

## Read report City Engineer re water extension Chebucto Road.

## WATER EXTENSION CHEBUCTO ROAD.

September 29rd, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,--I beg to report on the accompanying petition from William MacKinlay asking for water extension to his house on Chebucto Road :—

The extension would be on the high service, and would require ninety feet of 6 inch pipe laid west from Windsor Street. The excavation would be largely rock. The estimated cost is

90 feet 6 inches pipe at 70c .....	\$63.00
1 6 inch valve .....	24.00
50 lbs. lead .....	1.50
Excavation and pipe laying .....	72.00
1 service pipe .....	20.00
	\$180.50
Interest at five per cent .....	9.02

I would recommend that the extension be made provided the petitioner will agree to pay a special rate. I recommend that the special rate be fixed at nine dollars (\$9.00) for the present ; to be reduced in the usual way. If the next house required water extension it would reduce the rate to about six dollars (6.00) ; but he is not prepared to take the water at present.

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

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

## Read report City Engineer re water extension Bilby Street.

## WATER EXTENSION BILBY STREET.

October 6th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water extension on Bilby Street. The extension would be on the high service. Length required, 270 feet. Estimated cost :—

4 inch pipe .....	\$113.40
180 lbs. lead .....	5.40
Excavation and pipe laying .....	162.00
Service pipes .....	105.00
	\$385.80
Interest at five per cent .....	19.29

The revenue will be considerably in excess of the interest. I would recommend that the extension be made.

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

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

## Read report City Engineer re water extension Roome Street.

## WATER EXTENSION ROOME STREET.

October 6th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—The petition for water extension on Roome Street is signed by sixteen persons. We are not in a position at present to supply any houses except those below North Starr Street. I will hold the petition until the water extension is decided on in Acadia Street and Kenny Street. In the meantime I beg to submit the following report on the extension of water from Campbell Road West to North Starr Street.

The supply would be high service, and we cannot guarantee a supply any higher

than North Starr Street. The extension would require 458 feet of 6 inch pipe. The estimated cost is:—

Pipe.....	\$380.60
1 6 inch valve.....	24.00
1 6 inch single branch.....	4.70
50 lbs. lead.....	1.50
358 feet of excavation and pipe laying at 50c.....	179.00
100 feet at.....	100.00
7 service pipes at \$15.00.....	105.00
2 " " 20.00.....	40.00

\$774.80

Interest at five per cent..... 38.74

The estimated revenue from nine houses is about the same as the interest, and I would recommend that the extension be made.

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

Moved by Alderman Creighton, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer re water extension Duffus Street.

WATER EXTENSION DUFFUS STREET.

October 6th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—In accordance with a resolution of Council, I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water extension on Duffus Street. The supply would be from the high service; but we cannot give a supply west of North Starr Street. The length of extension required from Campbell Road to North Starr Street would be 680 feet. The estimated cost is:—

Pipe.....	\$476.00
1 6 inch valve.....	24.00
1 6 inch double branch.....	5.74
100 lbs. lead.....	3.00
400 feet of excavation and pipe laying at \$1.50.....	600.00
200 feet at 70c.....	140.00
15 service pipes at \$18.00.....	270.00

\$1518.74

75.94

The estimated revenue from eighteen houses is not equal to the interest on the outlay. I would recommend, however, that the water be extended and that the special rate be fixed at \$5.00 for the present.

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

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

Read report City Engineer re Water Extension Pepperell Street.

WATER EXTENSION PEPPERELL STREET.

September 29th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—In accordance with a resolution of the Council, I beg to submit the following report on a petition for water extension on Pepperell Street:—

The supply would be high service; length of extension required four hundred and eighty (480) feet; number of houses to be supplied three (3). Estimated cost:—

6 inch pipe.....	\$336.00
1 6 inch valve.....	24.00
130 lbs. lead.....	3.90
Excavation and pipe laying.....	336.00
3 service pipes.....	60.00

\$759.90

Interest at five per cent..... 38.00

I would recommend that the extension be made, provided the petitioners will agree to pay a special rate. I would recommend that the special rate be fixed at present at twelve dollars and sixty-six cents (\$12.66).

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

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

Read report City Engineer re water extension Ross Street.

WATER EXTENSION ROSS STREET.

October 6th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water extension on Ross Street. Ross Street is graded only for a short distance west of Campbell Road. There is only one house on this part of the street, the property of Mrs. Munro. The other houses are on the top of the hill where the street is yet ungraded. The extension would be on the high service. Estimated cost:—

140 feet 4 inch pipe at 42c.....	\$58.80
1 4 inch valve .....	16.00
1 service pipe .....	15.00
140 feet excavation and pipe laying.....	56.00
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	\$145.80

The interest on the outlay would be..... 7.29

I would recommend that the extension be made, provided the property owner will agree to pay a special rate, and that the special rate be fixed by the Council at not less than \$7.29.

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

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

Read report City Engineer re Lockman Street, improvement.

LOCKMAN STREET IMPROVEMENT.

October 6th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In accordance with a resolution of the Council, considerable work was done on Lockman Street before the Summer Carnival in connection with the improvement of the street. On application to the City Treasurer for the amount of the pay roll that official pointed out an omission in the law, in the face of which it is doubtful if the money can be legally taken for this purpose. I understand that His Honor the Recorder, confirms the opinion of the City Treasurer. Under these circumstances the work was stopped. It was certainly the intention to perform all the work necessary in connection with the improvement and pay for it out of the same fund. I think the laying of the curb should be completed as far as Gerrish Street at least this season, and if the Council concur in this, I would recommend that the Works Department be authorized to proceed with the work, and that the necessary correction be made in the Legislation at the next session of Parliament so that we may be able to appropriate the money from the Lockman Street widening fund necessary to complete the whole improvement.

I would also recommend in this connection that sidewalks of tar and asphalt (or as it should be called, tar concrete) be laid on Lockman Street as soon as the curb is in position, the sidewalks to be laid under the Permanent Pavement Act. The street will be one of the best in the City as far as construction and width is concerned, and the sidewalk should correspond with the rest of the street.

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

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

Read report City Engineer *re* William Nisbet's property Lockman Street.

WM. NISBET'S PROPERTY LOCKMAN STREET.

October 6th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In making a plan for the widening of Lockman Street, the information obtained in reference to Wm. Nisbet's property, No. 157 Lockman Street, gave us the impression that there would be sufficient room to move the house back, and the plan was made accordingly. Subsequently we discovered that the building in the rear of the lot was not owned by Mr. Nisbet and that there would not be sufficient room to move the house back. The arbitrators were notified and an award was made for the whole property. Mr. Nisbet agrees to accept it and I would therefore recommend the passage of a resolution expropriating the whole property.

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

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

*Resolved*, That the amount awarded by the arbitrators for the whole of the property owned on Lockman Street by William Nisbet be paid by His Worship the Mayor, to Mr. Nisbet on a deed conveying a good title to the City of said property.

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

Read report City Engineer on letter of J. C. Mackintosh calling attention to the necessity for additional light on Almon Street between Windsor and Robie Streets. Filed.

ALMON STREET LIGHTING.

October 6th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor.*

SIR,—Referring to the accompanying letter from J. C. Mackintosh in reference to the necessity for additional lights on Almon Street between Robie Street and Windsor Street, there is no question that it would be better to have some lights at this place ; but the same condition exists on several other streets, and we are not in a position to remedy them, as the total appropriation for street lightning will be required for the lights now in use. If the Council decide to place more lights here it will be necessary to provide a larger sum in the estimates in December.

With reference to the speed of the cars after dark, the Council have the power to deal with the question, and I presume that the question of speed on all streets will be considered in connection with the time-table that the Company have been asked to submit.

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

Read letter from the President of the Local Council of Women of Halifax *re* Police Matron and Patrol Waggon.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the same be referred to the Police Commissioners for their consideration. Motion passed.

Read letter from J. T. Walke complaining of a violation of the Building Act by Hiram Sinfield at Nos. 81 and 83 South Brunswick St.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the matter be referred to the Inspector of Buildings for report. Motion passed.

Read report of the Inspector of Buildings of a violation of the



Building Act on the North side of Morris Street, No. 65, and owned by A. E. Jones.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder to carry into effect the provisions of the Building Act in this matter. Motion passed.

Read petition of Bentley & Layton and others for granite curb and gutter on the East side of Argyle Street from Prince Street to Sackville Street.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the said petition be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of T. A. Covey, et al for permission to continue operating the factory at 166 Grafton Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Redden, that this matter be referred to the Board of Fire Commissioners for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of W. H. Hamilton and others for sewer in Chestnut Place.

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read letter of City Clerk covering accounts of T. C. Allen & Co. for the consideration of the Committee on Public Accounts.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts. Motion passed.

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

October 6th, 1896.

The Board of Fire Wardens and Fire Commissioners beg to report that they have examined the following accounts and recommend the same for payment: I. B. Shaffner & Co., \$180.23; John O'Connell, \$13.34; Isaac Sallis, \$5.00; Black Bros. & Co., \$5.25 and \$2.70 = \$7.95; R. Martin & Co., \$71.30; William Roche, \$6.65 and \$9.98 = \$16.63; John Tobin & Co., \$5.75; Brown & Webb, \$5.04; Knight & Munro, \$1.00 and \$1.00 = \$2.00; Forsyth, Sutcliffe & Co., \$20.25; Austen Bros., \$12.54; Power & Co., \$19.97; John G. Colp, \$120.38 and \$6.39 = \$126.77; Daniel McLeod, \$8.68 and \$9.84 = \$18.52; Davidson Bros., \$2.70 and 4.80 = \$7.50. Total, \$512.79.

JNO. F. RYAN, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

*Resolved*, That the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts named therein.

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

Read letter from Fire Engineers Condon, Fabie and Young asking that their salaries be placed at the amount formerly received by them viz: \$400 each.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman McFatridge,

that the same be referred to the Board of Fire Commissioners for report. Motion passed.

Read returns of City Treasurer and City Collector for month of September. Filed.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :—

*Whereas*, The sidewalks on the West side of Hollis Street, between Salter Street and Morris Street, and on the East side between Bishop Street and Morris Street, are in a most unsatisfactory condition.

*Therefore Resolved*, That the City Engineer be instructed to report on the advisability of constructing an asphalt sidewalk in the said blocks.

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

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

*Resolved*, That the City Engineer be and is hereby requested to report to this Council at an early day the advisability of extending Charles St. through to Creighton and Gottingen Streets.

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

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the City Engineer be instructed to report on the advisability of expropriating a building on the west side of Upper Water Street, opposite Cunard's Wharf, for the purpose of straightening said street. Motion passed.

Alderman Musgrave, by leave of Council, submits the report of the Committee on Cold Storage. The same is now read.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Eden, that said report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report on the advisability of any concession fund to be necessary, taking the form of a subsidy instead of tax exemption as at present reported, and to report thereon if possible at next meeting of Council. Motion passed.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1. Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of resolution to pay accounts of Arbitrators on Lockman Street widening.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 9 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared :—

For the resolution.

