

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that Alderman Mosher be appointed a School Commissioner for the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor declares Aldermen Campbell and Mosher duly elected School Commissioners for the City of Halifax.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1. Alderman Musgrave's notice of reconsideration of Report of City Engineer *re* Granite Curbing and Gutters on Cornwallis Street.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that the action taken by the Council at its last meeting on this matter be now reconsidered. Motion put, and lost, 4 voting for the same and 11 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

For reconsideration.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert,
Musgrave,
Faulkner,
Mitchell.—4

Aldermen Redden, Campbell,
Butler, Hubley, O'Donnell,
Ryan, McFatridge, Rogers,
Creighton, Mosher, Hawkins.—11.

No. 2. Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of letter of J. W. Ruhland, relative to his property on Grafton Street.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley that this matter be now reconsidered. Motion passed, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared :—

For reconsideration.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Faulkner,
Lane; Butler,
Redden, Hubley,
O'Donnell, Rogers,
Creighton, Mosher,
Hawkins.—11.

Aldermen Campbell,
Mitchell,
McFatridge.—3.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the letter of J. W. Ruhland, together with a report from the Inspector of Buildings on the matter be referred to His Honor the Recorder to enforce the law. Motion passed.

No. 3. Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of resolution *re* Appointment of a Special Committee to investigate the working of the Halifax Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the action taken by the Council on this matter at its last meeting be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared :—

For Reconsideration.

Aldermen Hawkins, Mosher,
Creighton, Rogers, O'Donnell,
Hubley, Redden,
Mitchell, Butler,
Campbell, Lane.—11.

Against it.

Aldermen Faulkner,
Musgrave,
Geldert.—3.

The resolution moved at last meeting by Alderman Hawkins and seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, is now read as follows:—

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to investigate the working of the Halifax Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said resolution do now pass. Motion put and lost, three voting for the same and 12 against it.

Names being called for there appeared:

For the Motion.

Aldermen O'Donnell,
Hawkins.
Mosher.—4.

Against it.

Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave, Faulkner,
Lane, Campbell, Butler,
Redden, Hubley, Ryan,
Rogers, Creighton, McFatrige.—11.

By leave of Council, Alderman Lane submits a report of the Board of Fire Wards relative to the Petition against the operation of the Steam Saw Mill on Edward Street.

Said report is now read:—

October, 1897.

The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report that they had before them the Minute of Council relative to the Steam Saw Mill in operation on Edward Street, and say that they consider it a matter solely for the action of the Council and entirely beyond their jurisdiction.—See Section 571 of the City Charter.

CHAS. S. LANE, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that His Worship the Mayor notify the owners to discontinue the operation of the mill. Motion put and passed, 7 voting for the same and 4 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:

For the Motion.

Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave,
Faulkner, Lane,
Butler, Redden,
O'Donnell.—7.

Against it.

Aldermen Hubley,
Ryan,
Rogers,
Creighton.—4.

Alderman Hubley gives notice of reconsideration.

By leave of Council, Alderman Butler introduces the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Engineer report at the next meeting of this Council as to the desirability and probable cost of laying a granite curbing and asphalt sidewalk on the north side of Blowers Street, between Grafton Street, and Granville Street.

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

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 4 on the Order Paper, viz.:—1st. Clause Report Board Fire Wards *re* Steam Boat for protection from fire of property on water front be referred to the Board of Fire Wards for report. Motion passed.

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

Council adjourns 10.55 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10 o'clock.

NOVEMBER 11TH., 1897.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day.

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Lane, Musgrave, Menger, Eden, Redden, Mitchell, Faulkner, Mosher and Hubley.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, 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 O'Donnell, Creighton, Hawkins, Campbell, Rogers and Butler.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Returns of the City Collector, "Rates" and "Water Rates" for the Month of October.

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

Draft ordinance to amend ordinance in reference to meetings and rules of Council.

Report City Engineer *re* Water Extension Mumford Road.

Letter from David Power *re* loss sustained by him through alleged defective sewerage.

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

Read report of Committee on Public Accounts recommending the payment of sundry accounts:—

November 11th, 1897.

His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—

The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that they have examined the following named accounts, found them correct and recommend them for payment out of the several appropriations to which they are properly chargeable. Morning Herald Subscription, 1897, \$6.00; Advertising Oct. 14, \$8.16; Oct. 18, \$1.40; Oct. 18, Mail, \$5.00, \$20.56; Blackadar Bros., Subscription Recorder 1897, \$5.00; Advertising Sept., \$17.89; Oct., \$5.85,—\$28.74; T. C. Allen & Co., Printing and Stationery for City Clerk Sept. and Oct., \$8.68. Do., printing, do. \$23.28; City Collector, do. \$8.85; Police Department, do. \$4.30; City Treasurer, July and August, 65c; Do. Sept. and Oct., \$17.15, \$52.91. Industrial School for maintenance of children, to Oct. 31, '97 Truants, \$166.64; Criminals, \$153.30, \$319.94. St. Patrick's Home, for Maintenance of Children to Oct. 31, 1897, Truants, \$470.20; Criminals, \$170.45, \$640.65. T. C. Allen & Co., Printing for City Electrician Sept., \$4.50. Total, \$1,977.30.

The Committee also had before them an account from Messrs. Blackadar Bros. for \$56.10 for advertising which is chargeable to the last Civic Year.

There is only a balance of \$36.56 in the Printing and Stationery account for last year. Your Committee beg to recommend that the account be paid, the balance required to be taken from this years' appropriation.

G. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Public Accounts submitted herewith be adopted, and that the Mayor be authorized to issue warrants for payment of the several accounts referred to therein.

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

Read report of City Engineer on application of J. Gordon Bennett for water extension Mumford Road. Placed on order paper.

Read letter of David Power *re* loss sustained through alleged defective sewerage.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor, the Aldermen representing Ward 5, together with His Honor the Recorder and the City Engineer for report. Motion passed.

Read returns City Collector "Rates" and "Water Rates" for month of October. Fyled.

Read cash statements City Treasurer, "General" and "Water" for month of October. Fyled.

Read draft ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance of the City of Halifax entitled "An Ordinance in reference to meetings and rules of Council." 1st reading.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1.—Alderman Hubley's notice of reconsideration of Report of the Board of Fire Wardens relative to Steam Saw Mill on Edward Street is now taken up.

February 18th, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—In the matter of the application of Messrs. Shand & Umlah for permission to operate a Steam Wood working establishment on Edward Street.

And also in the matter of the petition of C. W. Ackhurst and other real estate owners, residents and rate-payers of Morris and Edward Streets against the granting of said application.

Your Board beg to recommend that the application of Messrs. Shand & Umlah be not granted.

JOHN. F. RYAN, *Chairman,*

For previous report of Board see minutes November 2nd, 1897,

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that this matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 6 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :

For the Motion.

Aldermen Menger, Hubley,
O'Donnell, Eden,
Rogers, Creighton,
Mosher, Hawkins.—8,

Against it.

Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner,
Mitchell, Redden,
Campbell, Lane.—6.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Faulkner that the action of the Council at its last meeting on this matter be sustained.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Donnell, and seconded by Alderman Hubley, that a committee of three Aldermen, His Honor the Recorder and the City Engineer, be appointed to investigate the matter and report thereon to this Council.

Amendment put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 8 against it. Names being called for, there appeared :—

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Menger, Hubley,
O'Donnell, Eden,
Rogers, Creighton,
Hawkins.—7.

Against it.

Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner,
Mitchell, Redden,
Butler, Campbell,
Lane, Mosher.—8.

The original motion "to sustain the action of the Council" is now put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 7 against it. Names being taken, there appeared :—

For the motion.

Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner,
Lane, Mitchell,
Redden, Butler,
Campbell, Mosher.—8.

Against it.

Aldermen Menger, Hubley,
O'Donnell, Eden,
Rogers, Creighton,
Hawkins.—7.

His Worship the Mayor submits a report from the City Engineer on Blowers Street sidewalk.

The same is now read.

BLOWERS STREET SIDEWALK,

November 11th, 1897.

His Worship the Mayor :

STR,—In accordance with the accompanying resolution, I beg to report on the advisability of laying a curb and gutter and asphalt sidewalk on the north side of Blowers Street between Granville and Grafton Street, with cost.

The blocks east and west of Barrington Street are immediately adjoining the principal thoroughfare of the city and very near the centre of the business district. I have always recommended the construction of good sidewalks on the first block of cross streets intersecting this portion of Barrington Street, and I think Blowers Street should certainly be improved as it comes under the observation of all visitors passing along our principal business street. The north side of Blowers Street, from Barrington to Grafton streets, is used by a great number of people travelling back and forth between the centre of the city and the south-western suburbs.

The estimated cost of laying a curb and gutter and putting down an asphalt sidewalk is \$1136.00, and I would respectfully recommend that this work be placed on the Order book, to be done under the Permanent Pavement Act.

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

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

Alderman Butler has leave of Council to introduce the following resolution :—

Whereas, Thos. Nichols is desirous of obtaining a supply of water at his residence on Edward Street,

Resolved, That the City Engineer be requested to report on the advisability and cost of making the proposed extension.

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

Read No. 2 on Order of the Day, viz.: Report City Engineer *re* Sackville Street sewer.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that this matter be referred back to the City Engineer for further report. Motion passed.

Read No. 3, viz.: Report City Engineer on letter from E. B. Elliott respecting back flow from the sewer on Robie Street.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said report be referred back to the City Engineer to report if there is any way by which the sewer crossing the Common can be relieved of a portion of the water it is now called upon to carry. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that the matter of the superannuation of Police Sergeant Dillon and Policeman Shaw be now taken up. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the matter of the superannuation of Police Sergeant Dillon and Policeman Shaw be struck from the Order paper. Motion passed.

