 years, 3rd year ..	1050 00	"
Interest on \$3,150, 1 year, at 5 per cent	157 50	"
One-fifth loan (\$12,550), June, 1895	2510 00	"
Interest on whole amount, 1 year, at 4½ per cent	564 75	"
Retiring allowance ex Stipendiary R. Motton, 2 years	2000 00	"
Total	\$165 140 25	"

OLD FUNDED DEBT.

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

CONSOLIDATED STOCK.

\$805,000, including \$100,000 special, at 5 per cent	40250 00	"
\$1,143,700, including new loans, at 4½ per cent ..	51466 50	"
\$425,050, at 4 per cent	17002 00	"
Total	\$108718 50	

LESS CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT.

\$ 36,000, at 4 per cent	\$ 1,440 00	
679,600, at 4½ per cent	30,582 00	
153,000, at 5 per cent	7,650 00	
	\$39672 00	"
Sinking Fund on special loan, \$100,000	\$ 3000 00	"
Total	\$365,611 75	"
Add for short collection, 1 per cent	3650 00	"
	\$369,261 75	
Less taken from unexpended balances	15,000 00	"
Grand Total	\$354,261 75	

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the General City and Ordinary Assessment, amounting to \$120,000, and the extra assessment amounting to \$249,261.75, as per estimate, do now pass, less \$15,000 taken from unexpended balances, and that the citizens and their property be assessed for the total sum of \$354,261.75, and that the City Clerk be directed to give the usual order to the assessors to make up the assessment for the year 1896-97 on the basis of that amount as directed by law. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, and passed

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

The following resolution is introduced :

Whereas, The bye-laws and ordinances of the city have not been published since 1876, and many new ordinances have been enacted since that time, and old ones repealed and amended, and it is important that the present ordinances be published for the information of this Council and the officials,

Therefore resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be instructed to consolidate and publish said ordinances, and this Council will remunerate for such services. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Butler, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that No. 1 on Order paper be now taken up. Motion put and lost.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Dennis, that No. 28 on Order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 28, viz., Report of Special Committee on Salaries of Civic Officials, etc.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that clause 1, *re* Superannuation of J. A. Bell, City Auditor, do pass.

To which the following amendment is introduced :

Resolved, That clause 1 be struck out of the report and the following substituted :

Whereas, Owing to the greatly increased expenditures of the City, a thorough audit and supervision of the books and accounts of all the departments demands the services of an energetic and vigorous man ;

And whereas, The superannuation of an official still capable of rendering good service would be a waste of public money ;

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Council that the best interests of the City would be served by the resignations of John A. Bell and William L. Brown of the offices now held by them, and by the appointment of said William L. Brown as auditor at a salary of \$1500 per annum, and of the said J. A. Bell as treasurer at \$1000 per annum.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Geldert. Said amendment on being put is lost, 2 voting for the same and 16 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For said amendment.
Aldermen Dennis,
Geldert.—2.

Against it.
Aldermen Outhit, Mosher,
Creighton, Foster,
Eden, Ryan,
McFatrige, O'Donnell,
Hubley, Mitchell,
Lane, Hamilton,
Butler, Redden,
Musgrave, Stewart.—16.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that J. A. Bell, City Auditor, be superannuated at an allowance of \$1000 per year, to take effect 1st May, 1896, and that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act to legalize the same. Said amendment on being put is lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the whole report be referred to a new special committee to be appointed and whose duties are to be defined by a resolution of this Council, said committee to report before the 1st day of May, 1896, which amendment being put is passed.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be authorized to prepare an Act to borrow an amount with accrued interest, to pay Austen Brothers for 2000 feet of hose and couplings as per resolution of Council, April 2nd, 1895. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Ryan, and passed.

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

Council adjourns, 5.45 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

JANUARY 8th, 1896.

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

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

8.30, roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Stewart, Redden, Hamilton, Lane, Hubley, McFatridge 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 O'Donnell, chairman, submits a report from the Committee on City Prison.

Alderman Butler, acting chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Charities.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Report City Clerk covering accounts.

City Treasurer's cash statements "General," "Water" and "Balances" for December, 1895.

City Collector's returns of rates and water rates for December, 1895.

Letter from the Department of Marine and Fisheries *re* sewer outlet at marine and fisheries wharf.

Letter from the City Collector of Rates and Taxes relative to the collection of water rates. Also letter from same relative to present system of issuing hack and truck licenses.

Reports (3) from the City Engineer.

Re Young Avenue Tramway.

Re Water construction estimates.

Re Maitland Street widening.

Draft Act *re* hacks and trucks commission.

Draft ordinance *re* hacks and trucks.

Letter from the Clerks of the Department of City Works relative to the condition of the books of said department.

Report City Health Board *re* burial of poor of the Catholic Church.

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

Read report of Committee on Charities for month of December.

January 8th, 1896.

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

GENTLEMEN,—On behalf of the Charities Committee who met this day I beg to submit the following report.

Accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$2376.03 were examined, found correct and ordered to be paid.

The superintendent's report showed that during the month there were 35 admitted, 3 born, 23 discharged and 1 died; total number of inmates Dec. 31st, 1895, 365 made up as follows: 226 men, 128 women and 11 children.

W. J. PUTLER, *Acting Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

Read report of City Prison Committee covering accounts, &c., for December.

January 7th 1896.

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

Your committee beg to recommend for payment the undermentioned accounts amounting to \$279.62. The same having been examined and found correct :

R. N. McDonald, \$25.76; Cunningham & Curren, 21.00; Wm. Robertson, 2.29; Kane, Flet & Co., 15.82; Lane & Connolly, 6.03; Wm. Roche, 7.97; D. H. Campbell, 87.07; J. A. Leaman & Co., 25.00; Irwin & Sons, 32.04; Moir, Son & Co., 15.10; George A. Pyke, 1.84; Wm. Jordan, 7.20; John F. Kelly, 2.25; John J. Carnell, 6.25; N. S. Telephone Co., Ltd., 20.00; W. P. C. Inglis, 4.00; total \$279.62.

The Governor and Matron's returns for month December, 1895, are herewith submitted.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the report of the City Prison Committee be adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to pay the accounts referred to therein.

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

Read letter from William Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, complaining of a nuisance caused by the discharge of the City sewerage into the dock used by the Department of Marine and Fisheries. Also read a report from the City Engineer relative thereto.

MARINE & FISHERIES WHARF OUTLET.

January 8th, 1896.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries respecting the sewer outlet at the Marine and Fisheries Wharf.