Ald. McFatrige, Lane,  
O'Donnell, Eden,  
Creighton, Hubley,  
Outhit—7

Against it.

Ald. Musgrave, Faulkner.  
Ryan, Butler,  
Hamilton, Campbell,  
Foster, Geldert,  
Redden—9

Read No. 2. Viz :—Clause 1 of report of Board of Fire Wards and Commissioners *re* present condition of Fire Alarm System, &c.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the matter be referred back to the Board of Fire Commissioners for further consideration and report, and also to take into consideration the advisability of appointing a City Electrician who shall have full control over all electric light, telephone and power wires in the City. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

October 19th, 1896.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present:—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Mosher, Creighton, Hubley and O'Donnell.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, 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 Mitchell Hamilton, Butler, Redden, Campbell, Faulkner, Eden, and Geldert.

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.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Report City Engineer *re* Argyle St. curb and gutters.

Report City Engineer *re* Agricola St. extension.

Report City Engineer *re* Sewer Chestnut Place.

Letter City Clerk covering account of Morning Herald Printing and Publishing Company.

Report City Engineer *re* amending metre rates for water.

Letter from J. E. Wood, Sec.-Treas. Fairview Cemetery Company with account for burial of wife of Solomon Richardson.

Report of His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder on account from Monastery of Good Shepherd for maintenance of females.

Report His Honor the Recorder *re* Arbitrators' valuation of certain property on Lockman Street covering letter of S. M. Brookfield.

Report His Honor the Recorder *re* violation of Building Act on Grafton Street covering a letter from John W. Ruhland relative thereto.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder *re* suit City of Halifax vs. Jones.

Letter from Arbitrators on widening of Quinpool Road *re* payment of the Arbitrators' fees.

Letter from the City Treasurer *re* loans for widening Lockman Street and Quinpool Road.

Letter from the Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Association asking for the appointment of a City Electrician and Inspector of electric wiring.

Petition of Henry Baker and others for a market building.

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

Read report City Engineer *re* laying of a granite curb and gutter on the east side of Argyle Street from Prince Street to Sackville Street.

ARGYLE STREET CURB AND GUTTER.

October 19, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—In accordance with a resolution of Council, I beg to report on the accompanying petition from residents and property owners on the east side of Argyle St. between Sackville Street and Prince Street. This is the only block, (with one exception,) in Argyle Street without a curb. This block is increasing rapidly in business importance, number of stores and business places, etc. The sidewalk on the east side is in an unsatisfactory condition, and it is difficult to improve it unless a curb is laid. The estimated cost of granite curb and gutter is \$760.00. I would recommend that the work be performed under the Permanent Pavement Act.

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

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer on petition for the construction of a road through the Hennessey property from Agricola Street to connect with the street laid out by the Halifax Land Company.

AGRICOLA STREET EXTENSION,

October 19th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—In accordance with a resolution of Council, I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking that a road be constructed through the Hennessey property from Agricola Street to connect with the street laid out by the Halifax Land Company. This extension has been before the Council for some time, and it is necessary that it should be made in the near future. The portion of it laid out through the Hennessey property has been valued by appraisers (William Woodill, W. J. Veith and James Shand) who are of the opinion that a street sixty feet wide would be a benefit to the Hennessey property, instead of an injury, and consequently they did not make any award for that width. Further, the Misses Hennessey when pressing their claim for damages on the new pipe line produced a plan before the arbitrators showing it to be their intention to divide the property into building lots, and showing a street laid off in exactly the position that the extension of Agricola Street would occupy. Under these circumstances, they could not in justice claim any remuneration. The Council have passed a resolution authorizing the Works Department to open a sixty foot street through the Hennessey property if the land required could be purchased at a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200). That amount was offered to the Misses Hennessey, but up to the present it has not been accepted. The portion of the street laid out through Mr. J. E. Roy's property has been purchased by the City at a cost of two hundred dollars (\$200). Dr. Walker's property has been sold to Mr. C. W. Hayward. I have had an interview with Mr. Hayward, and he offers to give a deed of the street through his property to the City provided the City will bear the legal expense in connection with it. The City has adopted a course in connection with the taking over of new streets which requires the grading of the streets before they can be accepted. This case seems to be one which should be dealt with on its merits. Agricola Street when completed will be practically one continuous street from the Park to Rockhead, and under these circumstances it would not be wise to lose an opportunity to acquire any portion of it when it can be obtained without cost. As mentioned above, the City has already paid two hundred dollars (\$200) for the portion through Mr. Roy's property. This part of the street cannot be opened legally until it connects with a street at each end. I would therefore recommend that a deed from Mr. Hayward of the streets through his property be accepted by the Council, provided the title is satisfactory to His Honor the Recorder.

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

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

Read report City Engineer *re* sewer Chestnut Place.

SEWER CHESTNUT PLACE.

October 19, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

Sir, in accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the petition for the construction of a sewer in Chestnut Place. Frequent complaints have been made during the last year or two respecting the unsanitary condition of the old drain on Chestnut Place, and premises abutting on the street. The old drain cannot be flushed out except by digging up the street, and there is no ventilation. The sewer gas finds its way into the houses. The estimated cost is \$850.00. Estimated assessment \$650.00. I would recommend that this sewer be placed on the Order Book, to be constructed in its turn.

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

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

Read report of City Engineer recommending a reduction of the water meter rates. Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter of City Clerk covering accounts of the Morning Herald Printing and Publishing Company.

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

Read report of His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder on the account of the Home of the Good Shepherd for maintenance of female offenders. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report of His Honor the Recorder *re* Arbitrators' valuation of certain property on Lockman Street, covering a letter from S. M. Brookfield, chairman of the Arbitrators, relative thereto. Filed.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

October 19th, 1896.

DEAR SIR,—I made the necessary enquiries from the arbitrators relative to the value of certain property on Lockman Street and I now enclose you the Chairman's reply thereto.

W. F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

Oct. 6th, 1896.

*To W. F. MacCoy, Esq.*

*Recorder, City of Halifax.*

Dear Sir,—Your letter of September 23rd, *re* Lockman Street came to hand during my absence from the City. In answer beg to say that the Arbitrators respectfully decline to furnish any information relative to their award neither would it be in the interest of the City.

I am Dear Sir.

Yours respectfully.

S. M. BROOKFIELD,

*Chairman, Arbitrators.*

Read report of His Honor the Recorder *re* violation of the Building Act on Grafton Street by John W. Ruhland, covering a letter from Mr. Ruhland on the subject.



## IN RE VIOLATION OF BUILDING ACT IN GRAFTON STREET.

October 16th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

I enclose a note herewith received from Mr. Ruhland on the above subject. I saw him to-day and he informed me the work has been commenced and would have been finished were it not for the wet weather. I have asked the Engineer and Inspector to ascertain if it is done to their satisfaction.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

The following resolution is now introduced:—

*Resolved*, that Mr. John Ruhland be granted sixty days to construct the wall at the house No. — Grafton Street, to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector, otherwise the Recorder be instructed to enforce the law.

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

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder announcing the termination of the Suit the City *vs.* Jones, an action to test the liability of agents of steamers to pay a license fee to the City.

CITY *vs.* JONES.

October 16th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

The Council will remember that a special case was prepared in the above cause in order to test the liability of agents of steamers to pay the license fee under the law. Judgment was given in favor of the city but the defendant gave notice of appeal to the supreme court at Ottawa. Mr. Jones a few days ago called on me and withdrew the appeal, and the amount will be paid in a short time. This case settles the liability of all steamships to pay a license fee to the City.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

On motion the same was ordered to be fyled and a copy thereof forwarded to the City Collector.

Read letter from M. E. Keefe asking that the arbitrators in *re* Widening Quinpool Road be paid their fees.

Alderman Ryan takes his seat in the Council.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said Arbitrators be tendered the sum of three hundred dollars each for their services as such arbitrators.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that they be paid the sum of four hundred dollars each. Said amendment on being put is lost, three voting for the same and ten against it:—

Names being called for there appeared:—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Ryan,  
Hubley,  
Mosher.—3.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Faulkner,  
Campbell, Redden,  
Butler, Hamilton,  
Mitchell, O'Donnell,  
Eden, Creighton.—10.

The original resolution is now put and passed.

Read letter of the City Treasurer stating that the sums borrowed on account of Lockman Street and Quinpool Road Widening had been overdrawn, and recommending that the sum of \$22,000 be provided to meet the indebtedness.

October 19th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor ;*

SIR,—I beg to inform your Worship and City Council that the sums borrowed on account of Lockman Street and Quinpool Road widening have been overdrawn.

Lockman Street to the extent of.....	\$15,020.86
Quinpool Road “ “ .....	6,749.39

Making a total unprovided for..... 21,770.25

As there are large payments to be met during the next two months, and the half yearly interest on the civic debt becomes due on January 1st, next ; I would recommend that either debentures be issued for \$22,000 on above account or an arrangement be made with the Bank to provide the necessary funds.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,  
 W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

The following resolution is now introduced :—

*Resolved*, that additional debentures be issued by the City for the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars under the Act relating to the Widening of Lockman and Quinpool Street Acts for the purpose of paying the awards made under said Acts for said streets, and that the same be advertised for.

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

Read letter from the Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Association asking for the appointment of a thoroughly competent person as City Electrician and Inspector of Electric Wiring at Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the same be referred to the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of Henry Baker and others for a City Market Building.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works and the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners together with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Fairview Cemetery Company relative to the burial of paupers, and covering an account for the burial of the wife of Solomon Richardson.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the account be returned Mr. Wood the Secretary-Treasurer of the Company and that he be informed that the City repudiates any liability in the matter. Motion passed.

Alderman Ryan, by leave of Council, submits a report from the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph relative to danger from overhead wires coming in contact with the trolley wires. The same was read.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the same be referred to the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that No. 14 on order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 14, viz. : Report City Health Board *re* unsanitary condition of Brunswick Court. Report City Engineer on petition of John L. McEachren and others for sewer Brunswick Court.

## EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF CITY HEALTH BOARD.

April 21st, 1896.

Read report from N. Meagher, Sanitary Inspector *re* unsanitary condition of the cellars in Brunswick Court on account of improper drainage in said Court. Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Mr. W. H. Neal, that said report be transmitted to the City Council for their information. Motion passed.

A true extract,

N. MEAGHER, *Secretary*.

April 21st, 1896.

*To the Chairman and Members of the City Health Board :*

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with your resolution of the 7th instant, requesting me to investigate and report as to the sanitary condition of the cellars in Brunswick Court; I did so on the 14th inst., with the following result :

No. 2, owned and occupied by John McEachren; drain defective, several inches of water under kitchen floor, street drain clogged up.

No. 4, owned and occupied by James R. Reynolds; space beneath kitchen floor very damp and very bad smell in kitchen.

No. 6, owned and occupied by George Hooper; cellar in fair condition, waste pipe well trapped.

No. 8, owned and occupied by Eli Rogers; cellar wet and offensive smell in basement.

No. 7, controlled by King & Barss, occupied by Mrs. Valentine; drainage very bad, several inches of liquid filth under basement floor, woodwork around sink all decayed.

