

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10 o'clock.

December 29th, 1896.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day. At the above hour there were present:—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Foster, Hubley, Butler and Faulkner.

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

3.30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Geldert, Creighton, Redden, Campbell, Hamilton, Lane, Mitchell, Ryan, O'Donnell, Eden, McFatriidge, Outhit and Mosher.

The Council was summoned to consider the estimates for the civic year 1897-8, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Foster, Chairman of Committee on Public Accounts, submits a report from said committee, covering the estimates for the civic year 1897-8.

Alderman Geldert, Chairman, submits a report from the Special Committee *re* issuing of certain liquor licenses.

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

Resolved, That the resolution passed the Council December 10, '96, that the Engineer's Annual Report be published in the Annual Report, be and is hereby rescinded.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Petition of A. L. Miller and others for an electric light on Gerrish Lane.

Letter from the Department of Works and Mines relative to the smoke from the chimney of the V. G. Hospital.

Report of the Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the month of November.

Account from the Monastery of the Good Shepherd for the maintenance of women and girls sentenced by the Stipendiary Magistrate since June 1890.

Letter of the City Clerk covering accounts of T. C. Allen & Co.

Petition of I. B. Shaffner and other feed dealers for amendment of the hay weighing ordinance.

Report City Engineer *re* Street Railway repairs.

Report City Engineer *re* Sewer Almon Street.

Letter City Collector covering comparative statements of the work of his department.

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder as to measures for obtaining information from the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Ltd., covering copy of Resolution.

Letter S. M. Brookfield, covering letter from the Halifax Graving Dock Company relative to continuing the exemptions granted said Company, together with a petition from Robert Boak and other rate-payers relative thereto.

Letter from the Board of School Commissioners covering Estimates for School purposes for the year 1897-98.

Letter from Mrs. S. B. King *re* Water Meter, covering two letters from the City Engineer relative thereto.

City Treasurer's Cash Statements "General" and "Water" for the month of November.

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

Read report of special committee appointed to enquire into the action of the License Inspector in issuing certain liquor licenses. Objected to and placed on Order paper.

Read petition of A. L. Miller and others for an electric light on Gerrish lane.

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

Read letter of Mrs. S. B. King *re* water meter at her livery stables. Covering two letters from the City Engineer on the subject.

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

Read letter from the Department of Public Works and Mines *re* smoke from chimney at V. G. Hospital. Fyled.

Read letter from the Board of School Commissioners covering the estimates for school purposes for the year 1897-8.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the same be referred to the City Assessor. Motion passed.

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

Read letter from the City Clerk covering accounts of T. C. Allen & Co., for the month of November.

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

Read letter from I. B. Shaffner & Co., and other hay dealers asking for amendments to the Ordinance *re* Weighing of hay.

Alderman Geldert gives notice that at the next meeting of the City Council he will introduce an Ordinance to amend the Ordinance relating to the weighing of hay.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the letter of I. B. Shaffner & Co. and others *re* weighing of hay be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Engineer *re* Street Railway repairs.

STREET RAILWAY REPAIRS.

December 29th, 1896.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—The provisions made in the Charter of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company for repairing the streets between the rails and two feet outside the rails have not given satisfaction to this Department. The City should be in a position to cause the Company to make repairs promptly whenever it is deemed necessary.

The clause in reference to Snow removal provides that the Company shall deposit five hundred dollars (\$500), on the first day of November, and that the City may use the money in doing work which the Company neglect to do.

We have no fund from which we can take money for repairing their tracks; and I would recommend that the Act be amended so that the Company shall be required to keep a sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) on deposit all the year round and that the City may use it in repairing the road at any time when the Company neglect to do so after proper notice.

I think this would be the means of keeping the streets through which the track runs in a better state of repair, and would decrease the number of complaints received by this Department; and it would be far more satisfactory to the Department,

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

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the recommendations contained in the City Engineer's letter be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer *re* sewer Almon Street.

SEWER ALMON STREET.

December 29th, 1896.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR:—The construction of the new sewer on Gottingen Street made it necessary to construct a small piece of sewer on Almon Street to connect the old drain on Almon Street with the new Sewer on Gottingen Street. We did not expect that it would be necessary to go farther than the forty (40) feet for which the corner properties are exempt, but as the old drain was crooked, we were obliged to go a few feet farther; and I would recommend that the Council authorize the construction of a sewer in Almon Street for a distance of one hundred (100) feet West of Gottingen Street.

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

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

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder as to the course the Council should pursue to obtain from the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Ltd., certain required information.

IN RE ELECTRIC TRAMWAY.

December 24th, 1896.

In obedience with the resolution of the Council asking for my opinion as regards what course they should pursue to compel the above Company to submit to this Council their Time Table and Fees, I beg to report that there is no difficulty in compelling them to submit the Time Table and Tariff of Fees to this Council. If they fail to do so, the Council after the expiration of thirty days after demand can apply to the Supreme Court for a Writ of Mandamus to compel them, and if they fail to comply within a certain time, the Council can then apply to the Supreme Court to forfeit the Charter of the Company. I enclose herewith a resolution, which, if the Council are disposed in the matter, I advise them to adopt.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY, *Recorder.*

The following Resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, That the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, incorporated under Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1895 of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, be and are hereby requested to submit to this Council within thirty days from the passing of this Resolution, its Time Table as to the rate of speed for running their cars and their tariff of rates, and its transfer arrangements, for the approval of this Council under Rule 8 of its Charter.

Further Resolved, That this Council will take legal proceedings against said Company in case it fails to comply with this resolution, and that a copy of this resolution be served on the Company by the City Engineer without delay.

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

Read letter from the City Collector of Rates and Taxes relative to the work in his department together with comparative statement of receipts for 1885 and 1895.

On motion the consideration of the same is deferred to be taken up with the estimates.

Read letter from S. M. Brookfield, covering a petition from the Halifax Graving Dock Company, Limited, asking that the property of said Company be relieved of taxation until such time as the net yearly returns are sufficient to meet the interest upon the Debenture Bonds of the Company. Also covering a document signed by Robert Boak and others endorsing the application of the petitioners. Placed on Order paper.

Read account (\$5482.22) from Monastery of Good Shepherd for maintenance of women and girls committed by the Stipendiary Magistrate of the City of Halifax to said Institution from June 30th, 1890 to date.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts together with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read City Treasurer's Cash Statements "General" and "Water" for month of November. Fyled.

Read report of the Committee on Public Accounts, covering the Estimates for the civic year 1897-8.

December 26th, 1896.

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

Gentlemen, The Committee on Public Accounts beg to submit herewith for the consideration of the City Council the Estimates for the Civic year 1897-98.

Attached hereto will be found statements from the Board of School Commissioners, the Committee on Charities, the Department of City Works, the Police Department, the County of Halifax, the Institute for Deaf and Dumb, etc., regarding the various appropriations required by them for the year, all of which were carefully considered.

Your Committee also submit herewith applications from H. S. Rhind, William F. Reilly and William R. Hamilton for increases in the several salaries received by them, and also a letter from the City Collector presenting a comparative statement of the work of his department.

Under the Acts of 1896 the City Council was authorized to do all things necessary for the establishing of electric light works for the purpose of doing its own electric lighting. Your Committee recommend that the Council take into consideration the advisability of carrying out the power conferred upon them by said Act: at the present time the City is spending annually about \$21,000 for electric lighting.

Your Committee would recommend that the City Engineer inquire into the matter and ascertain the cost of plant and report at a future meeting.

MILNER T. FOSTER, *Chairman.*

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

1. *Whereas*, it is desirable in the interest of the City tax-payers that the cost of maintenance of civic institutions should be reduced as far as possible without impairing their efficiency.

2. *And Whereas*, the annual cost of Rockhead to the City, is between \$5,000 and \$6,000, and the annual civic contribution to the maintenance of the County Jail is about \$2,100.

3. *And Whereas*, since the establishment of Rockhead and the County Jail the condition of affairs has greatly changed owing to the abolition of imprisonment for debt, the Speedy Trials Act, and the establishment of Reformatories for Juvenile offenders.

4. *And Whereas*, The inmates of Rockhead of late years have been mainly persons sentenced for drunkenness and such institution should be conducted more on the lines of a Reformatory than a penal institution.

5. *And Whereas*, owing to causes above mentioned the demands for space in the County Jail have been much less than formerly, and it has been suggested that the two institutions should be combined, thereby securing greater efficiency at about one-half the present cost to the City.

And Whereas, The County Jail with slight changes could be made suitable for a police court and police head-quarters thus enabling the police department to vacate the City Hall, where the existence of a police court is open to serious objections, and the premises in the City Hall now used by the Police Department could with some changes be utilized as a public market the situation being central and convenient thereby obviating the future expenditure of a large amount of money for market site and building.

Therefore Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor be requested to appoint a Committee to confer with the warden and Councillors of the County of Halifax with a view of discussing the feasibility of consolidating the two institutions by the City taking over the County Jail.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Redden.

Placed on order Paper.

Moved by Alderman Creighton, seconded by Alderman Eden. that the Council adjourn until 7.30 o'clock this evening. Motion passed.

EVENING SESSION.

Council met pursuant to adjournment at 8 o'clock. There were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Geldert, Outhit, Faulkner, Redden, Butler, O'Donnell, Foster, Hubley, Lane, McFatrige, Ryan, Mitchell, Campbell, Creighton, Hamilton and Eden.

The Council now proceeds to consider the Estimates.

Alderman Foster, Chairman of Committee on Public Accounts, makes an explanatory financial statement respecting the same:

No doubt it will be gratifying news to the Council and taxpayers of the City to know the Committee on Public Accounts this year will not ask for new legislation to borrow more money.

The amount at credit of permanent paving account is sufficient to meet the requirements for next year.