Alderman Lane, by leave of Council, introduces the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Inspector of Buildings report to the next meeting of this Council all buildings mentioned in Section 571 of the City Charter running or in operation in violation of the law.

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

Alderman Butler, by permission of the Council, introduces the following resolution :—

Resolved, That Section 219 of the City Charter be amended by striking out the numeral 33 and substituting 37 therefor in the last line, and that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to secure the necessary legislation.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Eden.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the foregoing resolution together with No. 22 on the Order of the Day, viz.: "Resolution of Alderman O'Donnell, by way of notice *re* amending Police rules" be referred to the Police Commissioners for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 14, viz.: "Letter from the Chief of Police covering a report as to the number of persons reported by the police for violation of the Liquor License Act since the first day of May, 1895, &c., and letter Chief Inspector of License covering a report as to the number of persons reported and summoned by him for violation of Liquor License Act, &c." be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Campbell seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 6, viz.: "Notice of resolution by Alderman O'Donnell to rescind resolution of December 10th, 1896, *re* publishing City Engineer's Annual Report in the Annual Civic Reports," be struck from the Order paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 8 on the Order paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 8, viz.: Report special committee on application of Dartmouth Ferry Commission for a reduction of the rental charged for the Ferry property.

February 10th, 1896.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The Special Committee appointed to consider the application of the Dartmouth Ferry Commissioners for a reduction of the rental charged for the Ferry property on the Halifax side of the harbour, owned by the City, beg to report that after a careful consideration of the subject they recommend that the application of the Ferry Commissioners be granted, and that the rental be reduced to the sum of three hundred dollars per annum on condition :

1. That the Ferry Commissioners make the proposed improvements on the Halifax side by the acquirement of the Stayner property and the erection of the additional passenger and steamer accommodation thereon.

2. That the revenue derived by the Commissioners from the ferry be applied exclusively to ferry purposes including improvements of the service and reduction of rates, and that no part thereof be applied to other or ordinary purposes of the Town of Dartmouth.

The committee recommend that if the suggestions made are approved of by the Council His Worship the Mayor be empowered to enter into an agreement to that effect. The conditions when made to be first approved of by this Council before any contract is made.

C. S. LANE, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that said report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the rental to be paid by said commission be fixed at five hundred dollars.

Said amendment on being put is lost.

The original motion is now put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 4 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared :—

| For the Motion. | Against it. |
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| Aldermen Lane, Musgrave, | Aldermen Hubley, |
| Faulkner, Redden, | O'Donnell, |
| Butler, Campbell, | Mosher, |
| Musgrave, Eden, | Hawkins.—4. |
| Rogers, Creighton.—10. | |

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

Council adjourns 5.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock, p. m.

NOVEMBER 23RD, 1897.

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

At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Butler, Hubley and Rogers.

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

8.30 roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Faulkner, Campbell, Redden, Lane, O'Donnell and McFatridge.

There not being a quorum to do business, the Council stands adjourned.

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock.

DECEMBER 7TH, 1897.

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

Moved by Alderman Creighton, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, 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 Faulkner, Campbell, Lane, Mosher, Menger, Hawkins, Rogers, Redden, Eden and Ryan.

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

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

Alderman Creighton, Chairman, submits a report from the Cemetery Committee.

Alderman Menger, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Tenders.

Alderman Hawkins submits a petition from George A. Fader for water extension Maynard Street.

Alderman Hubley submits a petition from Joseph Rodgers and others for water extension Chebucto Road.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Report City Engineer *re* Lawrence Street sewer.

Report City Engineer *re* Water extension, Maynard Street.

Letter from the City Engineer relative to George Bowser leaving the service of the City.

Report of the Provincial Exhibition Commission for 1897.

Report of the Inspector of Buildings on buildings that come under the ruling of section 571 of the City Charter.

Letter from R. J. Wilson, Secretary Board of School Commissioners, covering estimate for school purposes for year 1898-9.

Petition of James Rankine for sewer extension on Veith Street.

Petition of Louis Cohn to be relieved from the payment of a fine imposed on him in the Police Court.

Returns of Coal Measurers for the months of September and October.

Letter from A. Lamphier *re* sewer, Lawrence Street.

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

Petition of Shand & Umlah *re* wood-working establishment, Edward Street.

Petition of W. J. Harvey and others for water extension, West Harvey Street.

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

Read petition of George A. Fader for water extension, Maynard 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 petition of Joseph Rodgers and others for water extension, Chebucto Road, from Windsor to Oxford Streets.

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

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

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, there were present :—Aldermen Geldert, Creighton, and the Chairman, Alderman Hubley. They had before them a number of accounts; which, on examination, were found correct, and would recommend the same for payment, amounting to \$88.60 : J. J. Skerry, \$26.90 ; Robertson & Son, \$ 2.92 ; W. & C. Silver, \$9.35 ; Leaman & Co., \$12.75 ; Shaffner & Co. \$16.00 ; Wm. Jordan, \$2.82 ; Wm. Roche, \$10.83 ; Moir Son & Co., \$7.03. Total \$88.60'

A. HUBLEY, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :—

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

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

Read report of City Engineer *re* Lawrence Street sewer.

Also read letter from A. Lamphier urging the necessity for the construction of said sewer.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that a sewer be constructed on Lawrence Street, commencing at Windsor Street and running 200 feet on Lawrence Street.

Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 9 against it.

Names being called for, there appeared :—

For the Motion.

Against it.

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| Aldermen Campbell, Lane, | Aldermen Geldert, Faulkner, Menger, |
| O'Donnell, Rogers. | Redden, Ryan, Hubley, |
| Mosher, Hawkins. 6. | McFatrige, Eden, |
| | Creighton. 9. |

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Read report of City Engineer on petition of Eli Evans for water extension on Maynard Street Extension from Bloomfield Street south.

NOVEMBER 30th, 1897.

WATER EXTENSION.

MAYNARD STREET EXTENSION.

His Worship the Mayor :

SIR,—I beg to report upon the accompanying petition, received from Eli Evans for water extension on Maynard Street extension from Bloomfield Street south.

The extension will be on the High Service. The estimated cost is :—

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| 225 feet of 6 inch pipe | \$135 00 |
| 1 foot of 6 inch 3 way branch | 5 12 |
| 1 foot 6 inch valve | 24 00 |
| 75 lbs. lead | 2 25 |
| Excavation and pipe laying | 168 75 |
| 4 service pipes | 60 00 |
| Total | \$395 12 |

The estimated revenue will exceed 5 per cent. on the estimated outlay.

I would recommend that the extension be made as soon as the grading of the street is finished. The owners of the property have this work in hand, and it will be finished in a few days.

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

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

Read letter of City Engineer reporting the resignation of George W. Bowser as keeper of the old Exhibition Building. Fyled.

Read report of Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery *re* placing \$75.00 to the credit of the committee from the amount on deposit in the bank, and also asking that the sum of \$500 be placed in the estimates of 1898-9 for maintenance.

DEC. 7th, 1897.

The Cemetery Committee beg to report that at a meeting held this day, at which there were present the Chairman, Aldermen O'Donnell, Musgrave, and Hubley, it was moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the Council be asked to place \$75.00 to the credit of the Commission out of the amount now on deposit in bank; and also

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, and seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Council place the sum of five hundred dollars in the estimates for next year for the maintenance of Cemetery, both of which on motions were duly passed.

ISAAC CREIGHTON, *Chairman*.

Moved by Alderman Creighton, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the first clause of said report be adopted, and that the second clause *re* "Estimate 1898-9" be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for their consideration. Motion passed.

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

DEC. 7th, 1897.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Tenders beg to report that they have opened tenders for printing Electoral Lists as follows:—T. C. Allen & Co., \$1.74 per page; Morning Herald Printing & Publishing Co., \$1.74 per page; Wm. McNab, \$1.73 per page; Holloway Bros., \$1.48 per page. The Committee recommend that the tender of Holloway Bros., being the lowest, be accepted.

J. MENGER, *Chairman*.

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

Read report of Library Committee *re* Accounts, &c.

DEC. 6th, 1897.

The Library Committee met this day. Present:—Alderman Geldert, Chairman; Aldermen Campbell and Menger. They had before them the following accounts, which were found correct and ordered to be paid, viz:—

Mutual Subscription Co., for Magazines, \$163.15; Nova Scotia Printing Co., printing labels, \$5.00; Kasson & Palmer, subscription to Magazine, \$3.00; T. C. Allen & Co., stationery, \$19.80. Total \$190.95.

Annexed hereto find report of the Librarian for the month of November, 1897.

J. M. GELDELT, JR., *Chairman*.

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

Read report of Inspector of Buildings of the number of buildings that come under the ruling of section 571 of the City Charter.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Menger that the matter be referred back to the Inspector of Buildings for report of the buildings that come under section 571 of the City Charter that he considers dangerous to public safety. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that each Alderman be furnished with a copy of the report of the Inspector of Buildings of the buildings that come under section 571 of the City Charter, and that the Board of Fire Commissioners, together with His Honor the Recorder be a committee to draft a by-law to regulate the establishments referred to in said section, and to prescribe the limits and locations of any such establishments and to affix penalties to violations thereof, in accordance with section 572 of the City Charter. Motion passed.

Read petition of Jamas Rankine for a sewer on Veith 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 petition of W. J. Harvey and others for water extension on West Harvey Street.

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

Read petition of Shand & Umlah relative to their wood working establishment on Edward Street.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Menger, that Joseph F. Frame, solicitor for the petitioners be allowed to address the Council on their behalf. Motion passed.

Mr. Frame, on behalf of Messrs. Shand & Umlah, addresses the Council and submits a petition from a number of residents on and around Edward Street in favor of Messrs. Shand & Umlah being allowed to operate said mill.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the petition presented by Mr. Frame be sent back to him for a legible list of the petitioners. Motion passed.