N. MEAGHER, *Sanitary Inspector*.

## SEWER BRUNSWICK COURT.

June 4th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for a sewer in Brunswick Court:—It is signed by five gentlemen who I presume represent some, and perhaps all, of the property. The length of sewer required would be about one hundred and fifty (150) feet. There are several houses in the Court and the rear of the Alexandra School fronts on the Court also. The Health Inspector has reported several of the properties damp, and some of them have water on the floor. I think it is a bad precedent to establish to construct a sewer in a place like Brunswick Court. A 9 inch crock pipe would be sufficient to drain it, and the cost of the sewer would probably be less than the amount of frontage tax to be paid by the properties. The City is not desirous of making a profit on such work, and it would be cheaper for the property owners to put in a drain paying for it jointly. It seems to me that there should be some way of compelling the property owners to drain their premises to Cornwallis Street Sewer at their own expense. It would be cheaper for them and in the interest of Public Health, it is very desirable that a proper drain should be laid; but I do not feel justified in recommending it until it can be shown that there is no other means of obtaining it unless the City constructs it.

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

The following resolution is now introduced:—

*Resolved*, that the sewer be built, if the Engineer will recommend the construction of the same.

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

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Redden, that No. 15 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 15, viz.: Report Special Committee on Salaries of Civic Officials. Petition City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk asking that the amounts deducted from the salaries of their offices be restored.

On motion the report of the special committee on salaries is considered clause by clause.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL,

August 6th, 1896.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Special Committee on Salaries beg leave to present the following report :

Your committee would recommend—

1st.—That all salaries paid officials in the City Hall appear in the estimates, and under "probable income" there appear from Water and other accounts from which salaries are paid a sufficient sum to cover the said salaries.

2nd.—That the salaries of all officials now in office remain as at present and be not increased except as provided for in a scale herewith submitted governing the salaries of future appointees to civic offices.

3rd.—That all vacancies in the different departments be filled in future as far as practicable by promotion, taking into consideration the qualifications of the candidates.

4th.—That the City Auditor be made responsible that proper accounts are kept in the different departments and have power with the sanction of His Worship the Mayor to alter the positions of the clerical staff whenever he may deem it advisable so to do in the interests of the City.

5th.—That the draft ordinance now on the order paper relative to the book-keeping, &c., &c., of the City be adopted and passed by the City Council.

6th.—That the scheme for superannuation of civic officials as per draft submitted be adopted.

7th.—That the present Auditor, John A. Bell, be retired on an allowance of \$1000.00 per annum and the present Treasurer, W. L. Brown, be appointed Auditor and J. J. Hopewell, book-keeper in the Works Department, be appointed Treasurer.

8th.—That His Honor the Recorder be appointed Public Prosecutor at the salary fixed for the joint office in the scale referred to in clause 2 of this report.

Your committee are informed and believe that such an appointment is very necessary in the interest of the public and also would result in a saving of the public money.

9th.—That all appointments to subordinate positions and the salaries thereof in Poor Asylum, City Prison and Fire Department be left to the committees in charge of these departments subject to the approval of the City Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE MUSGRAVE, *Acting Chairman.*

## SCALE OF SALARIES OF FUTURE APPOINTEES TO CIVIC OFFICES.

OFFICIALS.	Minimum.	Increase per year.	Maximum.
Magistrate .....	\$2000 00	.....	2000 00
Recorder and Public Prosecutor .....	2000 00	.....	2000 00
City Auditor .....	1200 00	100 00	1500 00
City Clerk .....	1000 00	100 00	1300 00
City Collector .....	3200 00	100 00	3500 00
City Treasurer .....	900 00	100 00	1200 00
Assistant City Clerk (present incumbent to receive \$800 from May 1st, 1897.) .....	600 00	100 00	800 00
2nd Assistant City Clerk .....	400 00	50 00	600 00
3rd " " " " .....	200 00	25 00	400 00
1st Clerk in Collector's Office .....	500 00	50 00	600 00
2nd " " " " .....	500 00	50 00	600 00
Typewriter " " " " .....	250 00	50 00	350 00
Chief City Assessor .....	1000 00	50 00	1200 00
Assistant " " " " .....	800 00	50 00	1000 00
2nd " " " " .....			
That no new appointment be made to this office, but if necessary a boy appointed to attend in office at a salary of .....	200 00	25 00	300 00
Librarian .....	400 00	25 00	450 00
Assistant Librarian .....	250 00	25 00	350 00
Inspector of Health .....	650 00	50 00	800 00
Assistant " " " " .....	500 00	50 00	600 00
Medical Officer .....	700 00	50 00	800 00
Plumbing Inspector .....	700 00	50 00	800 00
Keeper of Infectious Hospital .....	420 00	30 00	480 00
City Engineer .....	1800 00	100 00	2000 00
1st Assistant City Engineer .....	1000 00	100 00	1300 00
2nd " " " " .....			
3rd " " " " .....			
These positions only to be filled temporary when required, and salaries to be arranged when employed.			
Janitor and Matron City Hall .....	600 00	50 00	700 00
Clerk of Works, (present incumbent to receive \$900 from 1st May, 1897.) .....	650 00	50 00	900 00
Assistant Clerk of Works .....	500 00	50 00	700 00
Foreman of Streets, (present incumbent to receive \$1000 from May 1st, 1897.) .....	700 00	50 00	1000 00
Foreman of Water Department .....	700 00	50 00	1000 00
Caretaker City Property .....			
The duties of this office to be performed by Chief of Fire Department when vacated by present incumbent .....			
Caretaker Exhibition Building .....			
Referred to New Exhibition Commission.			
Water Inspector .....			
This position be abolished when vacated by present incumbent.			
Foreman Work Shop .....	550 00	50 00	700 00
Superintendent Poores Asylum .....	700 00	50 00	900 00
Clerk " " " " .....	400 00	50 00	600 00
Governor and Matron Rockhead .....	1000 00	50 00	1200 00
Superintendent Public Gardens .....	800 00	50 00	1000 00
Typewriter Works Department .....	250 00	50 00	400 00
License Inspector .....	900 00	50 00	1000 00



AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO BOOK-KEEPING, AUDIT AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEVERAL CIVIC DEPARTMENTS.

All accounts against any Department of the City Government shall first pass the Committee authorizing the expenditure and be then sent by the City Clerk at regular periods, say every month, to the Committee of Public Accounts, who shall examine them and report them to the Council.

After passing the Council the City Clerk shall draw warrants on the Treasurer for payment and attach the same to the bill and return them to the creditor, who will present the bill with warrant attached to the Treasurer. The Treasurer to pay the bills and keep all vouchers.

This is to apply to Department of City Works as well as other spending departments. The Clerk of Works if necessary can have accounts against his department rendered in duplicate and keep one copy for reference.

The Treasurer to be responsible that no appropriation is overdrawn without consent of the City Council. He is to keep all the accounts of the City and to attend to loans, &c., as at present.

The City Auditor not to be required to keep any books; but to be responsible that the books of all the departments are properly kept and regularly posted; to audit all the books and to verify the Treasurer's balances at least once a month. He should have power to alter the system of book-keeping in any of the offices and to direct such books to be kept as he shall think necessary. He should certify all statements submitted to the Council from any of the Departments and submit a report on the general condition of affairs every year or whenever required to do so by the Mayor or City Council.

All money belonging to the City shall be paid by the City Treasurer, who shall give receipts therefor, and no payment shall be made by any one except the Treasurer.

The Committee of Public Accounts should keep a register in which should be entered all bills passed, showing names, amounts, and the Committee authorizing the same. This would be of great assistance in detecting bills twice rendered or the same items charged twice in different bills.

S. MOSHER.

A. W. REDDEN.

PROPOSED SCHEME OF SUPERANNUATION FOR CITY OF HALIFAX.

All employees in or under the several Departments of the City Government who are paid a yearly salary and are employed in an established capacity shall be entitled to participate in the benefits of the Fund.

A retiring allowance may be granted to any person qualified as above who has served in an established capacity for ten years or upwards, and who has attained the age of sixty years, or is incapacitated by infirmity from properly performing his duties, calculated on his average yearly salary for the then past three years, and not exceeding the following rates, viz: One-fiftieth of such annual salary for every year of service, not to exceed in any case 35/50ths.

No allowance shall be granted to any person until after inquiry by a committee:

(a) As to whether the superannuation will result in benefit to the service.

(b) Whether it has become necessary in consequence of his mental or physical infirmity. And no person shall be superannuated unless the committee report such superannuation will be in the public interest. But any official having obtained the age of sixty years and having 35 years' service may claim superannuation as of right.

A deduction shall be made from the salary of every person in the City employ to whom this regulation shall apply of  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  to be deducted from the pay every month.

Retirement shall be compulsory on every person to whom superannuation is offered.

A refund equal to the amount paid in without interest shall be paid to any employee obliged to quit the service on account of infirmity before becoming entitled to allowance. The same refund shall be made to the representatives of any person dying in the service. But employees discharged for cause or resigning of their own free will shall not receive any refund.

The City to contribute the sum of \$2,400 per annum for ten years, to be paid in monthly instalments, and the Treasurer of the fund shall invest the said sum monthly as received, together with the percentage deducted from officials' salaries, in some chartered bank at interest.



No retiring allowance shall be charged to the Fund for ten years; but it shall accumulate at compound interest during that period. After the expiry of ten years the interest only of the capital and the percentage paid by officials shall be available for payment of retiring allowances.

Should the amount required to pay allowances exceed interest on capital and percentages, all allowances shall be reduced proportionally.

Persons over 30 years of age or persons in ill health shall not be eligible for appointments in City employ.

A Commission consisting partly of members of City Council and partly of officials shall be appointed to manage the Fund with the proper restrictions as to investments, etc.

ESTIMATE OF AMOUNT OF PROPOSED FUND FOR SUPERANNUATION AT THE END OF  
TEN (10) YEARS.

Yearly contribution by the City .....	\$2,400.00
Yearly contribution by officials, 3½ p. c. on \$34,000 .....	1,190.00
	\$3,590.00
\$3,590 a year for ten years compounded at 4 p. c. per annum equals .....	\$ 44,101
\$44,101 at 4 p. c. equals .....	\$1,764.00
Yearly contributions from officials .....	1,190.00
Yearly amt. available for pensions at end of ten years .....	\$2,954.00

POSSIBLE CLAIMS THAT COULD COME ON SUPERANNUATION FUND IN TEN (10) YEARS  
FROM 1895.

OFFICIAL	Salary.	Length of Service.	Age.	Superannuation Allowance.
Recorder .....	\$ 1,200	17	65	\$ 408
City Clerk .....	1,200	25	65	600
City Assessor .....	1,200	22	64	528
Assistant do., Cairns .....	1,000	16	65	320
Health Inspector Meagher .....	800	39	65	560
John McDonald .....	880	44	72	616
Thos. Spelman .....	1,200	18	65	432
Governor Murray .....	1,000	24	74	500
Richard Power .....	1,000	32	64	640
J. B. Scriven .....	700	18	72	252
				\$4,856

Read clause 1. That all salaries of paid officials appear in the estimates.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 2. *Re* scale of salaries of officials now in office remaining as at present, etc.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this clause pass

The following amendment is now introduced:—

*Resolved*, that all the words of the report after the word "that" in the first section be omitted and the following substituted:

1. That in recognition of the long and faithful services of the present City Auditor, John A. Bell, he be permitted to retire on the first day of November next ensuing, and that he be paid his present salary until the end of the fiscal year, after which he shall be entitled to receive a superannuation allowance of one thousand dollars per annum. The Recorder to prepare any necessary legislation to be submitted at the next session of the Provincial Legislature.