The amount coming in from sewerage frontage account should be ample for next year unless something unexpected turns up (like Young Avenue five houses) no less a sum than \$21,493 having been collected on this account last year, which speaks well for Collector Theakston.

There will be \$25,000 required for water extension, but as there are \$50,000 six per cent old water debentures maturing in July next which can be floated at 4 per cent, the amount of interest on the \$25,000 required will be made up in this way and the interest account not increased.

There will be money required for grading Lockman Street. The interest on this amount will be added to the new interest account, together with the interest on \$5,000 required for Dry Dock Subsidy.

The Committee had before them applications for increases to their salaries from William F. Reilly, Chief Clerk Works Department, \$100, H. F. Rhind, Clerk in Collectors office, \$200 and William R. Hamilton clerk in City Clerk's office. The application for Mr. Reilly is recommended and the amount placed in the estimates. The Committee has also added \$200 to salary of 3rd clerk in Collectors office.

By referring to the estimates it will be seen a large sum is added this year to interest account, viz., \$16,440.54 which is a poor outlook from a financial standpoint unless the amount of assessable property is also increasing, as our last large loan was taken outside the city and province. Capitalists offering for our loans will not pay in the future what they have in the past unless we keep the interest account down in proportion to our assessable property.

Estimates 1897-98	\$ 369,998 00
Estimates 1896-97	354,261 75
Increase	\$ 15,736 25

INCREASES, SALARIES.

City Clerk (see deduction's allowance T. Rhind)	\$ 200 00
Assistant City Clerk (see deduction's allowance T. Rhind)	200 00
Caretaker City Property (transferred from Works Department)	1200 00
Caretaker Exhibition Building (transferred from Works Department)	364 00
Clerk Works Department, (Water account)	100 00
3rd clerk Collector's office (Water account)	200 00
	\$ 2264 00
Less charged to Water account as above	300 00
	\$ 1964 00
Police Department (\$500 being for superannuation)	1420 00

DEPARTMENT OF CITY WORKS.

Streets (on account of washouts).....	1500 00
Telephones (charged to the different departments last year).....	125 00
Insurance.....	75 00
Street Lighting.....	177 54
Income from Liquor Licenses reduced by.....	1000 00
Summer Carnival 1896.....	1500 00
Public Schools.....	2000 00
Poors Asylum.....	1000 00
Citizen's Library (Act of Parliament increasing).....	200 00
Deaf & Dumb Institution (Act of Parliament increasing).....	360 00
School for Blind (Act of Parliament increasing).....	225 00
Truants (allowance too small last year).....	600 00
Interest on Consolidated Fund.....	16,440 54
New Sinking Fund (Act of Parliament).....	3000 00
Allowed for short collection (one per cent).....	181 62
	<u>\$ 31,768 70</u>

DEDUCTIONS.

Allowance Thomas Rhind.....	\$ 750 00
Caretaker City Property (charged in salary account).....	1200 00
Caretaker Exhibition Building (charged in salary account).....	364 00
St. Patrick's Home (not so much required).....	600 00
Industrial School (not so much required).....	600 00
R. Motton retiring allowance (2 years charged last year).....	1000 00
Special loans & interest (run off).....	3418 45
Extra Income Electric Tramway Company.....	5000 00
Repairs City Property.....	500 00
Protestant Home for Girls (not required).....	300 00
Roman Catholic Home for Girls.....	300 00
Extra amount from unexpended balances.....	2000 00
	<u>\$ 16,032 45</u>
Total Increase 1897-98.....	\$ 31,768 70
Total Decrease 1897-98.....	16,032 45

\$ 15,736 25

SALARIES.

His Worship the Mayor.....	\$ 1000 00	
His Honor the Recorder.....	1200 00	
The City Treasurer.....	1800 00	
The City Clerk.....	1500 00	
Assistant Clerk.....	950 00	
nd Assistant Clerk.....	600 00	
3rd do. do.....	450 00	
Stipendiary Magistrate.....	2000 00	
City Engineer.....	2400 00	
Assistant Engineer.....	1400 00	
2nd Assistant Engineer.....	480 00	
3rd do. do.....	480 00	
City Auditor.....	1500 00	
City Collector and 4 Sub-Collectors.....	3900 00	Passed.
1st Clerk in Collector's Office.....	600 00	
2nd do. do.....	600 00	
3rd do. do.....	600 00	
City Assessor.....	1200 00	
2 Assistant Assessors, @ \$1000 each.....	2000 00	
Registrar of Voters.....	200 00	
Janitor of City Hall.....	800 00	
City Medical Officer.....	1000 00	
Inspector of Health.....	800 00	
Clerk Department City Works.....	900 00	
Assistant do. do.....	800 00	
Typewriter do. do.....	400 00	
Superintendent of Streets.....	884 00	

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that this item be placed at \$1,000. Motion put and lost, 7 voting for, the same and 9 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

<i>For the motion.</i>	<i>Against it.</i>
Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell, Ryan, McFatrige, Foster, Eden, Creighton.—7.	Aldermen Geldert, Faulkner, Campbell, Redden, Butler, Hamilton, Lane, Mitchell, Outhit.—9.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration. Item passed \$884.

Superintendent of Water Department.....	1000 00	Passed.
Water Inspector.....	676 00	

Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this item be passed at \$600.00. Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 11 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

<i>For the motion.</i>	<i>Against it.</i>
Aldermen Outhit, Creighton, O'Donnell, Hubley, Hamilton.—5	Aldermen Eden, Foster, McFatrige Ryan, Mitchell, Lane, Butler, Redden, Campbell, Faulkner, Geldert.—11,

Item passed at \$676.00.

License Inspector.....	1200 00	Passed.
Caretaker City Property.....	1200 00	

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that this item be placed at \$800.00. Motion put and lost. Names being called for there appeared :

<i>For the motion.</i>	<i>Against it.</i>
Aldermen O'Donnell, Creighton.—3.	Aldermen Geldert, Faulkner, Campbell, Redden, Butler, Hamilton, Lane, Mitchell, Hubley, Foster Ryan, McFatrige, Eden. Outhit.—14.

Item passed at \$1,200.00

Caretaker Exhibition Building.....	364 00	Passed.
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Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration on the items Water Inspector, License Inspector and Caretaker City Property.

Librarian Citizens' Library.....	450 00	} Passed.
Assistant do. do.	350 00	
Plumbing Inspector.....	800 00	
Electrician.....	1000 00	

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Redden, that this item be struck from Estimates. Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 11 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Redden, Hamilton, Lane, Creighton.—5.	Aldermen Faulkner, Campbell, Butler, Mitchell, Hubley, O'Donnell, Ryan, McFatrige, Foster, Eden, Outhit.—11.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said item be passed at \$800.00. Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for there appeared :

For the motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Outhit, Creighton, McFatrige, O'Donnell, Hubley, Lane, Hamilton.—7.	Aldermen Eden, Foster, Ryan, Mitchell, Butler, Redden, Campbell, Faulkner, Geldert.—9.

Alderman Lane gives notice of reconsideration.

Item passed at \$1,000.00.

Item Salaries passed at \$37,484.00.

Less Charged to Water Department.

Assistant Engineer.....	\$1400 00	} Passed.
Part of Collector Taxes (3900).....	500 00	
2nd Clerk Collector's Office.....	600 00	
3rd do. do.....	600 00	
Assistant Clerk Department of Works.....	800 00	
Superintendent Water Department.....	1000 00	
Water Inspector.....	676 00	
Total.....	\$5576 00	

Charged to Sewerage.

2nd Assistant Engineer.....	\$ 480 00	} Passed.
3rd do. do.....	480 00	
Clerk Department of Works.....	900 00	
Typewriter.....	400 00	
Superintendent of Streets.....	884 00	
Total.....	\$3144 00	

License Inspector (License Fund).....	1200 00	} Passed.
Librarian and Assistant (Library Appropriation).....	800 00	
Plumbing Inspector (Board of Health Appropriation).....	800 00	
Electrician (Fire Department Appropriation).....	1000 00	
Total Deductions.....	\$ 12520 00	Passed.
Item Salaries.....	\$ 24964 00	Passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief of Police and Men..... \$ 29215 00 Passed.

Alderman O'Donnell gave notice of reconsideration.

ROCKHEAD PRISON.

Governor and Matron	\$ 1200 00	} Passed.
Underkeepers and Officials	2144 00	
Maintenance	2556 00	
	<i>Less</i>	
Probable Income	1200 00	
Total	\$ 4700 00	

DEPARTMENT CITY WORKS.

Streets	\$20500 00	} Passed.
Internal Health	14000 00	
Horses and Drivers	1500 00	

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that this item be placed at \$1,650.00. Motion lost.

Item \$1,500 passed.

Fuel	950 00	} Passed.
Telephones	238 00	
Lighting City Hall	900 00	
Lighting Streets	17500 00	
Insurance	1000 00	
Repairs to City Property	2500 00	
Total	\$59088 00	
Fire Department	\$30000 00	Passed.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing and Stationery	\$ 2500 00	} Passed.
Interest on Commutation Fund	330 54	
Contingent Fund	2000 00	
	\$ 4830 54	
Total	\$152,797 54	Passed.

Less Probable Income.

Liquor Licenses	\$11000 00	} Passed.
Hacks, Trucks and other Licenses	3000 00	
Fines and Fees Police and City Courts	7600 00	
Rents City Property	2000 00	
Dog Tax	1250 00	
Balance Current Interest	4500 00	
Halifax Electric Tramway Co.	5000 00	
Total	\$ 34,350 00	
Total Ordinary Assessment	\$ 118,457 54	Passed.

EXTRA ASSESSMENTS.

County of Halifax	\$10000 00	} Passed.
Public Schools	92000 00	
Poors' Asylum	23000 00	
Public Gardens and Common	5000 00	
Point Pleasant Park	2500 00	
Citizens' Library	1800 00	

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that this item be placed at \$2000.00. Motion passed.

