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HALIFAX

For the Year ending 30th April, 1898.

1897-98.

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Minutes of City Council.

FOR 1897-98.

May 12th, 1897.

Alexander Stephen Esq., having been declared duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1897-98, was this day sworn into office by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, at Government House, in the presence of Aldermen Butler, Mosher and Musgrave and the City Clerk.

H. TRENAMAN, *City Clerk.*

12th May, 1897

John M. Geldert, Jr., Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward No. 1.

Arthur W. Redden, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward No. 2.

John Menger, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward No. 3.

John F. Ryan, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward No. 4.

W. Stetson Rogers, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward No. 5.

Arthur C. Hawkins, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward No. 6.

Having taken and subscribed the oath of Allegiance, the oath of office of Alderman as well as that of Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax, signed the roll as Aldermen of the City of Halifax this 12th day of May, A. D. 1897.

H. TRENAMAN, *City Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10 o'clock.

May 12th, 1897.

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

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Faulkner that the time be extended until 3.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

3.30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Geldert, Redden, Lane, Mitchell, Menger, O'Donnell, Ryan, Eden, McFatridge, Rogers, Mosher, Creighton and Hawkins.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Redden submits the report of the City Prison Committee for the month of April, together with the annual report of the Governor of the City Prison for the year 1896-7.

Alderman Redden submits a report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges.

Alderman Mosher submits a petition for water extension Cabot Street.

Alderman Hawkins submits a petition for water extension Black Street.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Application of J. K. Wetmore for position of Supervisor of Salt and Grain Measurers.

Estimates for Water Assessment 1897-8.

List of Standing Committees for 1897-8, as nominated by His Worship the Mayor.

Report City Engineer on petition for water extension Jubilee Road.

Report Jubilee Committee *re* Victorian Order of Nurses Fund.

Telegram and letter from Lady Aberdeen covering pamphlet *re* Victorian Order of Nurses Fund.

Application of Allan McDonald for position of Salt and Grain Measurer.

Letter from City Treasurer *re* amounts to be borrowed.

Reports City Engineer *re* loans Lockman Street and Young Avenue.

Letter J. E. Albro *re* Jubilee Mugs for school children.

Letter H. S. Moir, Secretary Halifax Driving Club, asking for use of the common on the 24th day of May, inst.

Report of Library Committee *re* accounts and repair equipment.

Letter T. G. Dunlap *re* sidewalk Lower Water Street.

Letter from the Secretary of the School of Art and Design *re* site for building.

Letter Thomas Ritchie *re* claim of Mr. Brookfield in connection with the Park Lodge.

City Treasurer's and City Collector's returns for the month of April.
Applications of Civic Officials.

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

His Worship the Mayor addresses the Council on various important matters in connection with the municipal government of the city:

Gentlemen of the City Council:

We have been called upon by the suffrages of our fellow citizens to administer the municipal government for the ensuing year, and we, to-day, for the first time publicly take upon ourselves those duties and responsibilities, fully realizing, as I trust, their gravity. Let us endeavor to work out the problems that will confront us in unison and with a single eye to the city's interest. The welfare of our city demands our first consideration, and requires that a wise, careful and judicious policy be pursued with respect to every department under our control. No scheme which has more of a private than a public interest should be engaged in, as our taxpayers have the right to insist that their money be expended only upon that which is for the benefit and need of the city. A wise practical economy, consistent with efficiency must be indulged in. When I say economy, do not understand me to mean, that we shall cripple any improvements that are being made, but we should, nevertheless, take good care that for every dollar expended, whether it be upon the public streets, or in the department, whether in the construction of sewers or in provision for the protection of our city by the police and from fire, in whatever way it may be utilized, that we shall receive full and adequate compensation, and a fair dividend for the money invested. Wasteful extravagance must not be tolerated in the administration of any department. These are self evident principles, gentlemen, with which you are quite familiar and towards the execution of which I solicit your support and assistance in the effective carrying out of the same. Exercising comprehensive views of the wants of the community for whom we are acting, and not guarding the interests of any particular class or body, but keeping constantly before us that fundamental principle and key stone of all good governments, viz.: "The greatest good to the greatest number," we shall, by acting in such a manner best subserve the true interests of the city. Our city is the centre of what should be large manufacturing interests. We have natural advantages which should make Halifax the large commercial entrepot for the maritime provinces. That these manufacturing and mechanical industries should be encouraged to locate their works in this city, we should see that our expenditures are judiciously made, and nothing be done to increase the city's rate of taxation beyond what the citizens demand themselves in the way of expenditure and improvement. While we continue to exact large and increasing sums of money from these manufacturing concerns in the shape of taxes we cannot expect them to make that rapid growth which will tend to the building up of the city, that we all so much desire. We should, therefore, guard our finances carefully to see that economy (and I use that term again in the broadest sense) should be exercised in the administration of all our affairs.

The civic debt has, as you well know, been increasing at rapid rates during the past few years, and while I will not now discuss the wisdom or otherwise of that increase it will be seen by all that before authorizing any additional burdens which will tend to add to that debt it were well to husband carefully our resources with a view to the lowering as soon as practically possible of the rate of taxation. That shall be my aim during my term of office, and to you, gentleman of the Council, I look for assistance. In order to administer our affairs wisely, justly and economically harmony must prevail on all sides, and I trust that by so acting our work together will be productive of the best results.

STREETS.