2. That from and after the retirement of the present Auditor on the first day of November next, the duties of the office be assumed by the present Treasurer, W. L. Brown, who shall be paid his present salary until the end of the present fiscal year after which he shall receive the salary of \$1500 per annum, to be provided for in the estimates.

3. That the duties of Treasurer be transferred to the office of and be performed by the present City Clerk, who shall thereafter be known as the City Clerk and Treasurer; that the City Clerk be paid his present salary until the end of the fiscal year, the salary to be paid after that date to be considered when the estimates are made up.

4. That in consideration of the payment of his full salary until the end of the fiscal year the present Auditor be requested to continue in the office until that time, and to give such assistance as he can to his successor.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Campbell, and passed—eight voting for the same and five against it.

Names being called for there appeared:—

For the Amendment.  
Aldermen Geldert, Faulkner,  
Campbell, Hamilton,  
Redden, Mitchell,  
O'Donnell, Creighton.—8.

Against it.  
Aldermen Ryan,  
Butler,  
Hubley,  
Eden,  
Mosher.—5.

Alderman Butler gives notice of re-consideration.

Read petition of City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk asking that the amounts deducted from the salaries of their offices to superannuate the late City Clerk be restored.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

*Resolved*, that Mr. Trenaman and Mr. Monaghan receive the several amounts that the late Mr. Rhind and Mr. Trenaman received at the time of Mr. Rhind's superannuation to date from the time of Mr. Rhind's death.

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

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

Council adjourns 11.20 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

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8.10 o'clock.

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October 27th, 1896.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Faulkner, Foster and Eden.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, 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 Ryan, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Hamilton, Redden, Campbell, Butler, Geldert, Musgrave, McFatrige, Outhit, Creighton, Lane and Hubley.

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 Butler submits a petition from Maurice Kavanagh *et al* relative to water flooding their cellars on Lower Water Street.

Alderman Butler, Chairman, submits two reports from the Committee on Charities.

Alderman O'Donnell submits a petition from John W. Lewin and others for a sewer Quinpool Road.

Alderman Ryan, Chairman, submits a report from the Board of Fire Commissioners on various matters.

Alderman Eden submits a petition from D. J. Smith and others, owners of properties expropriated by the City for the widening of Lockman Street for reimbursement of monies paid out by them in obtaining the amount of their awards.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Reports (8) from the City Engineer, viz:—

*Re* Sewer Young Street.

" Sewer Brunswick Court.

" Extension of Young Street (No. 3) to Bloomfield Street.

" Water Extension Yale Street.

" Water Extension Kenny and Acadia Streets.

" Water Tax Charitable Institutions.

" Streets Appropriation.

" Tenders for Coal.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder covering letter from the Acting Deputy Minister of Justice *re* certain amendments to the Criminal Code.

Letter from John MacInnis, one of the Arbitrators in the matter of Quinpool Road Widening asking that he be paid his fees.

Application of Chris. T. Connolly for appointment as a weigher of hay.

Report of Building Inspector of a violation of the Building Act on East side of Granville Street, by W. H. Donovan.

Reports Coal Measurers for months of August and September.

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

Read report City Engineer *re* tenders for coal.

October 26th, 1896.

TENDERS FOR COAL.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report that the following tenders have been received for coal :—

NAME.	Coal.	Ton 2000 lbs.	Ton 2240 lbs.	Chaldron.
Wm. Roche.	Acadia Nut .....	\$2.70	\$3.00	
	Acadia Lump .....			5.25
	Vale Nut .....	2.33	2.63	
	Albion Lump .....		3.73	
	Run of Mine .....		2.83	
	Slack .....		3.13	
	Do. at Cotton Siding .....		3.23	
S. Cunard & Co.	Old Sydney .....			5.25
	Cape Breton, Run of Mine ..	2.30	2.60	
	Albion, Run of Mine .....	2.55	2.85	
	Cape Breton Nut .....	2.55	2.85	
	Albion Slack .....	2.85	3.20	At Cotton Siding.
H. D. McKenzie	Old Sydney .....			5.25
	Drummond Nut .....	2.60	2.90	
	Old Sydney .....			5.25

William Roche is the lowest tenderer for Nut Coal (\$2.33 per ton of 2,000 pounds;) but in my opinion it would not be advisable to accept it. The Janitor of the City Hall informs me that he has tried all the nut coals in the furnace, and that he finds the Acadia Nut Coal to be the cleanest, making less ash, soot and smoke than the others. It is the quickest and best heating coal and gives more satisfaction than any of the others. Under these circumstances, I would recommend that Acadia Nut Coal be purchased for the furnace at the price named in tender.

We formerly burnt Acadia Nut Coal in the steam roller as it made little smoke, and is the best steam coal. Recently we have tried Old Sydney Lump Coal, as the Nut Coal is not suitable for the furnace of the roller. This coal gives fair satisfaction, but is too dirty for use on the Streets; and I would therefore recommend that Acadia Lump Coal be purchased for the roller. It does not clog the tubes so rapidly as the Sydney Coal besides avoiding as far as possible the smoke nuisance.

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

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Edén, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter from City Engineer *re* Street Appropriation and repairs to Streets. Fyled.

STREET APPROPRIATION.

October 27, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—During the last two years the street appropriation has been expended in such a way that a portion of the money was left for winter work. All bills were paid and

no over-expenditure made. This year our calculations have been upset by the elements. The damage done by the recent rains, especially that on the 18th, has been enormous. It will require thousands of dollars to place the streets in as good condition as they were before the rain. In some cases expensive work which had been completed just previous to the storm was partially washed out again. Many of the washouts have left the streets in a dangerous condition, and they cannot be allowed to remain in that state during the winter. The spring rains will cause further damage unless repairs are made at once. Under these circumstances, we are proceeding with repairs, and I would respectfully ask the Council to endorse the course adopted by this Department, as it must result in an over-expenditure of the appropriation.

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

Read report City Engineer *re* amounts paid by Charitable and other institutions for water rates. Placed on Order Paper to be considered with No. 18 thereon, viz: Report City Engineer recommending a reduction of the water meter rates.

Read report City Engineer *re* Water Extension Kenny and Acadia Streets.

October 27th, 1896.

WATER EXTENSION KENNY AND ACADIA STREETS.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water extension on Kenny and Acadia Streets. The extension will be on the high service, and will require 510 feet of 6-inch pipe on Kenny Street and 550 feet on Acadia Street.

The estimated cost is:—

1,060 feet 6 inch pipe, .70.....	\$742 00
3 6 in. valves.....	72 00
1 6 in. double branch.....	5 74
400 lbs. lead.....	12 00
20 single branches for fire plugs.....	9 40
510 ft. excavation and pipe laying.....	.70 357 00
550 ft. " ".....	.90 495 00
4 service pipes.....	\$16.00 64 00
6 " ".....	20 00 120 00
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	\$1,877 14
Interest on outlay at 5%.....	\$93 85

The estimated revenue is less than the interest on the outlay. I would recommend, however, that the extension be made provided the water takers will agree to pay a special rate, and further, that the special rate be fixed by the Council at nine dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$9.38) for the present.

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

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

Read report City Engineer *re* Water Extension Yale Street.

WATER EXTENSION YALE STREET.

October 27th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water supply to houses on Yale Street. The extension will be on the high service, and will require 260 feet of pipe in Harvard Street and 630 feet in Yale Street. The estimated cost is:—

890 ft. of 6 inch pipe .....	70	\$623 00
2 6 inch valves .....		48 00
1 6 " single branch .....		5 10
150 lbs lead .....		4 50
1 16x6 saddle .....		3 00
Excavation and pipe laying .....		1,012 50
10 service pipes .....		250 00
		\$1,946 10

Interest on outlay at 5% .....

\$97 30

Estimated revenue from ten (10) houses .....

40 00

These streets are not the property of the city. They have been laid out sixty feet wide, and while the roadways are not formed they require very little (if any) grading. I would recommend that the water be extended, provided there are no encroachments on the street, and that the water-takers will agree to pay a special rate. Further, that the special rate be fixed by the Council at nine dollars and seventy-three cents (\$9.73) for the present.

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

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

Read report of City Engineer on petition for Extension of Young Street No. 3 (so called) to Bloomfield Street. Placed on the Order of the day.

Read report City Engineer *re* Brunswick Court Sewer.

BRUNSWICK COURT SEWER.

October 27th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I have received a copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of Council, as follows:—*Resolved*, that the sewer be built, if the Engineer will recommend the construction of the same." The above resolution refers to a sewer in Brunswick Court. I have already reported on this matter, and fear the establishment of a precedent. There is no question that 9 inch pipe is as much a sewer as even a concrete or brick structure. I am informed by some members of the Council that the property owners are desirous of having a sewer constructed by the City, and the usual tax assessed against them. Under these circumstances, and on consideration of the report of the Health Inspector, I would recommend that the sewer be constructed.

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

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

Read report City Engineer *re* Young Street Sewer.

YOUNG STREET SEWER.

October 26th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—Young Street has never been in a satisfactory condition during my term of service with the City, and it is an utter impossibility to keep it in good order without a good sewer throughout the whole length. The recent rains have washed it out badly, and it is washed out with every heavy rain we have. I have seen enough money spent on it to pay for more than the City's proportion of the cost of a sewer. I consider it a waste of money to continue the course we are following, and I would recommend to the Council the construction of a sewer in Young Street from Campbell Road to the top of the hill. The estimated cost is \$4,400. Estimated Sewerage rates \$2,637.50.

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

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



Read report Charities Committee *re* accounts, &c., for month of September.

October 8th, 1896.

The Charities Committee met this day and beg leave to submit the following report: That they examined accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$1,932.34, which were found to be correct and ordered to be paid.

The Superintendent's report for September showed that during the month there had been 29 persons admitted to the Poors Asylum, 2 born, 2 died, and 23 discharged. Of the number admitted 10 were chargeable to the province and the remainder to the city. The number of persons in the institution September 30 was 184 men, 136 women and 6 children. Total, 326. An increase over same date last year of 29 inmates

WM. J. BUTLER, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

*Resolved*, that the report of the Charities Committee be adopted, and that His Worship the Mayor be instructed to sign warrants for the payment of accounts mentioned therein.

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

Read report of Charities Committee *re* the awarding of Contracts for supplies for Poors Asylum.

October 26th, 1896.