Halifax Dispensary and Morgue	750 00	} Passed.
School for Blind	600 00	
Deaf and Dumb Institution	660 00	
Industrial School for Boys	1000 00	
St. Patrick's Reformatory	1000 00	
Infants' Home, Tower Road,	300 00	
Infants' Home, Brunswick St.,	300 00	
Protestant Home for Girls	300 00	
Roman Catholic Home for Girls,	300 00	

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Butler that this item be placed at \$900.00. Motion passed.

Truants under Compulsory School Act	1600 00	} Passed.
Dalhousie University	500 00	
County Rifle Association	50 00	
Victoria School of Art and Design	500 00	
Board of Health	4000 00	
Court of Appeal	300 00	
One-half Subsidy to Dry Dock	5000 00	
Robert Motton Superannuation 1 Year	1000 00	
Summer Carnival, 1896,	1500 00	
One-Fifteenth Loan to pay County (\$15000), 5th year. Sinking Fund	1000 00	
Interest one year on \$15000 at 4½ per cent.	675 00	
One-Fifth Loan for New Fire Engine, &c. (\$15000), 5th year	3000 00	
Interest one year on \$3000 at 4½ per cent	135 00	
One-Fifth Loan for Fire Hose, &c., (\$5250) 4th year	1050 00	
Interest one year on \$2100 at 5 per cent.	105 00	
One-Fifth Loan for Exhibition (\$12550) 2nd year	2510 00	
Interest one year on \$10040 at 4½ per cent.	451 80	
One-Fourth Loan for Work on Citadel (6000) 1st year	1500 00	
Interest one year on whole amount at 4 per cent.	240 00	
Interest one year on \$4500 at 4 per cent.	180 00	
Total	\$165,606 80	

OLD FUNDED DEBT.

Old Sewerage Debentures (\$70,000) at 6 per cent.	\$ 4200 00	} Passed.
Public Gardens Debentures (\$15,000) at 6 per cent.	900 00	
Exhibition Building Debentures (\$20,000) at 6 per cent.	1200 00	
City Hall Building Debentures (\$50,000) at 4½ per cent.	2125 00	
Total	\$ 8425 00	

CONSOLIDATED FUND.

\$805,000 at 5 per cent	\$40250 00	} Passed,
\$1,143,700 at 4½ per cent.	\$51466 50	
\$61,050 at 4 per cent.	\$26402 00	
Interest on \$198,000, from May 11th, '96, to April 30th, '97, 4 p. c.	7703 01	
Interest on \$22,000, from Dec. 11th, '96, to April 30th, '97, 4 p. c.	337 53	
Total	\$126159 04	

Less Charged to Water Department.

\$153,000 at 5 per cent	\$ 7650 00	} Passed.
\$679,600 at 4½ per cent.	30582 00	
\$61,000 at 4 per cent	2440 00	
Total	\$40672 00	

Total consolidated Fund to be assessed

\$85487 04 Passed.

Sinking Fund for Special Loan (100,000) Act, '82.....	3000 00	Passed.
Sinking Fund under Chapter 27, Act '96.....	3000 00	Passed.
Total.....	\$383966 38	Passed
Add for Short Collection, 1 per cent.....	3831 62	Passed.
Total.....	\$387798 00	
Less taken from Unexpended Balances.....	17900 00	
Grand Total.....	\$370 798 00	

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, That the general City and ordinary Assessment, amounting to \$118,457.54 and the extra assessment amounting to \$269,340.46, as per Estimates do now pass less \$17,000 to be taken from Unexpended Balances, and that the citizens and their property be assessed for the total sum being \$370,798 and that the City Clerk be directed to give the usual order to the Assessors to make up the assessment for the year 1897-8 on the basis of that amount as directed by law.

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

Read last clause of the report of the Committee on Public Accounts re the City doing its own lighting.

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

Read letter from H. H. Banks, License Inspector, (now submitted by His Worship the Mayor) respecting statements alleged to have been made by him.

Alderman Eden calls the attention of the Council to the fact that the owners of property recently expropriated by the City for the widening of Lockman Street were required to pay certain fees in obtaining from the Supreme Court the amounts paid into said Court by the City for said properties and asks that they be reimbursed the several amounts so paid out,

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder to settle and that they be authorized to pay to the several property owners such amounts as they may deem just and sufficient in each case. Motion passed.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That the Recorder be directed to prepare an Act to be submitted to the Legislature at the next session amending Chapter 27 of the Acts of 1896, section 55, by extending the powers thereby conferred to the furnishing of light to the citizens and increasing the borrowing powers of the City accordingly.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, and on being put is passed.

Alderman Hamilton gives notice of reconsideration of the item in the estimates "Clerk Department City Works \$900"

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration of resolution adopting the estimates as a whole.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1. Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of resolution to purchase the market clock.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said resolution be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 13 against it. Names being called for, there appeared

For reconsideration.	Against it.
Aldermen Outhit, Hubley, O'Donnell.—3.	Aldermen Ryan, Foster Redden, Geldert, Faulkner, Hamilton, Lane, Mitchell, McFatrige, Eden, Creighton, Campbell, Butler.—13.

No. 2. Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of appointment of Louis R. Kaye as Clerk in the Collector's Office.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 10 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

For the Resolution.	Against it.
Aldermen Campbell, Butler Lane, Hubley, O'Donnell, McFatrige,—6.	Aldermen Geldert, Mitchell, Ryan, Faulkner, Outhit, Hamilton, Foster, Eden, Creighton, Redden.—10

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion put and passed.
Council adjourns 10.55 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock, p. m.

December 31st 1896.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

At the above hour there were present:—His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Foster, Geldert, Butler, Faulkner, Hubley and O'Donnell.

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

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Musgrave, Redden, Campbell, Hamilton, Lane, Mitchell, Ryan, McFatrige, Outhit, and Mosher.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

His Worship the Mayor submits a letter from John McInnes re payment of Arbitrators' fees on Quinpool Road widening.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman McFatrige that the Order of the Day be suspended to read Mr. McInnes' letter Motion passed.

Read letter from John McInnes asking for the payment of the Arbitrators' fees in the Quinpool Road widening. Placed on Order Paper.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No.1—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of item, Superintendent of Streets \$884.00, in estimates 1897-8.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that said item be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 12 against it. Names being called for there appeared:—

For reconsideration.

Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell,
Ryan, McFatrige.—4.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave,
Faulkner, Campbell,
Redden, Butler,
Hamilton, Lane,
Mitchell Foster,
Mosher, Outhit.—12.

No. 2.—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of items, Water Inspector, License Inspector, and Caretaker City Property, in estimates 1897-8.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said items be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 14 against it. Names being called for there appeared:—

For reconsideration.

Against it.

Aldermen Hubley, O'Donnell.—2. Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave, Faulkner Campbell, Redden, Butler, Hamilton, Lane, Mitchell, Ryan, McFatrige, Foster, Mosher, Outhit.—14.

No. 3.—Alderman Lane's notice of reconsideration of item, Electrician \$1,000, in estimates 1897-8.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that said item be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 12 against it. Names being called for there appeared:—

For reconsideration.

Against it.

Aldermen Lane, Hamilton, Musgrave, Geldert.—4. Aldermen Outhit, Mosher, Foster, McFatrige, Ryan, O'Donnell, Hubley, Mitchell, Butler, Redden, Campbell, Faulkner.—12.

No. 4.—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of item, Police Department, Chief of Police and men \$29,215.00, in estimates 1897-8.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said item be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 14 against it. Names being called for there appeared:—

For reconsideration.

Against it.

Aldermen Butler, O'Donnell.—2. Alderman Geldert, Musgrave, Faulkner, Campbell, Redden, Hamilton, Lane, Mitchell, Hubley, Ryan, McFatrige, Foster, Mosher, Outhit.—14.

No. 5.—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of item, Fire Department \$30,000, in estimates 1897-8.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley that said item be now re-considered. Motion put and lost 2 voting for the same and 14 against it. Names being called for there appeared:—

For reconsideration.	Against it.
Aldermen O'Donnell, Hubley.—2.	Aldermen Outhit, Mosher, McFatrige, Foster, Ryan, Mitchell, Lane, Hamilton. Butler, Redden, Campbell, Faulkner, Musgrave, Geldert.—14.

No. 6—Alderman Hamilton's notice of reconsideration of item, Clerk department City Works, \$900.00, in estimates 1897-8.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said item be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 12 against it. Names being called for there appeared:—

For reconsideration.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Hamilton, Lane, Hubley.—4.	Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner, Campbell, Redden, Butler, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Foster, Ryan, McFatrige, Mosher, Outhit.—12.

No. 7—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of the resolution adopting the estimates as a whole.

Alderman O'Donnell withdraws said notice of reconsideration.

Alderman McFatrige gives notice that at a future meeting of the City Council he will move the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Council on the tenth day of October, 1896 to pay to the appraisers of property required for the widening of Quinpool Road the sum of \$300 be and is hereby rescinded.

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

Council adjourns 9.40 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock.

January 19th, 1897.

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

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

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Geldert, Faulkner Redden, Campbell, Hamilton, Lane, Ryan, O'Donnell, Foster, McFtridge, Outhit and Mosher.

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

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

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

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

Alderman Faulkner, Chairman, submits a report from the special committee appointed to confer with representatives of the temperance bodies.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Letter from John W. Rhuland *re* property on Grafton Street.

Report Coal Measurers for month of December, 1896.

Application of W. J. Hames for permission to operate a smoke house.

Application of James Fogarty for membership in the Halifax Fire Department.

Letter from B. F. Pearson covering time table of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company.

Letter from Russell Twining and others asking for a reduction in the tax imposed on Plate Glass Insurance Companies.