On reference to the estimate for this year it will be seen that \$34,500 has been provided for the improvement of our streets and street cleaning service. Care must be taken that this amount is expended in the most judicious manner possible, and so that the greatest good may result therefrom. On all sides is heard the cry of the dilapidated condition of our streets, and without exception I may say I never saw them in such a poor condition before. To whatever cause this may be attributed, the fact remains, the laying of gas pipes through so many streets, is to some extent, no doubt, a partial cause. The companies which open up streets are required to see that they are left in the same condition as when they were disturbed. This provision must be strictly enforced, as well as the one which compels the street railway to keep their part of the streets in a state of efficient repair. The good name of our city, as well as the commercial necessity requires that the streets be kept in good condition.

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

One of the largest items of the civic debt is for building sewers, which are certainly of great necessity. The expenditure for this must be carefully controlled and managed, so that all those built will be of sufficient dimensions to carry off the water in the streets in which they are constructed. It is absolute folly to build sewers too small for the locality in which they are situated, and wasteful extravagance to lavish expenditure on those which are of greater dimensions than the necessity of the case requires. A strict supervision must be made over this branch of the public works now being constructed.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY WORKS.

In consequence of the present arrangement of the department of city works a great amount of the duty and responsibility in this department rests upon the mayor and engineer. I have stated in speaking of streets and sewers that strict supervision must be had of our expenditures. This statement applies with double force to every branch of this department. This is the great spending department of the city and a firm hand is required to properly guard the expenditures here. It will be my duty to devise some plan whereby a fuller control of the management of this department is effected, and to this end, gentleman, I ask your assistance and co-operation. The expenditures by the department of city works have, of late years, been exceedingly large, and while this in any measure continues, efficient control as well as efficient workmanship upon the several works under construction must certainly be had.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Thirty thousand dollars is placed at the disposal of this branch for the protection of our city from fire. Halifax has been singularly free from any large fires and the department deserve all credit for the admirable manner in which they are wont to handle this dread destroyer of life and property. It is specially important that here perfect accord should manifest itself, and that all should work together to effect that greatly to be desired result. I must congratulate our fire department for what it has done in years past, but hope during the coming year increased efficiency will be the watchword of every member of the fire department committee and a decided improvement in the service for which there is at the present time very much need be reported a year hence.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The efficiency of this department is a prime necessity. The safety of our property, and to a certain extent our lives, is dependent on the faithfulness and efficiency of our police. In the selection of police, great care and judgment should be used, as upon them depend, to a very great extent the preservation of public order and protection to life and property. Our police should understand that the retention of their position depends upon the qualifications they possess, and their capacity to discharge their duties. In order that the force should be thoroughly efficient it is essential that it be composed of men of more than average intelligence and in the prime of life. With our force the citizens can make little complaint, but, as everywhere, there is always room for improvement, and for the amount of money expended the citizens require efficient and adequate service. \$29,215 is estimated for this department for the present fiscal year.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

The subject of health is one of prime importance to every citizen. All measures calculated to promote health and prevent disease should receive our hearty approval and

support. We should see that all rules and regulations adopted for this purpose are strictly observed. The appropriation for the present year to this branch of the public service amounts to \$4,000.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

It is only by educating our children that we can look forward to the future with any degree of hope and confidence for the preservation of our institutions, and of all that makes us an important factor in the world's history. Upon this depends the well being of society. We who have had the benefits of a public school education can well appreciate its advantages and urgent necessity. This is an inheritance which we must preserve for our children, and although the care and supervision of schools devolve upon another department of our government, by far the largest appropriation we make is for education; and, without question, there is no expense which our people will bear the burden of more cheerfully provided they are receiving a good return for their money. The appropriation, \$92,000, is large, and should therefore be expended by the board wisely economically and in such a way as to produce most effective results.

LIBRARY AND ART SCHOOL.

In late years the library has been greatly improved, in fact its rapid improvement is scarcely commensurate with its present rather incommensurate quarters. Accordingly we can look forward with some degree of expectancy to the time when a separate building for the library and the Victoria school of art and design will be erected. Steps have already been taken, and it is hoped that soon a decided move in that direction will be made.

CITY LAWS.

The time has arrived when the revision of the City Charter must be completed without delay. You have directed that the ordinances be collected and compiled, and this, together with the other laws of the city should be speedily attended to. During my recent election some strange anomalies were met with which require attention and correction. The laws respecting the qualification of voters should also be revised thoroughly, so that the widest franchise advisable to grant should be adopted.

BOARD OF TRADE AND WINTER PORT.

The natural advantages which the city has as regards shipping facilities should make this a lively commercial centre, a veritable "Liverpool in America". This should not be a dream of the future, but the citizens should strive to make it a living reality of the present. We are placed, as mayor and alderman, in a representative capacity to effect that object among others. At the present time events point to a favorable issue as regards the winter port question, and what is now needed is a little energy directed by our council in conjunction with the board of trade, to effect the much desired and oft promised boon of making this the port of Canada. Unity and unanimity of effort will now bring forth great results. The council has at the present time a committee to act with the board of trade committee appointed for such a purpose. The vacancies on that committee should be at once filled; the committee made a permanent one, and the combined efforts of both bodies used to make this port what it should be. It shall be my constant effort to assist both bodies to the best of my ability, so that some practical results will be provided. In other cities the Council and board of trade work hand in hand, and the mayor is usually identified with that body as a member. Close affiliation between these two bodies in Halifax should be productive of much good, and I trust that we will work together harmoniously for the advancement of the port in which we have a common interest. A satisfactory issue of this project will tend more than anything in view at the present time, to build up our city, increase its population, promote its welfare and make it, what was promised us at confederation, the Atlantic port of the Dominion of Canada. It should be a port, not alone for one season of the year, but in accord with the great inducements held out to us at that time, it should be the commercial port of the Dominion all the year round. Our best efforts should, therefore be directed towards the securing for this port the terminus of the Fast Atlantic line, and the determination of the government to grant no subsidies in future to any steamers which do not make the Canadian ports their terminal port, is a very important step in that direction.