There is no doubt that any sewer outlet is a nuisance at best. This outlet has been carried out under the wharf some distance beyond low water mark. The mouth of the sewer is uncovered at low tide, and the only remedy that could be suggested is to extend the sewer below low water mark either by carrying it out at its present grade until it runs under water or by putting a hood on the end of

it turned down under the water so that no gasses would escape from it. I would recommend that this method be adopted to abate the nuisance.

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

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

Read report from the City Collector of Rates and Taxes relative to the collection of water rates.

December 5th, 1895.

To His Worship the Mayor :

DEAR SIR,—In accordance with your request, I herewith submit a memo. of amounts uncollected and uncollectable on water account from 1885 to 1892. A large proposition of these amounts are for persons who have been returned as tenants and who have either moved or are too poor to pay. The practice of turning the water off for non-payment of rates, while it is a good collector, yet it is very annoying and vexatious to citizens, besides expensive to the City. Were it not for the return system of tenants, the water rates could be collected in the same manner as the taxes. If the law was changed doing away with returned tenants the bills for water rates could be ready three months earlier than at present. Under the present system the month of May is allowed for returns to be filed with the Board of Works, therefore the books cannot be completed until the returns so filed are received by this office, making it September or October before the bills can be got out. In the meantime some of the returned tenants have removed from the house they were returned for and the City has lost its claim on the owner of the property by accepting a return of the tenant.

R. THEAKSTON, *City Collector.*

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the report of the City Collector be adopted and His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act to carry into effect the amendment to the present law therein contained. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Collector of Rates and Taxes relative to the present system of issuing hack and truck licenses.

January 8th, 1896.

To His Worship the Mayor :

DEAR SIR,—The present system of issuing hack and truck licenses seems to be very cumbersome, and gives the applicant a lot of trouble on being obliged to bring to the office two rate payers to sign a bond for him in accordance with City Ordinance 30 and 31, old City Charter, pages 242 and 248, section 4 and 2, respectively. All that should be necessary would be that the applicant should be recommended by two rate-payers in writing and the receipt that is now given should be sufficient proof that their licenses had been properly taken out.

R. THEAKSTON, *City Collector.*

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the suggestions contained in said letter be adopted and His Honor the Recorder instructed to prepare an ordinance to amend the present ordinance therewith. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer *re* Young Avenue Electric Tramway.

YOUNG AVENUE TRAMWAY.

January 2nd, 1896.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—The Halifax Electric Tramway Co's Charter compels them to construct a line of railway on Young Avenue, from Inglis Street to the Park Gates, within

two years from the date of their Charter. I understand that the company did not ask for permission to construct the road on that street, and I feel certain that a large majority of the citizens of Halifax would prefer to have this avenue left intact, as it will be one of the handsomest streets in the City of Halifax when completed. The construction of the road, as far as I can ascertain, is not sought for by any person except one or two property owners near the Park, to whom the building of the line might possibly result in financial benefit. I would urgently recommend that the Council cause an Act to be prepared repealing the clause of the charter, which makes it compulsory to construct the tramway on Young Avenue. This will place the company in the same position with regard to Young Avenue as in the case of any other street on which their lines are not laid, and they must obtain permission from the City Council to build.

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

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

Read report of the City Engineer *re* Water Construction estimates and recommending that an Act be prepared authorizing the borrowing of \$25,000 for water construction purposes.

WATER CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATES.

His Worship the Mayor :

January 2nd, 1896.

SIR,—The Estimated cost for water extension and construction work during the coming season is \$25,000. This estimate does not include the extension reported on to Rockhead. As the revenue on water extension almost invariably exceeds the interest on the outlay, this loan will not be any additional burden on the tax-payers; and I would recommend that an Act be prepared authorizing the borrowing of \$25,000 for water construction purposes.

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

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

Read report from the City Engineer, *re* Maitland Street widening.

MAITLAND STREET WIDENING.

His Worship the Mayor :

January 2nd, 1896.

SIR,—An Act was passed in 1893 authorizing the borrowing of \$6000 for the purpose of widening the north end of Maitland Street. The award of the appraisers amounted to \$6360. Sundry expenses in connection with the work amounted to \$27.88, making a total to be paid out of \$6387.88. \$76 was realized by the sale of Houses, making the amount of money available \$6076—\$311.88 less than the amount required. The properties have all been taken, but three of them have not been paid for, and I would recommend that an Act be prepared authorizing the borrowing of \$311.88 to complete this work.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the report of the City Engineer be accepted, but that the amount required (\$311.88) be paid out of the contingent fund. Motion passed.

Read report of City Health Board *re* burial of the poor of the Catholic Faith.

January 8th, 1896.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—At a meeting of the City Health Board, held on Tuesday the 7th inst., the accompanying resolution was adopted, and I have been instructed to forward you a copy for your information.

NICHOLAS MEAGHER, *Secretary.*

[Extract from Minutes of City Health Board, June 7th, 1896.]

Whereas, as shown by the report furnished to the City Health Board by Dr. Jones in re the Holy Cross Cemetery and the burial of paupers therein, stating that the ground to be used for the burial of the said paupers is not the unused ground to the south of the main entrance, but three plots of ground not yet occupied in different parts of the cemetery capable of accommodating a limited number of bodies.

And whereas, in the opinion of the Board the Cemetery is now overcrowded, there being over 17,000 interments in the said Cemetery, which has an area only of 200,000 sq. feet, allowing space for walks, buildings, etc., making only 11 sq. feet for each body interred therein.

And whereas, the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation is now ready to bury paupers, if necessary, at the Dutch Village Cemetery.

Therefore Resolved, that the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation be permitted to bury paupers, in the ground indicated at the Holy Cross Cemetery, up to the first day of April next, and after that date burials of said paupers to take place at the Dutch Village. (A true extract.)

N. MEAGHER, Secretary

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

Read letter from City Clerk covering accounts of T. C. Allen & Co. and others for the consideration of the Committee on Public Accounts. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts. Motion passed.

Read cash statements of City Treasurer "General," "Water," and "Balances" for month of December. Filed.