Alderman Eden gives notice that he will at a future meeting of the Council introduce a motion to rescind the resolution shutting down the mill.

Read letter City Clerk covering accounts of T. C. Allen & Co.

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

Read returns of Coal Measurers for the months of September and October.

Read letter of R. J. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of School

Commissioners, covering the estimate of the amount required for school purposes for the year ending 30th April, 1899.

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

Read petition of Louis Cohn asking that he be relieved from the payment of a fine imposed on him in the Police Court for acting as an auctioneer in the City of Halifax without being thereto licensed.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges together with His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Read report of the Provincial Exhibition Commission for 1897.

Halifax, N. S., November 22nd, 1897.

SIR.—I beg to submit for the information of your Worship and the City Council the following report from the Provincial Exhibition Commission embracing not only to the end of the last fiscal year but, for obvious reasons, extending to the termination of the first annual Provincial Exhibition held under the auspices of the Commission.

The original proposition submitted by the City Council and by the N. S. Farmers' Association was that a joint contribution of \$50,000 each should be made by the Province and by the City of Halifax for the inauguration of an annual Provincial Exhibition upon a larger scale than had yet been attempted in Nova Scotia.

In the original Legislation of 1896 it was proposed to start with \$60,000 as a beginning, although it was quite well understood at the time that a larger amount might be necessary to be supplied at a later date.

The Commissioners in beginning the undertaking were given to understand that a suitable site in the City of Halifax could be obtained for about \$15,000. A very great deal of time was spent in endeavoring to make a selection of a suitable site and it soon became evident that it would require a larger sum of money than that originally contemplated to secure a site. Many legal difficulties were thrown in the way of obtaining the site finally agreed upon, which in the light of experience, the Commission are satisfied was the very best site available within the limits of the City. I am pleased to be able to report that the site, while it was not obtained for the figures originally expected, was obtained at a price lower than was generally believed it was possible to obtain the situation which was finally agreed upon.

As soon as the site was obtained the Commission were confronted with the problem of whether to attempt to provide the buildings and hold an exhibition in 1897 or to postpone the enterprise for another year. The reasons seemed so clear and palpable that it was desirable to have the affair inaugurated at once and this year, that this course was determined upon. It was well into June before all the contracts were let and in order to have the buildings and equipments in proper shape by the 15th September it was necessary to push matters forward with great rapidity and probably under circumstances and conditions which made some extra expenditure inevitable.

However, it is pleasing to know that the buildings and grounds were got in proper shape for the holding of the exhibition, which opened on the 28th day of September and continued until October 5th. It is also extremely gratifying to be able to report that the first exhibition was regarded on all sides as eminently successful in every way. The entries were in excess of our most sanguine expectations. The attendance was large. The quality of the exhibits and the general interest evoked were in excess of any expectation the Commission had been able to form for its first and opening exhibition, indeed, although the buildings had been erected in expectation of a steady increase in interest and a steady growth, it is a matter of fact that in most of the great departments of the exhibition the accommodations for the opening show were scarcely equal to the demand that was made upon them.

The Commissioners have to intimate, with the greatest satisfaction, that the presence of His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen was obtained for the opening exercises and that a number of other distinguished persons, including the Prime Minister of Canada, were induced to attend and aid in securing public interest.

It is the most important duty to submit a full and frank statement in regard to

the financial position of the undertaking. Before proceeding with construction account it was found by estimate that a very much larger sum than that originally provided by the Legislature, namely, \$60,000—\$30,000 to be furnished by the Province and \$30,000 by the City of Halifax—would be necessary in order to secure the buildings and equipment necessary. As a consequence, before advertising or awarding contracts, the Commission applied to the Government and City respectively to place at least \$15,000 each more at their disposal, and this was done. The actual amount required for the acquisition of land and for the payment of the Contracts for the construction of the buildings did not exceed \$90,000, but the Commission found that the buildings when taken from the hands of the Contractors were not in all instances fitted in detail for exhibition purposes, and some considerable work had to be done upon the interior of the buildings by the Commission under the direction of their Engineer, Mr. Doane. It became necessary also to put in a water system which cost a considerable amount of money, and also a system of electric lighting, and to provide engine, boiler, &c., for machinery hall, which involved some expense, and, as a consequence, I have to report that the Commission have already expended no less than \$103,846.90 on Capital Account, and that bills are now outstanding which will be required to be paid of about \$4,000 more, which will make the total expenditure about \$107,850. I may briefly indicate the items which go to make up this sum:—

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| Real Estate, including site and Arbitrators' fees..... | \$ 22,907 94 |
| Buildings and equipments..... | 79,615 70 |
| Commissioners' expenses..... | 621 88 |
| Preliminary expenses, including deputation to visit Exhibitions.... | 701 38 |
| Making a total of | \$103,846 90 |

The amounts outstanding unpaid include a charge of \$1,912.69 from the City of Halifax for drainage and material; \$980 still due to contractors for the track; \$454.40 to the Halifax Tramway Company in connection with the electric light plant, and a few other bills for furnishing, &c., which amount in the aggregate to about \$4,000.

The Commission have received:—

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| From the City and Province..... | \$90,000 00 |
| Balance from the Exhibition of 1894 | 357 24 |
| Security deposit H. Murray..... | 600 00 |
| Making a total of..... | \$90,957 24 |

The deficit on capital account may therefore be put down as amounting to about \$16,900.

The providing by the Legislature of the Province of the \$100,000 originally contemplated will dispose of \$10,000 of this deficit, but, as it already seems desirable that some extra building accommodation should be made at an early date, I have to recommend that instead of \$50,000 each being provided by the Province and the City, that \$55,000 each be so provided, which will wipe out the deficit and leave the Commission a small surplus for any additional facilities that may be deemed necessary.

I may state that nearly all the work done in connection with the buildings has been done by tender and contract at very reasonable prices with very small profits to contractors, and in some instances, as we are advised, at actual loss.

I have now dealt with the position of matters relating to the expenditure on permanent capital account. I have now to deal with the results of the first exhibition:

I may point out, in the first instance, that the very great haste which had to be made in respect of this first exhibition involved some considerable extra expense. In holding an exhibition in new buildings for the first time certain items of expenditure become necessary which will not occur in subsequent years. It will be noted as the items are furnished, that the expenses in connection with this exhibition are in many departments higher than it will be necessary to make in future years. I propose to furnish a list of the expenditures in detail:—

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| From the Secretary's office, which included postage, Secretary's salary, assistants, typewriters, stationery, Manager's salary, telegrams, furnishings, &c..... | \$ 2270 79 |
| For printing and advertising..... | 2472 90 |
| Special attractions..... | 6752 25 |
| Insurance..... | 650 25 |
| Lodging bureau..... | 147 58 |
| Judges..... | 585 60 |
| Cattle department..... | 293 87 |
| Horse department..... | 149 00 |
| Shuntage..... | 27 50 |
| Agriculture Department..... | 40 82 |
| Receptions, Meals and Refreshments..... | 24 65 |
| Special Police..... | 915 45 |
| Manufactures Department..... | 430 62 |
| Horticulture Department..... | 133 07 |
| Dog's Department..... | 18 99 |
| Poultry Department..... | 9 00 |
| Ticket Department..... | 606 83 |
| Educational Department..... | 19 90 |
| Machinery Department..... | 152 50 |
| Ladies' Department..... | 24 89 |
| Sheep and Swine Department..... | 45 30 |
| Grounds and Buildings, (Current)..... | 158 54 |
| Speed Department..... | 62 40 |
| Prizes..... | 9773 54 |
| Speed prizes..... | 2020 00 |
| Paid Cattle and Horses overstay..... | 243 00 |
| Truckage..... | 43 63 |
| Cab Hire..... | 30 00 |
| Commissioner's Expenses..... | 305 64 |
| Making a total of..... | \$28565 99 |

As against this we have:—

| RECEIPTS. | |
|---|------------|
| Admissions..... | \$19143 37 |
| Entrance Fees..... | 914 00 |
| Sale of Prize Lists and Envelopes..... | 240 90 |
| Sale of Concessions..... | 433 08 |
| Sundry items..... | 121 26 |
| Making..... | \$20852 61 |
| which makes a deficit up the present time of..... | 7713 38 |

In addition to this, I may state that there are a number of outstanding bills and claims which have not been adjusted as yet, but which upon a careful estimate I might place at about \$2,000. the principal items being an account of \$810.71 from the Halifax Tramway Company for the electric light service during the exhibition, and a considerable sum due to Wilson for meals and refreshments furnished. The account for Mr. Wilson has not yet been adjusted, but I may state that it is larger than was expected owing to the fact that all the policemen and attendants upon the grounds were furnished with meals on the grounds as was deemed necessary in order to secure their constant attention, and, although the meals were furnished at the lowest possible rate, namely, 25c. each, as the number of policemen and attendants amounted to over 100 it totalled a considerable sum for the seven days on which the exhibition was in progress. In addition, the Amusement Committee found it necessary to have in attendance 100 soldiers and 50 marines for the purpose of putting on the Siege of Sebastopol as one of the special attractions of the show, and these 150 men, and the men composing the two bands, each night had to be furnished with refreshments. Estimating, therefore, the amount still required to make good the deficit this year at \$2,000, we find the total deficit for the year is \$9,713.38.

The law provides that whatever deficit is incurred in connection with these exhibitions shall be borne jointly by the Province and the City. The amount that will fall to each for this year will be \$4,856.69.

It may be noted that almost the entire amount of this deficit is represented by a sum of over \$7,000 paid out for amusements and special attractions, which is entirely a new element in our Provincial Exhibitions and constitutes an item of expenditure that has never been represented in any previous Provincial Show.