FREIGHT RATES.

The Merchants of this city are hampered in another direction as regards freight rates. A uniform system of rates has been adopted by the railway companies for freight to whatever port the freight should come, from or to the west, whether to Boston, New York, Portland, St. John or Quebec, leaving Halifax out of the tariff rate. This is a direct discrimination against the port of Halifax and our Merchants doing business. This calls for prompt attention and rectification, if possible. In connection with this the meeting of all the general freight agents of the Dominion of Canada will be held in Halifax this summer, and it is important that this body should receive some attention at the hands of the citizens, and of the City Council especially. This is practically the body which suggests to the management the different rates to be fixed from all centers, and it is from them, if from any one, we must receive consideration in the matter of through rates. The adjustment of these discriminating rates is a matter which should be settled as promptly as possible.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

In close connection with the foregoing is the question of the extension of the Intercolonial to Montreal, a work which all must admit to be a great practical utility to the maritime ports. The determination of the government to press this matter to a speedy conclusion, whether by leasing another railway or a direct extension of the Intercolonial railway into Montreal, should receive every encouragement at our hands. The practical effect of this will be to give us direct communication with Montreal, the great commercial centre of the Dominion, at which point all the roads from the west centre, and thus place this port in a position to compete with all Atlantic ports in the matter of through freights both to and from the west.

TERMINAL FACILITIES.

Another matter which this council should urge upon the government, is the necessity of the completion of terminal facilities. The elevator destroyed by fire nearly two years ago should be restored and Halifax placed on a level with other ports in this regard.

Of vital importance to Halifax also, will be the projected lines of the railway east and west from Halifax. Musquodoboit Valley Railroad, on the one hand, should receive our every encouragement, and an effort be made to assure that this road will be built thereby tapping important farming and mining sections of Halifax and Guysborough counties, not now provided with railway connections. If this railway is permitted to slip from our grasp a large amount of traffic which should properly belong to Halifax, will be diverted through other channels. Representations should be made both to the Dominion and Provincial government of the importance of subsidizing this road. The western shore countries are also looking for direct railway communication with Halifax in the near future. This project should also receive our heartiest approval.

DIAMOND JUBILEE.

This year is noted in history of the British Empire as the Diamond Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, who has for sixty years guarded the destinies of the greatest Empire the world has ever seen. By her gracious guidance the Empire has during this period reached a summit of glory surpassing that of any other in the world's history. Her arm is still strong to uplift, and I note that one of her latest requests is that all gifts given in her honor this year be devoted to the succoring of the poor and needy. During her reign the sciences have flourished and the arts progressed. Advancement is met with in every phase of life and learning. It is fitting, therefore, that we, in common with our fellow subjects the world over, should unite in doing her honor. Your committee has but a short time at its disposal, but I am assured that steps are being taken to facilitate the preparations necessary to a proper celebration, which will do Halifax, the most important arsenal and naval station Queen Victoria has on this continent, full justice. The loyalty of our citizens is fervent, and I know you representing the citizens will join with me in wishing our most gracious sovereign continued happiness and prosperity while the divine hand permits her to wield the scepter of this mighty empire.

CABOT CELEBRATION.

In the same week as the Diamond Jubilee celebration takes place, the memory of

the great discoverer of this northern part of our continent—Sebastian Cabot—will be honored in Halifax. These two events will tend to bring a large number of visitors to our city, and among them his excellency the Governor General. Provision must be made in conjunction with the societies having the matter in hand to give them a cordial welcome and impress them with the natural beauty and advantages of Halifax. Our parks and gardens, as well as our streets and avenues should therefore be placed in good condition. The erection of the fountain in the gardens will make them still more attractive. It will not be long before a fountain must be erected in our public square, and thus complete the parade according to the original intention.

It has occurred to me frequently that our City is not sufficiently well advertised abroad, considering the amount of advertising other cities engage in to attract visitors. I have at my hand an advertising card of the City of Toronto, issued by the City Council. It would be well for us, as a council, to devote a little money in such a way, for it will reap untold benefits from a commercial and every point of view.

Gentlemen, I have endeavoured to touch upon some of the most important matters which will come before you for your consideration and best judgment. It is not to be expected that we shall always take the same views upon all things, but let us endeavour to reconcile our different views in order that the best interests of the city may subserved. We should strive to do our whole duty to the city; to do it honestly and fearlessly; and the best and most effective results will then follow from the government of the city, while in our hands. I leave then the several matters I have discussed for your careful consideration, and trust that in this year advancement will be noted on every side.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Menger, that His Worship's address be printed in the Minutes of Council and in the Annual Civic Report. Motion passed.

Read petition of Thomas Stokes for water extension Cabot Street.

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

Read letter of T. G. Dunlap claiming compensation for alleged injury to property of J. C. More by narrowing sidewalk of Lower Water Street.

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

Read letter of A. McKay, Secretary School of Art and Design, asking the Council to consider the advisability of granting a site on which to erect a building for said school.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Aldermen Mitchell, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges together with His Worship the Mayor and the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Read telegram and letter from the Countess of Aberdeen *re* establishing the Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada, covering a pamphlet relative thereto. Also read a report from the Jubilee Committee on same subject.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the papers be referred to His Worship the Mayor to deal with. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Engineer *re* loans for Lockman Street, Young Avenue and for water construction. Also read letter from the City Treasurer *re* amounts to be borrowed,

LOCKMAN STREET.