Application of Wm. McC. Boak for water extension, Edward Street.

Letter from Robt. Theakston, City Collector, *re* personal property voters.

Letter from the City Clerk *re* accounts for consideration of Committee on Public Accounts.

Petition of Edward Morrison *et al* for an asphalt sidewalk on Queen Street from Spring Garden Road to Tobin St.

City Treasurer's Cash Statements, "General" and "Water," for month of December.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder covering draft Act *re* Public Schools.

Letter from His Honor the Recorder covering draft Acts to be submitted to the Legislature.

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

Read report Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners *re* changes in the membership of the Department, Act to sell Gerrish Street Engine House, and accounts for payment.

17th January, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

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

1. John Waugh having resigned and Frank Bowers having been dismissed from the Fire Department, their places were filled by the appointment of John Inglis, 2 Cunard Court, and Thomas Strong, 25 Lower Water Street.

2. The Engine House on Maynard Street, and known as the Gerrish Street Engine House, will in a short time be vacated by the department, and the men and apparatus now stationed there be removed to the new Engine House on West Street.

Your Board would recommend that the City Council authorize His Honor the Recorder to prepare an Act for submission to the Legislature at its next session, empowering the City of Halifax to sell said Gerrish St. Engine House, the proceeds of such sale to be used towards completing the West St. Engine House.

The following accounts were examined and are recommended for payment, viz. :—
 John O'Connell, \$8.93; DeWolfe, Son & Co., carriage work, \$36.60; Farquhar Bros., gas fitting, etc., 31.41; Day & Kinsman, stove pipe, fitting, etc., \$11.67; S. Cunard & Co., hard coal, \$14.85, \$132.45, \$147.30; Neil Fox, harness work, \$6.80; W. & C. Silver, bed clothing, \$28.05, \$9.25, \$37.30; N. S. Furnishing Co., beds, \$25.20, \$11.57, \$36.77; G. M. Cullen & Co., glazing, \$9.10; W. H. Isnor, stabling, \$15.00; William Jordan, horse shoeing, \$13.26; Daniel McLeod, horse shoeing, \$14.75; John Davison & Son, lumber, \$1.85; George Thompson, brooms, \$3.25; Simson Bros., chamois and sponges, \$14.50; Black Bros & Co., hardware, \$1.75, \$0.20, \$1.95; James Dempster & Co., turning ladder rings, \$9.76; Isaac Sallis, removing night soil, \$5.00; John O'Connell, horse shoeing, \$23.14; I. B. Shaffner & Co., feed to 30th Dec., \$249.48; W. R. Brown, buckhorn, \$9.00, ladders, \$16.20, \$25.20; Davidson Bros., soap, \$3.82; William Roche, coal, \$5.75; John Tobin & Co., soda, \$4.50; W. S. Craig, water closet, Central House, \$56.50; W. S. Craig, stove, etc., Bedford Row, \$21.02; Geo. E. Smith & Co., hardware, \$3.15; W. B. Arthur & Co., hardware, \$0.89; Halifax Electric Tram Co., lighting No. 7 House, \$27.99; M. E. Keefe, extra work, New Engine House, \$552.43; Cragg Bros. & Co., hardware, \$20.83; A. Lamphier, carriage work, \$4.50; Power & Co., work at bell tower, West St., \$40.48. Total, \$1,444.89.

JOHN F. RYAN, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the report 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 herein, amounting to \$1,444.89.

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

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

January 5th, 1897.

His Worship the Mayor;

The City Prison Committee beg to report having examined the following accounts and having found the same correct, would recommend them to the City Council for payment :

R. N. McDonald, \$25.76 ; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$24.75 R. Cabot & Son, \$5.94 ; Robt. Urquhart & Son, \$65.36 ; Clayton & Son, \$50.00 ; Knight & Munro, \$13.00 ; J. J. Brownley, \$7.25 ; Wm. Robertson & Son, \$0.88 ; Wm. Jordan, \$5.63. Total, \$198.57.

The Governor's and Matron's returns for the month of December, 1896. are herewith submitted.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, that the report of the City Prison Committee, recommending the payment of certain accounts be adopted.

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

Read report of the Special Committee appointed to confer with representatives of the Temperance bodies of the city relative to a new Liquor License Act.

January 19th, 1897.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

The committee appointed on December 10th, 1896, to confer with representatives of the temperance bodies of the city in accordance with resolution of the Council of February 10th, 1896, beg to report that they had a conference with a delegation from the Law and Order League on the 7th January instant, but the representatives of the League stated that they were not authorized to join your committee in any efforts to revise and amend the present Liquor License Act.

An invitation was then extended to all the representative temperance organizations of the city to send a delegate each to a conference to be held on the 14th instant. With one exception (St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society) these organizations declined to send delegates to the proposed conference, or to assist in furthering the object for which the committee was appointed.

As the resolution of Council does not authorize your committee to enter upon the work of amending the Liquor License Act, except in conjunction with representatives of the temperance bodies, we beg to refer the matter back to the Council for such action as it may deem expedient in view of the facts herein set forth.

G. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that the same be received and filed. Motion passed.

Read report Weighers and Measures of coal for the month of December. Filed.

Read report from J. W. Rhuland relative to the property on Grafton Street. Placed on Order Paper.

Read application of William J. Hames for permission to operate a smoke house on his premises, Sackville St.

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

Read application of James Fogarty for position as member of the Halifax Fire Department.

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

Read letter from Russell Twining and other insurance agents asking for a reduction of the tax imposed upon plate glass insurance companies.

On motion the same was laid over to be taken up for consideration with the draft Acts to be submitted to the Legislature

Read letter from the City Collector of Rates and Taxes relative to voters on personal property tax.

On motion the same was laid over for consideration with the draft Acts.

Read application of William McC. Boak for extension of water service on Edward Street.

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

Read petition of Edward Morrison *et al* for an asphalt sidewalk on Queen Street from Spring Garden Road to Tobin St.

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

Read letter of the City Clerk covering sundry accounts for the consideration of the Committee on Public Accounts.

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

Read City Treasurer's Cash Statements, "General" and "Water," for month of December. Fyled.

Read letter B. F. Pearson, covering the time table and tariff of fares of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited.

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

Alderman Geldert, by leave of Council, submits a report from the Committee on Laws and Privileges relative to the weighing of hay, covering draft ordinance on the subject.

Said ordinance now receives its first reading.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder covering draft of an Act, entitled, "An Act to amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1895, relating to public instruction."

Also, read letter from His Honor the Recorder covering draft of an Act, entitled, "An Act to amend Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1891, entitled, 'An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the City of Halifax and the Acts in amendment thereof.'"

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that said draft Act be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report, and that the City Clerk cause said draft Acts to be printed and furnish each Alderman with a copy. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Redden, that Nos. 26 and 27 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 26, viz: Letter from John McInnes asking for the payment of the Arbitrators' fees in the Quinpool Road widening.

Also, read No. 27, viz: Resolution of Alderman McFatridge by way of notice to rescind resolution of October 10th, 1896, to pay Appraisers of property Quinpool Road.

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the resolution mentioned in No. 27 on order paper be now rescinded. Motion put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 6 against it. Names being called for there appeared:—

For the Resolution	Against it
Aldermen Lane, Campbell, Redden, O'Donnell, Ryan, McFatridge, Foster, Mosher.—8.	Aldermen Geldert, Creighton, Faulkner, Hamilton. Hubley, Outhit.—6.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to pay to the Arbitrators of properties expropriated for the widening of Quinpool Road the sum of four hundred dollars each, in full for such services.

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Redden.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that the sum to be paid the Arbitrators for their fees in the matter of the Quinpool Road widening be \$300.00.

Amendment put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Geldert, Faulkner, Hamilton, Hubley, Outhit.—5.	Aldermen Foster, Ryan, Lane, Campbell, Redden, O'Donnell, McFatridge, Creighton, Mosher.—9.

The resolution (\$400.00) is now put and passed.

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

The following resolution is now introduced.

Resolved, That Mr. McDonald, foreman of streets, be requested to furnish this Council with answers to the following questions:

Did Alderman O'Donnell ask you to remove material from his cellar, or did you go to him looking for it?

How many teams were employed by the city in the work?

How many men were employed at the cellar by the city?

Where was the material deposited?

Was the material as good as screenings?

About how many loads did the city haul at its own expense?
Was the hauling of material to Lockman St. stopped suddenly? If so, why?

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

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Lane, that No. 24 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 24, viz.:—Letter S. M. Brookfield, covering a petition from the Halifax Graving Dock Company, Limited, asking that the property of said company be relieved from taxation until such time as the net yearly returns are sufficient to meet the interest upon the debenture bonds of the company. Also covering a document signed by Robert Boak and others, endorsing the application of the petitioners.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Redden, that His Worship the Mayor appoint a Committee to take said matter into consideration and report thereon to the Council. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Aldermen Musgrave, Campbell, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Creighton and Eden as the Committee to consider and report on the subject matter of the foregoing resolution.

On motion said nominations are confirmed.

On motion No. 12, viz.:—“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.”

And No. 15, viz.:—“Report Committee Laws and Privileges recommending reduction of fees in City Civil Court” are struck from Order Paper.

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

Council adjourns 11.20 o'clock,

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock.

January 29th, 1897.

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

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

8.30. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner, Redden, Butler, Campbell, Lane, Mitchell, Ryan, Hubley, Eden, McFatrige, Outhit and Mosher.

The Council was summoned to consider the Acts relating to the City of Halifax, to be presented by the Council to the Legislature at its present session, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

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

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

Alderman Geldert, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Laws and Privileges.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Petition from the Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

Application of Shand and Umlah for permission to operate a Steam Saw Mill.