The sum usually set apart by the Government for the purpose of exhibitions is \$4,000 and I regret to say that this year the amount somewhat exceeds that sum, but I may state with confidence upon a careful estimate of the probable expenditure and receipts for next year that it will be found practicable to make the exhibition self-sustaining. The attendance next year will be in all probability very considerably in excess of the attendance this year, as this Exhibition was purely an experimental one, and every person who attended went away expressing very favorable impressions. The fact of the exhibition having been a success has started up a degree of public interest throughout the Province which is quite sure to bring a still larger attendance next year.

As has been already intimated, a number of items of expenditure in the direction of furnishings, especially the plates, pails, &c., which are essential for the placing of the exhibits this year, will not be required at future exhibitions.

If the estimate which I have formed of equalizing revenue and expenditure next year be realized the Province, at all events, will be in a better position financially than before making the expenditure for the exhibition itself, as the interest upon the proposed expenditure of \$55,000 at 3½% only amounts to \$1,925 whereas the annual amount hitherto paid for exhibitions amounts to \$4,000.

As the money to meet this deficit has been already advanced by the Peoples' Bank it is desirable that this sum of \$9,713.38, the deficit for the current year, be paid at once, as it seems clear from the wording of the Act that the authority to pay is already given both to the City and to the Province. The final appropriation for capital expenditure can wait of course until the legislature meets.

In conclusion, I have to state in general terms that the grounds acquired and the buildings provided, seem to be most admirably adapted for the purpose of a permanent Provincial Exhibition. The first of these exhibitions was, I think, eminently successful and satisfactory to all persons throughout the province as well as to the City of Halifax; it received a liberal patronage and assumed proportions which satisfied, I think, almost every progressive person that such an annual exhibition is a desirable thing and eminently advantageous to the province. The amount of money paid in prizes was very much larger than ever before given by a Provincial Exhibition in the Maritime Provinces. The special attractions constituted quite a new feature, and not only excited considerable of public interest on the part of those attending, but was a large source of revenue by admittances to the grand stand.

The enterprise may now be said to be fairly launched, and it is confidently anticipated that interest will steadily grow. It is believed that the creation of this permanent exhibition of a provincial character will be of great service in stimulating not only the agricultural but other great interests of the province, and the Commission look forward with confidence to the very best possible results.

I have the honor to be,

Yours very truly,

J. W. LONGLEY,
Pres. Prov. Ex. Commission.

Alex. Stephen, Esq.,
Mayor of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said report be printed in the Minutes of Council and also referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report at the next meeting of Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Redden, that His Worship the Mayor nominate a committee on publication of the Annual Report. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Aldermen Geldert Redden, Menger, Hubley, Eden and Mosher as the committee referred to in the last resolution. On motion said nominations are confirmed.

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

Read No. 6, viz.:—Award of Arbitrators *re* expropriation of land for the extension of Inglis Street, covering an account for services, &c.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the Arbitrators' account (\$150.00) for services rendered be paid. Motion passed.

Alderman Musgrave gives notice that he will at a future meeting of the Council move to rescind the resolution passed 28th May, 1896, relative to water extension Atlantic Street.

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

Council adjourns 11.10 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock,

DECEMBER 14TH, 1897.

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

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

8.30, Roll called. Present, the above named together with Aldermen Faulkner, Campbell, Redden, Mitchell, Menger, Hubley, Rogers, Mosher, Hawkins, McFatrige and Lane.

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

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

Report City Engineer *re* water extension Maynard Street.

Report City Engineer *re* water extension Chebucto Road.

Letter from J. T. Bulmer *re* amount due ex-Policeman Gillis.

Letter from Secretary of Board of School Commissioners *re* approved estimates for school purposes for civic year 1898-9.

Return City Collector, "Rates" and "Water Rates" for November.

Cash statement City Treasurer, "General" and "Water" for November.

A proposition by His Worship for improving the present system of civic government.

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

Read report City Engineer *re* water extension Maynard Street.

WATER EXTENSION, MAYNARD STREET.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for water extension on Maynard Street, North of Black Street:

The length required is 90 feet. Supply, High Service. The estimated cost is:—

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| 6-inch pipe..... | \$54 00 |
| 30 lb. lead..... | 90 |
| Excavation and pipe laying..... | 34 00 |
| 3 service pipes..... | 48 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$136 90 |

The estimated revenue is in excess of the interest on the outlay at 5%.

The grading on this portion of the street is completed, and I would recommend that the extension be made.

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

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

Read report City Engineer *re* water extension, Chebucto Road. Placed on order of day.

Read report of Committee on Public Accounts recommending the borrowing of certain sums to meet the deficit in Exhibition Account, also recommending certain accounts for payment.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL, Dec. 13th, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report that at a meeting held this day they had before them the following named accounts, all of which having been certified and found correct, are recommended for payment ;—

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| T. C. Allen & Co., printing and stationery for November— | | |
| For City Clerk, (minutes)..... | \$12 | 34 |
| For “ “ (P. & S.)..... | 2 | 64 |
| Recorder..... | 56 | 50 |
| City Treasurer..... | 9 | 00 |
| Assessor..... | 3 | 86 |
| Collector..... | | 50 |
| Police Department..... | 4 | 95 |
| Morning Herald advertising Nov. 4th, \$3.52. Dec. 2nd, \$2.60 | | 6 |
| Recorder, printing and advertising..... | | 10 |
| | | 28 |
| Total..... | \$106 | 19 |

Your committee also had under consideration the Report of the Chairman of the Provincial Exhibition Commission in connection with the exhibition held this year.

Under the Act of 1896 the City and the Local Government have each borrowed and paid over to the Exhibition Commission the sum of \$30,000; and subsequently under an agreement, the further sum of \$15,000 each, for which there was no legislative authority. The Commission's report shows a deficit on capital account for the recent Exhibition after crediting these sums of \$16,900, and requests that an additional sum of about \$3,000 be granted them for providing increased accommodation for the next show making in all \$20,000, of which the City's share would be \$10,000, making, together with the \$15,000 above referred to which the Council has already pledged, \$25,000 for which legislation will be necessary. This will bring the total cost of establishing the Exhibition to \$55,000 each for the City and Province, an aggregate of \$110,000 or \$10,000 more than was originally contemplated.

Besides the amounts necessary to meet the extra expenditure on capital account there was a deficit amounting to almost \$10,000 in carrying on the Exhibition of 1897, which must be borne jointly, and your Committee recommend that \$5,000 be borrowed for that purpose.

Your Committee therefore beg to recommend that the sum of \$25,000 be borrowed on the credit of the City on behalf of the Exhibition Commission on capital account, and \$5,000 to meet the City's share of the deficit on current account the latter amount to be repaid in five annual instalments by assessing the citizens annually for five years for \$1,000 with interest, and that His Honor the Recorder be authorised to draft any legislation necessary to carry this recommendation into effect.

GEO. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

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

Read letter of J. T. Bulmer asking that D. A. Gillis, ex-Policeman, be paid the amount do him.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the same be referred to the Commissioners of Police for report. Motion passed.

Read letter of R. J. Wilson, Secretary of Board of School Commissioners, covering a copy of the approved estimates for school purposes for the year ending 30th April, 1899.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for report with the Estimates of 1898-9. Motion passed.

Read returns City Collector, "Rates" and "Water Rates" for the month of November. Fyled.

Read cash statements City Treasurer, "General" and "Water," for the month of November. Fyled.

Read address from His Worship the Mayor proposing a system for the better government of the City.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report, that each Alderman be furnished with a copy of said address, and that a special meeting of the Council be held to consider the report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges on the subject. Motion passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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

"That providing the Government make an export and import rate of freight over the Intercolonial Railway to Halifax from Western points similar to that in force over other lines running to the various seaboard ports of Boston, Portland and St. John.

Resolved. That a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars be granted by the City to build an elevator or to be applied in such manner as the Government may direct as will best contribute to the development of this traffic, and that when the terms of this resolution as to railway rates are complied with, His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act in accordance therewith."

No. 1.—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of report of City Engineer *re* Lawrence Street Sewer, is now taken up.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 9 against it. Names being called for, there appeared:—

For Reconsideration.

Aldermen Lane,
Campbell,
O'Donnell,
Mosher, Hawkins.—5.

Against it.

Aldermen Faulkner, Redden, Butler,
Musgrave, Mitchell, Ryan,
Hubley, McFatridge,
Creighton.—9.

Read No. 2.—Report Committee Laws and Privileges *re* Police Superannuation, covering petition from the Police and a report from the City Treasurer relative thereto.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said report be referred to the Police Commissioners for report. Motion passed.

Read No. 3.—Report City Engineer *re* Street Grading.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges together with His Honor the Recorder, for report. Motion passed.

Read No. 4, viz. :—Report City Health Board covering a report of the City Engineer *re* Garbage Disposal Plant.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the same be referred to the Special Committee on Electric Lighting of the City. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that No. 29 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Reed No. 29, viz. :—Alderman Musgrave's notice of resolution to rescind resolution passed 28th May, 1896 relative to Water Extension, Atlantic Street.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

“*Resolved*, That the resolution of May 28th, 1896, is hereby rescinded, and the City Engineer be instructed to extend the water down South Bland Street and place a hydrant at the corner of Bland and Atlantic Street upon the residents signing a bond to pay fifty dollars per annum.”

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

Alderman Eden takes his seat in the Council.

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

The following resolution is now introduced :—

“*Resolved*, That an investigation be instituted to enquire into the change of grade made in the sidewalk on the east and west side of Lockman Street between Artz Lane and North Street, subsequent to the removal of houses on east side and after a grade had been given property holders; the cost of said change of grade, and by whom borne.”