May 12th, 1897.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—The City Treasurer is submitting an estimate of the amount required on Capital Account for the year. I think it would be advisable to borrow \$10,000 on Lockman Street account, the balance, if any, to be borrowed after the work is completed, so that we shall not have any balance on hand. I would also recommend that tenders be asked for \$30,000 on Young Avenue sewerage account, but that the money shall not be borrowed unless the Act be complied with before the tenders are in. The Act of 1896 authorizes the borrowing of \$25,000 for water construction; I would recommend that that amount be borrowed.

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

May 11th, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to inform the City Council that on 1st July next Fifty Thousand Dollars, (\$50,000) Halifax currency water debentures will fall due and will have to be provided for. There will also have to be borrowed the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, (\$5,000) for Dry Dock subsidy and whatever sums may be needed by the Works Department for Lockman Street Widening, Sewerage, &c., &c., and Fifteen Hundred Dollars, (\$1,500) to Celebrate the Queens' Diamond Jubilee.

I would respectfully request that authority be given me as soon as possible to advertise for the sums required as the loan has to be advertised for thirty days, and it is usually some little time after the acceptance of a tender before the money is paid in.

W. L. BROWN, *City Treasurer.*

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the City Treasurer be authorized to advertise for tenders for the loans referred to in the letters of the City Treasurer and the City Engineer, with the exception of the thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) on Young Avenue sewerage account, and that the latter item be placed on the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read petition of G. A. Fader and others for water extension Black Street.

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

Read report of City Prison Committee for the month of April, covering the annual report of the Governor and Matron, for the year 1896-7.

May 12th, 1897.

The Committee on City Prison beg to report that they have examined the following named accounts, all of which having been found correct are recommended for payment:

Black Bros. & Co., \$2.20; J. F. Kelly, \$1.60; A. & W. Mackinlay, \$1.84; I. B. Shaffner & Co., \$12.15; R. T. Braine, \$10.42; Wm. Roche, \$11.60; Davidson Bros., \$12.57; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$14.79; Wm. Jordan, \$4.33; A. M. Bell, & Co., \$5.50. Total \$77.00.

The annual reports of the Governor and Matron of the Prison for the year 1896-7 are attached hereto and recommended for publication in the annual report.

G. MUSGRAVE.
A. W. REDDEN.
A. HUBLEY.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the report of the City Prison Committee be received and concurred in and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for payments of accounts named therein;

Further Resolved, That the annual reports of the Governor and Matron be published in the Annual Civic Report.

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

Read application of J. K. Wetmore for the position of Supervisor of Salt and Grain Measurers.

Laid over for consideration with the appointment of Civic Officials.

Read estimates for Water Assessment for the year 1897-8.

May 1st, 1897.

His Worship the Mayor :

Sir,—I have the honor to present for your information and action the estimate for water service for the civic year 1897-8.

W. F. RELLY, *Clerk of Works*.

WATER ESTIMATE :

Interest	\$48,053 00
Maintenance	18,000 00
Short collection	1,000 60
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	\$67,053 00
Income special and meter rates	26,653 00
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	\$30,400 00
of \$30,400.00	\$11,400 00
“ “	19,000 00
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	\$30,400 00
16,000,000.00 at 12c. per 100	19,200 00
8,000,000.00 a 14c. “	11,200 00
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	\$30,400 00

Recommended,

D. McPHERSON, *Mayor*.
F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer*.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, and passed, that the same be adopted.

Read the report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges *re* proposed increase in rental of Bell Telephones, and on application of Halifax Tramway Company for permission to extend their lines.

May 10th, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

Gentlemen,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges met this evening, present: Aldermen Geldert, Chairman, Redden and Lane, and beg to report as follows:

First.—In *re* letter from City Council of Toronto requesting Halifax to join in a protest against permission being granted the Bell Telephone Company of Canada by the Governor-in-Council to increase their rates of charges for telephone service. Your committee recommend that a copy of the petition furnished by the City Council of Toronto be signed by His Worship the Mayor and by the City Clerk under the seal of the city, and that another copy be posted in the City Clerk's Office and that Telephone subscribers in the city be invited by advertisement to sign the same.

May 12th, 1897.

Second.—In *re* application of Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, to lay tracks in certain streets, your committee recommend :

(a.) That permission be granted the company to lay tracks, with necessary side-tracks, &c., on Windsor Street between Cunard and Almon Streets ; provided the company agree to lay asphalt, under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, between the rails of any side-track placed in Windsor Street.

(b.) That the privilege of laying a second track on Lockman Street, commencing at the terminus of the company's second track at or near Cornwallis Street, and thence northerly along Lockman Street to North Street, be granted so soon as said Lockman Street is widened and graded ; provided that under the direction of the City Engineer said work may be at once commenced on the portion of said street already widened and graded.

(c.) Your committee beg to recommend that the application of the company to continue said track down and across North Street from Lockman Street to the Intercolonial Railway Depot, be not granted.

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

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

Read report City Engineer *re* water extension Jubilee Road.

WATER EXTENSION JUBILEE ROAD.

May 8th, 1897.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR.—I beg to report on the accompanying petition from John Jenny for water extension to his property on Jubilee Road.