Letter from A. W. H. Lindsay, M. D., Registrar of Provincial Medical Board, asking that Nicholas Power, City Detective, be made an agent of the Board.

Letter from D. J. Smith, Supervisor, announcing the death of Maurice McDonnell, one of the Salt and Grain Measurers.

Report City Engineer *re* Charles Street Extension.

Letter from N. Power, City Detective, asking that the city protect him in the matter of a judgment obtained against him.

Letter from George Grant, complaining of the action of the Chief of Police in the matter of enforcing an execution.

Letter from R. A. Croucher, relative to the action of the Chief of Police in not enforcing an execution.

Application of Thomas Forbes for the position of Salt and Grain Measurer.

Letter from Wm. Compton objecting to an asphalt sidewalk on Queen Street.

City Collector's returns for December, 1896.

Draft Act to amend Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1895, entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited."

Draft Act to allow the city to sell the Engine House on Maynard Street, known as the Gerrish Street Engine House.

Report of the City Health Board covering a report of the City Engineer in *re* disposal of garbage.

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

Read report of the Charities Committee covering accounts, &c., for the month of December :—

January 6th, 1897.

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

Accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$2,256.62 were examined, found correct, and recommended for payment.

The Superintendent of Poores' Asylum report showed that during the month of December there had been admitted to that institution 33 persons, 5 of whom were chargeable to the province, 3 to Cape Breton, 2 to Halifax County, 1 to Lunenburg County, and 22 to the City. There were 39 discharged and 4 died. The number of inmates, Dec. 31, 1896, was 361, divided as follows : 223 men, 132 women and 6 children.

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 accounts mentioned therein.

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

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee covering Draft Acts for presentation to the Legislature.

On motion the consideration of the same is deferred until a later stage of the meeting.

Read report of the Library Committee covering accounts, &c. :

29th January, 1897.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

The Committee on Citizens' Free Library desire to bring to the notice of the Council that applications are repeatedly being made for the privileges of the library by persons who are temporary residents of the city only, and would recommend as follows :

Persons who are temporary residents of the city and desire to make use of the privileges of the library may do so upon being certified in writing by some responsible citizen as fit and proper persons to be accorded such privileges, upon the person so certifying agreeing to make good any loss or damage which the library may sustain in consequence of injury to or non-return of books or non-payment of fines.

Your Committee would also recommend the following accounts against the library for payment :

T. C. Allen & Co., \$14.85 ; Cragg Bros. & Co., \$0.50 ; Theakston & Co., \$2.00 ; James Bows & Sons, \$3.00 ; Charles Annand, \$6.00 ; The Halifax Herald, \$6.00 ; G. & T. Phillips, \$40.75. Total, \$82.63.

The Committee also submit herewith the Librarian's report for the months of August, September and October last.

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

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

Read petition of the Dartmouth Ferry Commission for a reduction of the rental now paid by said commission to the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the same be referred to the committee already appointed to consider certain matters in connection with the Halifax and Dartmouth Ferry.

Mr. George J. Troop, by leave of the Council, addresses that body on the subject matter of the petition.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Lane, that Alderman Mosher be a member of said committee in place of Alderman Hamilton, who is at present out of the city. Motion passed.

The motion referring the petition to the special committee on the subject is now put and passed.

Read letter from Shand and Umlah asking permission to operate a steam saw and planing mill on Edward Street.

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

Read letter from A. W. H. Lindsay, Registrar of Provincial Medical Board, asking the Council to sanction the appointment of Detective Power as agent of said Board, to secure evidence and institute proceedings against persons violating the Medical Act.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the same be referred to the Police Commission to deal with. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer covering plan of Proposed Extension of Charles Street.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that John Davidson and James Carmichael be permitted to address the Council on the subject. Motion passed.

Messrs. Davidson and Carmichael now address the Council, urging the necessity of said extension. Placed on order paper.

The draft Acts are now taken up for consideration.

January 25th, 1897.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN, —The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting held this evening, there being present Aldermen Geldert (Chairman), Eden, Mosher, Ryan and Redden, and His Worship the Mayor, His Honor the Recorder, the City Treasurer, City Engineer and City Collector, they had before them the draft Act proposed to be submitted to the present session of the Legislature.

After a careful consideration of the various subjects treated of in the said draft Act quite a number of the sections were amended and several new sections added, among the latter of which the most important is an amendment to section 366 of the City Charter, providing for a discount of 2 per cent. on taxes paid on or before the 31st of July in the year in which they fall due.

The Acts as amended are herewith submitted and recommended to the Council for concurrence.

Attached hereto will be found a copy of the draft Act forwarded to the Committee, showing by marginal notes the sections amended.

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

Read Clause 1, repealing sections 433 and 434 of the City Charter Passed.

Read Clause 2, *re* expropriation of lands.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said clause be amended by substituting the word "thirty" for the word "twenty" in the second last line thereof. Motion passed. Said clause is now passed as amended.

Read Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, *re* expropriation of lands. On motion said clauses were severally passed.

Read Clause 7, *re* expropriation of land for street purposes. Passed.

Read Clause 8, adding the word "asphalt" to the Permanent Pavement Act. Passed.

Read Clause 9, *re* Aldermen resigning their seat in the Council before they can be eligible for the office of Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said clause do pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Foster, that this clause be struck from the proposed Act.

Said amendment being now put is lost, 5 voting for the same, and 12 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the amendment.

Ald. Musgrave,
Hubley,
O'Donnell,
Foster,
Mosher.—5

Against it.

Ald. Geldert, Faulkner,
Redden, Campbell,
Butler, Lane, Mitchell,
Ryan, McFatrige, Eden,
Creighton, Outhit.—12

The original motion is now put and passed.

Read Clauses 10 and 11, providing for payments to be made direct to the Treasurer. Passed.

Read Clauses 12 and 13, *re* Attorney and Counsel Fees in City Civil Court. Passed.

Read Clause 14, *re* Electric Lighting by the City. Passed.

Read Clause 15, *re* Debentures issued for the improvement of Lockman Street and Quinpool Road. Passed.

Read Clause 16, *re* Superannuation of John A. Bell, City Auditor.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that all the clauses in regard to the amalgamation of the offices of City Clerk and Treasurer be struck from the Act, and that legislation relative to the amalgamation of these offices be not applied for.

His Worship the Mayor rules the motion out of order, and declines to accept it.

Read resolution passed by City Council October 19, 1896, relative to the amalgamation of said offices. Also read the opinion of His Honor the Recorder on the subject as submitted and read at a meeting of the City Council, held 10th October, 1896.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that Clauses 16 to 21, inclusive, do now pass.

Said Clauses 16 to 21, providing for the superannuation of John A. Bell and for the amalgamation of the offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer, are now read.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that Clause 16 do now pass. Amendment put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Amendment
Ald. Musgrave, Butler,
Lane, Ryan,
McFatrige, Eden,
Foster, Mosher,—8.

Against it
Ald. Geldert, Faulkner,
Redden, Campbell,
Mitchell, Hubley,
O'Donnell, Creighton,
Outhit,—9.

The original motion is now put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 10 against it.

Names being called for there appeared:—

For the Resolution
Ald. Geldert, Faulkner,
Redden, Campbell,
Mitchell, Creighton,
Outhit,—7.

Against it
Ald. Musgrave, Butler,
Lane, Hubley,
O'Donnell, Ryan,
McFatrige, Eden,
Foster, Mosher,—10

Read Clause 22, ratifying and confirming the expropriation of land for the widening of Quinpool Road and Lockman St. Passed.

Read Clause 23, *re* Recorder's costs in City suits. Passed.

Read Clause 24, *re* Attachment of Pensions paid by the City of Halifax. Passed.

Read Clause 25, *re* penalty for selling bread deficient in weight.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that W. R. Scriven, who is present, be permitted to address the Council on the subject. Passed.

Mr. Scriven now addresses the Council on the matter of the different weights and qualities of bread. Clause passed.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the following clause be added to the bill:

Section 734 of the City Charter is hereby amended by inserting after the word "all" in the first line thereof the word "plain" and also by adding at the end thereof the following words: Fancy breads containing sugar, milk or shortening to be of the weight of 1½ pounds. Motion put and passed.

Read Clause 26, increasing the limit of time within which prosecutions for violation of the bread law may be brought. Passed.

Read Clauses 27 and 28, *re* junk store and other licenses. Passed.

Read Clause 29, *re* hawkers' and pedlars' taxes and licenses. Passed.

Read Clause 30, *re* violation of Acts and Ordinances respecting licenses. Passed.

Read Clause 31, repealing Section 511 of the City Charter and

Section 32, of Chapter 27, of the Acts of 1896, *re* water service pipes. Passed.

Read Clause 32, *re* Water Service pipes. Passed.

Read Clause 33, *re* taxes on Insurance Companies.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Redden, that said section be amended by inserting the word "tenth" in place of the word "ninth" in the second line, and also by inserting the word "one" in place of the word "two" in the same line.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the words "one hundred and fifty" be substituted for the words "two hundred" in said clause.

Said amendment being put is lost. The original motion is now put and passed. On motion said clause is passed as amended.

Read Clause 34, *re* actions against Police Officers. Passed.

Read Clause 35, *re* Discount and Interest on City Taxes.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said clause be amended by adding after the word "first" in the eighth line thereof the words "day of August", and by striking from the ninth line the words "thirty-first" and substituting therefor the words "thirtieth day of September". Motion passed.

Clause passed as amended.

Read draft Act to amend the Acts relating to Public Instruction.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that said Act be struck out. Motion put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Motion.

Ald. Geldert, Faulkner,
Redden, Butler,
Lane, Mitchell,
Ryan, Creighton.—8.

Against it.

Ald. Musgrave, Campbell'
Hubley, O'Donnell,
McFatridge, Eden,
Mosher, Foster,
Outhit.—9.