The Charities Committee met this day for the purpose of opening Tenders for Supplies to the Poors Asylum, for one year from Nov. 1st., 1896, and beg to report that they have awarded the contracts for such supplies to the following:—Groceries: Dillon Bros.; Dry Goods, W. & C. Silver; Meat, Heber Hartlen; Straw, E. J. Fenton; Leather, Wm. Roche; Milk, George Parker.

W. J. BUTLER, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said report be concurred in. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners *re* the appointment of an Electrician, the supplying of wire and the recommending of sundry accounts for payment.

CITY HALL, October 27th, 1896.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg leave to report as follows:—

1st. In the matter of the letter of the N. S. Fire Insurance Association asking that a thoroughly competent person be appointed as City Electrician and Inspector of Electric Wiring in Halifax.

At a meeting held this date the Board received applications for the position of City Electrician from F. A. Hamilton, P. R. Colpitt, and Wm. P. Morrison. After due consideration it was decided that the Board recommend that W. P. Morrison be appointed City Electrician, the duties of that office to be performed by him in connection with his duties in the City Engineer's Office.

2nd. Offers for the supplying of about four miles of wire were received from Chas. A. Hoyt and John Starr, Son & Co., at 20c. and 18½c. per lb., respectively. When it was decided to accept the offer of Messrs. Starr, Son & Co., it being the lowest.

3rd. The following accounts were recommended for payment, viz.: Halifax Electric Tramway Co., Lighting No. 7 Engine House, \$27.99; George E. Smith & Co., Canvas and Twine, \$3.15; Thomas Spelman, 2 Hind Wheels for No. 1 Chemical, 25.00; Cragg Bros. & Co., Hardware, \$19.95; James Dempster & Co., \$54.21 and \$10.97 = \$65.18; Neil Fox, Harness Work, \$4.00; Black Bros. & Co., .75, .25 and .54 = \$1.54; John O'Connell, Horse-shoeing, \$13.43; Halifax Electric Tramway Co., for poles, \$19.76; Farquhar Bros., Plumbing, \$7.25; W. A. Moir, Repairing No. 2 S. F. Engine, \$49.90; I. B. Shaffner & Co., Feed, \$185.27. Total, \$422.42.

JOHN F. RYAN, *Chairman*.

On motion said report is read clause by clause.

Read Clause 1, *re* Appointment of a City Electrician. Placed on Order Paper.

Read Clause 2, *re* Tenders for Supplying Wire. Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that Clause 2 be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 3, recommending sundry accounts for payment. The following resolution is now introduced :—

*Resolved*, that the 3rd Clause of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts named therein, amounting to \$422.42.

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

Read petition of owners of property on Lockman Street expropriated by the City of Halifax asking that they be reimbursed the amounts paid by them in obtaining from the Supreme Court the amounts awarded them by the Arbitrators and paid into said Court by the City.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

*Resolved*, That His Worship the Mayor be requested to communicate with Messrs Brookfield and Shand, the Arbitrators for the City, and the owners respectively, and desire them to state whether they had calculated the cost of obtaining the money, out of Court, in their award, or intended that the same should be paid by the City or borne by the respective owners.

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

Read petition of John W. Lewin and others for sewer on Quinpool Road.

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

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder covering communication from the Acting Deputy Minister of Justice relative to trials of escaped prisoners, petty thefts, &c. Fyled.

October 19th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In accordance with the instructions of the Council, I wrote the Minister of Justice relative to the trial of escaped prisoners and petty thefts, and asking that these offences should be tried before the Stipendiary Magistrate when committed within the city. I received the enclosed answer from the Honorable The Minister of Justice on the subject.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder*.

Read letter from John MacInnes asking that he be paid his fee as an Arbitrator in the matter of Quinpool Road Widening. Fyled.

Read application of Chris Connolly for the position of hay weigher.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that Mr. Connolly be appointed a hay weigher for the city of Halifax. Motion passed.

Read report of the Inspector of Buildings of a violation of the Building Act on the east side of Granville Street by W. H. Donovan.

October 27th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

I beg leave to report a violation of the Building Act on the east side of Granville St. No. 49, and owned by William H. Donovan.

The above mentioned violation consists of a one-story wooden addition on the south-end of the present Building. Size of addition, Height nine feet, Frontage nine feet, Depth eighteen feet.

THOS. SPELMAN, *Inspector of Buildings.*

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the matter be referred to His Honor the Recorder to take such action as may be necessary to enforce the law relative thereto. Motion passed.

Read petition of Maurice Kavanagh et al, complaining that the cellars of their properties on Lower Water Street are continually flooded with water, and praying that the City Council will take the necessary steps to have the grievance remedied

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the matter be referred to the Department of City Works for report at the next meeting of the Council. Motion passed.

Read report of weighers and measurers of coal for months of August and September. Fyled.

Supervisors monthly report of weighers and measurers of coal for the City of Halifax.

An amount of money received by the Supervisor for the month of August, 1896. The sum of two hundred and eighty-seven dollars and ninety-one cents.

	\$287 91
Less expenses for month,	11 92
	\$275 99

Divided among 8 men gives each man a dividend of \$34.50, viz., W. R. Cogswell, \$34.50; C. F. F. Von Schoppe, \$34.50; A. J. Smith, \$34.50; D. Grant, \$34.50; George Greno, \$34.50; R. Woodill, \$34.50; W. J. Egan, \$34.50; S. Cummins, \$34.50, Supervisor.

Supervisors monthly report of weighers and measurers of coal for the City of Halifax.

Amount of money received by the Supervisors for the month of September, 1896. The sum of five hundred and sixty dollars and fifty-nine cents.

	\$566 59
Less expenses,	18 48
	\$548.11

Divided between eight men gives each man—W. J. Egan, \$68.51; A. J. Smith, \$68.51; C. F. F. Von Schoppe, \$68.51; R. Woodill, \$68.51; D. Grant, \$68.51; Geo. Greno, \$68.51; W. R. Cogswell, \$68.51; S. Cummins, \$68.51, Supervisor.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1. Alderman Butler's notice of re-consideration of 2nd clause of report of Special Committee on salaries of Civic Officials.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the matter be now reconsidered.

His Honor the Recorder on being asked for his opinion says the Council can amalgamate the offices of the Treasurer and City Clerk if they see fit.

On the vote being taken there appeared:—

For re-consideration.	Against it.
Ald. Musgrave, Butler, Lane, Hubley, McFatrige, Ryan, Foster, Eden.—8.	Ald. Geldert, Faulkner, Redden, Campbell, Hamilton, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Creighton, Outhit.—9.

His Worship the Mayor declares the re-consideration lost.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that No. 18 on order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 18, viz:—Report City Engineer recommending a reduction in the water meter rates. Also read report of City Engineer *re* amounts paid for water by Charitable and other institutions; submitted this date.

October 27th, 1896.

#### METER RATES.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report in the advisability of mending the meter rates. The last scale of rate took effect in the first of May 1895. They were a reduction from the old rates and were recommended with a view to meeting to some extent the demand for lower water tax by meter. It has become an absolute necessity to restrict the use of meters; but at the same time, it is not a desirable to make the rates prohibiting so that the water necessary for legitimate purposes will not be used. The sole object of the use of meter is to prohibit waste and the rate should be fixed at such a figure that no householder would be afraid to use a moderate supply for ordinary purposes. For ordinary domestic supply manufacturing and mercantile buildings, I would recommend a further reduction in the rate as follow:—

1,000 gallons daily	or under	15c.	per 1,000 gallons.
1,000	to 2,000	14½	“ “
2,000	“ 3,000	14	“ “
3,000	“ 4,000	13½	“ “
4,000	“ 5,000	13	“ “
5,000	“ 6,000	12½	“ “
6,000	“ 7,000	12	“ “
7,000	“ 8,000	11½	“ “
8,000	“ 9,000	11	“ “
9,000	“ 10,000	10½	“ “
10,000	“ 20,000	10	“ “
20,000	“ 30,000	9½	“ “
30,000	“ 40,000	9	“ “
40,000	“ 50,000	8½	“ “
50,000	“ 60,000	8	“ “
60,000	“ or upward	7½	“ “

In case of Charitable and Educational Institutions it is most important that the water tax should not become a burden at the same time it is necessary in my opinion that meters should be used in order to insure proper care to prevent waste. The lowest charge for water to any Institution at present or under the above scale of rates is 7½ cents. I would recommend that the above schedule of rates be adopted for mercantile, manufacturing and domestic service, and that meters be placed on all Educational and Charitable Institutions and that they be supplied with water at 7 cents per one thousand gallons, and further that no premises supplied through meter shall pay less than four

dollars (\$4.00) per annum. The rates have been reduced considerably under the assessment plan until they have become low compared with other Cities. The meter rates have been high in proportion to the assessment rate, and this change will place them on a par with the ordinary assessment rate.

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

WATER TAX CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

October 27th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to submit the following statement of the amounts paid by Charitable Institutions.

Medical College .....	\$ 20 00	
V. G. Hospital .....	523 06	
Poors Asylum .....	500 00	
Halifax Infirmary .....	16 60	Fire rate only.
Masonic Hall .....	101 13	
St. Mary's Hall .....	66 96	
C. of E. Institute .....	19 95	
I. O. O. F. Hall .....	35 04	
Y. M. L. Association .....	33 20	
St. Patrick's Hall .....	22 43	
Infants' Home .....	23 40	
Industrial School .....	27 00	
St. Patrick's Home .....	27 50	
St. Paul's Alms House .....	25 00	
Y. M. C. A .....	48 80	
Orphans' Home (Prot.) .....	24 00	
" " (R. C.) .....	134 49	
Sisters of Good Shepherd .....	298 03	
St. Ann's College .....	63 00	
Deaf and Dumb Institution .....	81 00	Fire rate only.
Convent Sacred Heart .....	191 20	
Blind Asylum .....	78 00	
Ladies' College .....	149 81	
Dalhousie College .....	112 49	
Halifax Dispensary .....	9 60	Fire rate only.

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

The following resolution is now introduced:—

*Whereas*, the report from the Works Department on the rates charged for water by water meter measurement shows the advisability of reducing said rates.

*Therefore Resolved*, that the scale of rates recommended in the said report be adopted, to take effect May 1st, 1896.

*Further Resolved*, that a rebate be made to all Charitable and Educational Institutions supplied by meter from 1st May, 1895.

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

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that No. 16 on order paper, viz:—"Letter from the Corporation of the Infants' Home expressing dissatisfaction at the amount (\$250.00) paid into the Supreme Court by the City of Halifax for lands of the Infants' Home expropriated by the City," be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Eden, that No. 9 on order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 9, viz:—Ordinance to amend Ordinance 66 of the City of Halifax, 3rd reading.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said draft Ordinance be adopted. Motion put and lost.



Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that that No. 13, viz: Letter Lansing & Co. asking that the City grant the sum of \$150.00, for lighting Market Clock, keeping the same in order, &c. for the balance of the year 1896" be struck from the order paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Foster, that No. 17 on order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 17, viz:—Report Committee on Laws and Privileges *re* application of Management of Salvation Harbour for relief from taxation, also *re* the City contributing towards defraying bills for medical attendance and funeral expenses of late Elroy O'Brien. See printed minutes August 27th 1896.