The building is west of the "Royal Blue" Ground on the north side of Jubilee Road. The supply will be high service, and two hundred (200) feet of 6 inch pipe will be required running east from the Walnut Street main. The excavation will be principally rock. The estimated cost is :

200 ft. 6 inch pipe at 60c.	\$120 00
1 Valve.	15 00
250 6 inch staves.	2 50
275 Key wedges.	69
Excavation and pipe laying.	200 00

\$338 19

Interest on the outlay at 5 per cent. 16 90

The system adopted by the Council is to fix a special rate where the revenue will not be equal to the interest on the outlay. I would therefore recommend that the extension be made provided the petitioner will give the usual bond ; and I would also recommend that the special rate be fixed for this property at sixteen dollars and ninety cents (\$16.90), to be reduced as new houses are erected.

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

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

Read application of Allan McDonald for position of Salt and Grain Measurer.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the Clerk be and is hereby directed to advertise for applications for the position of Salt and Grain Measurer, and that the application of Allan McDonald be fyled. Motion passed.

Read letter of J. E. Albro *re* Jubilee Mugs for school children.

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

Read letter of Thomas Ritchie, Secretary of Point Pleasant Park Commissioners, *re* claim of Mr. Brookfield in connection with the Park Lodge, and asking for the appointment of a special committee of the City Council to confer with a committee appointed by the Park Commissioners on the subject.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the prayer of the letter be granted, and that His Worship the Mayor appoint said committee. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor appoints the following named Aldermen as the committee referred to in the foregoing, viz: Alderman Faulkner, Lane and Mosher.

Read letter H. S. Moir, Secretary of the Halifax Driving Club, asking for the use of the Common on May 24th for the holding of sports. Placed on Order Paper.

Read report of the Library Committee *re* accounts and repair equipment.

April 29th, 1897.

The Library Committee met this day, present: Alderman Geldert, Chairman, and Aldermen Hubley, Outhit and Campbell. The following accounts were presented:

A. & W. Mackinlay, \$7.32; G. & T. Phillips, \$20.10; T. C. Allen & Co., \$16.80.—\$44.22.

The accounts being correct, it was moved by Alderman Outhit, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that they be paid.

Owing to the large number of books withdrawn from circulation for repair, and the difficulty of doing such work effectively under present conditions, it was moved by Alderman Outhit, seconded by Alderman Hubley, and passed, that the balance now remaining to the credit of the library be appropriated to the fitting up of a repair room with suitable equipment, and that as the appliances to be provided will become civic property and will be available in connection with other departments, His Worship the Mayor be requested to provide such balance as may be required, estimated, not to exceed \$200, out of city property or any other available fund.

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

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

Read returns of the City Collector of "Rates" and "Water Rates" collected during the month of April. Fyled.

Read Cash Statements of City Treasurer, "General" and "Water". for the month of April. Fyled.

The Council now proceed to elect the various Civic Officers for the civic year 1897-8.

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

Second Assistant City Clerk—William J. Nisbet, re-elected.

Third Assistant City Clerk—William R. Hamilton, "

City Marshal—Garret Cotter, re-elected.

Clerk of License—Robert Theakston, re-elected.

Clerk of Works—William F. Reilly; "

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

- Foreman Street Works*—John McDonald, “
Foreman Water Works—Ewan Morrison, “
Assistant City Engineer—H. W. Johnston, Jr.
Stenographer and Typewriter—Minnie Hunter, re-elected.
Clerks Water Department— { James Laidlaw, “
 { Louis R. Kaye, “
Clerk in Collector's Office—H. S. Rhind, re-elected.
Caretaker City Property—Thomas Spelman, re-elected.
Inspector of Buildings—Thomas Spelman, “
City Electrician—P. R. Colpitt, re-elected.
Health Inspector—Nicholas Meagher, re-elected.
Water Inspector—John E. Burns, re-elected.
City Medical Officer—Thomas Trenaman, re-elected.
Janitor City Hall—John Spruin, re-elected.
Measurers of Salt and Grain—J. K. Wetmore, James Mitchell,
 Thomas Wood, Richard D'Arcy, James Mahar, George C. Hawes, re-
 elected.
 On motion of Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Mosher,
 J. K. Wetmore was appointed Supervisor of Salt and Grain Measurers.
Registrar of Cemetery—Alexander McDougall, re-elected.
Weighers and Measurers of Coal—Simon Cummins, Supervisor;
 W. R. Cogswell, D. Grant, R. Woodill, A. J. Smith, G. Grono, C. F. F.
 Von Schoppe, W. J. Egan, re-elected.
Governor City Prison—William Murray, re-elected.
Matron City Prison—Mrs. William Murray, “
Under-keepers City Prison—D. E. Keating, William Higlet, James
 M. Anderson, George Grant, re-elected.
Messenger City Prison—Daniel McDonald, re-elected.
Superintendent Poors' Asylum—James H. Dow, re-elected.
Matron “ “ Annie F. Dow, “
Asst. Engineer “ “ John H. Grant, “
Baker, &c., “ “ Daniel McIntosh, “
Secretary, &c. “ “ Bart. Mulcahy, “
Fireman “ “ John R. Hennigan, “
Lumber Surveyor—John C. Potts, re-elected.
Sealer of Leather—Jeremiah Barnstead, “
Fence Viewer—William T. Horton, “
Inspectors of Painters Works—J. E. M. Taylor, David Roche, re-
 elected.
Inspectors of Mason Work—Samuel Marshall, Henry Saunders, elected
Police Matron—Mary Spruin, re-elected.
Pound Keepers—John Punch, George W. Bowser.
 Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that
 the matter of appointment of pound keepers be referred to the De-
 partment of City Works to deal with. Motion passed.
Weighers of Bundle Hay—Richard Currie, Chris Connolly, A. E.
 Cashen, William Johnston.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the appointment of weighers of bundle hay be allowed to lay over for the present. Motion passed.