Alderman Lane gives notice of reconsideration.

Draft Act passed as submitted.

Read an Act to amend the Liquor License Act of 1895. Passed.

Read draft Act empowering the city to sell Engine House on Maynard Street known as the Gerrish Street Engine House.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said Act pass. Motion passed.

Read draft Act to amend Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1895, entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited," and the Acts in amendment thereof.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that said Act do pass. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to add a clause to the last mentioned Act providing that the Company shall pay to the City of Halifax a sum equal to five per cent. of the tolls received by the

Company from the operation of the road in the City, instead of four per cent., as the Act at present provides. Motion put and passed.

By leave of Council the Resolutions following are severally introduced:—

Resolved, that the law be altered in relation to Building and Loan Associations and that they hereafter pay a license fee of twenty-five dollars, and when the amount loaned in the City in any one year shall exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars they shall pay a license fee of one hundred dollars, and that the Secretary or Local Agent of every such Association shall make a return to the City Assessor, under oath, each year, of the amount so loaned.

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

Resolved, that the license fee hereinafter mentioned be imposed on all persons not residing in and paying taxes in the City or County of Halifax who do business in said City or take contracts therein, and that necessary legislation be obtained.

That said license fee be as follows:—

When the contract is one thousand dollars, and not exceeding five thousand dollars, he shall pay five per cent. on the amount of said contract.

When over five thousand dollars, and not exceeding ten thousand dollars, he shall pay three per cent. on the amount of said contract.

Anything over ten thousand dollars at the rate of two and one-half per cent.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hubley, and passed, 11 voting for the same and 6 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Motion.

Ald. Outhit, Mosher,
Foster, Eden,
McFatrige, Ryan,
O'Donnell, Hubley,
Lane, Butler,
Campbell,—11.

Against it.

Ald. Creighton,
Musgrave,
Faulkner,
Mitchell,
Geldert,
Redden.—6.

Alderman Musgrave gives notice of reconsideration.

Resolved, that the Board of Health be abolished and that all the rights, powers, duties and obligations of said Board be transferred to and vested in a Committee to be appointed by this Council, consisting of three aldermen and two citizens, who shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-election, and that His Honor the Recorder prepare an Act to submit to the Legislature in accordance with this resolution.

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

Resolved, that section one of Chapter 54 of the Acts of 1893 be amended by substituting the Recorder for the Chief of Police as a member of the Police Commission, and that an Act be prepared and submitted to the Legislature in accordance with this resolution.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Campbell, and passed, 13 voting for the same and 4 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Motion.
Ald. Outhit, McFatrige,
Musgrave, Faulkner,
Geldert, Redden,
Mitchell, Butler
Campbell, Lane,
Eden, Creighton,
Ryan.—13.

Against it.
Ald. Mosher,
Foster,
Hubley.
O'Donnell.—4.

Whereas, the sidewalks of the City, for some weeks past, have been in a highly dangerous condition ;

And Whereas, much difficulty has been experienced in enforcing the ordinance under which owners of property are charged with responsibility for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks in front thereof ;

Resolved, that the City Engineer report to the Council upon the expediency and practicability of having this work, especially in the business portions of the City, undertaken by the Department of City Works and the cost defrayed by a frontage rate.

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

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

Council adjourns 12 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock.

February 1st, 1897.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present:—Aldermen Redden, Foster, O'Donnell, Mitchell, Musgrave, Mosher.

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

8.30. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Geldert, Faulkner, Campbell, Lane, Ryan, Hubley, McFatridge, Edon, Outhit and Creighton.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that Alderman Mosher take the chair. Motion passed.

Alderman Mosher takes his seat as presiding officer.

The meeting was called to consider report of Special Committee *re* exemption of Dry Dock from taxation, to read papers submitted at last meeting, to appoint a Chief License Inspector for the City of Halifax, to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

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

The Acting Mayor submits the following papers:—

Report City Engineer *re* removal of snow from sidewalks.

Application of H. H. Banks for position of Chief License Inspector.

Letter from P. R. Colpitt, announcing his readiness to assume his duties as City Electrician.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the papers submitted at last meeting, but not then read, and also the papers submitted at this meeting, be now read. Motion passed.

Read letter of D. J. Smith, Supervisor of Salt and Grain Measurers, announcing the death of Maurice McDonnell, one of said Measurers.

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the City Clerk be directed to advertise for applications for said position. Motion passed.

Read application of Thomas Forbes for the position of Salt and Grain Measurer. Fyled.

Read letter of N. Power, City Detective, asking the City Council to protect him against a judgment for damages obtained against him by a man named Munro for wrongful arrest.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the same be referred to His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read report City Health Board covering a report of the City Engineer *re* Garbage Disposal Plant. Placed on Order Paper.

Read petition of William Compton and others against the laying of an asphalt sidewalk on Queen Street.

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

Read letter of P. R. Colpitt announcing his readiness to assume the duties of City Electrician on this date.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that Mr. Colpitt at once assume the duties of City Electrician at a salary of one thousand dollars per annum and that he be paid from the amount placed for that purpose in the estimates of the Fire Department.

Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 4 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For the Resolution.	Against it.
Ald. Musgrave, McFatrige, Faulkner, Foster, Ryan, Eden, Campbell, Outhit, Hubley, O'Donnell.—10.	Ald. Geldert, Mitchell, Lane, Creighton.—4.

Alderman Geldert gives notice of reconsideration.

Read report of Committee on Public Accounts on sundry accounts submitted to them.

February 1st, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Accounts met this evening, when they had before them the following named accounts which, having been found correct, are herewith recommended for payment, viz. :—

T. C. Allen & Co., printing and stationery for November: Recorder, \$26.00; City Clerk, \$25.64; City Clerk, \$16.10; City Collector, \$26.68. Total, \$94.92. Herald subscription, \$6.00; Chronicle, do., \$6.00; Recorder, do., \$5.00; Blackadar Bros., advertising, \$105.50; Industrial School, for truants, \$186.60; for criminals, \$120.00. Total, \$306.60. St. Patrick's Home, for truants, \$398.22; for criminals, \$140.00. Total, \$538.22. Total, \$1,061.74.

The Committee also had before them an account (\$5,482.22) from the Monastery of Good Shepherd for maintenance of women and girls committed by the Stipendiary Magistrate of the City of Halifax to said institution from June 30th, 1890, to December, 1896.

The Committee found that the Council has no legislative authority to pay the accounts submitted by this institution previous to the passage of the Act of 1895. In the estimates for 1896-7 provision was made for paying for girls sentenced during that period and the sums contracted for that period have been adjusted.

In the estimates made up last December an amount was included to provide for the interim between the passing of the Act in 1895 and the date at which the estimates for 1896-7 came into effect, viz., 1st May, 1896.

Having no fund from which the amount charged can be taken, your Committee cannot recommend the payment of the bill.

MINER T. FOSTER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, that the report of the Committee on Public Accounts, submitted this evening, be received and concurred in, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of accounts therein recommended for payment.

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

Read letters (2) from George Grant and R. A. Croucher complaining of the action of the Chief of Police in not enforcing certain executions ordered by them against Matthew C. Quirk,

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

Read report of the City Engineer *re* removal of snow from sidewalks. Placed on Order of the Day.

Read returns of City Collector, "Rates" and "Water Rates," for month of December. Filed

Read application of H. H. Banks for re-election to the position of Chief License Inspector for the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Redden, that H. H. Banks be Chief License Inspector for the City of Halifax for ensuing year. Motion passed.

The Acting Mayor declares H. H. Banks duly elected Chief Inspector of Licenses for the City of Halifax for the ensuing year.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Alderman Mosher be Acting Mayor of the City of Halifax during the absence of Alderman Hamilton.

Said motion is now put by the City Clerk and passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1. Notice of reconsideration by Alderman Lane of Draft Act, relating to public instruction as passed at last meeting.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Faulkner that the resolution passed at last meeting on the Act, relative to public instruction be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 5 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For reconsideration.

Ald. Geldert, Faulkner,
Ryan, Campbell,
Redden, Mitchell,
Lane, Creighton,
Eden, Outhit.—10.

Against it.

Ald. Musgrave,
Hubley,
O'Donnell,
McFatridge,
Foster.—5.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Redden that said draft Act be amended by striking therefrom the following words: "A true copy of which shall be sent to the Mayor of said City who shall submit the same to the City Council at the first meeting thereafter for their information."

Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 4 against it
Names being taken, there appeared :—

For the motion.
Ald. Geldert, Faulkner,
Ryan, Campbell,
Redden, Mitchell,
Lane, Foster,
Creighton, Eden,
Outhit.—11.

Against it.
Ald. Musgrave,
Hubley,
O'Donnell,
McFatrige.—4.

No. 2. Alderman Musgrave's notice of reconsideration of resolution imposing license fee on non-resident contractors.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the resolution passed at last meeting in this matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :—

For reconsideration
Ald. Creighton, Mitchell,
Redden Faulkner,
Musgrave, Geldert.—6.

Against it
Ald. Outhit, Eden, Foster,
McFatrige, O'Donnell,
Hubley, Lane, Ryan,
Campbell.—9.

Alderman Musgrave, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to consider the petition to exempt the property of the Halifax Graving Dock Company from taxation, reports verbally, recommending the imposition of a license fee of \$250 on the Dock proper, and that the valuation of the lands, buildings and machinery be taxed on the assessors' valuation of \$35,000 at the current rate of assessment.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, that the land, buildings and machinery be taxed at the assessors' valuation, viz., \$35,000, at the current rate of assessment, and that a special tax of \$250.00 per annum be placed on the dock. The above to cover a term of five years.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Mitchell.

The following amendment is now introduced :—

Resolved, that the Halifax Graving Dock be valued at \$200 and that it be assessed at $\frac{1}{3}$ that valuation for the purposes of taxation for five years.