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

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that No. 15 on order be now dealt with. Motion passed.

Read No. 15 viz:— 1st clause of report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners recommending the appointment of John E. Burns as a member of the Halifax Fire Department. See printed minutes August 11th 1896.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that said Clause of said report be adopted. Motion passed.

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

The following resolution is now introduced:—

*Resolved*, that His Honor the Recorder give to this Council at the next meeting his opinion in writing as to the legality of its action in *re* appointing the same person to the dual capacity of City Clerk and City Treasurer, and also if it is his opinion that the Treasurer can be removed without cause except by a two-thirds vote of the Council.

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

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice that at a future meeting of the City Council he will move the following resolution.

*Resolved*, that the office of Recorder be made elected by the rate-payers of the City of Halifax.

Alderman Lane gives notice that at the next meeting of the City Council he will move the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, that the action of the Council in reference to amalgamation of the offices of Treasurer and City Clerk be rescinded.

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

Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock.



## EVENING SESSION.

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8.10 o'clock.

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November 10th, 1896.

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

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 Geldert, Musgrave, Redden, Campbell, Hamilton, Lane, Ryan, Eden, McFatrige, Outhit, Mosher and Creighton.

The Council was summoned to appoint two members of the Board of School Commissioners, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Geldert, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Laws & Privileges *re* fees in City Civil Court.

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

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

Alderman Hamilton, Chairman, submits a report from the City Prison Committee.

Alderman Butler, Chairman, submits a report from the Charities Committee.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Letter from M. E. Keefe, *re* payment of Arbitrators' fees in Quin-pool Road widening.

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

City Treasurer's statements "General" and "Water" for month of October.

Report City Recorder *re* amalgamation of offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer.

Letter from the Local Council of women *re* Appointment of women to the Board of School Commissioners.

Letter from Isabella Devine asking that the estate of her late husband, John Devine, be released from liability as surety for Frank W. Cunningham on the lease of the Exhibition Building.

Resignation of Miss Anslow of her position in the City Collector's Office.

Letter of Henry Rhind asking for an increase of salary.

Petition of Charles Nickerson and other members of the Police Force *re* amendments to Police Superannuation Act.

Letter from A. J. Grant & Co. complaining of a defect in the water pipe supplying their premises.

Reports (7) from the City Engineer, viz:

*Re* petition of Maurice Kavanagh et al, relative to water flooding their cellars on Lower Water Street-

*Re* overhead wires.

" Hollis St. sidewalk.

" North St. sidewalk.

" Asphalt sidewalk, Barrington St.

" Brunswick St. sidewalk.

" Sewage overflow, 230 Robie Street.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the order of the day be suspended to read the papers submitted this meeting. Motion passed.

Read report City Prison Committee *re* accounts for payment, &c.

November 3rd, 1896.

The Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held this day the following accounts amounting to \$120.21 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment, viz:—

J. F. Kelly, \$3.75; R. N. McDonald, \$12.88; R. T. Brine, \$18.52; Irwin & Sons, \$30.10; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$14.22; A. M. Bell, \$3.44; Wm. Jordan, \$8.21; W. E. Crowe & Co., \$9.09; The N. S. Telephone Co., Ltd., \$20.00. Total \$120.21.

The Governor and Matron returns for the month of October, 1896, are herewith submitted.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

" *Resolved*, that the report of the City Prison Committee be adopted and the accounts referred to therein paid."

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

Read report Charities Committee *re* Meat Contract, Accounts for Maintenance, &c.

October 30th, 1896.

The Charities Committee beg to report as follows:—That Mr. Hartlen having failed to give proper security for the fulfilment of the contract for supplying meat to the Poors' Asylum for one year from Nov. 1st., that the tender of W. A. Maling being the next lowest was on motion of Aldermen McFatrige and Faulkner accepted.

During the month of October there had been 57 persons admitted to the Poors, Asylum, 2 born, 19 discharged and 6 died. Of the number admitted 18 were chargeable to the province and the remainder to the city. The number of inmates October 31st was 358, divided as follows, 207 men, 139 women, and 12 children. On the same date one year ago there were 192 men, 126 women, and 10 children, a total of 328.

Accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$2,924.05 and to the Hospital Endowment Fund of \$21.00 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

WM. J. BUTLER, *Chairman*.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

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

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

Read report Public Accounts Committee recommending sundry accounts for payment.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

November 10th, 1896.

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that at a meeting held this evening, there being present Alderman Foster (Chairman) Mitchell, Faulkner, Hubley. They had before them the following named accounts, all of which having been certified and found correct are recommended for payment, viz:—

Industrial School for keep of 9 boys for various terms to 31st Oct .....	\$ 139 96	
“ “ for keep of 3 boys (truants) to 31st Oct .....	40 00	
St. Patrick's Home to keep of 9 boys for various terms to Nov. 1st.....	150 00	
“ “ to keep of 23 boys (truants) to Nov. 1st .....	224 47	
Morning Herald Ptg. & Pub. Co., for Printing Minutes of Council, &c., to June 1896.....	71 89	
“ “ for Advertising.....	41 75	
T. C. Allen & Co., Printing and Stationery for July and August:—		
“ “ for City Treasurer.....	\$ 1 78	
“ “ “ Assessor .....	99 79	
“ “ “ Collector .....	15 12	
“ “ “ Clerk.....	21 24	
“ “ “ Clerk.....	36 11	
		174 04
September:		
“ “ for City Police Department .....	13 25	
“ “ Treasurer .....	44	
“ “ Collector .....	8 91	
“ “ Clerk .....	13 77	
“ “ Clerk .....	14 78	
		51 15
October:		
“ “ for City Assessor.....	9 20	
“ “ “ Treasurer.....	95	
“ “ “ Auditor .....	26 35	
“ “ “ Clerk .....	20 17	
“ “ “ Collector .....	42 15	
“ “ “ Clerk .....	24 41	
		123 23
Total.....		\$1016 49

M. 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 several accounts therein named amounting to \$1016.49."

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

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges recommending reduction of fees in City Civil Court. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report Library Committee *re* accounts for payment.

November 10, 1896.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Citizens Free Library beg to recommend that the following named accounts having been certified and found correct be paid, viz: The Baker & Taylor Co, to books for Library, 33.44; W. H. Smith & Son, to books for Library, 104.39. Total \$137.83.

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

The following resolution is moved by Alderman Geldert and seconded by Alderman Campbell:

“Resolved, That the report of the Library Committee submitted this evening be received and concurred in, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts named therein amounting to \$137.83. Motion put and passed.”

Read report of City Engineer on petition of Maurice Kavanagh et al relative to water flooding the cellars of their houses on Lower Water Street.

PETITION MAURICE KAVANAGH ET AL.

November 10th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Maurice Kavanagh and other property owners, on Lower Water St. in reference to flooding of cellars on their properties after heavy rains. I have had the sewer inspected from one end to the other, and have found a good many obstructions from private drains, which have choked the sewer. I have had these all removed and the sewer thoroughly cleaned. In addition to this work, we have enlarged the relief overflow at the foot of Morris Street, and I trust the petitioners will have no further trouble. The recent heavy rains may, perhaps, never be equalled again, but in any case the flooding is not so liable to occur since the obstructions have been discovered and removed.

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

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said report be adopted and a copy thereof sent Mr. Kavanagh. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer *re* Hollis St. sidewalks between Salter and Morris Streets.

HOLLIS STREET SIDEWALKS.

November 10th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR,—Under the accompanying resolution of Council, I beg to report on the advisability of constructing an asphalt sidewalk on the west side of Hollis Street between Salter Street and Morris Street, and on the east side between Bishop Street and Morris Street. Both the sidewalks mentioned are in a delapidated condition. The curb on the west side of Hollis Street from Salter Street south is in a disgraceful state, and being so near the hotels and on the principal Street, is to say the least not creditable to the city. The sidewalk is badly heaved with the frost and the curb is all thrown out of place. Between Bishop Street and Morris Street there is no permanent covering at all. Some of the old flags can be re-laid. There are about four hundred square yards of flagging much of which is in good condition. The sidewalk on the east side between Bishop Street and Morris Street is badly thrown with the frost and water stands on it in puddles during and after rain storms. The estimated cost of asphalt sidewalk on the latter block is \$820.62. On the west side the estimated cost is \$1,248 between Bishop Street and Salter Street, and \$826.10 between Morris Street and Bishop Street. The property owners to pay the usual proportion. I would recommend the construction of tar, concrete or asphalt sidewalk on the west side of Hollis Street from Salter Street to Morris Street with the exception of those portions where the flagging is good, in which

case I would recommend that the flagging be re-laid. On the east side between Bishop and Morris and Street I would recommend the laying of a tar concrete or asphalt sidewalk except at the corner of Morris Street where there is about sixty-two yards brick sidewalk in good order.

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

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

Read report City Engineer *re* North Street sidewalk.

NORTH STREET SIDEWALK.

November 10, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—Under an order of Council curb has been laid on the south side of North Street, between Brunswick Street and Lockman Street. The gutter has not yet been delivered, but will be laid as soon as received from the quarry. An asphalt sidewalk is being laid on the east side of Brunswick Street, from Jacob St. to North St., and I would recommend that it be continued down North Street to the brick sidewalk in front of W. A. Adams' premises. It would be cheaper to do this work now than at any other time. It is almost impossible to keep sidewalks in such locations as the one referred to in good repair, as every rain washes it out. It is far cheaper for the city to have these sidewalks covered with some material that will not wash than to spend the appropriation in continual repairs.

In this connection I would recommend the construction of an asphalt sidewalk where curb and gutters are to be laid on the south side of Spring Garden Road under a resolution of Council dated September 19th, 1894; also on the west side of Gottingen Street from Cogswell St to Cornwallis Street when the work is done under the resolution of June 11th, 1895, and between Cunard Street and Gerrish Street when the work is completed under the resolution of September 5th, 1894; also on the east side of Argyle Street between Prince Street and Sackville Street when curb and gutter is laid under the resolution of October 19th, 1896. The works referred to were ordered some time ago but no work was done under the Permanent Payment Act during 1895 except the paving of Water Street, and during 1896 we have not been able to obtain the stone to do the work. It will therefore be necessary to postpone it till the season of 1897. The stone will be cut during the winter.

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

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

Read report City Engineer *re* asphalt sidewalk Barrington Street.

ASPHALT SIDEWALK BARRINGTON STREET.

November 10th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—The accompanying petition is dated April 20th, 1896, but reached this office only a few weeks ago. The petitioners request the construction of an asphalt sidewalk on the east side of Barrington Street between Hurd's Lane and Bell's Lane. With the widening of Lockman Street this important thoroughfare becomes even more important, and being the main approach to the centre of the City from the railway station should present a neat and attractive appearance. That portion of the Street from Cornwallis Street to North Street will no doubt be satisfactory when completed. There is a curb on the east side of Barrington Street from Buckingham Street to Cornwallis Street, but only a few patches of permanent sidewalk. There is a granite gutter from Proctor's Lane to Cornwallis Street and from Bell's Lane to Jacob Street. There was an order passed at one time by the Council to lay granite gutter on the rest of the Street between Jacob Street and Proctor's Lane, but it was rescinded before the work could be performed. The cost of the work petitioned for is estimated at \$1304.73. In my opinion, the rest of the sidewalk between Cornwallis Street and Buckingham Street is required quite as much as the two blocks petitioned for, and I would recommend the construction of an asphalt or tar concrete sidewalk on the east side of Barrington Street from Buckingham Street to Cornwallis Street.