Weighers of Loose Hay—W. McC. Boak, Thomas Keating, Joseph S. Hubley, re-elected.

Keeper Dog Pound—Thomas Bushell, re-elected.

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

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that No. 31 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 31, viz: Report City Engineer *re* Esplanade.

ESPLANADE.

April 17th, 1897.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—The former report on the Esplanade was referred back to this department with instructions to have a conference with the property owners and report back to the City Council.

The property owners interested are of the opinion that they should not be asked to contribute any money towards an expenditure the necessity for which they allege was caused solely by the action of the City in building a trunk sewer emptying in the vicinity of their property and causing a nuisance for which they are in no wise responsible. They claim that the City is legally liable for injury to their property. The case from their standpoint seems a hard one.

It is claimed that the sewerage discharged at the outfall is continually washing up along the shore, fills up the crevices in the rocks and mixes with the sand and gravel so that the odor from it is offensive, especially when the wind is blowing from that direction. The plan suggested to prevent any deposit on the beach referred to provided for the construction of a sea wall from the North East Corner of the Esplanade towards South Hollis Street, locating the wall far enough East of the line of South Hollis Street to make a narrow Esplanade between the Street and the face of the wall. The scheme also included the extension of South Hollis Street to the Esplanade and the extension of Inglis Street to meet it. A rough wall could be built for about four thousand dollars, (\$4,000); but if the construction is to be such that sewage will not be deposited, in it a concrete faced wall will be necessary, and it should be capped with a neat coping, such a wall would cost at least six thousand five hundred dollars, (\$6,500). There is no fund from which we could take money to pay for such an expenditure and if the Council should decide to have the work performed, it would be necessary to provide money to do it. While the property owners are not disposed to pay anything towards the cost of construction I think they might fairly be asked to give to the City the land required for the wall, Esplanade, and the extension of South Hollis Street. As the Esplanade would not be built upon, the value of their property would be enhanced, and I do not think it is to much to ask from them.

Some of the property owners would be satisfied if the work is constructed on these conditions and possibly they would all agree to it. Under the circumstances I think they should be satisfied with such a proposal. The only alternative is to extend the sewer: a work the result of which would be doubtful as it would be impossible to ascertain until the work is completed whether it would be a remedy or not.

The expense of construction would be heavy, as the location is much exposed. If a sea wall were constructed there would be no portion of the beach remaining uncovered at low water, while the completion of the whole plan would make an improvement which could be enjoyed by the public as well as the property owners immediately interested.

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

The following Resolution is now introduced:—

Whereas, the discharge of sewerage from the Inglis Street Sewer is offensive to the property owners on Pleasant Street and inimical to the public health.

Therefore Resolved, that the report of the City Engineer be adopted and a sea wall constructed as specified without cement facing, provided that the owners of the land re-

quired for the purpose convey same to the City without consideration; And that the matter of providing funds be left to His Worship the Mayor, so that if possible the work may be commenced without delay."

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

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

The following resolution is now introduced:—

"Resolved, that the duties of Chief of Fire Department be performed by the City Caretaker in addition to the other duties performed by him."

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Hubley, objected to and placed on Order paper.

His Worship the Mayor now nominates the various Standing Committees for the civic year 1897-8, as follows:

Board of Commissioners Point Pleasant Park—Aldermen Redden, Geldert, Mitchell, Ryan, Rogers, Hawkins.

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

Commissioners of Halifax Common—Aldermen Mitchell, Campbell, Faulkner, O'Donnell, McFatrige and Mosher.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Aldermen Mitchell, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

Board Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners—Alderman Lane, Butler, Musgrave, Hubley, Eden and Mosher.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

City Health Board—Aldermen Hawkins and O'Donnell and Dr. G. Carleton Jones.

On motion duly seconded Alderman Hawkins and O'Donnell are appointed members of the City Health Board.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that Dr. G. Carleton Jones be a member of the City Health Board. Motion passed.

Board of Police Commissioners—His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Eden and His Honor the Recorder.

On motion said nomination is confirmed.

Department of City Works—His Worship the Mayor and the City Engineer. Confirmed.

Commissioners of Cabs—His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Lane and His Honor the Recorder. Confirmed.

Fire Escapes.—Aldermen Mitchell, Rogers, Hawkins. Confirmed.

Charities Committee—Aldermen Faulkner, Butler, Lane, O'Donnell, McFatrige and Creighton.

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

Public Accounts—Aldermen Faulkner, Redden, Mitchell, Hubley, Eden, Mosher.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

City Prison—Aldermen Butler, Geldert, Lane, Hubley, McFatrige, Creighton.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said nominations be confirmed.

Laws and Privileges—Aldermen Geldert, Campbell, Menger, Ryan, McFatrige, Mosher.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

Library—Aldermen Geldert, Campbell, Menger, Ryan, Rogers, Creighton.

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

Tenders—Aldermen Musgrave, Redden, Menger, Ryan, Rogers, Hawkins.

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

Cemetery—Aldermen Musgrave, Redden, Menger, O'Donnell, Eden, Creighton.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that Alderman Hubley be substituted for Alderman Eden on said committee, and that the nominations as amended be confirmed. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that Alderman Creighton be substituted for Alderman Mosher on Common Committee and that Alderman Mosher be substituted for Alderman Creighton on the Charities Committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that No. 34 on Order Paper, viz: Report City Engineer *re* Application Halifax and Bedford Light and Power Company for Permission to erect poles, etc., be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 5.30 o'clock

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MAY 27th, 1897.