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell. Motion put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 12 against it. Names being called for. there appeared :—

For the Motion.
Aldermen O'Donnell,
Moshier,
Hawkins.—3.

Against it.
Aldermen Lane, Musgrave Faulkner,
Creighton, Campbell,
Mitchell, Redden, Menger,
Hubley, McFatridge, Eden,
Ryan.—12.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the Council adjourn. Motion put and passed.

Council adjourns 10.05 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.10 o'clock,

DECEMBER 28TH, 1897.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day. At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen O'Donnell, Ryan, Campbell, Mitchell, Creighton, Rogers and Faulkner.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Rogers 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 Musgrave, Geldert, Lane, Menger, Hubley, Eden, McFatridge, and Hawkins.

The Council was summoned to consider the Estimates for the civic year 1898-9, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Mitchell, Chairman, submits a report from the special committee on Bathing Houses.

Alderman Faulkner, Chairman, submits a report from the committee on Public Accounts, covering the estimates for the civic year 1898-9.

His Worship the Mayor, submits the following papers:—

Letter from Hon. J. W. Longley, Chairman Exhibition Commission, *re* Copy of Report of committee on Public Accounts on Provincial Exhibition Deficit.

Report of Board of Police Commissioners *re* Estimates for 1898-9.

Letter from Executors of M. P. Black, covering Deed of certain streets.

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

Read report of special committee on Bathing Houses.

December 28th, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

Gentlemen,—Your committee appointed to consider and report upon the advisability of providing public bathing facilities for the citizens, beg to report that they have carefully considered the subject and unanimously agreed to recommend the establishing of two floating bathing houses, to be situated in different parts of the city, at a cost of about \$8,000.

Your committee beg to recommend that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an act for submission to the legislature at its approaching session empowering the city to borrow the sum of \$8,000, to be repaid by assessing the citizens for the sum of \$800.00 each year for ten years with interest.

T. MITCHELL, *Chairman.*

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

Read letter of Hon. J. W. Longley, President Provincial Exhibition Commission, acknowledging receipt of minute of council covering copy of report of Committee on Public Accounts in *re* Provincial Exhibition deficit. Filed.

Read report of Board of Police Commission *re* Estimate for patrol waggon, electrical call system, &c.

City Hall, Mayor's Office,

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 15th, 1897.

The Board of Police Commissioners met this day and beg to submit the following report :

Read letter of Thos. Trenaman, Esq., M. D., City Medical Officer, relative to changing the chest measurement of applicants for the police from 38 inches to 37 inches.

Moved by His Honor the Recorder, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the letter of the City Medical Officer be received and adopted, and that this commission recommend that the law be changed to read 37 inches chest measurement with $\frac{1}{2}$ inch additional for every inch in height above 6 feet instead of 38 inches. Passed.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That application be made to the City Council for five extra Police, one of which is to be driver on the patrol waggon, the other 4 to be put on regular duty in order to give sufficient police protection in the North-west and South-west suburbs of the city.

Further Resolved, That in the opinion of this commission it is very desirable that a Police Patrol Waggon should be had, that Police Electric Calls and Boxes should be established in various parts of the city, and that the City Council provide stabling for one horse for patrol waggon, and also purchase two bicycles for the force :

And Further Resolved, That this commission recommend to the City Council that the sum of Five Thousand Dollars be borrowed on permanent account for the above object, as in their opinion it is necessary for the proper police protection of the city. passed.

Read extract from minutes of City Council covering letter of J. T. Bulmer, Esq., solicitor of D. A. Gillis ex-policeman, asking for back pay due him.

Moved by His Honor, the Recorder, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the amount not having been put in last year's estimates cannot be paid this year as the City Charter prohibits the taking of any funds for any amount appropriated for any particular purpose and using it for other than the special purpose intended, and recommend that the amount be put in next year's estimates. Passed.

Attached hereto find reports of Electrician on Electric calls and boxes, &c., and estimate from Thos. Spelman relative to cost of maintenance of patrol waggon.

December 8th, 1897.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—By request of His Honor the Recorder, I beg herewith to submit an estimate of the cost of a Police signal system consisting of the following apparatus :

1 Central Station Cabinet equipped for four circuits complete, containing stable transmitter, audible alarm pen register, time stamp, switches and answer back telephone, &c.

1 stable and outfit complete, 10 police boxes, 8 miles of line wire, insulators, fixtures and labour, installing the plant, \$4,175.

The above estimate is for the best apparatus obtainable and would permit of additions from time to time up to 100 boxes without additional expense at the Central Station.

A cheaper outfit could be installed for about \$3,000, but it is so much inferior to the higher priced system, I do not think it would be advisable to instal it.

P R. COLPITT, *City Electrician.*

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| Cost of Police and Patrol Waggon, about | \$ 250 00 |
| One Horse | 150 00 |
| One set of Drop Harness | 50 00 |
| Feed for horse for one year | 100 00 |
| Wages of two men, one year | 900 00 |
| Rent of stable, one year | 100 00 |
| Shoing for one year | 15 00 |
| | \$1,565 00 |

THOMAS SPELMAN.

On motion, the same is read clause by clause :—

Read Clause 1—*re* Chest measurement of applicants for position of Policemen.

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

Read Clause 2—*re* Appointment of five additional men to the Police Force, and establishing a patrol waggon and system of electrical calls in connection therewith.

On motion, this clause is laid over for consideration with the estimate for Police maintenance.

Read Clause 3—*re* amount of back pay due Ex-Policeman D. A. Gillis.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Faulkner, that this clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter of W. F. Parker for Executors of Martin P. Black, covering a deed to the City of certain Streets.

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

Read report of Committee on Public Accounts covering the Estimates for the civic year 1898-9.

December 20th, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The committee on Public Accounts beg to submit herewith the Estimates of Expenditures and probable income for the civic year ending April 30th, 1899.

In considering the items which come under the head of "ordinary Assessment" your committee experienced the utmost difficulty in endeavoring to meet demands from the different departments of the City for increased appropriations in order to enable them to carry out improvements in the various services, which have been asked for by the citizens and found by your committee to be urgently needed, and still keep within the amount allowed by law, viz :—\$120,000.

The Police Commission have strongly impressed upon your committee the desirability of establishing a patrol waggon and a system of electrical call stations in connection therewith, and also of adding an additional number of men to the present force, the total expenditure asked for this being \$5,000. Your committee regret that they were unable to provide for this amount, the estimate for police having been otherwise increased nearly \$900, necessitated by an allowance of \$780 for back pay of a number of the men under a Resolution of Council Dec. 27th, 1895.

For some years the most important services of the Department of City Works have been crippled for want of funds, and items which should have been increased have been reduced. This year your committee have thought it advisable to increase the Internal Health Appropriation by \$1,000, and by a readjustment of several items an addition of \$500 has been made to Street Lighting.

The total sum allowed for ordinary expenditure, \$120,000, is not sufficient to meet the growing needs of the City, and the Council will soon have to face the necessity of asking the Legislature for power to assess for a larger amount.

Dealing with the salaries of officials, your committee had before them applications for increases of salaries from W. R. Hamilton, Third Assistant City Clerk; Wm. P. Morrison one of the Assistants in the Engineer's Office; H. S. Rhind and James Laidlaw, Clerks in Collector's office; Ewan Morrison, Superintendent of Water Department; and similar applications were also made in behalf of the City Treasurer, City Collector, Superintendent of Streets and the Typewriter.

The committee recommend the following increases:—Third Assistant City Clerk, \$50; City Collector, \$100; First Clerk Collector's Office, \$50; Superintendent of Streets, \$116; Superintendent of Water Department \$200.

Among the "Extra Assessments" the County of Halifax has been increased \$750, Public Schools \$2,000, School for Blind, \$150, Truants \$1,400.

The decreases are:—Deaf & Dumb Institution \$75, Industrial School & St. Patrick's Home Criminal Account each \$400, Roman Catholic Home for Girls \$300.

In the item Temporary Loans and Interest, there is this year a saving of \$3,600 by the retirement of loan for new fire engines, &c., and reduction of interest on other short loans.

Interest on consolidated fund this year is nearly \$7,000 less than last year, making a total saving of \$10,542.91, but against this, last year the sum of \$17,000 was taken from "unexpended balances," while for the present year there is only \$10,000 available from that source with which to reduce the assessment.

The estimates submitted herewith therefore show an increase over those of last year of \$997.

Your committee carefully considered the application of the Cemetery Committee for an appropriation of \$500 for the maintenance of Camp Hill Cemetery; and beg to report that they cannot recommend the request to the favorable consideration of the Council. The committee recognize the fact that money is needed to maintain Camp Hill; but believe that were the citizens assessed to keep up this cemetery other cemeteries would justly demand similar recognition at the public expense.

Section 420 of the City Charter requires the City Collector each year to prepare, have printed and posted up, lists of the rate-payers whose rates and taxes were unpaid on the first day of February preceding such publication.

This has been done for some time at a yearly cost to the City of \$200, and has been found to be of no practical benefit to the City or the ratepayers. Your committee recommend that the section be repealed, and that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act to that effect.

Your committee recommend that His Honor the Recorder be also instructed to prepare an Act to abolish the Office of "Caretaker of City Property" as a separate office, placing the work of that department in the hands of the Inspector of Buildings; and to so amend the clauses of the City Charter respecting the office of Inspector of Buildings that that officer will be appointed to hold office during good behaviour instead of being annually appointed, as at present, and that he shall only be dismissed for cause by a two-thirds vote of the City Council; and defining the duties of the Inspector, giving him increased powers over those authorized by the existing sections.

In respect to the offices of second and third Assistant Engineer's your committee recommend that the holders of these offices, Wm. P. Morrison and Alex. Pickering, be employed at a salary of \$40 a month each, until December 31st, 1898, their services then to terminate.