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



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

Read report City Engineer *re* Brunswick Street sidewalk.

BRUNSWICK STREET SIDEWALK

November 10, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR.—On the 28th day of May the Council ordered the construction of an asphalt sidewalk on Brunswick Street. Since beginning the work Mr. R. W. Fraser has requested the city to lay bricks in front of his premises agreeing to pay half the cost. I would recommend that his request be granted, and that a brick sidewalk be laid in front of his premises under the Permanent Pavement Act.

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

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

Read report City Engineer on letter from E. B. Elliott respecting back flow from the sewer on Robie Street. Placed on Order Paper.

Read letter from the Local Council of Women urging the appointment of two or more women as Commissioners of Public Schools for the City of Halifax

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the same be considered with the appointments to the Board of School Commissioners to be made this meeting. Motion passed.

Read letter from Isabella Devine asking that the estate of her late husband, John Devine, be released from liability as surety for Frank W. Cunningham, lessee of the Exhibition Building

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works, together with His Honor the Recorder for consideration and report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Bessie Anslow resigning the position held by her in the City Collector's Office.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the appointment of a substitute until the 1st. December next, be left with His Worship the Mayor. Motion passed

Read letter from Henry Rhind asking that his salary be increased to \$800 per annum.

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

Read letter from M. E. Keefe *re* Arbitrators' fees in the matter of Quinpool Road widening. Fyled.

Read report City Engineer on letter from the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph relative to danger from overhead wires. Fyled.

OVERHEAD WIRES.

November 10th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR.—I beg to report on the accompanying communication from Mr. John T. Murphy, Superintendent Fire Alarm, in reference to overhead wires crossing or falling on the trolley wire. The danger of a fire occurring in case of such contact is not over-estimated, and it was in consequence of such danger that the Pole and Wire Ordinance



was passed. The cost of making the alterations in the line of poles and wires owned by the different companies in the City will reach a large figure, consequently we hesitate to press them too hard in the work of re-construction. The changes to be made under the new Wire Ordinance will greatly diminish the danger, but will not entirely remove it. It will be necessary to place guard wires on certain portions of the Tram Company's line, and there is an agreement filed in this office by which the Company undertake to place guard wires as soon as the wire system is completed. Under the new Ordinance many of the crossings are being abolished, and lines of wire will be run on one side of the street only, crossing only for service purposes. Taking Barrington Street as an example of the improvement that would be made, I may mention that at two crossings, viz., Cornwallis Street and Lockman Street, and Bell's Lane and Barrington Street there are 220 wires crossing. When the line is straightened out so that it will run on one side of the Street only, these 220 crossings will be removed entirely. Similar changes will be made in many other places. In Spring Garden Road one heavy line of wires will be taken away altogether and all wires placed on one side of the road, principally in cables. The work will be pushed as rapidly as possible, and when completed I think every reasonable precaution will have been taken to prevent injury from contact with the trolley wire.

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

Read letter from Charles Nickerson and other members of the Police Force asking certain amendments to the Police Superannuation Act

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from A. J. Grant & Co. complaining of a defect in the water pipe that supplies their premises.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for investigation and report. Motion passed.

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder *re* amalgamation of the offices of City Treasurer and City Clerk. Fyled.

Moved by Alderman Lane that No. 16 on order paper, viz: Resolution of Alderman Lane by way of notice to rescind the action of the Council in reference to amalgamation of Offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer be now taken up.

His Worship the Mayor rules that under Section 24 of the Rules of Council Alderman Lane's notice of motion to rescind is out of order.

Alderman Lane asks for the opinion of His Honor the Recorder as to whether his notice of motion is in order or otherwise.

His Honor the Recorder gives as his opinion that rule 24 of the Rules of Council precludes the Council from rescinding now the resolution passed at last meeting; and that Rule 24 applies only to resolutions that the Council has power to pass.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the resolution passed at last meeting of the Council providing for the amalgamation of the offices of the City Clerk and City Treasurer be not carried into effect until legislation respecting the matter is obtained. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

“ Resolved, that the report of the Committee on Salaries be referred back to that Committee for further consideration and to report to this Council on the work of the City Treasurer and City Clerk’s offices, and if it is advisable in the interest of the City that the City Clerk’s and City Treasurer’s offices be amalgamated, and if the same can be done without increased cost to the City.”

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Musgrave. Said resolution is now put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 10 against it. Names being called for there appeared :—

For the Resolution.	Against it.
Ald. Musgrave, Lane, Hubley, Ryan, McFatrige, Eden, Foster, Mosher.—8.	Ald. Geldert, Campbell, Faulkner, Butler, Redden, Hamilton, Mitchell, O’Donnell, Creighton, Outhit.—10.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that No. 14 on order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 14, viz: Clause one of report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners *re* appointment of a City Electrician. See minutes October 27, 1896.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that the Council now proceed to elect an Electrician from the applicants named in the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Said amendment on being put is passed, 10 voting for the same and 8 against it. Names being called for there appeared :—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Ald. Geldert, Musgrave, Faulkner, Butler, Hubley, O’Donnell, Ryan, Eden, Foster, Mosher.—10.	Ald. Redden, Campbell, Hamilton, Lane, Mitchell, McFatrige, Creighton, Outhit.—8.

The Council now proceed to appoint a City Electrician. The vote being taken, there appeared :—

	For F. A. Hamilton.	P. R. Colpitt.	W. P. Morrison.
1st vote.....	7	6	5
2nd " .....	5	8	5
3rd " .....	3	8	7
4th " .....	3	8	7
5th " .....	3	9	6
6th " .....	4	7	7
7th " .....	2	8	8
8th " .....	2	8	8
9th " .....	2	8	8
10th " .....	1	8	9
11th " .....	2	11	5

His Worship the Mayor declares P. R. Colpitt elected City Electrician of the City of Halifax.

The Council now proceeds to the election of two School Commissioners to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of office of Aldermen Creighton and ex-Alderman Stewart.

Read letter from the Local Council of women asking for the appointment of two or more women as Commissioners of Public Schools.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the Council appoint two ladies as members of the Board of School Commissioners. Motion put and lost.

On the vote being taken for the election of one Commissioner, there appeared on the 1st vote for Alderman McFatrige 8, for Alderman Mosher 7, Mrs. C. F. Fraser 1. Aldermen McFatrige and Mosher excused from voting.

On 2nd vote there appeared for Alderman McFatrige 9, Alderman Mosher 6, Mrs. C. F. Fraser 1.

His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman McFatrige elected a member of the Board of School Commissioners.

On the vote being taken for the second Commissioner, there appeared for Alderman Mosher 5, Alderman Geldert 10, Mrs. L. G. Power 1. Aldermen Geldert and Mosher excused from voting.

His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman Geldert elected a member of the Board of School Commissioners.

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

Council adjourns 11.15 o'clock.

## EVENING SESSION.

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8.10 o'clock, p. m.

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December 7th 1896.

A meeting of the City Council was called for this evening.

At the above hour there were present:—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Butler, O'Donnell 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 call. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Campbell, Hamilton, Ryan, Foster and Creighton.

There not being a quorum to do business the Council stands adjourned until further notice.

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## EVENING SESSION.

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8.10 o'clock.

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December 10th, 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 and Campbell.

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

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Mosher, Creighton, Ryan, Mitchell, Redden, Musgrave, McFartridge, Hamilton, Hubley, Foster and Lane.

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

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

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

Alderman Geldert, Chairman, submits two reports from the Committee on Laws and Privileges.

Alderman McFatrige submits a report from the Charities Committee.

Alderman Hamilton, Chairman, submits a report from the City Prison Committee.

Alderman Musgrave submits two reports from the Committee on Tenders.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Letter from the City Clerk covering accounts of T. C. Allen & Co.  
Petition of William Bayers and other policemen relative to their increased pay.

Report Coal Measurers for month of October.

Report City Health Board *re* smoke from chimney at Victoria General Hospital.

Report of Inspector of Buildings of a violation of the Building Act on west side of Argyle Street by Mrs. Mary Sinfield.

Petitions (2) for sidewalk improvement on Pleasant street.

City Collector's returns for month of October.

Six reports from the City Engineer, viz:—

Annual report for civic year, 1895-6.

*Re* Street Grading.

“ Water Extension, Bloomfield St.

“ Water Extension, Smith's Terrace.

“ Bell's Lane Sewer.

“ Letter of A. J. Grant & Co., complaining of water flooding their premises.

Letter from the Secretary of Joint Committee of three National Societies *re* Celebration of 60th year of Reign of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria.

Letter from the City Collector relative to the vacancy on the staff of his office.

Applications from Louis R. Kaye and Margaret Wakely for the position vacant in the City Collector's office.

Letter from A. E. Logan *re* Market Clock.

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

Read report of Board of Firewards and Fire Commissioners recommending the payment of sundry accounts.

December 7th, 1896.

The Board of Firewards and Fire Commissioners beg to report that they have examined the following accounts and recommend the same for payment.

I. B. Shaffner & Co., feed to 30th November \$400.77; Wm. Jordan, horseshoeing, \$14.54; John Starr. Son & Co., wire, etc., \$210.94; Monaghan & Sutherland, Centra House, \$400.00, do. Ladder House, \$74.00; James Dempster & Co., ladders, \$4.00; Martin & Moore, Central, \$252.15; Neil Fox, harness work, (2 accts.) \$21.60; Daniel McLeod, horse shoeing, \$11.31; Macdonald & Co., machine work, \$3.96; William Roche, \$330.63 and \$12.00, \$342.63; Power & Co., rep. Queen street, \$2.75; Black Bros. & Co., \$1.35 and 46c., \$1.81; Matilda Ainsley, horse hire, \$6.00; John Foley, mason work, \$9.90; John Fitzgerald, cleaning battery, \$7.50; Gordon & Keith, beds, etc., \$54.00; Wm. Jakeman, vet. services, \$115.00; T. C. Allen & Co., cards, \$5.25; Cornelius Callaghan Co., buttons, \$85.83; John O'Connell, horse shoeing, \$11.03; N. S. Telephone Co.,

\$120.00; Forsyth, Sutcliffe & Co., \$6.75; John Davison & Son, \$11.51; W. B. Arthur & Co., \$16.45; W. & C. Silver, bedding, \$61.47; S. Cunard & Co., hard coal, \$19.28; T. W. Bateman, locksmith work, \$12.00; Austen Bros., oil, \$10.14; John J. Carnell, bolts, \$1.00; Gamewell Fire Alarm Tel. Co., expert, \$88.65; M. J. Donovan, carpenter work, Central and Bedford Row houses, \$98.39; James McCormack, for removing bell from Gerrish Street Engine House, \$30.00. Total \$2510.61.