Read draft Act to amend City Charter appointing a commission to perform the duties now attended to by the the Committee on Hacks and trucks. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that said Act be adopted and His Honor the Recorder instructed to have the same presented to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read draft ordinance re hacks and trucks. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said ordinance be referred to His Honor the Recorder for revision and to have the same printed when revised, and that a copy of the same when received be forwarded to each Alderman. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Chief and Assistant Clerks of Works re book keeping, &c., in office of the Department of City Works. Filed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Whereas, A large amount of money was bequeathed by the late Sir William Young to be expended in constructing and opening up an avenue leading into the Park,

And whereas, A large amount of money has been already expended for that purpose and further expenditure will be necessary for the completion of the work,

And whereas, In view of such expenditure it is desirable that the City should secure some control over the character and location of buildings to be erected on said avenue and the purposes for which they can be used,

Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor nominate a committee to draft an Act for that purpose.

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

His Worship the Mayor nominates the following as the committee to carry out the provisions of the foregoing resolution, viz.: The Committee on Laws and Privileges together with His Honor the Recorder and the City Engineer. On motion said nominations are confirmed.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Whereas, at the last meeting of this Council it was resolved to refer the report of the Committee on Salaries to a special committee to report on.

Therefore Resolved, that the duties of said committee be defined as follows:—

1. To report on a table of salaries defining the minimum and maximum amount payable to all officials in the several departments of the City employ.
2. On a scheme of superannuation for the salaried officials.
3. On applicants for a position passing an examination by the City Medical Officer, and what educational requirements are necessary for the several positions.
4. And recommend any reorganization and revision of salaries in the several departments, and promotion in the event of removal for any cause.

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

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Redden, that No. 6 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 6, viz.: Report Special Committee on the matter of a paid Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Redden, that said report be referred to His Honor the Recorder to make any changes that may be necessary therein, and report the same back to the Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that No. 26 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 26, viz.: Resolution of Alderman Hubley *re* Amending Section 479 of the City Charter as set forth in Minutes of 20th December.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said resolution do now pass. Motion put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 8 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

For the resolution.

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

Against it.

Aldermen Outhit, Mosher,
Lane, Hamilton,
Butler, Redden,
Geldert, Stewart.—8.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 3 on Order paper, viz., Report Board of City Works covering a report from the City Engineer *re* Esplanade Sewer and South Hollis Street Extension, &c., be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 5 on Order paper, viz., Reports of City Assessors on valuations of property on Lockman and Water Streets, also on value of the Peters estate property, rear of Pleasant Street, be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

No. 1 on Order paper, viz., Report Committee on Assessment, dated August, 1894, is now taken up. The same is read, and on motion is considered clause by clause. For report see printed minutes of City Council, November 26th, 1895.

Read clause 1, *re* School Rates and Exemptions from School Rates. Moved by Alderman Moshier, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said clause be amended by substituting the figures \$500 for \$200 in said clause. Motion passed.

Read clause 2, *re* Allowance for Short Collection of Taxes. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Moshier, that said clause be amended by striking out the word "~~be~~" after the word "taxes" in said clause, and substituting therefor the words "shall not exceed." Motion passed.

Read clause 3 *re* register of real estate. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 4 *re* assessment of vacant lands. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Moshier, that said clause be amended by striking out all the words after the "whole." Motion passed.

Read clause 5, section (a), recommending that industrial and manufacturing enterprises, &c., be not exempt in future from taxation. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lane, that this section be struck from the report. Motion passed.

Read section (b), recommending that certain institutions now exempt be taxed. Moved by Alderman Butler seconded by Alderman Redden, that the Victoria Infirmary be struck from the list of institutions to be taxed. Motion passed.

Read section (c), recommending certain institutions to be exempt from taxation. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the following institutions be added to said section, viz: Victoria Infirmary, Industrial School, St. Patrick's Home, and also that the Murphy Gold Cure Institute be exempt from taxation on \$10,000 assessed value of any property occupied by them as such institute. Motion passed.

Read Section (d), *re* taxation of land upon which church and educational buildings stand.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the Salvation Army Head Quarters be included in the operation of this section. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that clause be adopted as amended. Motion passed.

Read Clause 6, *re* recommending a separate assessment on lands and buildings.

Read Clause 7, *re* amending City Charter, enabling one Assessor to take the oath mentioned in Section 332 of City Charter.

Read Clause 8, *re* the necessity of having tax bills completed by the time appointed by law. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said clauses 6, 7 and 8 do now pass. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said report as amended do now pass as a whole. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that No. 11 on Order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 11, *viz.*: Report City Engineer on completion of Queen, Green and Fenwick Streets.

COMPLETION OF QUEEN STREET, GREEN STREET AND FENWICK STREET.

April 26th, 1895.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—Several petitions have been presented to the City Council asking for the grading and completion of Queen Street, Green Street and Fenwick Street. These streets are so high above the natural surface of the ground that the filling would run out beyond the street lines, and it is therefore necessary to acquire the right to fill. Some of the buildings will be also affected, and I have been corresponding with the property-owners for some time to ascertain the cost. From answers received I estimate the cost on Fenwick Street to be \$800, and on Queen Street and Green Street \$3000. Some portions of these streets are in a dangerous condition and in case of accident the cost to the City might be more than the cost to complete the raising and grading. Some action should be taken in this matter before it is too late.

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

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the report of the City Engineer be adopted; that he be directed to carry out the work at the earliest possible date; and that the expenditure for work and land damages be charged to the street appropriation and be extended over a period of at least five years.

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

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

Council adjourns 11.15 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

JANUARY 15th, 1896.

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, 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 Creighton, Hubley, Butler, Redden, Stewart, Ryan, McFtridge, Foster, Eden, Lane 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 Mosher, acting chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Laws and Privileges *re* erection of buildings, &c., on Young Avenue.

Alderman Mosher, chairman, submits report from the Committee on Tenders in *re* tenders for printing, stationery and advertising.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers, viz :

An Act to amend Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891 known as the City Charter ; also an Act *re* boundary lines of Dutch Village lots.

Letter from the Hon. the Provincial Secretary covering copies of two Bills introduced into the House of Assembly, (1) *re* New Road near the Chain Lakes, (2) *re* Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited.

Letter from William Ackhurst covering account (\$150) for alleged services.

An Act relating to cabs, hackney carriages, trucks and livery stables in the City of Halifax.

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

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges *re* buildings, &c., on Young Avenue—covering a letter from Alfred Whitman relative thereto.

January 16th, 1896.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with a resolution of Council, passed January 7th inst., in relation to Young Avenue, the Committee on Laws and Privileges held a meeting on the afternoon of above date, at which there were present, Aldermen Mosher, (acting chairman), McFtridge and Stewart, together with Mr. Justice Graham, John Doull, Esq., Aldermen Outbit, Butler and Musgrave representing the Commissioners of Point Pleasant Park and His Honor the Recorder and City Engineer.