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

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

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, that section 27 of the Acts of 1896 be amended by striking out the word "majority" in the sixteenth line of said section from the top and substituting therefor the words "two-thirds," and that the Chief of the Fire Department's salary be \$1,000, and that the Recorder make the necessary alteration in the law.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman McFatrige.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the further consideration of this matter be deferred until after the first day of May next ensuing.

Said amendment being put is lost, 7 voting for the same and 8 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared :—

For the Amendment.
 Ald. Musgrave, Ryan,
 Mitchell, Hubley,
 O'Donnell, Creighton,
 Outhit.—7.

Against it.
 Ald. Geldert, McFatridge,
 Redden, Campbell,
 Lane, Faulkner,
 Foster, Eden.—8.

The original motion is now put and lost, 9 voting for the same and 6 against it; the Acting Mayor, declaring that, as it was new matter, it required a two-third vote of the Council to pass it.

Names being called for, there appeared :—

For the Resolution.
 Ald. Geldert, McFatridge,
 Redden, Campbell,
 Lane, Faulkner,
 Foster, Creighton,
 Eden.—9.

Against it.
 Ald. Musgrave, Ryan,
 Mitchell, Hubley,
 O'Donnell, Outhit.—6.

Alderman Eden gives notice of reconsideration.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :—

Resolved, that section 516 of the City Charter be amended by adding the following :
 "The occupant of the premises shall thoroughly protect the meter from the action of frost. If the meter is allowed to freeze the occupant shall pay to the Clerk of Works the value of such meter, and such value shall be determined by the City Engineer. In case the said occupant shall fail to pay such amount the water may be turned off by the City Engineer; and that the Recorder prepare an Act accordingly."

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

Council adjourns 11 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock.

February 9th, 1897.

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

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Redden, 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 Geldert, Faulkner, Lane, Ryan, O'Donnell, Mosher and Creighton.

The Council was summoned to consider applications for license to sell liquor during the license year, 1897-8, under the Liquor License Act, 1895, and its amendments, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Hubley, Acting Chairman, submits a report from the City Prison Committee covering accounts for the month of January.

Alderman Hubley Acting Chairman, submits a report from the Charities Committee *re* accounts, &c., for January.

Alderman Geldert, Chairman, submits a report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges *re* charges preferred against the Chief of Police.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Report of His Honor the Recorder on letter of N. Power, City Detective, asking the city to protect him against a certain judgment.

Report Special Committee on letter of Dartmouth Ferry Commission.

City Collector's returns for January.

Reply of John McDonald, Foreman of Streets, to certain questions asked by Alderman Redden.

Letter of O. M. Hill and other photographers, of the City of Halifax, *re* licensing of non-resident photographers and canvassers for such photographers, &c.

Applications (6) for the position of Salt and Grain Measurer.

Letter from Lt.-Gov. Daly covering circular letter from the Lord Mayor of London, relative to subscriptions for the relief fund of India.

Two notices of motion submitted by Alderman Lane reappointment of Prosecuting officer and refixing salaries of Assessors.

Letters and reports of Chief License Inspector for the City of Halifax on the several applications for license to sell liquor in the City of Halifax during the license year 1897-8, covering said applications.

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

Read report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners *re* application for permission to operate saw mill, smoke house, &c., and covering accounts for January.

His Worship the Mayor retires and Deputy Mayor Mosher takes the chair.

February 9, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

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

1st. On the application of Shand and Umlah for permission to operate a steam saw and planing mill. Your Board beg to report that they had the matter before them this date, but as some further information was required it was laid over until next meeting.

2nd. In the matter of the application of W. J. Hames for permission to operate a smoke house in the City of Halifax.

Your Board beg to recommend that Mr. Hames be granted permission to operate said smoke house until 1st May next, at which date it will be necessary for him to renew his application.

The following accounts were examined and are recommended for payment :—

John O'Connell, horse shoeing, \$7.32; Halifax Gas Light Co., gas, \$414.80; John G. Colp, carpenter work, \$18.80; Wm. Jordan, horse shoeing, \$5.64; W. & A. Moir, machine work, \$3.00; Neil Fox, harness work, \$9.05; Daniel McLeod, horse shoeing, \$4.33; W. H. Isnor, stabling, \$5.75; John Davison & Son, lumber, \$1.93; Forsyth, Sutcliffe & Co., acid, \$1.63; S. Cunard & Co., coal, \$22.10; Simson Bros. sponge, \$3.00; John Fitzgerald, cleaning batteries, \$7.50; Halifax Electric Tram Co., labor, \$2.62; Austen Bros., hose patches \$24.80; William Roche, coal, \$23.75; John Tobin & Co., soap, \$13.65; N. S. Telephone, 90c. Total, \$580.62.

JOHN F. RYAN, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :—

“ *Resolved*, that the report 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 mentioned therein.”

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

Aldermen Musgrave and Eden now take their seats in the Council.

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

February 2nd, 1897.

The Committee on City Prison beg to report the following accounts against the Prison, amounting to \$180.44, for payment, the same having been examined and found correct : Black & Flinn, \$1.10; John J. Carnell, \$6.90; John F. Kelly, 7.50; George Rent, \$16.57; Moir, Son & Co., \$10.90; Cunningham & Curren, 16.00; William Jake-man, \$24.00; R. N. McDonald, \$12.88; Geo. E. Smith & Co., \$2.30; Wm. Jordan, \$3.76; John Silver & Co., \$3.42; Davidson Bros., \$13.12; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$12.60; Irwin & Sons, \$13.10; Longard Bros., \$33.29. Total, \$180.44.

The Returns of the Governor and Matron for the month of January, 1897.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *Acting Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:—

“*Resolved*, that the report of the City Prison Committee be adopted and that the accounts referred to therein, amounting to \$180.44, be paid.”

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

Read report of the Charities Committee for month of January, covering accounts, &c.

February 3rd, 1897.

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

That they have examined accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$2,806.06, which were found correct and recommended for payment.

The Superintendent's report for January showed that during the month there were 45 persons admitted to the Poors' Asylum. Of this number 10 were chargeable to the Province, 1 to Antigonish, 1 to Cape Breton County, 1 to Windsor, 1 to Colchester County, and the remainder to the City. There were 2 born, 22 discharged and 3 died. Total number of inmates, January 31st, 1897, 385, made up as follows: 237 men, 141 women and 7 children.

A. HUBLEY, *Acting 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 Hubley, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, and passed.

Read report of His Honor the Recorder *re* Detective Power's claim for indemnity in the matter of the arrest of a man named Munroe.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the chair and Alderman Mosher takes his seat in the Council.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read letter of O. M. Hill and other photographers of the City of Halifax *re* licensing non-resident photographers soliciting business in the City of Halifax, &c.

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

Read reply of John McDonald to questions asked by Alderman Redden by resolution of Council of 19th January *ult.*, relative to work done for Alderman O'Donnell.

On motion of Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, the same is placed on the Order of the Day.

Read letter from His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia covering a circular letter from the Governor-General of Canada, also a letter from the Lord Mayor of London, G. B., relative to the raising of subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers by famine in India.

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that His Worship the Mayor appoint a committee to solicit subscriptions for said purpose. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Alderman Geldert, Redden, Hamilton, Ryan, Foster and Outhit as the committee asked for by the foregoing resolution.

On motion of Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, said nominations are confirmed.

Read returns of City Collector of Rates and Taxes for the month of January. Fyled.

Read report of Special Committee on letter of Dartmouth Ferry Commission asking for a reduction of the rental charged for the Ferry property on the Halifax side of the harbor owned by the city. Placed on order paper.

Read applications from the following named for the position of Salt and Grain Measurer, viz.: Thomas Forbes, John Kew, W. J. Flemming, John McDonnell, Wm. Spain and George C. Hawes.

On the vote being taken, there appeared for George C. Hawes 10, Thomas Forbes 2, William Spain 1.

His Worship the Mayor declares George C. Hawes duly elected a Salt and Grain Measurer for the City of Halifax.

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

1. "Resolved, that the Recorder be appointed Prosecuting officer for the City of Halifax, in addition to his other duties, at a salary of two thousand dollars, in accordance with the report of the Committee of Laws and Privileges."

2. Alderman Lane gives notice that at the next meeting of Council he will move a resolution fixing the salaries of the Assessors, and that legislation be obtained ratifying it and striking out the two hundred dollars now paid for revising the electoral lists.

Read letter from W. E. Gower relative to the celebration of the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. No action taken on said letter.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that His Honor the Recorder be directed to prepare an Act for submission to the Legislature at its present session empowering the City of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars to be used for the purpose of celebrating the sixtieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. Motion put and passed.

Read report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges *re* certain charges preferred by R. A. Croucher and George Grant against the Chief of Police.

February 8, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges met this day for the purpose of considering the letters referred to them by the Council in relation to alleged misconduct of the Chief of Police in connection with executions issued out of the City Civil Court. The Committee find that the charge made is not sustained, inasmuch as the execution in the case of Croucher vs. Quirk was issued by the City Clerk on Wednesday, the 13th January, 1897, and was sent to the City Marshal (the officer appointed by law to receive and execute civil writs) the same day, and was placed by him in the hands of Sergeant Collins at 10 o'clock on the following morning to be executed.

The Chief of Police does not appear to have any communication with any of these officers or to have received any information from them on the subject or to have interfered with them in any way in the discharge of their duty or to have made use of his position for the purpose of obtaining an advantage over other creditors; and, as a matter of fact, no unreasonable delay occurred in connection with the levying of the execution.

The Committee, however, learned and think it their duty to bring the following facts to the knowledge of the Council:—

1. On the first of December last the Chief of Police endorsed a promissory note for Matthew Quirk and took from him by way of security therefor a bill of sale covering said Quirk's stock of goods.