JNO. F. RYAN, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:—

*Resolved*, that the report of the Board of Firewards and Fire Commissioners be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts named therein amounting to \$2510.61.

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

Read Report City Prison Committee covering accounts for month of November.

December 8th, 1896.

The City Prison Committee beg to report that they have examined the following accounts for the month of November and recommend payment of same, viz. :—

R. N. McDonald, \$12.88; Davidson Bros., \$8.80; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$14.04; H. H. Fuller & Co., \$4.23; R. T. Praine, \$7.61; Wm. Jordan, \$5.32; Black & Flinn, \$62.94. Total, \$115.82.

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

J. T. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is introduced:—

*Resolved*, That the report of the City Prison Committee be adopted and the accounts referred to therein be paid.

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

Read report Charities Committee *re* accounts, etc., for month of November.

December 2nd, 1896.

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report.

That they examined accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$2259.08 which were found correct and recommended for payment.

The Superintendent's report for November showed that during the month there had been 46 admitted to the Poores' Asylum, 13 of whom were chargeable to the province, 1 to the Town of Lunenburg, 1 to the District of St. Mary's, 1 to Victoria Co., 1 to Port Hood, and 1 to the Municipality of Inverness and the remainder to the City. There were 3 births, 6 deaths, and 34 discharged. Number of inmates Nov. 30th, was 221 men, 137 women, and 9 children. Total 367. Same date last year the total number of inmates was 353.

The Superintendent was instructed to provide the usual Christmas dinner to the inmates on that day.

W. McFATRIDGE, *Acting Chairman.*

The following resolution is moved by Alderman McFatrige and seconded by Alderman Campbell.

*Resolved*, that the report of the Charities Committee be received and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the amount of accounts mentioned therein. Motion put and passed.

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges on petition from J. R. Lithgow *re* costs in suit, the City of Halifax *vs.* Lithgow. Placed on order paper.



Read report of Committee on Tenders for printing annual report, 1895-6.

November 30th, 1896.

The Committee on Tenders met this day and beg to report favorably on the tender for printing Annual Report of Holloway Bros., and recommend its acceptance.

G. MUSGRAVE, *Chairman*.

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

Read report of Committee on Tenders *re* Tenders for Printing the Electoral Lists.

December 9th, 1896.

*To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Tenders beg to report that they received tenders for printing the Electoral Lists from the following:—

Holloway Bros., \$3.00 per page; Blackadar Bros., \$2.43 do; T. C. Allen, \$1.98; and the Herald Printing & Publishing Co., \$1.94 do.

Your Committee recommend that the tender of the Herald Printing & Publishing Co., being the lowest, be accepted.

G. MUSGRAVE, *Chairman*.

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

Read letter from A. E. Logan recommending that the City purchase the Market Clock.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the recommendation contained in Mr. Logan's letter, viz.: "That the City of Halifax purchase the clock known as the 'Market Clock' for the sum of three hundred dollars" be adopted. Motion passed. Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

Read letter from the City Collector relative to the filling of the vacancy in the staff of his office caused by the resignation of Miss Anslow. Also read applications from L. R. Kaye and Margaret Wakely for said position.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that Louis R. Kaye be appointed to fill the vacancy in the City Collector's office until the 1st May next. The salary to be paid him to be fixed by His Worship the Mayor.

Motion passed, 11 voting for the same and three against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Motion	Against it
Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave, Redden, Hamilton, Ryan, McFatridge, Mitchell, Foster, Lane, Mosher, Creighton.—11.	Aldermen Campbell, Hubley, O'Donnell.—3.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration,  
Read letter from R. T. Murray, Secretary of the Joint Committee of the North British, Charitable Irish, and St. George's Societies, *re*

arrangement for celebrating the completion of the sixtieth year of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that His Worship the Mayor appoint a Committee to meet with the Committees of the several societies named and report back to this Council. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Alderman Faulkner, Butler, Mitchell, Ryan, Foster and Mosher as the Committee of the City Council to meet with the joint committee above named. Motion passed.

Read petitions (2) for sidewalk improvement, Pleasant St.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read report from the Committee on Laws and Privileges *re* Police Superannuation covering petition from Police and report from the City Treasurer. Placed on order paper.

Read report of the Inspector of Buildings of a violation of the Building Act on west side of Argyle Street by Mrs. Mary Sinfield.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder to enforce the provisions of the Building Act in this matter. Motion passed.

Read report of the Health Inspector and Inspector of Buildings on the complaint of certain residents of South St., relative to nuisance by smoke from chimney of Victoria General Hospital.

November 11th, 1896.

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

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the Resolution of Council in reference to the smoke from the chimney of the laundry at the Victoria General Hospital. We the undersigned, have visited the chimney in question on several occasions and found when the wind is blowing from a north-westerly direction that the smoke from said chimney does blow over the houses on South street and when the wind is of a baffling nature a small portion of smoke strikes down on the houses, but to no great extent; and we are of opinion that if hard coal is used there will be no cause for complaint.

N. MEAGHER, *Health Inspector.*

THOS. SPELMAN, *Inspector of Buildings.*

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said report be adopted and a copy thereof forwarded to the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines with the request that the recommendations contained therein be complied with. Motion passed.

Read petition of certain members of the Police Force asking that they be paid the full amount of the salary allowed them by the Acts of 1896.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for consideration in making up the estimates for 1897-8. Motion passed.

Read report of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the month of October. Fyled.

Read report of the City Engineer on letter from A. J. Grant & Co., complaining of an alleged defect in the water pipe supplying their premises.

A. J. GRANT & CO.'S SERVICE PIPE.

November 20th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying letter from A. J. Grant & Co., in reference to leak in service pipe supplying their building. They are mistaken in their statement that their service pipe is taken from the main pipe supplying the hydrant on the wharf. Their service pipe is a separate pipe taken direct from the main, and has no connection whatever with the fire hydrant pipe as it was laid before the hydrant was placed on the wharf. The leak referred to is in their own pipe on private property, and the City has nothing to do with it except to prevent a waste of water from the leak. Any defect in the pipe must be made good by the owner of the property, as the City does not make repairs beyond the line of the street. The pipe laid to the hydrant is in good order, as far as I can ascertain, and I presume Messrs. Grant & Co. are under some misapprehension with regard to the facts.

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

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said report be adopted and a copy thereof forwarded Messrs. Grant & Co. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer *re* Bell's Lane sewer.

BELL'S LANE SEWER.

December 7th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—The old drain in Bell's Lane, between Water Street and Barrington Street, is built of stone, and the heavy rains during the last season have burst the sides of it so that the water is flowing into the cellars adjoining the street. Some remedy should be effected without delay. The old drain has been examined, and in my opinion it cannot be depended on in future to withstand a heavy rain fall. Under the circumstances, I would recommend the immediate construction of a sewer from Water Street to Barrington Street. The distance is only about 140 feet, but the sewer will have to be not less than 24 x 36 inches. The estimated cost is eight hundred and forty dollars (\$840.00). The estimated assessment two hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$274.00).

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

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

Read report of the City Engineer *re* Water Extension, Smith Terrace, west side of Lockman Street.

WATER EXTENSION E. G. SMITH'S TERRACE, LOCKMAN STREET.

November 24th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor :*

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from E. G. Smith for water extension to a terrace under construction on the west side of Lockman street owned by E. G. Smith.

The service is low. Length required 150 feet, size 3 inch pipe. The estimated cost is \$183 00. The revenue will exceed the interest on the outlay and I would recommend that the extension be made.

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

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

Read report of the City Engineer *re* Water Extension, Bloomfield Street.

## WATER EXTENSION, BLOOMFIELD STREET.

November 20th, 1896.

*His Worship the Mayor:*

SIR.—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from Richard King for water extension on Bloomfield Street, to supply three houses owned by him:—

The extension will be on the high service. Length required, one hundred (100) feet. The estimated cost is:—

100 ft. 6 inch pipe at 70c .....	\$70 00
Excavation and pipe laying.....	40 00
1 6 inch valve .....	24 00
50 lbs. lead .....	1 50
Total .....	\$135 00
Interest on outlay at 5 p. c.....	6 77
Estimated revenue.....	12 00

The revenue would be in excess of the interest on the outlay. There is a dead end in this street, and the extension will leave the end of the pipe about one hundred and forty (140) feet from the main in Gottingen Street. The Department has been making connections with many dead ends through the city this year, and I would respectfully recommend that the extension be made to supply Mr. King's houses, and that at the same time the dead end be connected with the main in Gottingen Street.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the City Engineer's report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer *re* street grading. Placed on order paper.

Read annual report of the City Engineer for the civic year 1895-6.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be published in the annual civic report. Motion passed.

Read City Collector's returns of rates and water rates collected during the month of November. Filed.

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

The following resolution is now introduced:—

*Whereas*, this Council deems it advisable to invest \$22,000 of the Sinking Fund of the City of Halifax in the Consolidated Fund of said City.

*Therefore resolved*, that the sum of \$22,000 of the Sinking Fund of said City be invested in the Consolidated Fund of the City of Halifax under and by virtue of section 286 of the City Charter and the provisions relating to said Consolidated Fund contained in the City Charter, and that the interest or income arising from such investments shall be four per cent. per annum.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Foster, and being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that His Honor the Recorder report at the next meeting of this Council as to what action is necessary to compel the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, to submit to this Council the time table and table of fares of said Company. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the order of the day be further suspended to allow Alderman Hubley to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is introduced:—

*Resolved*, that the Works Department be instructed to proceed with the construction of the Duncan street sewer, if the weather continues favorable.

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

Alderman Musgrave, by leave of the Council, submits a scheme of superannuation for civic officials. The same is read.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

*Resolved*, that His Honor the Recorder be authorized by this Council to secure at the next meeting of the Legislature the necessary legislation to put in operation the accompanying Scheme of Superannuation of Civic Officials.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Hamilton. Objected to and placed on order paper.

On motion of Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Redden, the order of the day is further suspended to allow Alderman Hamilton to introduce the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, that a Special Committee be appointed for the purpose of revising and consolidating the City Charter and amendments thereto.

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

His Worship the Mayor nominates the following Aldermen as a Committee referred to in the foregoing resolution: Aldermen Geldert, Redden, Hamilton, Ryan, Eden and Mosher, together with His Honor the Recorder.

On motion, said nominations are confirmed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Aldermen Faulkner, Butler, Hamilton, Hubley, Foster and Creighton as the Committee to meet with representatives of the several temperance bodies to consider the question of framing a new liquor act as asked for by resolution of City Council of 27th February, 1896.

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Aldermen Musgrave, Campbell, Lane, Hubley, McFatridge and Outhit as the Committee on publication of the Annual Report.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

Alderman Geldert gives notice that at a future meeting of the Council he will introduce a resolution to amend Chapter 28 of the Acts of 1896, Sec. 4, "relating to Young avenue in the City of Halifax," by fixing a limit of time within which owners of property must comply with the provisions of the section in order to secure the construction of the work provided for by the city.

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

Council adjourns 10.30 o'clock.