After a full and free discussion of the subject the unanimous opinion of those present was that every possible step should be immediately taken to prevent the disfigurement of Young Avenue by the erection of an inferior class of buildings and to preserve the good order of the locality by prohibiting shops, and that to effect these conditions the City should make some equivalent concessions to the owners of property fronting on the Avenue. It was also agreed that the entrance to the Avenue should be made an equal width with the rest of the street necessitating the purchase of a small strip on either side of the northern end.

The committee adopted the following resolution and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the Council, and further that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to draft a bill for presentation to the Legislature at its present session to carry the same into effect :

Whereas, Young Avenue extends from Inglis Street to the Point Pleasant Park gates, so called, and said Avenue is the main entrance to the said Park ;

And Whereas, It is desirable to widen said Avenue at certain points in order to straighten the lines thereof, complete the grading and make other improvements, and the City Council is desirous of sewerage and putting in water in said Avenue when in their judgment it is necessary ;

Therefore Resolved, That permission be asked the Legislature for power to widen said Avenue and to borrow sufficient funds for putting in sewers and water, empowering said Council to regulate the style, cost and location of any buildings erected on said Avenue, and to prevent the use or occupation of any building on said Avenue as a shop.

S. MOSHER, *Acting Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that said report be adopted and the City Clerk instructed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Whitman's letter. Motion passed.

Read report of Committee on Tenders on tenders for printing, stationery and advertising from January, 1896, to 30th April, 1897.

Committee Room, City Hall, January 14th, 1896.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Tenders held a meeting this day, at which there were present Aldermen Mosher, chairman, O'Donnell and Butler. Tenders for the sixteen months, from January, 1896, to May, 1897, for the following services were opened, viz: Printing, Book-binding, Stationery and Advertising.

Tenders were received as follows: Advertising, Morning Chronicle and Acadian Recorder; Printing, Blackadar Bros., William McNab, Theakston & Co. and T. C. Allen & Co.; Book-binding, T. C. Allen & Co. and William McNab; Stationery, T. C. Allen & Co.

Your committee recommend the acceptance of the following tenders: Advertising, Chronicle and Recorder; printing, stationery and book-binding, Messrs. T. C. Allen & Co.

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting that the figures in these tenders are much lower than in previous years, and it is expected that the cut in the amount of the contracts, together with the additional \$500 placed in the estimates, will carry the printing and stationery account over the period of sixteen months without a deficit.

All above mentioned tenders are submitted herewith.

S. MOSHER, *Chairman*.

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

Read letter from William Ackhurst, covering account for \$150 for alleged services in Board of Works Office. Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read Bill to amend Charter of Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the same be referred to His Worship the Mayor, His Honor the Recorder and the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Read an Act entitled "An Act relating to Cabs, Hackney Carriages, Trucks and Livery Stable Keepers in the City of Halifax." Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said Act be adopted and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read draft Act entitled, An Act to settle the disputes as to the boundary lines of the Dutch Village lots in the County of Halifax. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that the same be adopted and forwarded to the Legislature for enactment. Motion passed.

Read draft Act entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891 known as the City Charter. On motion the same is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1, *re* City Seal. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clauses 2 to 13 inclusive, *re* Widening of Lockman Street. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that said clauses 2 to 13 inclusive be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clauses 14 to 26 inclusive, *re* An Official Plan of the City of Halifax and the opening of new streets, highways or public places, and the extending, widening, straightening, altering or locating anew these already in existence, &c. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that said clauses 14 to 26 inclusive, do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 27, *re* Permanent Paving of Sidewalks. On motion said clause 27 is adopted.

Read clauses 28 and 29, *re* Paid Fire Department. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that clause 28 be amended by substituting the word "majority" for the words "two thirds," and by inserting the word "whole" after the word "the" on the sixteenth line of said clause.

That clause 29 be amended by striking out all the words after the words "at all fires" on the twelfth line of said clause and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: "In such a way as he may deem most useful for extinguishing fires," "And the senior officer of said fire department," "in the absence of the chief officer shall at fires have

all the powers of the chief," and that said clauses 28 and 29 do pass as so amended. Motion passed.

Read clause 30, *re* Collection of Water Rates. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 31, *re* Powers of the City of Halifax in laying pipes on any of the streets of said City. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that clause 31 do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 32, *re* Electric Tramway on Young Avenue. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 33, *re* monthly statement to be furnished by City Treasurer and over expenditures by Committee. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 34, *re* Shortening Terms of Imprisonment of Prisoners confined in City Prison. Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Foster, that clause 34 pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 35, *re* Water Service Pipes. Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 36, *re* Salaries of Policemen. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 37, *re* Appropriation for Citizens' Free Library. Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Foster, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 38, *re* Brick Building District of the City. Moved by Alderman Outhit, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 39, *re* Estimate for Short Collection of Taxes. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Butler, that clause 39 do pass. Motion passed.

Read clauses 40 and 41, *re* School Rates. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that clauses 40 and 41 do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 42, *re* Assessment of Vacant Lands. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Butler, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 43, sections *a*, *b* and *c*, *re* Taxes and Exemption on Churches and certain Institutions. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same do now pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 44, *re* Oath to be taken by the City Assessors. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 45, *re* Official Plan of the City. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 46, *re* Ordinance *re* Horses and Cattle. Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read clauses 47 and 48, *re* Stock Certificates and Debentures. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said clauses 47 and 48 do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 49, *re* City's Sinking Fund. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 50, *re* Police Superannuation Fund. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 51, *re* Ordinance in relation to Animals. Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 52, *re* Borrowing Money for certain purposes. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Foster, and passed.

Read clause 53, *re* Borrowing money for Water Extension. Moved by Alderman Outhit, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that clause 53 do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 54, *re* Proceedings under City Ordinances. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 55, *re* Ordinance regulating Poles and Wires. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 57, *re* Repealing Inconsistent Acts. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said clause pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 56, *re* Times and Hours for the Transaction of City Business. Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said draft Act as amended do now pass as a whole and His Honor the Recorder authorized to submit the same to the Legislature. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Hon. the Provincial Secretary covering Bills affecting the City of Halifax now before the Legislature. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lane, that His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder and the City Engineer be a committee to watch the progress of bills effecting the City of Halifax through the Legislature. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor brought to the notice of the Council that the claim of H. W. Wentzell & Co. against the City for damages to their property by the City ladder waggon still remains unsettled and

asks that some action be taken in the matter. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts together with the Chairman of the Board of Fire Wardens for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of William DeBay and other residents of Jubilee Road and Maple Street for water extension. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report at next meeting of Council. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates the following as a Committee on Salaries of Civic Officials according to resolution passed 30th December, 1895, and 8th January, 1896: Aldermen Geldert, Butler, Mitchell, Hubley, Eden and Outhit. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor calls the attention of the Council to a report in the Morning Chronicle of the 13th January, inst., of a meeting held in the First Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon last in which report Mr. James Mackintosh is stated to have said: The rum element was enormously strong, as within 24 hours of the last time he ran for Mayor, between \$4000 and \$5000 was raised to defeat him. He was told by a man after the election that he was elected but did not get the position. He also got similar information to the above from City officials, and asks that some steps be taken by the Council to investigate the matter. Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that the City Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Mackintosh asking him if he was correctly reported in the paper referred to. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor now retires and Alderman Hamilton, Deputy Mayor, takes the chair.