Your committee recommend that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act authorizing the City to borrow money on the following accounts:—

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| For land expropriated on Young Avenue, such amount as may be required to meet the deficiency, not to exceed..... | \$2,500 00 |
| For land purchased for Extension of Young Street, with interest..... | 1,140 00 |
| To cover amount overdrawn on account Fire Department..... | 450 00 |
| To cover shortage in amount assessed for the County of Halifax for the years 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897 | 1,314 00 |

The communications referred to herein, together with all papers sent to this Committee for consideration, with the Estimates, are attached hereto.

GEO. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

The council now proceed to consider said Estimates as follows:—

SALARIES.

| | | |
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| His Worship the Mayor..... | \$1,000 00 | Passed. |
| His Honor the Recorder..... | 1,200 00 | " |
| The City Treasurer..... | 1,800 00 | " |
| The City Clerk..... | 1,500 00 | " |
| Assistant City Clerk..... | 950 00 | " |
| 2nd Assistant Clerk..... | 600 00 | |

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the salary of the 2nd Asst. Clerk be placed at \$650.00. Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 6 against it. Names being called for there appeared,

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| For the Motion. | Against it. |
| Alder'n Musgrave, Menger, | Alder'n Geldert, |
| O'Donnell, Ryan, | Faulkner, |
| McFatridge, Eden, | Campbell, |
| Rogers, Creighton, | Mitchell, |
| Hawkins.—9. | Lane, |
| | Hublely.—6. |

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| Item passed at | 650 00 | |
| 3rd Assistant Clerk..... | 500 00 | Passed. |
| Stipendiary Magistrate..... | 2,000 00 | " |
| City Engineer..... | 2,400 00 | " |
| Assistant Engineer..... | 1,400 00 | " |
| 2nd Assistant Engineer..... | 480 00 | " |
| 3rd Assistant Engineer..... | 480 00 | " |

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the recommendation contained in the report of the Committee on Public Accounts relative to the termination of the services of Wm. P. Morrison and Alex. Pickering, be adopted. Motion passed.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

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|---|----------|---|
| City Auditor..... | 1,500 00 | " |
| Collector Rates and Taxes and 4 sub-collectors..... | 4,000 00 | " |
| 1st Clerk Collector's Office..... | 650 00 | " |

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration of this item.

Carried forward.....\$20,510 00

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| <i>Brought forward</i> | | \$20,510 00 | |
| 2nd Clerk Collector's Office | 600 00 | | Passed. |
| 3rd " " " | 600 00 | | " |
| City Assessor | 1,200 00 | | " |
| 2 Assistant Assessors @ \$1000 each | 2,000 00 | | " |
| Registrar of Voters | 200 00 | | " |
| Janitor City Hall | 800 00 | | " |
| City Medical Officer | 1,000 00 | | " |
| Inspector of Health | 800 00 | | " |
| Clerk Dept. City Works | 900 00 | | " |
| Assistant Clerk " | 800 00 | | " |
| Typewriter " | 400 00 | | " |
| Superintendent of Streets | 1,000 00 | | " |
| Superintendent Water Dept. | 1,200 00 | | " |
| Water Inspector | 676 00 | | " |
| License Inspector | 1,200 00 | | " |
| Caretaker City Property } and Inspector of Buildings f | 1,200 00 | | " |

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Menger, that the clause of the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts referring to the offices of Caretaker of City Property and Inspector of Buildings, be adopted. Motion passed.

Names being called for, there appeared :—

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| For the motion. | Against it. |
| Ald. Musgrave, Faulkner, Campbell, Lane, Mitchell, Menger, Ryan, McFatridge, Eden. 9. | Ald. Geldert, Hubley, O'Donnell, Rogers, Creighton, Hawkins. 6. |

Alderman Hawkins gives notice of re-consideration.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Librarian Citizens' Library | 450 00 | " |
| Assistant Librarian | 350 00 | " |
| Plumbing Inspector | 800 00 | " |
| Electrician | 1,000 00 | " |
| City Blacksmith | 700 00 | " |
| | 38,386 00 | |

Less :

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| CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT. | | |
| Assistant City Engineer | 1,400 00 | " |
| Part of Collector Taxes, (4000) | 600 00 | " |
| 2nd Clerk Collector's Office | 600 00 | " |
| 3rd Clerk " " | 600 00 | " |
| Assistant Clerk Dep. of Works | 800 00 | " |
| Superintendent Water Dept. | 1,200 00 | " |
| Water Inspector | 676 00 | " |
| City Blacksmith | 700 00 | " |
| | 6,576 00 | |
| <i>Carried forward</i> | \$6,576 00 | \$38,386 00 |

Brought forward \$6,576 00 \$38,386 00

CHARGED TO SEWERAGE.

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|---|-----------------|--------|
| Part Salary of Collector of Taxes | 1,500 00 | Passed |
| 2nd Assistant Engineer | 480 00 | " |
| Clerk Department of Works | 900 00 | " |
| Typewriter | 400 00 | " |
| Superintendent of Streets | 1,000 00 | " |
| | <u>4,280 00</u> | |

CHARGED TO VARIOUS APPROPRIATIONS.

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| License Inspector (License Fund) | 1,200 00 | " |
| Librarian and Asst. (Appropriation) | 800 00 | " |
| Plumbing Inspector (Board of Health) | 800 00 | " |
| Electrician (Fire Department) | 1,000 00 | " |
| 3rd Asst. Engineer (Per Pavement.) | 480 00 | " |
| Part City Engineer's Sal. do. | 1,400 00 | " |
| | <u>5,680 00</u> | |
| | | <u>16,536 00</u> |
| | | <u>21,850 00</u> |

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Chief of Police and Men | 30,105 05 |
| | <u>51,955 05</u> |

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Geldert, that this item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the sum of \$250 be added to this amount for the maintenance of a patrol waggon.

Said amendment is put and lost.

The original motion is now put and passed.

ROCKHEAD PRISON.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Governor and Matron | 1,200 00 | " |
| Underkeepers and Officials | 2,144 00 | " |
| Maintenance | 2,556 00 | " |
| | <u>5,900 00</u> | |
| Probable income | 900 00 | " |
| | <u>5,000.00</u> | |

DEPARTMENT OF CITY WORKS.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Streets | 20,500 00 | " |
| Internal Health | 15,000 00 | " |
| Horses and Drivers | 1,500 00 | " |
| Fuel | 750 00 | " |
| Telephones | 238 00 | " |
| Lighting City Hall | 850 00 | " |
| Lighting Streets | 18,000 00 | " |
| Insurance | 1,000 00 | " |
| Repairs to City Property | 2,250 00 | " |
| | <u>\$57,838 00</u> | |
| Carried forward | \$57,838 00 | <u>\$56,955 05</u> |

Brought forward.....\$57,838 00 \$56,955 05

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the amount for repairs to City Property be placed at \$2,200.

Motion passed at..... 2,200 00
 Department of City Works. Total..... 60,038 00 “

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and Maintenance 30,000 00 “

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing and Stationery..... 2,500 00 “
 Interest on Commutation Fund (the Common)..... 330 54 “
 Contingent Fund 2,000 00 “
 4,830 54
 \$151,823 59

Less Probable Income:

Liquor Licenses..... 12,600 00 “
 Hacks, Trucks and Other Licenses..... 2,500 00 “
 Fines and Fees Police and City Courts..... 6,000 00 “
 Rents City Property..... 1,000 00 “
 Dog Tax..... 1,250 00 “
 Balance Current Interest..... 4,000 00 “
 Halifax Electric Tramway Co..... 4,500 00 “
 31,850 00
 Total Ordinary Assessment..... \$119,973 59 “

EXTRA ASSESSMENTS.

County of Halifax..... 10,750 00 “
 Public Schools..... 94,000 00 “
 Poor's Asylum..... 23,000 00 “
 Public Gardens and Common..... 5,000 00 “
 Point Pleasant Park 2,500 00 “
 Citizens' Library..... 2,000 00

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that this item be placed at 2,500 00 “

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the amount for Citizens' Library be placed at \$2,200.00.

Said amendment on being put is lost. The motion placing the amount at \$2,500.00 is now put and passed.

Halifax Dispensary and Morgue..... 750 00 “
 School for Blind, 10 pupils at \$75 each..... 750 00 “
 Deaf and Dumb Institution, 7 pupils at \$75 each..... 525 00 “
 Industrial School for Boys..... 600 00 “

Carried forward..... \$260,348 59

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| Brought forward..... | | \$260,348 59 | |
| St. Patrick's Reformatory..... | 600 00 | | “ |
| Infants' Home, Tower Road..... | 300 00 | | “ |
| Infants' Home, Brunswick St..... | 300 00 | | “ |
| Protestant Home for Girls..... | 300 00 | | “ |
| Roman Catholic Home for Girls..... | 600 00 | | “ |
| Truants under Compulsory School Act..... | 3,000 00 | | “ |
| Dalhousie University..... | 500 00 | | “ |
| County Rifle Association..... | 50 00 | | “ |
| Victoria School of Art and Design..... | 500 00 | | “ |
| | 6,150 00 | | |

Board of Health.....4000 00

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that this item be placed at \$3,000.00.

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| Motion passed at..... | 3,000 00 | | |
| Court of Appeal..... | 300 00 | | “ |
| One-half Subsidy to Dry Dock..... | 5,000 00 | | “ |
| Robt. Motton Superannuation one year..... | 1,000 00 | | “ |
| Queen's Diamond Jubilee..... | 1,500 00 | | “ |
| | 10,800 00 | | |

Read clause of report of committee on Public Accounts referring to the application of the Cemetery Committee for an appropriation of \$500.00 for the maintenance of Camp Hill Cemetery. The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars be borrowed to keep the Camp Hill Cemetery in order, the same to be repaid in next year's assessment with the interest, and that said sum be hereafter put in the assessment as extra assessment, and that the necessary legislation be acquired during the next meeting of Parliament.