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

Moved by Alderman Menger, seconded by Alderman Rogers, 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, Lane, Musgrave, Campbell, Butler, O'Donnell, Ryan, Hawkins, Mitchell, McFatrige, Eden and Redden.

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 Rogers submits a petition from Charles S. Hosterman and others for water extension Preston street; also a petition from W. H. Merlin and others for an asphalt sidewalk on east side of Gottingen street.

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

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

Alderman Hawkins submits a petition for a sewer in Fern Lane.

Alderman Geldert submits report of Chairman of Library Committee for year 1896-7; also report of the City Librarian for the year 1896-7.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Resignation of A. E. Cashen of his position as hay weigher.

Petition of J. Greenaway for a retiring allowance.

Report City Health Board *re* appointment of Chairman.

Report City Health Board *re* wool pulling establishment on Fenwick street.

Petition of Wm. McC. Boak and others for an electric light on Edward street.

Annual report of weighers and measurers of coal for civic year 1896-7.

Report coal measurers for the month of April.

Petition of salt and grain measurers against the appointment of another weigher.

Letter from J. E. Roy *re* sidewalk west side of Barrington street.

Letter from Drysdale & McInnes *re* payment for lands of the estate of Robert Waddell, expropriated by the City, on west side of Lockman street.

Applications for the position of salt and grain measurer.

Petition of Douglas Stevens and others *re* moneys paid by petitioners to obtain awards in the matter of Lockman street widening.

Letter from E. Gilpin, secretary, covering letters from Archbishop O'Brien, president of Royal Society of Canada, *re* entertaining certain visitors to the Cabot Celebration.

Report Chief License Inspector on certain applications for wholesale liquor licenses.

Nominations by His Worship the Mayor of Aldermen to fill vacancies on the committee *re* Winter Port, &c.

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

Read petition of W. H. Schofield and others for a sewer in Fern Lane. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Menger, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners *re* unpaid accounts 1896-7. Placed on Order of the Day.

Read report of Committee on Laws and Privileges *re* site for school of art and design and the application of Bedford Light and Power Company for permission to erect poles in the City; also draft Ordinance *re* bicycles.

May 25th, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council:

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting held this afternoon they had before them the letter from Supervisor McKay, secretary of the Victoria School of Art and Design, asking the Council to consider the desirability of granting to said school a site upon which to erect a building, and recommend that the site of the engine house on Spring Garden Road be granted to the Art School, provided that the plans of the proposed building are submitted to and approved of by the City Council.

In respect to the application of the Halifax and Bedford Light and Power Company for permission to erect poles, your committee had a conference with Messrs Crowe and Sulis representing the company, and after full consideration beg to report that a doubt having arisen as to the power of the Council to grant the permission requested without express authority from the Legislature, and the company not being incorporated, in the opinion of the committee it is not expedient that the permission asked for be granted by the Council.

The committee having reconsidered the draft ordinance in relation to the use of bicycles beg to recommend to the Council for its concurrence the enclosed amended ordinance.

J. M. GELDERT, *Chairman.*

On motion the same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1 *re* site for School of Art and Design. Placed on Order Paper.

Read Clause 2 *re* application Halifax and Bedford Light and Power Company for permit to erect poles in the City of Halifax. Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Campbell that

the report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges in this matter be adopted and that the permit asked for be not granted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 3 *re* draft ordinance relating to bicycles; also read draft ordinance, titled, "An Ordinance relating to the use of bicycles, &c., within the City of Halifax." First reading. Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the report of the Committee *re* bicycles be adopted and that said Ordinance receive its second reading at this meeting. Motion passed.

Read draft ordinance, titled "An Ordinance relating to the use of Bicycles, &c., within the City of Halifax. Second reading.

Read petition of Charles S. Hosterman, et al., for water extension Preston street. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of property owners and residents of Gottingen street for an asphalt sidewalk on said street.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Whereas, by resolution of this Council some two years ago, it was ordered that an asphalt sidewalk be laid on Gottingen street, from Cornwallis street to Gerrish street, on the east side, and also that a granite curbing be laid on the west side of Gottingen street, from Cogswell street to Gerrish street—the wish of the Council has not been carried out in this case ;—

Therefore resolved, That the Works Department proceed with work without further delay.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Rodgers, that the same be accepted. Motion passed.

Read resignation of A. E. Cashen of his position of hay weigher. Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the same be accepted. Motion passed.

Read petition of John Greenaway for a retiring allowance. Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

Read report City Health Board *re* appointment of Dr. G. Carleton Jones as Chairman of said Board. Fyled.

Read report City Health Board *re* the wool pulling establishment on Fenwick street.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES CITY HEALTH BOARD, MAY 17TH, 1897.

Read report from the City Medical Officer on petition of Joseph Wood and others for the abatement of an alleged nuisance—the hide and wool pulling factory on Fenwick street. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the same be received and concurred in and ordered to be sent to the City Council for its information. Motion passed.

(A true extract.)

MEAGHER, *Secretary*.

To the Chairman and Members of the City Health Board :

May 1st, 1897.