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

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the Chief Inspector of Licenses lay upon the table for the information of this Council at its next meeting the number of prosecutions for violation of the law classifying whether wholesale shops or hotels or those having no license, giving the first, second or third offences the names of those and the number acquitted and the number convicted during the past twelve months.

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

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Stewart, that No. 16 on Order Paper, viz: Annual Report of City Engineer 1894-5 be referred to the Committee on Publication of Annual Report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that No. 4 on Order Paper, viz: Letter of City Clerk covering letter and

award of arbitrators on lands expropriated for the new pipe line with account for services, be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that No. 18 on Order Paper be taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 18, viz: Resolution of Alderman Dennis' *re* widening of Quinpool Road. (See minutes of Council 5th November, 1895.)

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that said resolution be now adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Lane, that His Honor the Recorder, together with the City Engineer, be instructed to prepare an Act and submit the same to the Legislature at its present session, enabling the City Council to light the City by electricity. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 11.15 o'clock.

L. J. Redden

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

JANUARY 23rd, 1896.

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

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

8.30 roll called; present the above named together with Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave, Redden, Mitchell, Hamilton, Lane, McFatriidge, Eden.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

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

His Worship the Mayor submitted the following papers, viz:

Report License Inspector on prosecutions for violations of Liquor License Act.

Letter from Miss Antoinette Nordbeck *re* sewer assessment on her property Coburg Road.

Report City Engineer *re* Water extension Campbell Road.

Application of A. E. Cashen for position of hay weigher.

Letter J. C. Mackintosh in reply to letter City Clerk *re* election of Mayor McPherson.

Invitation to City Council to attend annual meeting of Local Council of Women of Halifax.

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

Read report H. Havelock Banks, License Inspector, on prosecutions for violations of Liquor License Act. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the report be referred back to the License Inspector for further information. 1st, whether the persons named more than once in his report were charged the second time they were brought before the court with a second offence under the Act, and the third time with a third offence, or whether each time they were charged with and convicted for a first offence; 2nd, the amount of penalty imposed and the amount collected in each case, and the total amount collected. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioner on various subjects.

January 23rd, 1896.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners met this day. Present, the Chairman, Aldermen Geldert, Redden, McFatridge and Mosher.

The Board beg to recommend as follows:

1st. That legislation be obtained to empower the Council when it deems expedient to borrow money to purchase or construct a steam boat for protection of property on the water front from fire, and also for power to assess the citizens for the maintenance of the same, or if the Council prefers subsidizing a boat for the purpose to ask for power to assess the citizens for the payment of said subsidy.

2nd. That in reference to the storage of petroleum in the City of Halifax the Dominion Government be requested to enforce the regulations provided under Dominion legislation, as the Board and His Honor the Recorder do not consider it in the interests of the City to pass an Ordinance bearing on the subject.

3rd. That the Board be empowered to ask for tenders for the erection of a new engine house on the property at the corner of West and James Streets according to plan and specification prepared by W. B. Fidler.

4th. That legislation be obtained to empower the Council to borrow the sum of \$2,500 for the purchase of an extension ladder—Aldermen Mosher and McFatridge dissenting.

5th. That the following accounts, having been certified and found correct, be paid:

Cragg Bros. & Co, hardware, \$21.50; W. N. Brown, work and materials, 18.25; John Starr, Son & Co., Ltd, fire alarm box, &c., 62.90; I. B. Shaffer & Co., feed, 52.61; Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, brass, 2.60; Daniel McLeod, horse shoeing, 11.54; Wm. Jordan, horseshoeing, \$13.92; Union Axe Co, ladder service, 37.50; Wm. Roche, coal, 17.44; Black Bros. & Co, hardware, 1.70; Bremner Bros, turkeys, 25.61; W. & C. Silver, quilt, 4.50; James Dempster & Co., lumber, 10.53; Charles Annand, advertising, \$ 22; H. H. Fuller & Co., hardware, 5.24; John Foley, mason work, 4.20; John O'Connell, horseshoeing, 25.96; Martin, & Moore, painting and glazing, 138.05; G. M. Cullen & Co. glazing, \$7.10; Power & Co., plumbing, 7.00; Day & Kinsman, plumbing and stove fitting, 34.24; Dewolf, Son & Co., carriage repairs, 118.70; I. B. Shaffner & Co., feed, 20 accounts 219.17; Austin Bros., oil, 10.34; Mrs. Ainsley, carriage hire, 2.00; R. Martin & Co., repairing harness, 5.20; Farquhar Bros, plumbing, 140.08.—Total, \$1004.96.

JNO. F. RYAN, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Ryan seconded by Alderman Redden that the same be considered clause by clause. Motion passed.

Read clause one, *re* purchasing or subsidizing a steam boat for protection of property on water front from fire. Objected to and placed on the Order of the Day.

Read clause two, *re* storage of petroleum in the city of Halifax. Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read clause three, *re* calling for tenders for erection of a new engine house at corner of West and James streets. Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that this clause pass. Motion passed.

Read clause four *re* purchase of an extension ladder. Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Aldermen Redden, that this clause do

pass. Motion put and lost, four voting for the same and eight against it. Names being called for, were recorded thus :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Redden,
Hamilton,
O'Donnell,
Ryan—4.

Against it.

Aldermen Musgrave, Lane,
Mitchell, Hubley,
Eden, McFatrige,
Creighton, Outhit—8.

Alderman Geldert excused from voting.

Read clause five, recommending sundry accounts for payment.

The following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That clause 5 of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners' accounts be received and concurred in, and that His Worship the Mayor be and is authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts therein.