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

TEMPORARY LOANS AND INTEREST.

| | | | |
|--|----------|--|---|
| One-Fifteenth County Loan (\$15,000) 5th year Sinking Fund,..... | 1,000 00 | | |
| Interest one year on \$15,000 at 4½ per cent..... | 675 00 | | |
| One-Fifth loan for Fire Hose, &c. (\$5,250), 5th year.... | 1,050 00 | | |
| Interest one year on \$1,050 at 5 per cent..... | 52 50 | | |
| One-Fifth loan for Exhibition (\$12,550), 3rd year..... | 2,510 00 | | |
| Interest one year on \$7,530 at 4½ per cent..... | 338 85 | | |
| One-Fourth loan for work on Citadel, &c. (\$6,000) 2nd year..... | 1,500 00 | | |
| Interest one year on \$3,000 at 4 per cent..... | 120 00 | | |
| | 7,246 35 | | “ |

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the amounts for Temporary Loans and Interest, amounting to \$7,246.35, do pass. Motion passed.

Carried forward.....\$284,544 94

Brought forward \$284,544 94

OLD FUNDED DEBT.

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|---|-------------|------------|
| Old Sewerage Debentures (\$70,000) at 6 per cent..... | \$ 4,200 00 | |
| Public Gardens Debentures (\$15,000), at 6 per cent.... | 900 00 | |
| Exhibition Building Debentures (\$20,000), at 6 per cent. | 1,200 00 | |
| City Hall Debentures (\$50,000), at 4½ per cent..... | 2,125 00 | |
| | | 8,425 00 " |

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the amount Old Funded Debt. \$8,425.00, do pass. Motion passed.

CONSOLIDATED FUND.

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| \$ 805,000 at 5 per cent | \$40,250 00 |
| \$1,143,700 at 4½ per cent..... | 51,466 50 |
| \$ 748,050 at 4 per cent..... | 29,922 00 |
| Interest on \$15,000 from 1st July, 1897, to 30th ..pril, 1898, at 4 per cent..... | 498 08 |
| | \$122,136 58 |

Less charged to Water Department :

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| \$153,000 at 5 per cent..... | \$ 7,650 00 | |
| \$679,600 at 4½ per cent..... | 30,582 00 | |
| \$134,000 at 4 per cent..... | 5,360 00 | |
| | 43,592 00 | 78,544 58 " |

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, scoded by Alderman Musgrave, that the amount, Consolidated Fund, \$78,544.58, do pass.

Motion passed.

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| Sinking Fund for Special Loan, \$100,000, Act 1882.... | 3,000 00 | " |
| Sinking Fund under Chapter 27 Acts of 1896 | 3,000 00 | " |
| | 377,514 52 | " |
| Add one per cent. for short collection..... | 3,780 48 | |
| | 381,295 00 | |
| Making in all for Extra Assessment | 261,321 41 | |
| And for General Assessment..... | 119,973 59 | |
| | 381,295 00 | " |
| Less this amount from Unexpended Balances | 10,000 00 | " |
| Total..... | \$371,295 00 | " |

On motion of Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Campbell, the estimates, as amended, are passed as a whole.

The following resolution is now introduced :—

"Resolved, That the General, City and Ordinary Assessment, amounting to \$119,973.59, and the extra Assessment, amounting to \$261,321.41, as per estimates, do now pass, less \$10,000 to be taken from "unexpended balances," and that the citizens and

their property be assessed for the total sum of \$371,295.00, and that the City Clerk be directed to give the usual order to the assessors to make up the assessment for the year 1898-9 on the basis of that amount, as directed by law."

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

Read item in report of Committee on Public Accounts *re* Printing and Posting Defaulters' lists.

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Lane that the recommendations contained in said report relative to said lists be concurred in. Motion passed.

Read clause of report of Committee on Public Accounts recommending that an Act be prepared authorizing the City to borrow money on the following accounts, viz:—

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|---|------------|
| For land expropriated on Young Avenue, such amount as may be required to meet the deficiency, not to exceed.. | \$2,500 00 |
| For Land purchased for Extension of Young Street, with interest... | 1,140 00 |
| To cover amount overdrawn on Account of Fire Department | 450 00 |
| To Cover shortage in amount Assessed for the County of Halifax for the years 1894 and 1895, 1896 and 1897.... | 1,314 00 |

Moved by Alderman Faulkner, seconded by Alderman Campbell that said clause do pass. Motion passed.

Alderman Lane, by leave of Council, submits a report from the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners recommending that an Act be procured authorizing the borrowing of one hundred dollars to pay an old account due Union Axe & Ladder Company for services.

28th December, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report that as the sum of one hundred dollars appears to be due to the Union Axe and Ladder Company for services rendered prior to the formation of the present Fire Department, His Honor the Recorder be instructed to include said amount in the borrowing bill to be presented to the legislature at its next session.

CHAS. S. LANE.

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

Read clauses of reports of Committee of Public Accounts and Police Commission *re* establishing a patrol waggon and electrical call system in connection with the Police Department.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

"Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be borrowed for the purpose of purchasing a patrol waggon, and the paying of police for the protection of the outlying districts of the City, in accordance with the report of the Police Commission."

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Ryan.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Rogers, that the sum of twelve hundred dollars be borrowed for the purchase of a horse and patrol waggon and maintenance of same and driver for one year.

Said amendment on being put is passed. The original motion is put and lost.

Alderman Mitchell, by leave of Council, introduces the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the sum of eight thousand dollars be borrowed for the purpose of establishing bathing houses in this City, said sum to be repaid in ten yearly instalments, with interest, and that legislation be obtained for that purpose.

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

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

Council adjourns 6.20 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

3.10 o'clock,

January 11th, 1898.

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

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Creighton, 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 Musgrave, Faulkner, Geldert, Redden, Mitchell, Menger, Hubley, O'Donnell, Ryan, Eden and Hawkins.

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

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

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

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

Alderman Hubley, chairman, submits a report from the City Prison Committee. Also a report from the residents of Brunswick Court for an electric light.

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

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:—

City Engineer's Annual Report 1896-7.

Report City Engineer *re* Permanent Sidewalks.

Application of Parker & Taylor for permission to erect a steam saw mill.

Application of R. J. Wilson, Jr., for permission to operate a steam boiler for laundry purposes.

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

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

Read petition of residents of Brunswick Court for an electric light.

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

Read Annual Report of City Engineer for civic year 1896-7.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Hawkins that the same be placed on the order of the day, and that each Alderman be furnished with a copy of said report. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Engineer in *re* property owners refusing or neglecting to connect their rain water leaders with the house drainage.

PERMANENT SIDEWALKS.

His Worship the Mayor:

January 11th, 1898.

SIR:—The work of laying permanent sidewalks especially asphalt, has been delayed at times for a year in consequence of the neglect or refusal of property owners to connect their rain water leaders with the house drainage. The remedy provided by the Law necessitates more delay. The enforcing of the Law is unpleasant for the officials, and I would recommend that a change be made at the next session of the legislature so that where new sidewalks are to be laid, after reasonable notice to the property owner rain water leaders may be connected to the house drainage system by the City Engineer and the cost of the work collected with the sidewalk assessment and in the same manner.

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

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the recommendations contained in said letter be adopted. Motion passed.

Read application of R. J. Wilson, Jr., for permission to erect a boiler for laundry purposes on Falkland Street.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that said permission be granted on conditions to be named by the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Inspector of Buildings. Motion passed.

Read application of Parker & Taylor for permission to erect a steam wood working mill at the corner of Livingstone Street and Longard Road.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said permission be granted upon the applicants complying with any conditions that may be named by the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Inspector of buildings for the safety of the public. Motion passed.

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

January 5th, 1898.

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

Accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$2,363.69 were examined, found correct, and recommended for payment.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of December there were 38 persons admitted to the Poores Asylum, 1 born, 3 died, 29 discharged. The number of inmates on December 31st, 1897, was 405; made up of 249 men, 144 women and 12 children. On December 31st, 1896, there were 223 men, 132 women, and 6 children. a total of 361.

W. J. BUTLER, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced :

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

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

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

January 10th, 1898.

The City Prison Committee beg to report that they have examined the following accounts amounting to \$226.45 and the same having been found correct are recommended for payment:—

Charles W. Davies, \$2.50; Kenny & Co., \$10.15; J. L. Archibald \$69.45; J. A. Leaman & Co., \$21.34; Moir Son & Co., \$12.28; George A. Pyke, \$105.88; Wm. Jordan, \$4.85. Total \$226.45.

The Governor and Matron's returns for the month of December 1897 are herewith submitted.

ANDREW HUBLEY, *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 \$226.45, be paid.

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

Read report of Board Fire Commissioners *re* accounts and other matters.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

January 8th, 1898.

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

1. They find that a large quantity of the hose now on hand has through age become unserviceable and cannot be relied upon to carry a stream from any one of the Steam Engines, and that there is not therefore in their opinion sufficient good hose in the department to meet an emergency. Your Board therefore recommend the purchase of 2000 feet of first-class hose and that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act authorizing the borrowing of the money to pay for the same.

2. The Board considers in view of the height of the many new buildings recently erected or in course of construction that for the better protection of life and property and to place the department in a better state of efficiency it is advisable that an extension ladder of the most approved pattern should be obtained. They therefore recommend the purchase of such a ladder and that the necessary legislation be obtained to borrow a sum sufficient for that purpose.