2. At the time of the making of said indorsement and the taking of said security it was agreed and understood that said bill of sale should not be recorded, but should be held by the Chief of Police, and that the father of said Quirk should give the Chief of Police notice of any trouble arising in consequence of which the filing of the bill of sale might become necessary.

3. In pursuance of said agreement and understanding the Chief of Police was notified of the fact that judgments would be obtained by Messrs. Grant and Croucher on the thirteenth of January last, and on the following day, the fourteenth of January, while the execution in the case of Croucher vs. Quirk was in the hands of the sergeant of police to be executed, the Chief of Police placed his bill of sale on record, thus defeating the execution.

While this result does not appear to have been accomplished by any act on the part of the Chief of Police interfering with officers under his control or leading to delay in the execution of the process of the court the Committee are of the opinion that no official holding a position such as that of the Chief of Police should engage in outside business transactions which even if innocent in themselves may have the effect, as in this case, of throwing suspicion upon the manner in which civic officials discharge their duties.

Attached hereto will be found the evidence taken at the investigation.

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

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

Alderman Hubley gives notice that at a future meeting of the Council he will move the following resolution:—

Resolved, that His Honor the Recorder be requested to prepare an Act for submission to the Legislature to abolish exemption from taxation on certain properties in the City of Halifax."

The Council now proceeds to consider the several applications for license to sell liquor in the City of Halifax during the licensed year 1897-8.

Read letter H. H. Banks, Chief Inspector of Licenses, covering the applications to sell liquor in the City of Halifax during the license year 1897-8 under the Liquor License Act 1895 and its amendments.

WARD NO. ONE.

Read report H. H. Banks, Chief License Inspector, recommending that licenses be granted to each of the following named applicants:—

John Courtney, Shop, Head Gas Lane.
James Finlay, " 17 Victoria Lane.

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

WARD NO. TWO.

Read report H. H. Banks, Chief License Inspector, recommending that a license be granted to each of the following named applicants, viz. :—

Matthew Quirk, Shop, 8½ Rottenburg Street.
 R. T. Forrestall, " 12½ " "
 A. J. Finlay, " 13 " "
 Stephen Cahill, " 126 Lower Water Street.
 Thomas G. Martin, Shop, 118 Lower Water Street.
 Hannah Purcell, Shop, 52 Sackville Street.
 Richard Shephard, Shop, 117½ Hollis Street.
 Patrick Ryan, Shop, 155 Lower Water Street.
 John McGrath, Shop, 6 Sackville Street.
 Richard O'Neil, Shop, 143 Lower Water Street.
 Joseph Guerrin, Shop, 11 Granville Street.
 Louis J. Hesslein, Hotel, East side Hollis Street, (Halifax Hotel).
 Patrick J. Brodyerick, Hotel, 30 and 32 Sackville Street, (Windsor Hotel).
 J. R. Simmons, Hotel, 51 Granville Street, (Lyceum House).
 Norah Robinson, Hotel, 157 Lower Water Street, (Malden House).
 James P. Flavin, Hotel, 146 and 148 Hollis Street, (Boston Hotel).
 E. D. Blair, Shop, 21 Sackville Street.
 Catherine Doran, Shop, 7 Bedford Row.
 Annie Cahill, Shop, 44 Argyle Street.
 F. Gastonguay, Shop, 189 Lower Water Street.
 Martin J. Bates, Shop, 197 Lower Water Street.
 John Hogan, Shop, 60 Grafton Street.
 Mary A. Dillon, Shop, 75 Sackville Street.
 Thomas Cahalane, Shop, 5 Sackville Street.
 John Pugh, Shop, 32 Bedford Row.
 Marcellin Poirrier, Hotel, 191 and 193 Lower Water Street, (French House).
 Samuel Whitebone, Hotel, 43 Argyle Street, (Evangeline Hotel).

Alderman Redden asks the opinion of His Honor the Recorder as to whether or not the School of Art and Design is a public school, &c., within the meaning of the Act.

His Honor the Recorder replies that in his opinion it is not a school within the meaning of the Act.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the further consideration of the applications of Hannah Purcell, Joseph Guerrin, J. R. Simmons, Marcellin Poirrier and Samuel Whitebone be deferred until next meeting of the Council, that the Inspector verify the distances required by the Act and also as to whether or not Marcellin Poirrier is the owner of the premises sought to be licensed and report thereon at the said next meeting of this Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the several applicants for license in Ward No. 2 recommended by the Inspector, with the exception of those of Hannah Purcell, Joseph Guerrin, J. R. Simmons, Marcellin Poirrier and Samuel Whitebone be granted the licenses applied for. Motion passed.

WARD NO. THREE.

Read report of H. H. Banks, Chief License Inspector, recommending that a license be granted to the following named applicants for Ward No. 3:—

John Glassey, Shop, 196 Hollis Street.
 H. W. Brown, " City Wharf, foot of George Street.
 James Elliot, " 135 Grafton Street.
 George Smith, " 244 Lower Water Street.
 Edwin J. Quirk, " 246 Lower Water Street.
 Catherine Matson, Hotel, 78 and 80 Bedford Row.
 George L. Flawn, " 82 and 84 Granville Street.
 Margaret Broussard, " 26 and 28 Upper Water Street.
 Simon Fraser, " 122 Argyle Street.
 Thomas A. Renner, " 1 Upper Water Street.
 Edward C. Hagarty, " 11½ Upper Water Street.
 E. W. Wright, " 100 and 102 Granville Street.
 Augustus Anderson, " 120 Grafton Street.
 Arthur Monaghan, Shop, 124 Barrington Street.
 R. N. McDonald, " 152 Barrington Street.
 Thomas AuCoin, " 1 Bell's Lane.
 John Coleman, " 40 Upper Water Street.
 Ellen Meagher, " 144 Argyle Street.
 Charles AuCoin, " 46 Upper Water Street.
 Mary Doneaghy, " 75 Buckingham Street.
 James M. Power, " 13 Buckingham Street.
 Mary Carroll, " 174 Grafton Street.
 C. B. McDougall, " 234 Hollis Street.
 Edward Donahoe, " 53 Buckingham Street.
 John A. Mackasey, Jr., Shop, 63 Duke Street.
 H. Stanway, Shop, 243 Hollis Street.
 James M. Allen, Shop, 150 Granville Street.
 Daniel Morrissey, Hotel, 211 and 213 Barrington Street.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the report of the License Inspector be adopted and that the several applicants named therein be granted licenses.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the applications of Simon Fraser and Augustus Anderson be deferred until the next meeting of the Council, that the Chief Inspector report as to the distances of the premises sought to be licensed by said Fraser and Anderson from the nearest Church School, &c.; and also as to whether Augustus Anderson is the owner of the business for which he has made application for license. Said amendment is now put and passed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that Mary Doneahy's application for license be not granted. Motion passed. Alderman Lane gives notice of reconsideration.

The original resolution as amended is now put and passed.

WARD NO. FOUR.

Read report of H. H. Banks, Chief License Inspector, recommending that a license be granted to each of the following named applicants, viz:—

T. F. Courtney, Shop, 39 Jacob Street.
 James Campbell, " 97 Upper Water Street.
 Stephen Mitchell, " 159 Upper Water Street.
 Michael Goulding, " 179 Upper Water Street.
 Joseph Yetman, " 85 Upper Water Street.
 J. E. Siteman, " 113 Upper Water Street.
 Sidney J. Williams, Shop, 228 Upper Water Street.
 Charles A. Norton, " 146 Upper Water Street.

James Spruin, " 87 Upper Water Street.
 Joseph Ferguson, Hotel, 200 and 202 Upper Water Street.
 Thomas O'Malley, Shop, 16½ Cornwallis Street.
 Thomas D. Chalmers, Hotel, 282 and 284 Upper Water Street.
 Robert Johnston, " 286 and 288 Upper Water Street.
 Daniel Johnston, Shop, 47 Maynard Street.
 R. M. Anderson, " 53 Creighton Street.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the report of the Chief License Inspector on the several applications for license to sell liquor in Ward Four be adopted, and that the several applicants named therein be granted licenses.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that Sidney J. Williams and James Spruin be not granted licenses. Said amendment on being put is passed.

The original resolution as amended is now put and passed.

WARD NO. FIVE.

Read report of H. H. Banks, Chief License Inspector, recommending that a license be granted to each of the following named applicants, viz. :—

William T. Nott, Shop, 420 Upper Water Street.
 William Saunders, Hotel, 346 and 348 Upper Water Street.
 Thomas Keating, " 7 Cornwallis Street.
 Adam L. Miller, Shop, 155 Gottingen Street.
 Michael McMahon, Shop, 147 Gottingen Street.
 Gregori Verdi, " 2 Canard Street.
 Thomas Lynch, " 91 Gerrish Street.
 Charles E. Rogers, Hotel, 495 to 500 Upper Water Street.
 John Mullane, Shop, 33 West Street.
 John Walsh, 172½ Gottingen Street.

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the report of the Chief License Inspector be adopted and that the several applicants named therein be granted licenses. Motion passed.

WARD NO. SIX.

Read report of the Chief Inspector of Licenses recommending that the following named applicants be granted licenses, viz. :—

J. J. Richards, Shop, 3 Almon Street.
 James Burns, " 66 " "

Moved by Alderman Outhit, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the report of the Chief Inspector of Licenses be adopted and that J. J. Richards and James Burns be granted the licenses applied for. Motion passed.

Read letter of Chief Inspector of Licenses stating that applications for license had been duly completed and filed by A. B. Sheraton and Margaret Woods, but since the filing of said papers both the applicants had died, and he had been instructed by their representatives to withdraw said applications.

Read application of Malcolm McDonald for a shop license at No. 174 Gottingen St.