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

Read invitation to His Worship the Mayor and Council to attend the annual meeting of Local Council of Women of Halifax January 30th inst. Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the invitation be accepted, and that the thanks of the Council be tendered to the Council of Women for the same. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer, January 23rd, 1896, *re* water extension Campbell Road, covering report April 9th, 1895, on same subject, and petition John O'Sullivan *et al* for the said water extension.

WATER EXTENSION CAMPBELL ROAD.

January 23rd, 1896.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—I beg to return herewith former report on extension of water on Campbell Road, from Mulgrave Park to the Round House. The circumstances have changed considerably since the date of that report (April 9th, 1895.)

The cost of the whole extension is estimated at \$4,532.47. The interest on the outlay, including fire hydrants would be about \$250.00. The estimated revenue on the houses within the district to be supplied would be \$180.00. Under these circumstances I could not recommend the extension when reporting before. Since that time, however, I have had several conferences with the Chief Engineer of the Intercolonial Railway. They pay the City \$800.00 per annum for supply delivered in the reservoir at Mulgrave Park. The agreement has not been very satisfactory to either side, and hearing that an extension was proposed on Campbell Road, Mr. Archibald offered to pay an additional \$100.00 or \$900.00 per annum for a supply delivered to the Round House through a 9 inch pipe with permission to take two branches at their own expense from the main, putting in hydrants on the railway property. This offer was not considered satisfactory, and after considerable discussion and correspondence, an additional offer was made to the railway authorities to enter into a new agreement to supply water at Richmond at a minimum rate of \$1,000 a year for an average daily supply of 40,000 gallons, any excess in consumption to be paid for by meter rate. The railway authorities have accepted this offer. The result will be to give an increase of revenue of \$380.00 at least, while the interest on the outlay is only \$250.00.

Under these circumstances, I would recommend that a new agreement be made with the Railway Department on the conditions named above, and that the water be extended on Campbell Road by a 9 inch main from the end of the present 9 inch main to the Round House.

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

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the report of City Engineer, January 23rd, be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

Read application A. E. Cashen for the position of weigher of bundled hay. Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Eden, that Mr. Casher be appointed weigher of bundled hay under the terms of Ordinance No. 61 relating to the weighing of hay. Motion put and passed, eleven voting for the same and two against it. Names being called for, the following voted:

For the Motion.

Aldermen Musgrave, Geldert,
Redden, Hamilton,
Lane, Mitchell,
O'Donnell, Ryan,
Eden, McFatridge,
Outhit.—11.

Against it.

Aldermen Hubley,
Creighton.—2.

Read letter Miss Antoinette Nordbeck *re* sewer assessment on her property, Coburg road. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said letter be referred to the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from J. C. Mackintosh in reply to letter from City Clerk *re* election of Mayor McPherson. Filed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Lane, that No. 2 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 2, viz: Report City Engineer *re* sidewalk on west side of Hollis Street in front of Province Building, covering a letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Works and Mines requesting construction of the same.

PROVINCE BUILDING SIDEWALK.

May 16, 1894.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR, — In accordance with your instruction, I beg to report on the accompanying letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, asking for a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Hollis street in front of the Province Building. There is no sidewalk there now at all except clay. The government are desirous of having a sidewalk laid by the city as the city has the plant and skilled men. The estimated cost of the work is \$1,300.

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

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the report of the Engineer be received and concurred in, and the Engineer instructed to proceed with the work. Motion passed.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the following clause be added to the city bill now before the local legislature, entitled an Act to amend chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891 :

Every person undertaking any contract to be performed wholly or partially within the City of Halifax, and who is not a taxpayer assessed upon property in the City or County of Halifax within one year previous to said contract, shall pay to the city collector a sum equal to \$2 on the \$100 on the amount to become payable by virtue of every such contract into which he shall enter, which sum may be recovered as a debt at the suit of the City of Halifax in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell. On the vote being taken and names being called for there appeared :

For the Resolution.

Aldermen Eden, McFatrige,
Ryan, O'Donnell,
Hubley, Mitchell,
Redden, Lane,
Geldert.—9.

Against it.

Aldermen Outhit,
Creighton,
Hamilton,
Musgrave.—4.

His Worship the Mayor declares the resolution lost on the ground that the subject of it is new matter and therefore to pass should receive a two-thirds vote of the whole Council. Which ruling was concurred in by His Honor the Recorder.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to allow Alderman Redden to move a resolution. Motion passed. The following resolution is now introduced :

Whereas, A resolution passed this Council on April 26, 1895, authorizing the payment of the sum of two hundred dollars to Mr. W. L. Brown for services performed in the Water Department,

And whereas, Under reconsideration on May 8, 1895, this matter was referred to the Special Committee on Salaries,

And whereas, That Committee has not made any recommendation to this Council ;

Therefore resolved, That His Worship the Mayor, as head of the Works Department, ascertain if this amount is justly due Mr. Brown, and if so, to pay him.

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

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

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be empowered to add to the City Bill now before the Legislature a clause or clauses amending the present building law. 1st. By requiring all persons who contemplate building to furnish the City Engineer with a statement showing (a) the location of the proposed building; (b) the material of which it is to be erected, and (c) the purpose for which it is to be used. 2nd. Empowering the City Engineer to determine the line upon which said building shall be erected. 3rd. All applications in relation to proposed buildings to be reported upon by the City Engineer, and passed by the Council. 4th. In cases where the character of the building or the purpose for which it is to be used is likely to prejudice other properties in the neighborhood, the Council to have power to refuse its sanction to such erection.

On the vote being taken and names being called for there appeared :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Musgrave, Geldert,
Redden, Hamilton,
Lane, Mitchell,
Ryan, McFatridge,
Eden, Creighton.—10.

Against it.

Aldermen Hubley,
O'Donnell.—2.

His Worship the Mayor declares the resolution lost on the ground that being new matter it could not pass without a two-thirds vote of the whole council. His Worship's ruling is concurred in by His Honor the Recorder.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to allow Alderman Mitchell to move a resolution. Motion passed and the following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be instructed to apply to the Legislature at its present session for an amendment of Rule 8, sixth line, of the Charter of Halifax, Electric Tramway Company, and all other sections of the said Charter so that wherever in said Charter any matter or thing is to be done or determined by the City Engineer that His Worship the Mayor be associated with the Engineer in connection therewith.

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

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that No. 1 on Order of the Day, viz., clause 2 of Draft Act to amend City Charter be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Redden, that No. 17 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed. Read No. 17, viz.: Report Special Committee on proposed summer carnival. Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the report be referred back to the Committee for further report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

JANUARY 29th, 1896.