3. The following accounts are recommended for payment :—

James Dempster & Co., Lumber, \$29.08; Simson Bros., Bluestone, \$40.26; J. C. Merlin, Lumber, \$13.29; H. H. Fuller & Co., Hardware, \$4 68; W. & A. Moir, Repairs to Engine, \$1.00; John W. Wallace, Bedding, \$38.42; Thos. Robinson, Horse Hire, \$4.00; Morning Herald Advertising, \$3.04; Holland & Kuhn, Window Shades, \$7.35; Vail Bros., Laundry Work, \$7.12; John Fitzgerald, Cleaning Battery, \$5.00; Blackadar Bros., Advertising, \$2.23; F. R. Brown, Stove Fittings, etc., \$19 33; Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Wire, \$208.00; W. & C. Silver Oil Cloth & Bedding, \$116.02; C. W. Davis Locksmith Work, \$1.00; John F. Kelly, Harness Work, \$29.39; MacDonald & Co., Repairs to Engine, etc., \$137.50; Farquhar Bros., Harness Hanger, etc., \$11.95;

G. M. Cullen & Co., Glazing, etc., \$33.75; Canadian Electric Co., Glass insulators, etc., \$13.61; Eastern Oil Co., Oil, \$11.82; Austin Bros., Expansion Rings, \$3.25; Baldwin & Co., Globes, 75c; Poor's Asylum, Wood, \$34.50; John O'Connell, Horseshoeing, \$33.91; Wm. Roche, Coal, \$91.58; John Starr, Son & Co., Electrical Supplies, \$36.72; John White & Co., Stovefitting, etc., \$12.50; Mitchell & Shaffner, Flag, \$6.50; S. Cunard & Co., Coal, \$17.60; D. McLeod, Horseshoeing, \$32.02; Power & Co., Sliding Bars, etc., \$64.77; Halifax Electric Tram Co., Lighting No. 7 House, \$55.98, West Street, \$17.41, Labor, \$1.00; Chas. Patterson, Rent, \$3.00; Nova Scotia Telephone Co., Rent Telephone etc., \$134.00; T. C. Allen & Co., Books, \$18.00; A. Lamphire, Wrenches, \$3.25; John Tobin & Co., Soda, \$13.50; Black Bros., & Co., Hardware, \$6.22; Wm. Jordan, Horseshoeing, \$10.63; Forsyth & Sutcliffe & Co., Acid, \$19.70; E. J. Fenton, Feed, \$464.09; Halifax Coal Co., Coal, \$246.53; John Davison & Son, Lumber, \$24.17; Neil Fox, Harness Work, \$16.15; P. Gough, Carpenters Work, \$3.87; W. W. Howell, Repairing No. 3 Steam Fire Engine, \$167.73; Robert Horner, Horseshoeing, \$20.65; Patrick O'Toole, Harness Hangers, etc., \$15.00; Wm. M. Willis, Repairs to Waggon, \$1.25. Total \$2,377.47.

CHAS. S. LANE, *Chairman*

On motion, the same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1.—Recommending the purchase of 2000 feet of new hose.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read Clause 2.—Recommending the purchase of an extension ladder. Placed on order of the day.

Read Clause 3.—Recommending sundry accounts for payment.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the 3rd clause of the report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, *re* accounts, be received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts named therein.

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

Read returns of City Collector of Rates and Taxes for December. Fyled.

Read report of Library Committee recommending sundry accounts for payment, &c.

January 5th, 1898.

The Committee on Library met this day. Present the Chairman, Aldermen Campbell, Rogers, Ryan and Creighton.

The committee had before them the annexed accounts, amounting to \$25.50, which being found correct were ordered to be paid.

The report of the Librarian for the month of December was presented and is submitted herewith.

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

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Hawkins, that the said report be adopted and the several accounts paid. Motion passed.

Alderman Hawkins requests His Worship the Mayor to lay upon the table at a future meeting of the Council answers to the following questions:

Re Lines and Grades of Lockman Street:—

1. What was the original levels of the grade given the resident property owners on the east side of Lockman Street between North Street and Artz Lane?
2. When was the original levels of the grade given changed?
3. Why were they changed?
4. At whose cost were the steps put down by city workmen in front of premises affected by change of levels?
5. What was the cost of said work, grading, steps, &c.? To what account was it charged, if paid for by the city?
6. What steps are on the street line, or extend on to the street?
7. Was the work mentioned in question 4 ordered by the Mayor?
8. What is the intention of the Engineer's Department in *re* sidewalk on west side of Lockman Street between North and Artz Lane. Is the intention to cut down sidewalk, or raise the curbing recently put down?

Re Returns from Halifax Tramway Company:

1. When did the Halifax Electric Tramway Company commence to operate their road?
2. How many statements have been furnished the City by said Company showing gross receipts?
3. When was the last statement handed in?
4. What are the different amounts returned?
5. Have the returns been made under sworn statement of the Superintendent?
6. Have the said Company paid each year in addition to the 4% of the gross toll, the \$1000 license fee?
7. What was the Company's gross earnings for November, 1897?

ORDER OF THE DAY.

No. 1.—Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of clause in report of Committee on Public Accounts relative to the termination of the services of Wm. P. Morrison and Alexander Pickering.

Alderman O'Donnell withdraws said notice of reconsideration, and asks that the Works Department, for the information of the Council, lay on the table the number of men employed, their names, and the amount of salary received by each one, and the number employed directly or indirectly through the summer, and their salaries.

Read No. 2. Alderman O'Donnell's notice of reconsideration of item "1st Clerk in Collector's Office \$650.00" in Estimates 1898-9

Alderman O'Donnell's notice to reconsider said matter not receiving a seconder, said item is struck from the order paper.

Read No. 3. Alderman Hawkins' notice of reconsideration of clause of report of Committee on Public Accounts referring to the offices of Caretaker of City Property and Inspector of Buildings.

Alderman Hawkins' notice to reconsider said matter not being seconded, said item is struck from the Order paper.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that Nos. 26 and 27 be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 26, viz:—Petition of Shand & Umlah, relative to their wood working establishment on Edward Street. Also read Alderman Eden's notice of motion to rescind resolution of 2nd November 1897, *re* Steam Saw Mill, Edward Street, as follows:—

Resolved, That the Resolution of November 2nd 1897, prohibiting the operation of the Edward Street Planing Mill, be and is hereby rescinded."

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, said Resolution on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that permission be granted Shand & Umlah to operate said Mill for one year.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the matter be referred to the Board of Fire Commissioners, together with His Honor the Recorder and the Inspector of Buildings for investigation and report.

Said amendment on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Redden, that No. 9 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 9, viz:—Clause No. 1 of report of Committee on Laws and Privileges on letter of H. R. Little *re* Commutation of Common Lot.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Whereas, A number of Common Lots are held under Lease from the City and applications have been made to the Council for the Commutation of such Leases under the provisions of the City Charter by payment of an amount equal to not less than the rental for twenty years for such lots.

And Whereas, Owing to the fact that in a number of cases the original leases were made many years ago and the properties have since been divided up among a number of people who are the holders of sub-leases, and it is now impossible to comply with the desire of holders of sub-leases for commutation without further legislation.

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be authorized and empowered to prepare an Act dealing with Common Lots now under lease, to convey titles in fee to the holders of sub-leases on payment by such sub-lease holders of their proportion of the commutation money chargeable in connection with such leases as a whole.

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

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the report of the City Engineer for the civic year 1896-7 be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read Annual Report of the City Engineer for the civic year 1896-7.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Committee on publication of Annual Report. Motion passed.

Alderman Menger, by leave of Council, introduces the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Halifax Tramway Co., Ltd, be notified by the City Engineer that unless that Company remove all portions of posts projecting above the ground on the south side of Quinpool Road, west of Oxford Street, within ten days from the date hereof, the City Engineer be, and he is, hereby empowered to remove same at the cost of the said Company.

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

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that No. 23 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 23, viz.:—Annual Report of the Chief of Police for the civic year, 1896-7.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to the Committee on publication of Annual Report. Motion passed.

Alderman O'Donnell gives notice of reconsideration.

Alderman Geldert, Chairman of Committee on Laws and Privileges, submits report from said Committee, *re* claim of F. W. Horley in respect to the award for land taken from him for the widening of Lockman Street.

Said Report is read :

CITY HALL, December 9, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that they have had under their consideration at several meetings the claim made by Mr. F. W. Horley in respect to the award for land taken from him under expropriation proceedings for widening of Lockman Street, and at a meeting held this day, Mr. S. M. Brookfield, one of the Arbitrators, appeared before the Committee, Mr. Horley being also present.

Mr. Brookfield explained the reasons which induced the Arbitrators to award Mr. Horley a smaller amount of money per foot than was given to owners of adjacent properties, but admitted that for a portion of the land taken from Mr. Horley, (that at the Lockman Street end of a right-of-way owned by Mr. Horley) no remuneration whatever had been allowed.

As to that portion of the land now vested in the City, for which it is admitted no remuneration was given, your Committee beg to recommend that Mr. Horley be paid at the rate of forty cents per square foot, which is something less than the amount paid other owners. The City Engineer reports that the piece contained 322 feet. This would give Mr. Horley \$128.80.

J. M. GELBERT, JR., *Chairman.*

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFatridge that said report be amended by making the rate at which Mr. Horley is to be paid for said 322 feet of land forty-two and two-thirds cents per square foot, instead of forty cents per square foot, as therein recommended; and that said report do pass as amended. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Lane, that No. 12, viz: "Report Board Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners 1896-7" be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that Nos. 21, *re* "Petition of Joseph S. Hubley, *re* the appointment of a Hay Weigher for a scale on Kempt Road," and 22, "Alderman Hawkins' notice of resolution to rescind resolution passed October 12th, 1897, appointing James McPhee to the position of Hay Weigher, with two petitions for the confirmation of the appointment of James McPhee as a weigher of loose Hay," be struck from the Order Paper. Motion passed.