GENTLEMEN—In the matter of the petition of Mr. Joseph Wood and others in reference to the wool pulling establishment on Fenwick street, referred to the City Health Board by the City Council and by your Board to the Sanitary Inspector and myself for report thereon, I beg to say that I have visited the establishment in question and have

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again examined it fully in all its parts as has Mr. Meagher. I see no reason to change my opinion as given at a meeting of the Board on September 25th, 1892, when a similar petition had been handed to me to report upon. I then stated that while I did not consider the place as dangerous to the public health, it was nevertheless, I was assured, a nuisance to the neighborhood, and I recommended that steps be taken to place all such factories outside the city limits or at least away from the thickly settled parts of the city. This opinion and recommendation I repeat.

Before your Board takes action on the foregoing, however, I beg to refer you to the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee of the City Council under date November 9th, 1892, to which committee, with His Honor the Recorder, the previous petition had been later referred, a copy of which I append.

November 9th, 1892.

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

The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report as follows:

Your Committee have considered the facts stated in the petition from the residents of Fenwick street and vicinity complaining of an alleged nuisance from a wool pulling factory.

The committee have concluded that the proper course to be taken by the petitioners is to apply as private suitors to the Supreme Court for redress. Your Committee, therefore, cannot recommend that any action be taken by the City in respect to the matter at the present time.

W. B. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

On motion of Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, the report was received and adopted.

THOS. TRENAMAN, M. D., *City Medical Officer.*

I concur in the above.

N. MEAGHER, *Sanitary Inspector.*

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the same be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee for report. Moved in amendment by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the report of the City Health Board be concurred in. Said amendment on being put is passed, 9 voting for the same and 4 against it. Names being called for there appeared:

For the amendment.	against it.
Aldermen Musgrave, Butler,	Aldermen Geldert,
Menger, O'Donnell,	Campbell,
Ryan, McFatridge,	Lane,
Eden, Rogers,	Hubley.—4.
Hawkins.—9.	

The original resolution is now put and lost.

Read petition of W. McC. Boak and others for an electric light on Edward street. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said petition be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

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

Read annual report of Supervisor of Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the year ending 30th April, 1897. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the same be printed in the Annual Civic report. Motion passed.

Read letter of J. E. Roy asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on Barrington street.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That steps be taken to cause the removal of all obstructions on the sidewalk referred to in the petition, and that the work of laying a concrete sidewalk be proceeded with.

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

Read letter of Drysdale and McInnes *re* payment for land of the estate of Robert Waddell on the west side of Lockman street. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of Douglas Stevens and others *re* costs in obtaining from the Supreme Court the amount awarded them by the arbitrators in the matter of the widening of Lockman street. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that this matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder for settlement. Motion passed.

Read letter from E. Gilpin, Secretary of the Local Committee of the Royal Society of Canada, covering two letters from His Grace the Archbishop of Halifax, President of the Royal Society of Canada, asking the Council to extend the hospitalities of the City to two ex-mayors of Bristol, England, and also to the Mayor of Albany who are invited to attend at the unveiling of the Cabot Tablet at the annual meeting of the Royal Society of Canada to be held this year in Halifax, and requesting the Council to contribute the sum of three hundred dollars toward defraying the expenses of entertaining the visiting members of the society and their guests during said meeting. Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Menger, that the Council grant the requests contained in the letters of His Grace the Archbishop. Motion passed.

Read annual report of the Chairman of the Committee on Citizens' Free Library for 1896-7. Also read the annual report of the Librarian of the library for same year. Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Menger, that the same be filed for publication in the annual civic report. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Aldermen Faulkner and Mosher to fill the vacancies in the committee to confer with the Board of Trade *re* Winter Port, &c. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said nominations be concurred in. Motion passed.

The Council now proceeds to appoint a Deputy Mayor for the civic year 1897-8. The following named are severally nominated, viz: Aldermen Redden, Butler, McFatridge, O'Donnell, Mosher and Mitchell. Three votes being taken without a majority of the Council appearing for any of the nominees a fourth vote was taken, when there appeared for Alderman Redden, 11; Alderman Butler, 1; Alder-

man O'Donnell, 1; Alderman Mosher, 2. Alderman Redden having received a majority vote of the Council was declared by His Worship the Mayor to be the Deputy Mayor of the City of Halifax for the current civic year.

Read report of Chief License Inspector recommending the granting of wholesale liquor licenses to the following named applicants, viz: T. F. Courtney & Co., 41 Jacob street; Grace & Gastonguay, 75 Upper Water street; John Tobin & Co., 15 to 21 Upper Water street; Dillon Bros., 69 to 71 Sackville street; Dawes & Co., 209 Barrington street; Kelly & Glassey, 204 Hollis street; H. Stanway & Co., 48 Upper Water street; Halifax Breweries, Ltd., 41 Bedford Row; A. Keith & Son, 88 to 94 Lower Water street. Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the report of the Inspector of Licenses be concurred in and the several applicants granted the licenses applied for. Motion passed.

Read applications for the position of salt and grain measurer as follows: Allan McDonald, William T. Mahon, John Kew, Joseph Saunders, John Guihan, W. J. Flemming and Thomas Forbes.

Also read petition of the salt and grain measurers against the appointment of another measurer. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the prayer of the petitioners be complied with. Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 10 against it. Names being called for there appeared:

For the motion.

Aldermen Mitchell,
O'Donnell,
McFatrige,
Eden,
Rogers.—5.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave,
Campbell, Lane,
Redden, Butler,
Menger, Ryan,
Hawkins, Hubley.—10.

On the vote being taken for the appointment there appeared for Allan McDonald, 6; for John Kew, 1; for Thomas Forbes, 8. His Worship the Mayor declares Thomas Forbes duly elected a salt and grain measurer for the City of Halifax.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

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

Council adjourns 11.20 o'clock.