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

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, 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, Redden, Butler, Lane, Ryan, Hubley, Foster, Creighton, McFatrige and Geldert.

The Council was summoned to consider matters in connection with the Provincial Exhibition, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Alderman Hamilton, chairman, submitted a report from the Exhibition Sites Committee of the Exhibition Commission.

His Worship the Mayor submitted the following papers:

Letter A. E. Cashen, weigher of bundle hay, asking for appointment of a third weigher of hay.

Application of James Corish for position of weigher of bundle hay.

Report City Engineer on letter William Ackhurst, covering account \$150 for alleged service.

Letter City Health Board *re* Officials of the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

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

Read report City Engineer on letter and account for services from William Ackhurst.

WILLIAM ACKHURST'S PETITION.

His Worship the Mayor:

January 29th, 1896.

SIR,—I have interviewed Ex-Mayor Keefe in reference to Mr. Ackhurst's claim for three months' salary, and he informs me that Mr. Ackhurst was paid in full. He was employed at \$50.00 a month, and was paid for all the work he did for the City. As far as I can ascertain he has no ground for making any claim for salary, as the clause to which he possibly refers in his petition only applies to the officials named in the clause. It would not include Mr. Ackhurst.

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

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the report of the City Engineer be received and concurred in. Motion passed.

Read letter City Health Board asking Council to concur in legislation to authorize the Health Board to appoint or dismiss officials of the Infectious Diseases Hospital. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the request of the City Health Board be not concurred in. Motion passed.

Read letter A. E. Cashen asking for the appointment of a third weigher of bundle hay.

Also read application of James Corish for position of weigher of bundle hay. Placed on Order of the Day.

Read report Exhibition Sites Committee of the Exhibition Commission recommending that legislation be applied for to empower the Council to provide half the cost needful to acquire grounds, erect buildings, assure a prize list, &c., for a Provincial Exhibition in the City of Halifax on condition that the Provincial Government will provide the other half.

IN RE EXHIBITION IN CITY OF HALIFAX.

Your Committee, appointed some time ago, beg leave to report that shortly after their appointment they met the executive of the Farmers' Association, who felt that the exhibition (one worthy of this Province) should be held in the City of Halifax each year, commencing in the Fall of next year (1897).

Now, the proposition is that: The Provincial Government be asked to provide half the cost and the City of Halifax the other half needful to acquire ground, erect buildings, assure a good prize list and any other matter needful therewith.

Your Committee further recommend that if this meets with the approval of the Council, that they be, and are hereby authorized to act for the Council in the preparation of any legislation that may be deemed necessary to carry the proposed scheme into effect.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

Halifax, January 29th, 1896.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that Mr. E. B. Elderkin and Mr. G. C. Lawrence, representatives of the Farmers' Association of Nova Scotia, being present be heard by the Council on the matter. Motion passed.

Having been called upon by His Worship the Mayor the above named gentlemen respectively addressed the Council, advocating the holding of a Provincial Exhibition in the City of Halifax annually in the interests of the Province at large as well as of the City of Halifax.

They believed that the Local Government would be nearly unanimous in their efforts to assist the City Council if they adopted the the recommendations contained in the committee's report. About \$100,000 would be required as a nucleus, and though some might think the amount too great it would be better to ask for that sum and meet with the agreeable surprise of a balance to credit after the plans were completed than it would be to ask for an amount that would not be sufficient and be under the necessity of making a second

application. The majority of the Farmers' Association was in sympathy with the proposition now before the Council.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the report of the committee be received and concurred in. Motion passed unanimously.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved: That His Honor the Recorder be authorized to draft an Act for presentation to the Local Government at its present session giving this Council power to sell the present exhibition grounds and buildings if at a future date the Council decide by a majority vote to do so.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that No. 17 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 17, viz: Resolution of Alderman Lane *re* non-assessed contractors. (See minutes of Council, January 23rd, 1896.) Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said resolution be now adopted. Moved in amendment by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the resolution be referred to the Assessment Commission appointed by the Provincial Government. The amendment on being put was lost, three voting for the same and nine against it. Names being called for appeared thus:

For the Amendment.
Aldermen Stewart,
Hamilton,
Foster.—3.

Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, McFatrige,
Redden, Butler,
Mitchell, O'Donnell,
Hubley, Lane,
Ryan.—9.

The original resolution is now put and passed.

Alderman Hamilton gives notice of reconsideration.

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

The following resolution is now submitted :

Whereas, A Bill now before the Provincial Legislature proposes to take away from the City Council of Halifax the appointment of a civic officer and vests the same in the Government of the Province,

Resolved, That this Council protests against such legislation as an uncalled for and unjustifiable attack upon the privileges of this Council,

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the House of Assembly and Legislative Council;

Further Resolved, That steps be taken to procure the repeal of any legislation of a like character enacted in the past, and to secure to this Council the right of appointment of all officials for whose salaries the city is required to provide, and that the Recorder be authorized to prepare legislation to that effect.

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

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that No. 18 on Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 18, viz.: Resolution of Alderman Geldert *re* amending Building Act. (See Minutes of Council, January 23rd.)

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said resolution do now pass. Motion passed.

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

The Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

FEBRUARY 11TH, 1896.

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

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

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Stewart, Musgrave, Redden, Butler, Mitchell, Hamilton, McFatrige, Ryan, Creighton, Outhit, Lane and Eden.

The Council was summoned to appoint a Chief License Inspector, to consider applications for licenses to sell liquor in the City of Halifax, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

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

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

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers, viz.:

Resignation of John J. Inglis of position of Hay Weigher.

Application of Joseph Thompson for position of Hay Weigher.

Application of William Johnston for position of Hay Weigher.

Letter and resolution of Halifax Local Council of the National Council of Women of Canada, *re* protection of youths.

Report Special Committee on proposed Summer Carnival.

Letter Harriet F. Allison, Secretary of the Ladies' Auxilliary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, *re* Drinking Fountains.

Report from His Honor the Recorder, *re* suits City of Halifax versus Lithgow, and Ellis versus the City of Halifax.

Application of H. Havelock Banks, License Inspector, for position of License Inspector.

Letter H. Havelock Banks, License Inspector, covering applications, petitions, objections, declarations, evidence, and his several reports in respect to licenses for year 1896-97.

City Treasurer's Cash Statements, General, Water and Balances for month of January, 1896.

City Collector's returns of Rates and Water Rates collected during January, 1896.

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

Read report Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners re application of Thomas Bottomley for permission to operate a steam planing mill Atlantic and Plover Streets.

January 31st, 1896.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners met this day. Present, the Chairman, Aldermen Hamilton, Geldert, McFatrige and Redden.

Your board beg to report on the application of Thomas Bottomley for permission to operate a steam planing mill, Atlantic and Plover Streets, recommending that the same be granted.

JNO. F. RYAN, *Chairman*.

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

Read report Committee on City Prison recommending payment of accounts for month of January.

February 4th, 1896.

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

Your Committee beg to recommend for payment the following accounts, amounting to \$103.25. The same having been examined and found correct.

M. Scanlan & Son, \$10.85; R. N. McDonald, \$25.75; Billman, Chisholm & Co., \$10.95; H. H. Fuller & Co., \$5.65; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$16.56; Wm. Jordan, \$3.45; George Rent, \$18.67; Wm. Roche, \$11.07. Total \$103.25.

The Governor and Matrons returns for the month of January, 1896, are herewith submitted.

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

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Creighton.

Resolved, That the report of the City Prison Committee be adopted, and that the accounts named therein be paid. Motion passed.

Read Report Committee on Public Accounts recommending payment of sundry accounts.

February 11th, 1896.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to recommend that the following accounts having been certified and found correct be paid, viz.:—T. C. Allen & Co., for Printing and Stationery for December.

For City Collector, \$3.98; City Treasurer, \$0.49 and \$35.80; City Auditor, \$10.60; City Assessor, 48.70; City Clerk, \$15.23; City Recorder, \$9.25. Total \$124.05.

For January.—For City Auditor, \$1.62; City Treasurer, \$7.80; City Assessor, \$13.53; City Recorder, \$2.56; City Collector, \$25.94; City Clerk, \$15.79; Chief of Police, \$1.02. Total \$68.26.

Industrial School for Truants, \$60.00; Industrial School for other than Truants, \$279.74; Charles Annand, Chronicle, to Dec. 31st, 1895, \$6.00; Herald P. P. Co., Herald to Dec. 31st, 1895, \$3.00; St. Patrick's Home for Truants, \$193.55. Total \$737.60.

MINER T. FOSTER, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is 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 various accounts named therein amounting to \$737.60.

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

Read letter and resolution from the Halifax Local Council of the National Council of Women of Canada, petitioning the City Council to enact regulations to procure the better protection of the children and youth of this city. Placed on Order of the Day.

Read resignation of John J. Inglis as a City Hay Weigher.

Moved by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the resignation be accepted. Motion passed.

Read applications of Joseph Thompson and William Johnston for the position of Weigher of bundle Hay. Placed on Order of the Day with No. 18 thereon, viz. : " Letter of A. E. Cashen asking for appointment of a third weigher of bundle Hay and application of James Corish for said position."

Read letter Harriet F. Allison, Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, asking for permission to erect in some convenient place in the City a Drinking Fountain for animals. Placed on the Order of the Day.

Read report Special Committee on proposed Summer Carnival, recommending that the Council should support the undertaking by guaranteeing the sum of \$1,500, and that any legislation required be at once procured.

February 11th, 1896.

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

The committee appointed to consider the advisability of holding a Summer Carnival in this city during the present summer, and to confer with other bodies and societies in reference thereto, beg to make a further report as follows :

At a meeting of the committee of the Council with representatives of the Board of Trade and various other organizations, it was decided to appoint committees to canvass the various wards of the city with the object of seeing what financial support the citizens were disposed to give to the movement, the cost of which had been estimated as nearly as possible at six thousand dollars.

The collectors have not yet fully completed their work, but in one ward of the city, Ward Three, nearly two thousand dollars has already been subscribed, and it is anticipated that subscriptions in other wards will produce a total amount of at least four thousand five hundred dollars. As the proposed carnival will greatly benefit the trade of the city and produce good effects of a lasting character, and as the scheme now proposed is one that meets with general favor in the city, and has been the subject of favorable comment in other places, the committee are strongly of the opinion that this council should support the undertaking by guaranteeing the required balance of fifteen hundred dollars, and recommend that whatever legislation may be necessary for that purpose be at once procured.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

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

Read report from His Honor the Recorder informing the Council that in the suit brought by the City of Halifax against J. R. Lithgow the Supreme Court had given judgment against the City and that he had appealed the case; also that in the case *Ellis vs. City* the County Court had given judgment in favor of the City. Placed on Order of the Day.

CITY OF HALIFAX VS. LITHGOW.

February 11th, 1896.

A doubt having arisen as regards certain owners of property as to their liability for sidewalk rates when an old brick side walk was taken up which had been supplied under an old Act by the owner, a stated case was submitted to the Supreme Court and three Judges to two decided the owner under such circumstances was not liable. As the matter involved a liability to the City of about \$40,000, and being of opinion that the decision of the two Judges in favor of the City was correct, I have appealed and taken all the necessary steps to perfect it.

ELLIS VS. THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

This was an action brought against the City to recover for extra work and labor performed through an alleged mistake of the Assistant Engineer. The matter was tried before the County Court Judge, and Judgment given in favor of the City.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, Recorder.

Read City Treasurer's cash statements, "general," "water" and "balances" for January, 1896; also City Collector's returns of "rates" and "water rates" collected during the month of January. Filed.

In reference to No. 1 on the Order of the Day, viz: Alderman Hamilton's notice of reconsideration of resolution *re* non-assessed contractors, Alderman Hamilton says he does not intend to move for the reconsideration of the matter, and the item is dropped from the Order Paper.

Read application of H. Havelock Banks for position of Chief License Inspector for the City of Halifax. Moved by Alderman Mitchell, that Mr. Banks be appointed Chief License Inspector for the City of Halifax. Motion put and passed, thirteen voting for the same and one against it. The following named voting for the motion:—Aldermen Musgrave, Stewart, Redden, Butler, Hamilton, Mitchell, Hubley, Ryan, McFtridge, Foster, Creighton, Mosher, Outhit, and Alderman O'Donnell against it.

His Worship the Mayor declared H. Havelock Banks duly elected Chief License Inspector for the City of Halifax.

Read letter H. Havelock Banks, Chief License Inspector, covering applications, petitions, objections, declarations, evidence and his several reports in respect to Licenses applied for, for the license year 1896-97.

WARD NO. ONE.

Read report H. H. Banks, License Inspector, recommending that a license be granted to each of the following named applicants for Ward No. One:

Name.	Character of License.	Premises.
John Courtney,	Shop,	North side head Gas Lane.
James Finlay,	Shop,	17 Victoria Lane.